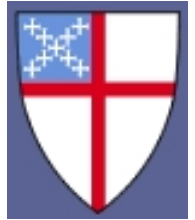


Spring 2009

*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

## WOULD WE BE MISSED??

Dear Friends:

On the Feast of the Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. One of the truths we hold dear in this celebration is that every member of the church is gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry. I have often said that at Trinity Church we have all the spiritual gifts we need to do God's work here and in our larger community.

At the same time I have also wondered how to tap into those gifts. In January, we spent time at our annual meeting discussing mission and outreach at Trinity. The question was: should we be engaged in one major project or many smaller ones? We ended the discussion with many good ideas but no clarity.

As I continued to pray and wonder about this issue of how we best serve God and the people of God I realized that we were not asking the right question. The more I prayed the more questions I had. How do we raise-up mission from the ground up? How do we come up with ministries or projects that will engage people in fulfilling, meaningful ministries? How do we help people use their gifts? How do we meet the needs of God's people while at the same time deepening our own faith?

Several weeks ago 7 of us went to a retreat at the Wellspring Conference Center outside of Washington D.C. The retreat was called Becoming the Gospel. The conference was presented by Church of the Savior in Washington D.C. The Church of the Savior is renowned for the many missions it has raised up and for its impact on its D.C. neighborhood and the world. I think I got answers to my questions at that retreat. It's a process of mission groups which is described in another article in this edition of the Chimes.

If for some reason the Diocese decided to close Trinity Church would the people in the Ambler area miss us? If Trinity were closed we would certainly miss each other, our music, our worship, our fellowship but would the community miss us if we disappeared? I want to be such a force for God in this area that if we did disappear we would be missed, desperately missed.

In his Service, Fr. Dave



### Pentecost Flame

The seven-fold flame is representative of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that descended upon the disciples at Pentecost.

## On the Calendar...

### Trinity Outing to the Reading Phillies. Wednesday, July 29,

Join members and friends of Trinity Church on a bus trip with Perkiomen Tours to Reading, PA to see the READING PHILLIES on Wednesday, July 29th. We will leave church parking lot at 4 PM. Cost \$32 per person for bus, snacks on board, and Phillies ticket in reserved section behind home plate. Pick up a flyer in the narthex or call Jane Frasse- nei at 215-646-4051 or (267) 312-4594 or Judy Grieve (215) 643-3869. (This trip is being sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.)



### **Trinity Family Picnic and Church School Celebration, June 7th following the 10 a.m. service.**

This should be a great event! Come and share food and fun with your Trinity family. We'll provide the burgers, dogs, condiments and cold drinks. Bring along your favorite dessert and salad to share.

As with all great events, we need volunteers to help us with set-up on Saturday the 6th and grilling/food prep, games/activities and clean-up on the 7th.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex or you can contact Leigh Irvin at 215-855-3209 or [leigh.irvin@juno.com](mailto:leigh.irvin@juno.com)

### **Hospitality**

Summer is nearly here and our hospitality gathering following the 10 a.m. service will be making the seasonal transition. Beginning in June we will be sharing only cold drinks and snacks/cookies. It's much easier to set-up & clean-up. We are looking for volunteers to host a Sunday during the summer so that our faithful fall/winter/spring volunteers can have a rest. Please sign up in the Narthex for set-up/clean-up or providing treats. For questions contact Leigh Irvin at 215-855-3209 or [leigh.irvin@juno.com](mailto:leigh.irvin@juno.com)

### **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HACKERS OPEN TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

#### **The Golf Outing is coming! Saturday, June 6, 2009**

We are looking for golfers and event sponsors for Trinity's upcoming annual golf outing that benefits our high school seniors via the Trinity Scholarship Fund. The event will be held on Saturday, June 6, at The Mainland Golf Course near Lansdale and will start at 11:00AM. The outing will be a "scramble" format insuring fun for any level golfer. Registration fee for golfers

is \$75 and includes golf, cart, and a post golf awards picnic for the golfers and their families. All golfers will be asked to supply a dessert or small salad. All other picnic food and drink will be provided. Sponsorship opportunities are available for individual golf holes, as well as other event related needs. Please see the Narthex bulletin board for a complete listing of sponsorship opportunities. One way or the other, we are asking you to join us in making this worthy fund raising endeavor a great success. For further details see Dennis Reid, Sr., Roy Irvin, or Dave Manchester.

# MISSION FAIR, MAY 31ST

## PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Submitted by Addie Johnson

### **TRINITY PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

This year our Trinity Parish Nurse Jennifer Prater has extended the program to include several nurses, both active and retired, who will be serving the members of our congregation. We are fortunate to have women who attend and are available at each of our Sunday services. Their first program item consists of a Blood Pressure Screening at the end of each service on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Blood Pressure Screenings will continue to be available every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.



Trinity Nurses are planning programs for the Fall of 2009 and are available to be contacted for information relevant to screenings and referrals. Anyone who wishes to join the group are certainly welcome.

Member nurses currently serving are: Jennifer Prater, coordinator; Adele Butler, Rebecca Curlett, Jan Himes, Annette Irvin, Jill Leiby, Jane Mathis, Maryann Miller, and Marianne Randall.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS GROUP**

Trinity's EM group will serve periodically this summer during the vacation times of Fr. Dave and Rev. Mary. Throughout the year, the Eucharistic Ministers continue to bring communion to those in nursing homes, hospitals, and private homes who are unable to attend services.

### **PARENT RESOURCE LIBRARY**

The book most acclaimed as helpful to parents this year is "Stop Negotiating With Your Teen!"; parents who have read this text state that they have gained useful strategies in improving communications with their youngsters. Interested? Check out this book and similar texts!

Two recommended texts for summer reading are: "The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide" by Jeremy Daldry (of course for teen boys who need answers to their questions) and "Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls" by Rachel Simmons. The Boston Globe reports the latter text as "required reading for young girls and their mothers." Need help? These books represent a few of the really great texts useful for problem solving with your teen.

# The Spirit

For all the beauty of creation that surrounds us – especially in this season of spring; the scent of blossoming flowers, the ever emerging green leaves on the trees, the birds chirping--- despite the wonder that encompasses us, sometimes there remains a restless spirit within -- a spirit that cannot be satisfied by the pleasures and rewards of this earthly life. There's a yearning for something more. It's a struggle to name the longing within. What is it we're searching for?

Maybe that hunger has been impregnated within each of us as an invitation to be open to strengthening our relationship with God, to discover the peace that passes all understanding. The Holy Spirit arouses a desire within us that can only be satisfied in a deepened relationship with the Holy One. When we live our lives with the Spirit of love as our guide, the joy we so long for may emerge. The great spiritual teachers stress the ongoing process of surrendering what we want, and how we believe life "should" be, by placing a deep, abiding trust in God, Jesus, Holy Spirit – the ever present three in One. I do not say the word 'trust' lightly. It's probably one of the hardest things we will ever do – trusting God - and it's hard because we are human and have human needs and desires that can get in the way of our possessive egos. We have ambitions that tend to distort the truth of the matters at hand. We obstruct the fullness of our God-given potential out of fear change.

And so you decide that you are not praying enough or you don't know how to pray correctly. You know that's an important dimension to your relationship with God. You look around and wonder if everyone else is more effective in prayer. John Donne, acknowledged foremost 17th century poet, described his experience of attending to prayer:

I throw myself down in my chamber, and I call in and invite God and his angels thither and when they are there, I neglect God and his angels for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a door. I talk on, in the same posture of praying; eyes lifted up; knees bowed down, as though I prayed to God; and if God or his angels would ask me when I last thought of God in that prayer, I cannot tell. Sometimes I find I had forgot what I was about, or when I began to forget it, I cannot tell. A memory of yesterday's pleasures, a fear of tomorrow's dangers, a straw under my knee, an anything, a nothing, a fancy, a chimera in my brain, troubles me in my prayer.



The butterfly is the symbol for the resurrection of Christ. Its three stages of life as a caterpillar, chrysalis, and winged creature, suggest life, death, and resurrection.

Even the late, great John Donne struggled in prayer. Time spent in prayer may seem as though it's going nowhere. Visible results seem to be far and few between, if ever. It's a struggle to recognize that we are part of a larger context than ourselves. What may seem unfruitful to us, may be part of the larger divine plan. When we feel most abandoned by God, can we remember that we are a puzzle piece in the picture of life – trying to find where we fit – sometimes trying various locations until our placement is discovered.

As we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as part of our church year celebration, recognize that this very Holy Spirit arouses you to long and yearn for something more. That something more is a deepened, open, ever-surrendering relationship with God. Relationships are fostered by communication. Prayer is the method of communication with God – despite distractions, regardless of outcome. Prayer is surrender to love and an invitation to simply “be.”

May God's Holy Spirit bless you with yearning that can only be filled by the love of God.

*The Rev. Mary McCullough*

## Trinity Outreach

### Ambler Community Cupboard

Because the government assistance programs do not support the purchase of paper products, the cupboard always needs facial tissue, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper donations. May and June requests are for Ensure & Boost drinks.

So far this year we have donated at least 110 bags of groceries and paper products.

Roy Irvin is point person for ACC donations.

### Aid for Friends

The **Real Men Cook** groups have been busy making meals and soups to help our less fortunate friends in the 5 county area. We recently delivered 50 meals and 147 soups to the main facility in N. E. Philadelphia.

Our contributions in 2009 to date—256 meals and 439 soups.

Thanks to Bill Davis and Roger Clarke for coordinating these efforts

## Trinity to host two youth groups for their mission trips to Chester!

For 10 years our youth have received hospitality from churches from Florida to Alaska that have provided us a home away from home. We will host kids from St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota FL the week of July 5 and from St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, MA the week of July 26!

## MISSION GROUPS AT TRINITY CHURCH?

*Fr. Dave*

The Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. is internationally known for the impact of the missions it has raised up throughout Washington and for that matter the world. When a small group of us went to a retreat called Becoming the Gospel, sponsored by Church of the Savior, we visited a number of ministries which began and are continued by mission groups.

The Trinity groups visited several of these missions. One was an amazing music and arts outreach for youth which provides after school, weekend, and summer programs and now operates as a stand alone non-profit. We heard speakers from an employment ministry that screens and prepares unemployed people matches them to work sites and follows up with them. We had lunch at a bookstore, coffee shop which also serves as one of the meeting places for one of the small churches started from the Church of the Savior. We said noon day prayer in a homeless shelter that also provides space for

artists and authors and others to come think and write. You may also remember that the Bokamoso group from South Africa is a mission group of an Our Savior Church. (I prayed next to a man who once provided President Bill Clinton with his daily security briefings!)

In fact, the Well-spring Retreat Center and the folks who led the retreat are a mission group of church of the Savior.

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A Mission Group is:

1. A small group of between 2 and 12 persons who have responded to a call sounded by one or more persons acutely aware a specific need. The primary action of the group is focused on that need.
2. A new group begins with a clearly understood outward journey (the action) and a commitment to an inward journey. Mission groups are always characterized by both the outward and inward journey.
3. The inward journey consists of a commitment to personal prayer and bible study and the mission group's responsibility to hold each member accountable for their chosen discipline.
4. Mission group members have participated in what Church of the Savior calls The School of Christian of Christian living. This school seems very similar in content and format to our EFM program.
5. The mission group then meets weekly for the mutual support, for worship together, and to work on the action to which they have been called.
6. An important principle of mission groups: the real responsibility, including determining the strategy, securing of staff, raising funds is placed squarely on the mission group.
7. While there have been many huge successes at Church of the Savior, there have been many failures. The Church of the Savior prefers not to think in terms of success and failure but whether a mission group moves forward is in itself part of the ongoing discernment about mission and ministry.

I believe we have a huge call bubbling within a small group of members of Trinity Church. I present this summary to the Vestry for your thoughts and input and questions. I would like to invite this group of young people to form a mission group and I would also like to begin teaching and presenting and raising up the possibility of more mission groups from within Trinity Church.



### Ship

The many stories about boats and ships, in both Old and New Testaments, have led to our use of a ship as a symbol for the Church. In early Christian art, St. Paul is often shown preaching from the bow of a ship.



# EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILD IN NORTH HILLS, PA

Ernie Dixon and Jay Walton (above left), Roy Irvin (left) and Barb Neeley (below) working in the North Hills property (above)





As **Daughters of the King**, we are women who have made a commitment to serve God. The mission of the order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We offer two meeting times. Our morning group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10 am. Our evening group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. While a small portion of our meetings focus on organizational aspects, our primary focus is Bible Study. This is an exciting time for our Chapter as we look forward to growing our group! We will begin training prospective members in June. If you are called to be a Daughter, please feel free to attend a meeting.



The Anam Cara Chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK) continues to serve our parish. During the month of April, some of our members volunteered to make dinners for the Interfaith Housing Alliance. Throughout the year our Chapter has continued to deliver welcome baskets for visiting families. Each welcome basket contains an edible treat baked by our members, literature about our Trinity Church Family and its offerings, and general information about the Episcopal Faith.

Ladies, save the date!! The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat will be October 9-11<sup>th</sup> at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. This year's theme will be "Walking with Christ through the Storms" led by the Rev. Mary McCullough. The retreat is a wonderful time in which women of our parish and neighboring parishes have the opportunity to gather, relax, and grow spiritually in the company of other women. For those who have not been on our retreat, this is the site of the Episcopal Convent of St. John Baptist. The grounds are beautiful and are great for walks. The retreat house is a former orphanage, and is spacious, charming, and very comfortable for our retreat. The food is always delicious! The total cost is \$150 with a deposit of \$50 due on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can make it!

In God's Love,

Dear Ones: I love the motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King. A number of the women of Trinity Church are members of the Order and try to live their lives according to this motto. I think it's a motto that all the people of God would do well to live by.

XOXO,  
Fr. Dave

### **The Motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King**

***For his sake, I am but one but I am one.***

***I cannot do everything, but I can do something.***

***What I can do, I ought to do.***

***What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.***

***Lord what will you have me do?***

# Summary of the Trinity Church Listening Groups

An attempt was made to invite every member of Trinity Church to participate in a listening group. The purpose of gathering in these groups was to ask some open ended questions about worship and formation at Trinity. We decided on listening groups rather than a survey of some type because we wanted more than answers to our questions. We wanted to know what was on people's minds and hearts and get an idea of their hopes, ideas and concerns for our parish. Those who participated in the 22 Listening Groups numbered about 170 people which included our confirmation class. This is close to a third of our members. The people of Trinity Church are positive about our life together.

## **Why do you go to Church?**

While there were many specific ways to express it, the people of Trinity come to church to get reconnected with God. One person said it like this: "I come to press my spiritual reset button". Another often-expressed thought was that church grounded us in the truth we need to get through the week ahead. Many said they come to be in a community of like-minded believers or more simply, we come for community. Many of us come, especially our elders, "because we are supposed to; it's our duty." Finally a very common response was the week seems somehow off balance if we miss church.

## **What do you appreciate about worship and formation at Trinity Church?**

Perhaps the one thing that is universally appreciated about Trinity Church is that we experience ourselves as warm, welcoming and caring. We see Trinity Church as inclusive, as a place where people are not told what they should believe, but are invited and empowered to grow in faith. We feel like this is a church in which each individual is valued.

Over and over again we heard that people appreciate the traditional worship at Trinity Church and our beautiful worship space. Many people love the music and most of us also enjoy the preaching of Fr. Dave and Mary. Another aspect of our worship that is appreciated by many is how the liturgy is changed from season to season to emphasize the ethos of each liturgical period. People appreciate that we have three very different liturgies on Sundays: the quiet Rite I of

8 a.m., the 10 a.m. formal Rite II with the great hymns of the church and the ministry of Steve Schreiber and the choir, and finally, the 'Come as you are', laid-back liturgy and contemporary music of 5 p.m.

In slightly varied ways many folks said that they loved the balance between the formality of the liturgy and a sort of casual warmth and welcoming spirit at the 10 a.m. service. One of the things that might set us apart is that we have a sense of humor! We hear it in the sermons, in the announcements and in the paper bag sermons. The paper bag sermons are a hit!

People who attend the mid-week healing services on Wednesday morning and Thursday evening appreciate that they are available. People appreciate that healing prayers and anointing are available each Sunday at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services.

There are many things appreciated about our formation. (After formation is defined and understood!) Miss Morgan is loved and appreciated by the kids in the nursery and their parents. The Godly Play program does a great job of teaching our children basic Bible stories. The Youth Group is special in how kids - not from Trinity Church, in fact with no church background at all - participate and feel welcomed. Kelly Rupprecht's love and care for the youth is valued and appreciated. The Senior High summer mission trips are life changing for many of our students.

The participants in the Education for Ministry theological education program (EFM) find it challenging and stimulating. It's remarkable that there are two EFM groups meeting at Trinity! Many people enjoy the book discussions. Bible studies, when they have been held, have been appreciated. Folks love our home-grown Christmas pageants. People have enjoyed the Friday evening Lenten series and the members of the Daughters of the King appreciate how their commitment to their vows matures them and strengthens their faith.

## **What keeps you from participating in worship/formation at Trinity Church?**

The single, most given reason for not participating in worship and formation at Trinity is our busy schedules. There are so many other demands on our time. Many people said that after they get home from a long day at work, they just don't have anything left in them to get up and come to church. Through these conversations it became clear that scheduling an event to meet the needs of a family with young children, will not necessarily meet the needs of family with teens and so on. We recognize that most of our older members do not come out in the evenings at all.

Because of busy, varied schedules, many folks said that they cannot commit to programs that are several weeks long; they would appreciate more one-shot learning opportunities. We also learned that when there are several weeks-long learning series, that, when possible, they be designed so that a person can attend say three of five of the weeks and not be lost. Many said that we do not do a good job of describing our programs and if they knew more they might decide to participate. Regarding worship, people said that there are times, even with the microphones, readers, preachers, and celebrants cannot be heard. Some of our members are concerned about all the conversation that takes place before and during the service. This is not a comment about children! However, some of our parents are concerned that their children make too much noise and a few of our members would agree.

While many of us love the traditional worship and music at Trinity a number of us do not appreciate, some of the longer more musical services like Lessons and Carols and the Stations of the Cross.

### **What would you like Trinity Church to be known for?**

We would like to be known as a church that lives into its mission statement: "We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves." We want to be known as warm, friendly and inviting. We want to be known as a church that reaches out to the wider community. We also want to be known as a place where one can grow in faith.

### **Some ideas, suggestions and concerns which have floated to the top!**

In every single one of these listening groups, they have ended with the realization that we really liked the experience of being in small groups together, getting to know folks a little better and having some serious discussion. This leads us to believe that it may be time to raise up some small groups. These groups could be formed around mission or spiritual formation, hobbies and crafts, or fellowship. These small groups could happen at church, coffee shops, or members homes. We need to let people know that they can do this without permission from the clergy. (Because of limited space and a busy schedule, using rooms at the church will always need to be cleared through the office!!)

We need to do something to improve the sound system in the church.

There was a desire for more fellowship or social events.

Many of them are underway such as periodic breakfast between 8 and 10 o'clock worship services, bus trips of various kinds, Trinity family fun nights, pot luck suppers, and the like.

There is a desire to find something like the carnival that raised money for mission and involved a huge portion of the parish in varied amounts of time and in a whole array of ways.

There is a desire for involving children and families in outreach projects together.

We need to pay attention to the formation of our young people beyond 5th grade.

It was suggested that we need to inform the congregation of the financial status of the parish during pledge season, not three months later at an annual meeting with only 100 people present.

There is a desire to have seniors' luncheons or some social gathering of our elder members. Perhaps for lunch or tea, sometimes just to be with one another, sometimes with a special program. These could take place at church, at the Rectory, or maybe even in some of the retirement communities where some of our homebound members live.

We need to pay special attention to publicity. Making sure we communicate what exactly it is that we are doing at particular events. We also need to find ways to keep information in front of people about who to contact for what, process for putting people on prayer lists and the like.

There is a desire to have lectionary-based Bible studies prior to Sunday services. There was also interest expressed in sermon discussion groups for after church on Sundays.

An idea was floated about some kind of on-line chat group to discuss the lectionary text or other meditations of some kind.

Interest was expressed in some kind of one shot Bible basics classes and Episcopal Church basics. There was interest in an instructed Eucharist as a learning event, not a worship service.

People really love getting the Jingle emailed to them each week and wonder what other ways might use technology to improve information sharing.

### **What's next for Trinity Church?**

In a very real way that is up to each one of us. We want Trinity Church to be a place where its people are set free to respond to the call of God in their lives. We want to be a place where whether something fail or succeed is irrelevant. What's important is that we are on a journey together following Jesus.

# Youth Group

It is that time again as the school year winds down and the air is filled with talk of proms, sport receptions, school plays, Graduations, and summer plans. The Youth Group has enjoyed another wonderful year together and looks forward to continued Sunday evenings filled with fellowship and fun. We will actively be focusing on fund raising for the Mission Trip to West Virginia and thank you already for all of your support. Please look for Mission Stock Certificate sales and Car washes in the near future as all proceeds help us meet our goal!

Your Youth has inspired so many new aspirations for Trinity's future. We hope to provide a weekly High School Bible Study as well as a "Going Deeper" worship and study segment in the Fall for those students who wish to participate. Our regular weekly Fellowship meetings will continue in the Fall as well.

As we concentrate on the Mission Trip and hosting two Mission Teams at Trinity this summer, we reflect upon the fun we have had together and the community of faith and love we have established this year. We congratulate our Confirmation class and also our seniors as they venture on their next great adventure. May they know the prayers of their friends in the Youth Group will follow them on all of their journeys.

God Bless you!  
Kelly Rupprecht



\*If you, your teen, or a friend is interested in the

Youth Group please contact Kelly Rupprecht with any questions. We welcome anyone to attend and hope that you find us to be a diverse group of students (Grades 7-12) who celebrate that God has given us many different gifts and wants us to make what Jesus said 2,000 years ago relevant in our world today. Visit [www.trinityambler.com](http://www.trinityambler.com) and look under Youth Activities for contact information

**Mission Trip Fisher Pot Pie Sale.** Order forms are in the narthex. Orders are due by Monday, June 8. Delivery will be the following Sunday, June 14 --ready for pick up after the 10:00 service.

**Buy Stock in Mission 2009** Share are on sale for \$20. Your investment in the work of Trinity Church among the very poor and underserved families in the Appalahan mountains of West Virginia will never ever decrease in value!

**Youth Sunday and Mission Trip Celebration** Sunday, June 28! Celebrate the youth group mission trip to Welch, West Virginia and honor our graduated seniors!

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### Bishop's Visit on April 19, 2009

#### Baptisms

Jeffrey Craig Brown, Jr.  
Christopher James Peter  
Riley Betty Rupprecht  
McKenzie Marion Rupprecht

#### Confirmation

Maia Baird  
Garion Beam  
Becky Brown  
William Chester  
Trevor Gergen  
Cody Guzzie  
Emily Grecco  
Isabelle Helmich  
Jacob Lawrence  
Clayton McLemore  
Brittany Revels  
Audrey Schofield  
Austin Stancato  
Virginia Stroh

#### Received into the Episcopal Church

Christina Chang

### Renewing her Commitment to Jesus Christ

Maureen McCauley

#### Transfer in:

Christine Smith on April 1, 2009 from St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh.

#### Deaths:

LeRoy Edwards died on February 20, 2009  
Marjorie Wolf died on February 25, 2009  
Regina Creato died on April 3, 2009  
Al Fries died on March 26, 2009

#### Shell with water drops

Since early Christian times, the shell has been a symbol for immortality. Water is the symbol for cleansing. When connected, they represent baptism as new life in Christ.

