

*We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*



# The Chimes of Trinity Church

Summer 2005

Dear Friends:

Saint Paul wrote these words to the church at Philippi:

*I thank my God every time I remember you,  
constantly praying with joy in everyone of my prayers for all of you,  
because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now.  
Philippians 1:3*

That verse comes to mind for me about you the people of Trinity Church. I feel very blessed to be the Rector of such a loving, caring, giving community.

Challenged to prepare and furnish a home for the Mustapayeva family, you all, in many different ways accomplished that enormous feat in one week. Many others of you have assisted Leslie Vacante, Marainne Randall, and Jen Prater in helping the Mustapayevas get settled in and even others are helping the family learn English. All of this happened before during and after over a hundred members of this congregation worked to make the annual carnival the most successful one to date, even with a rained out Friday.

In the midst of the carnival and welcoming the Mustapayevas many routine ministries rolled along almost unnoticed. There were folks caring for our family at Hope Gardens and sending meals off to ECS. Others were teaching our kids spiritual formation and leading our youth group. Still others were gathering for mid week Eucharists, EFM, Bible studies and the like. The altar was being set regularly, ushers and greeters were still welcoming, readers were reading, preachers were preaching, choirs were singing.

Trinity Church was being church. We were praying, studying and serving. We were being church, we were sharing in the Gospel.

From the bottom of my heart. Thank you.

In God's love,

*Father Dave†*

# Youth Sunday Sermon by Lizzi Canan

I've been going to Trinity since I was twelve and every Sunday I wondered what it would be like to stand in the pulpit and give a sermon. Well, for the first time in six years, here I am. This year has been one of firsts for me. My first college acceptance letter, my first senior class trip, my first year not having to take finals and my first sermon are just a few among the long list of firsts for me.



On June 7<sup>th</sup> I graduated from high school. This ceremony, though long and boring, marked the end of one phase of my life. August 29<sup>th</sup> is the first day of classes at Temple and even though I'm really excited I'll admit that I'm also nervous. I won't be going back to Upper Dublin High School in our old station wagon; I won't see my close friends because we're all going to different colleges or, in the case of my friend Rebecca, Germany. I won't go to marching band camp in the last two weeks of August to sweat half to death and watch underclassmen faint right before our lunch break. My days won't conclude at 2:20 when I leave school and head for home or work. Rather, I'll move into a dorm in August and suddenly, I'll be responsible for me. There won't be parents or teachers around any more to check up on me and my friends won't be there to keep me company. When I move into my dorm at Temple I'll be abandoning everything I've ever known or felt comfortable with. Kind of like in the

song "Closing Time" by Semisonic. The first verse of the song goes "closing time, open all the doors and let you out into the world" and is later followed by "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end". And in August, it's closing time for this part of my life. My life of public school, football games, prom, and marching band is ending and allowing for the beginning of an exciting new college experience. Simply put, I'm being let out into the world.



Now, you're probably wondering what this has to do with the New Testament reading for today. What does Jesus have to do with my going off to college? It's really quite simple. I see the message of this reading to be about Jesus' unconditional love. Kind of like that song you may have learned as a child. Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so...does that sound familiar? Both the childhood song and today's reading talk about Jesus' love and how it will always be there. And that is how I know I'll be successful in college. It's how I know I'll be able to get through all the changes coming my way in two months. Trinity's been a great place for me to realize how great His love really is and it's with that love I know these next four years are going to be some of the best ever. Like I said earlier, Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so. Thank you.



Father Dave,

My sincere appreciation to you and the congregation at Trinity for giving me a place to be needed. When your family are on their own and you've lost loved ones ( Herb & Misty) you need a place to be useful. Trinity has given that to me. It has eased my familie's worrying about me being alone knowing I am keeping busy at church. We have been blessed with a special congregation and I thank God that I'm able to be part of it. Words can not express how shocked I was to be given such an honor in receiving the Richard Mattison Bouquet of Red Roses on Trinity Sunday.

In Gods love, Barbara Shields

## What's new at [www.trinityambler.com](http://www.trinityambler.com) !

Over the last few months, our website has exploded with new features! In addition to being able to get the latest announcements, schedules, and copies of the Chimes, many "Feature" pages have been added! Pages on the site are broken into three easy categories:

- 1) Our Church- About the church, grounds, service times, and structure
- 2) Our People- About us, our groups and programs
- 3) What's Happening- All the things that are going on at Trinity!

Here is a quick look at what's new:

- 1) Photo coverage of the 2005 Mission Trip has been added.
- 2) A tour of the church building has been added
- 2) A tour of the church grounds and views of the structures
- 3) A tour of the Stained Glass windows
- 3) Pictures of the old Trinity Church
- 4) Pictures of the installation of the Schantz Pipe Organ
- 5) Pictures of the installation of the Rodgers Organ in the Parish Hall
- 6) Information about our Youth Groups, Summer Service Camp, and Mission Trips
- 7) FAQ pages with commonly asked questions and answers
- 8) "History of Trinity" book by Barb Davis has been added.
- 9) Many smaller pages with fun facts about the church have been added.

Also, several "do it online" pages have been added! Here are some of the things you can do online:

- 1) Register for Summer Service Camp (time ran out! sorry)
- 2) Fill out and submit your pledge card
- 3) Volunteer or show interest for any activity at Trinity
- 4) Print out needed forms
- 5) Email Vestry and Staff members
- 6) Submit articles for The Chimes and Announcements for The Jingle
- 7) Sign up for projects

The latest changes and updates can be found by clicking on the main page picture of the site, or clicking on the "Latest Site Updates" link. The site is continually being updated and will soon be a valuable resource to anyone who wants any information about the church, be it visitor or parishioner alike!

## Stewardship It's Not (Always) About the Money

Sometimes knowing what's good stewardship is easy. And other times it isn't. I've been mulling this over all week now, and I still don't have a good answer. So, like Rod Serling, I submit this for your consideration.

We're taught we should be practicing good stewardship in all aspects of our lives. Are we not called upon to be good stewards of our relationships with our fellow humans as well as our time/talent/treasure? And here I

speak specifically of our general relationships, not our personal ones (although they count as well).

What has brought this up is the fact that my husband and I do not participate in the EZ-Pass system. Primarily it's because he's against letting the EZ-Pass folks hold on to \$35 of his money (and more if you want more than one license tag covered). While he doesn't travel extensively he does visit his father in New Jersey fairly frequently and I've been thinking that it might be about time to sign up for EZ-Pass. Besides, most of the friends that I travel with do have EZ-Pass and it makes it much more convenient!

This is where my dilemma begins...

while this service is a convenience, saving time and gas by not waiting in line to pay tolls, what about the toll-takers who are no longer employed because of this system? Are the two minutes I saved in line worth it?

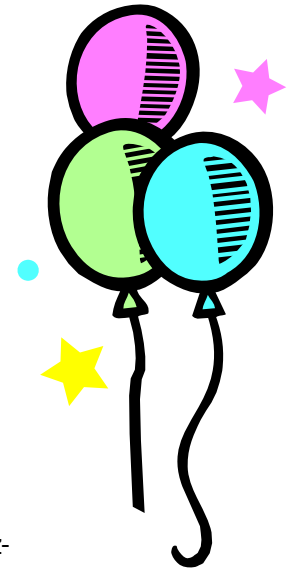
I admit it, I'm a Wal-Mart shopper. Leaving aside the whole issue of their business practices, this same situation occurred the last time I shopped there....The lines were really long and so I went to the Self-Service Check-Out. And I felt guilty about it. We all know Wal-Mart workers aren't making tremendous wages, but what happens when more and more of us use the

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## The 2005 Carnival in Review

Despite a full rain-out on Friday and the loss of the \$1,000 Commerce sponsorship, our net looks to be in the range of \$16,000. Here is a comparison of the last 6 years, including the last year of the Antique Fair, which was discontinued in 2000:

2000	Antique Fair	\$1,200	1 Day
2001	Commerce (no)	\$8,300	3 Days, 1 Rain
2002	Commerce \$1000	\$14,400	3 ½ Days, ½ Rain
2003	Commerce \$1000	\$16,500	3 ½ Days, ½ Rain
2004 *	Commerce \$1000	\$12,000	3 Days, 1 Rain
2005 *	Commerce (no)	\$16,000	3 Days, 1 Rain



The numbers above are net figures after expenses. \* = In 2004 & 2005, we added about \$2,600 in expenses by adding police and porta-potties. (This year would have been equal to \$18,600 when compared to 2003.)

Friday and Saturday are the best nights and unfortunately, we have lost one of those days each year. Special thanks go to Mike Marsceill, who has taken over Pete's Grille (\$4,428.) It was a fabulous success! Great thanks are also extended to Leigh Detato who did wonders pulling together the Music Stage. Laura Gergen once again did a fantastic job organizing the ticket booths (\$9,000 net.) We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Carol Lawrence and Jane Saunders for their hard work all these years on the Parson's Porch (\$1,766 net.) Carol and Jane are retiring this year. We welcome Leslie Vacante as our new Parson's Porch chairperson! Also, we would like to thank Skip Kershner, who is retiring from the White Elephant (\$1,431 net), and welcome Cliessa Nagle as our new White Elephant chairperson! Thanks also go out to Barbara Shields, Anne Canan, and Leslie Vacante for their work on the Bake Sale (\$615 net) and our youth group for the Soda Tent (\$731 net.) Maureen McCauley and the Doll House crew brought in over \$295 on the fine work that they did! Over 90 additional parishioners put in a lot of hard work setting up, manning, and tearing down all of our events. All deserve our deepest gratitude! Some great pictures of this year's event can be found on our Website at [www.trinityambler.com](http://www.trinityambler.com) as well as information about plans for our 2006 event.

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Self-Service Check-Out and fewer people are employed?

Back in 1989 the manager of my department at the insurance company related how his wife would choose a bank: whichever one had the most drive-through ATM machines. I resisted using any ATM machine for a long time, let alone one I could drive through!! But that was many years ago and now I couldn't do without my drive-through ATM. And my guilt about the inside tellers who lost jobs because of this is almost non-

existent. But every once in a while it niggles away at me.

I suppose it would be different if I could say that the time I saved using "conveniences" like these was put to other good use (manning soup kitchens, teaching literacy, helping build or repair houses for the less fortunate). But let's be honest, I can't.

I work at Gwynedd-Mercy College and our sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy have called upon all of us to make our decisions for and about the College through "the lens of the

charism of Mercy". I think the same thing can be said about stewardship, we should try to make the best decisions for living and working in God's creation looking through the lens of good stewardship. But it gets really hard when that lens is cloudy.

Nancy McGarvey

Our sincere appreciation to all that made the Bake Sale a Big Success. We Made \$ 614.00 It could not have done it without all the help with e-mails and phone calls asking for baked items, all the tasty baked items brought in for the sale and all the volunteers at the Bake Table.

Thank you ever so much for a the great response to The Bake Sale

Barbara & Leslie

The carnival is history and a great success with many accolades having been passed out, but the people who did the grunt work [set-up and break-down] have not been acknowledged.

These folks either came early or stayed late - and in many cases, both. In no small way "behind" the scenes they made the carnival a success:

Mike & Jill Marsceill, Bill Davis, John Curlett, Martin & Daniel Norman, John & Sandi Dziel, Eddie & Sarah Black, Fred Allsop, Leigh Irvin, Leigh Detato, Dennis Reid, Larry Bistany, Rob Gergen, Dave Manchester

Come join us for the fun next year!

## *Mission 2005 in Pictures!*



# ***FYI - BACKGROUND ON THE MESKHETIAN REFUGEES***

## **Who are the Meskhetians?**

The Meskhetians are a dispersed people who are now scattered across the former Soviet Union, with the majority currently in Azerbaijan. The Meskhetians originally lived in the Meskhetian Range, a region in the south of the Republic of Georgia, along the Turkish border. Now numbering about 400,000, the Meskhetians are basically a Turkic people, but there are many linguistic and cultural influences from Georgians, Kurds, Ajars, Armenians, and "Franks" (Georgian Catholics).

There is some academic dispute about exactly who the Meskhetians are. Before the 1940s, the Meskhetians did not have a clear sense of ethnic identity themselves. They have evidently been in southern Georgia for centuries, and were either the result of immigration from Turkey, or Turkicization of the local population, or most likely a blend of both processes. Some of the few unifying factors were that the Meskhetians follow Islam (mainly Shia), and speak Oghuzic Turkish with many Laz Georgian elements.

However, in exile these peoples underwent a process known as "ethnogenesis", whereby a new national identity developed. Other peoples who were displaced by Stalinism developed in similar ways - the Chechens are a prime example. The current Meskhetian identity has formed over time from these disparate ele-

ments, and intensified under pressure in the last 50 years. The flag is one manifestation of this new identity.

## **What happened to the Meskhetians?**

The Turkic peoples of the Meskhetian Range have had a long and sad history of conflict with neighboring Georgian, Russian, and Sunni Muslim peoples. Fierce repressions and violence broke out throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, culminating in Stalin's deportation of 115,000 Meskhetians in 1944 to the wastes of Central Asia, followed by 40,000 Meskhetian Red Army troops in 1945. The Meskhetians were deported to the last person - apparently none were left in Georgia. About 50,000 are thought to have died in this repression, from executions, starvation, cold and thirst. Many ended up in the Fergana Valley of Uzbekistan, in Kazakhstan, and in Kyrgyzstan, where they remained as refugees and outsiders.

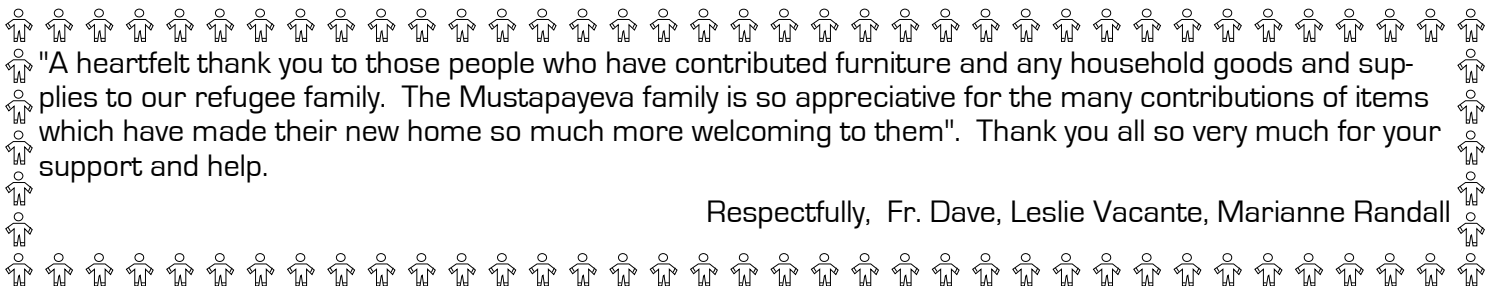
Why were the Meskhetians deported? Nobody knows for sure. Stalin's secret police deported entire nationalities in this period, usually on charges of collaboration with the Germans. But the Meskhetians were hundreds of miles from the front lines, and thousands of Meskhetian soldiers were in the Red Army. There is some speculation that Stalin was clearing the ground for an invasion of Turkey. More likely, this tragedy was the product of some atavistic impulse within Stalin and Beria, the KGB chief. Both were Georgians, and seemed to

harbor some deep antagonism towards the Islamic peoples of southern Russia (although they also deported the Buddhist Kalmyks!).

## **Current situation**

The KGB continued to restrict the Meskhetians until the early 1960s, but they were never allowed to return to southern Georgia. In 1989, as the Soviet Union began to unravel, hundreds of Meskhetians were killed or wounded in ethnic and religious pogroms in Uzbekistan. Currently, about 50,000 Meskhetians live in Azerbaijan, according to a report of the **US Committee for Refugees**. Some have returned to Georgia, where their return remains a delicate political issue. About 10,000 were invited to settle in Turkey by that country's government. There are many Meskhetian communities still scattered across Central Asia and Russia, where they continue to encounter residency problems and ethnic discrimination. Problems appear to be particularly intense in the Krasnodar region of Russia, where repressive measures are supported by local authorities, according to briefings from the **European Conference Against Racism** in October 2000.

Courtesy of: **Bibliography of the Meskhetians**  
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 "A heartfelt thank you to those people who have contributed furniture and any household goods and supplies to our refugee family. The Mustapayeva family is so appreciative for the many contributions of items which have made their new home so much more welcoming to them". Thank you all so very much for your support and help.

Respectfully, Fr. Dave, Leslie Vacante, Marianne Randall



**Meskhethian Turks**, or Meskhi, lived in the historical region of Meskhethia in south-western Georgia until 1944 (main town: Akhaltsikhe, near Ajaria). Their language belongs to the Turkish group (east-anatolian dialect) and they are mostly Sunni Muslim (Hanafite). Meskhethian Turks are the consequence of the movement of Turkish settlers into the region during the rule of the Ottoman empire as part of Turkey's expansion. Their culture has a strong Georgian influence. The collapse of the Soviet Union resulted in hardship for the Meskhethian Turks with pogroms reported, namely in Uzbekistan. Many Meskhethian Turks became refugees, concentrating in the Krasnodar region in southern Russia



Thousands of Meskhethian Turks - a marginalised minority - are leaving the Krasnodar region in southern Russia for the US, which has offered them asylum.

Most of the Turks work in nearby fields. Nights are often spent in sheds among the tomato crops to secure fields and income from thieves.

Picture: Artyom Liss, BBC

## Welcome The Mustapaeva Family

Мы Приветствуем наших новых  
Гостей



**Ilkham**  
( Ill-ham )



**Mavluda & Sevda**  
( Ma-va-loo-da & Sev-da )



**Dilyara**  
( De-lau-dra )

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays

9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. on Thursday

*See calendar inside for  
additional service times*

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# Congratulations to High School Graduates of our Parish Families !

**Kimberly Blodgett**  
**Wissahickon High School**

**Elizabeth Anne Canan**  
**Upper Dublin High School**

**Liam Davis**  
**North Penn High School**

**Kennedy Dickhoff**  
**Wissahickon High School**

**Jessica Dixon**  
**Upper Dublin High School**

## Helen Boyer Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Helen Boyer Scholarship Committee unanimously awarded \$1000 scholarships to Lizzi Canan and Kim Blodgett. Congratulations to both young ladies.

