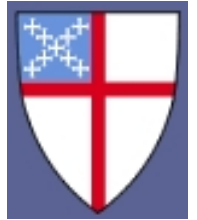


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We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.



The Chimes of Trinity Church



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY CHURCH



The Annual Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 16, 10 a.m. service. Written and will be directed and acted by members of Trinity and the choir; the ingathering and blessing of the ECS angel gifts; Jenny Gregg celebrates her first Eucharist.

The Annual Choir Christmas Concert will be held at 3p.m.on **December 16** in the church. Reception follows.

The Longest Night Service, 3 p.m. Sunday, **December 23** in the Holy Cross Chapel. This service acknowledges that even in the “most wonderful time of the year” for some it is a time of loss, grief, and pain. Everyone is welcome.

Caroling to our Homebound Members, Sunday, **December 23**. We'll leave at 5 p.m. return to the Rectory at 7 p.m. for hot chocolate and supper. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Christmas Eve Services 4p.m.Children's Service and 10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude and Festival Eucharist.

Christmas Day Feast of the Nativity 10 a.m. in the church. Featuring Ernest Wells on the organ.

Christmas Open House at the Rectory, Sunday December 30, following the 10 a.m. service.



PINK SUNDAY

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Pink Sunday. Fr. Dave and Wil for those pink vestments, the choir and the congregation for your wearing of the pink, Jim Hayden for those lovely pink flowers, Karen Reid and Laura Ger-gen for that pink hospitality, Jen Prater for pamphlets for the table and most of all to those of you who contributed to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We were able to raise \$420. That kind of spirit is so typical of this church. We are proud to be a part of such a caring place. Lynda Basham and Cheryl Bayard

Anne Louise Zaynor Canan

The First Lady of Trinity Church, Ambler



Anne Louise Zaynor Canan has had unique experiences which prepared her for the many roles as Trinity's First Lady.

Anne was born in Washington, D.C. on Halloween 1956, but she spent most of her life in Akron, Ohio. She graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. She met Father David Canan while in college through a work-study library assignment and a serious friendship developed. They were married on June 30, 1984 in Verona, PA, which was her father's birthplace. Many relatives attended the ceremony.

Father Canan was studying at The Trinity Seminary in Ambridge, PA and Anne worked at the library there. She usually worked at a library wherever he was studying. Though her

degree was not in library science, most of her work has been in libraries. These include business and public libraries as well as The Presbyterian Seminary Library in Pittsburgh. Her present position is the office manager at Temple University School of Music.

Anne is quite involved in the ministries of Trinity and the Diocese. At Trinity she is a member of the choir, The Daughters of the King, the Quilting Group, and is in 3rd year EFM training. She is the corresponding secretary of The Diocesan Board of The Daughters of the King's Executive Council.

Anne attends most church programs and contributes delicious foods and baked goods when needed. She is also a gracious hostess from meetings and events at the rectory.

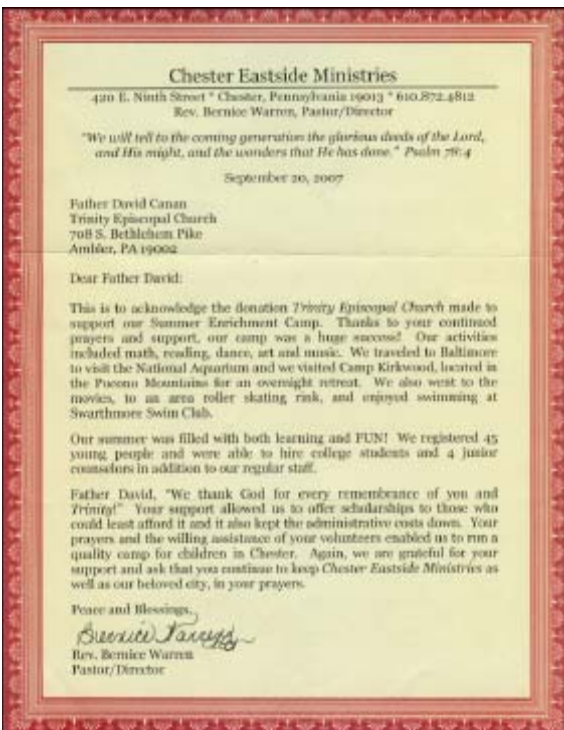
In her family life, Anne stated that her role as a mother is a great joy because she has two incredible children. Father Canan is the main cook for the family, preparing dinner every evening. This is one of the main reasons she can manage her busy schedule.

All of these roles as the First Lady of Trinity, wife of the priest, motherhood, diocesan

responsibilities and career could possibly become overwhelming. This is not true for Anne. So, how does she balance these roles while relating to the many persons and personalities involved? She attributes this to her training and experiences which have given her insights, strength and composure to enjoy and get along with people. She does not expect people to be perfect since she is not. Much of this was learned in a Seminary for Clergy Wives which she attended. There it was stressed that as a clergy's wife you should do the things in the church that you enjoy, and not do X, Y or Z just because you are the wife of the minister. Therefore, there is joy in Anne's ministries at Trinity.

Anne understands the realm of her gifts and she uses them with love for the parishioners and programs of Trinity Church.

Thank you, Anne.



CHURCH SCHOOL

We are having a great year in the Church School, and it does not seem possible but the Christmas pageant will be held Sunday December 16th. We again have an original script. This one will complete our trilogy of Pageants that have been written and produced by Trinity parishioners.

Practice will be: for speaking parts only: beginning Sunday November 25, Dec. 2. We will add some more parts Dec. 9 (the participants will be informed and will also the parent's). Saturday December 15, 9am till noon will be a rehearsal for all participants.

On behalf of all the Church school children and teachers we wish to thank everyone who made our new bathroom happen. Unless you have been in the basement with a small child who has to go to the bathroom now, you have no idea of how far it was to the upstairs bathrooms. Also we can do some messy crafts since we have running water downstairs for messy hands and clean up. THANK YOU.

Carole Allsop
Church School

2007 Fall Rummage Sale

This year was another terrific outpouring of generosity by the parishioners of Trinity. It was through this generosity that we were able to raise over \$3,700.00 for the Mission and Outreach Program at Trinity. The Committee can now work to disperse these funds to the groups that need it most.

This would not be possible without the volunteers that stepped-up to help make this happen. From the first day of set-up to the final day of the sale, volunteers were at the church doing their part to ensure the sale was going to be a success. *Thank you.* Additionally, a huge *thank you* must be extended to the key participants that again this year offered their time and energy: Jennifer Prater, Ernest Wells, Maureen McCaulley, Katherine and Eric Hauser, Leslie and Frank Vacante, Eileen Warren, Barb Shields and Glenda Ellis. If your name is not listed, please be assured you have not gone without notice. I will remember your donation of time and energy next year!!! As well, a thank you is extended to everyone that donated supplies for the Wine & Cheese Presale, the Baked-Goods Table, and the Saturday Food Stand. For those that donated the "treasures", *thank you!*

I must say it was nice to see and visit with so many Trinity family members over the course of Friday evening and Saturday. Thankfully the foul weather held off until after everyone left the church Friday evening and Saturday was an absolutely beautiful day for such an event. Thank you for coming out and supporting our effort to help others.

I look forward to doing this again next year. I also look forward to finding new and untapped resources to help make this event a little better each year. As an extremely informal event, it is a tremendous opportunity to get to know others in the parish. Others that you see each week but do not feel you can connect with. However much time you can offer will be accepted. Whether it is 30 minutes or three days, your time offered will be appreciated. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to pull me aside and offer them. I appreciate any and all input.

Please don't hesitate to come out and help us help the community at large.

Thank you,
Piers Prater
Fall Sale Coordinator



CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS

The last meeting of the year for Christmas Crafters will take place on Nov. 17 from 10 to 12. We need to finish off 3 projects. Most of it involves gluing so please bring a glue gun if you have one. We will then price objects. The rest of the congregation will get to see what we have created at the Christmas Treasures Fair during Advent. Several tables will be set up in the fellowship hall with gently used Christmas treasure plus the new crafts made by Christmas Crafters and baked goods. If you have created new crafts or baked goods you may drop them off at the table on the first Sunday of Advent.





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

We've all heard much about the crisis in the US home mortgage industry. We've heard how Adjustable Rate Mortgages are now actually adjusting their rates and the folks who took these on are now realizing that perhaps they can't afford their mortgage after all.

We've heard all sides: the buyers shouldn't have agreed to a mortgage they couldn't pay, loan officers shouldn't have "forced" these ARM's onto poor, unsuspecting consumers, banks shouldn't be selling off their mortgages to other lenders, hedge funds shouldn't be investing in these risky mortgages.

And when you take it all in, it doesn't sound like *anyone* along the way was a very good steward of his/her/their resources, not only from a money standpoint, but from a professional or ethical standpoint as well.

So, think you can do better? I recently heard about an organization that will let you try your hand at being the banker! We're not talking huge mortgages here, we're talking microfinancing and the organization is called Kiva. Perhaps you've already heard of it, but just in case you haven't I'd like to pass on some information to you.

Kiva was developed in late 2004 by Matt Flannery (CEO and co-founder) and his wife Jessica. They've brought this project along from a pilot program to one which has facilitated the loan of millions of dollars to the world's poor entrepreneurs.

The idea behind Kiva is that small investors (you and me) can lend small amounts of money (as little as \$25) to small, poor entrepreneurs in developing countries. When you go to the Kiva website (<http://www.kiva.org>) you'll see the set-up and the safeguards. You'll note that there are disclaimers that there is a risk to any loan, no matter how small. You'll be able to see how they've ranked the borrower and the in-country financial partners for reliability. You'll see a listing of all the folks who have business ideas they're looking to finance, their locations, repayment schedules, etc. Once you've made a loan you'll be able to follow the progress of that loan. Once the loan is repaid you can reclaim your investment, or re-invest in another enterprise. It's a one-to-one loan on a small scale, making a huge difference in the lives of people who by US standards have virtually nothing.

And once you make a loan you can send an email to anyone/everyone you know that says (in part, I've cut out a lot):

Hi!

I just made a loan to someone in the developing world using a revolutionary new website called Kiva.

You can go to Kiva's website and lend to someone in the developing world who needs a loan for their business - like raising goats, selling vegetables at market or making bricks. Each loan has a picture of the entrepreneur, a description of their business and how they plan to use the loan so you know exactly how your money is being spent - and you get updates letting you know how the business is going. The best part is, when the entrepreneur pays back their loan you get your money back - and Kiva's loans are managed by microfinance institutions on the ground who have a lot of experience doing this, so you can trust that your money is being handled responsibly.

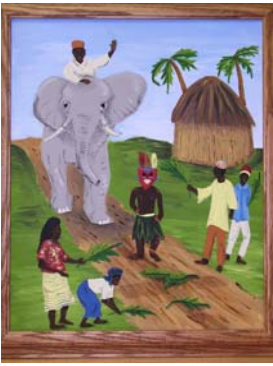
It's finally easy to actually do something about poverty - using Kiva I know exactly who my money is loaned to and what they're using it for. And most of all, I know that I'm helping them build a sustainable business that will provide income to feed, clothe, house and educate their family long after my loan is paid back.

Join me in changing the world - one loan at a time.

Thanks!

Nancy McGarvey





Pastoral Care Corner

Addie M. Johnson

Book Reviews for Trinity Parents & Teens

Why not try our Parent Library for Answers!
Better than a TV Sit-com!!



Boys! Shaping Ordinary Boys into Extraordinary Men by William Beausay II (2002).

For those of you who wonder how in the world your son will ever become the man you wish him to be...this is the book for you!

Acknowledging that parents do not like to be told how to raise their youngsters, this author offers a concept of valuing boys by understanding their developmental needs through the teaching of love, wisdom, morality, courage, etc. in the quest for successful male adulthood.

Beausay introduces his recommendations utilizing interesting stories and humorous language. His unconventional approach necessitates fathers spending quality time with their sons through every phase of boyhood, adolescence and teen years. Mothers are expected to be nurturing; fathers' roles translate to coach, mentor and hero instilling the strength and the zest to successfully handle all unique challenging situations.

He advocates that 'permission', encouragement' and 'support' are essentials during the transition to manhood. Regardless of how carefree and independent boys react in various situations, inwardly they desire help in becoming the strong male example of their fathers (or other significant males). Boys really do desire to be good decision-makers, a vital ingredient in successfully relating to peers and adults.

Beausay's eleven descriptions of a boy's 'Facts of Life' range from behaviors normally observed to those hilariously paradoxical. He helps parents obtain a glimpse of the consistency of 'boythink' for example...the elements of sensory captivity, high instinctual nature, short but immense curiosity, and depiction of the world as black and white with no gray allowed. He leads the reader through "Wrestle-lationships, refusal to talk areas, attitudes, athletic extremes, and self-esteem issues"sss.

I think you're going to like this book!!!

Girls Guide to Becoming a Teen American Medical Association (2006)

Developed by the American Medical Association, this book is a terrific guide for young girls approaching puberty as they transition between elementary and middle schools. It covers all the questions girls have but are afraid to ask their mothers or sisters. From physical and emotional changes to social friendships, dating, drugs, and disease – good explanations are offered in an everyday, readable language.

Advice on "how to deal with common concerns girls have such as acne, menstrual cramps and weight issues" in addition to peer pressure issues and parental trust, reflect just a few of the noteworthy sections.

Little notes and letters from participant girls help a girl realize that other gals share similar concerns as they. From boy-girl relationships to how to handle bullying and how to react when angry without serious repercussions represent just a few of the important areas discussed.

The Mythbuster sections and artistic characterizations also invite girls to want to read this book and learn about themselves.

An excellent guide to the discussion of 'girlie' issues for healthy, happy girlhood growth!!!





The Property and Grounds committees have been very busy over the summer and early fall. As I'm sure you all heard, we completed the construction of a restroom in the basement for the Church School's use. It's Fabulous!! If you didn't make it down there for the blessing, please stop by and have a look. David Manchester and Dick North did a lot of the work, but were assisted by John Dziel (electrical), Clyde Basham, Roy Irvin and others. Many thanks to all who were a part of that project.

We've also completed some less splashy projects around the church and Rectory. We repaired the bilco doors leading into the basement of the Rectory, repaired the hot water heater in the Sacristy for the Alter Guild folks, installed a new water heater in the Rectory to replace a leaky one, fixed the bathtub drain in the Rectory, and continue to do maintenance on the church roofs in an effort to get rid of those pesky leaks once and for all.

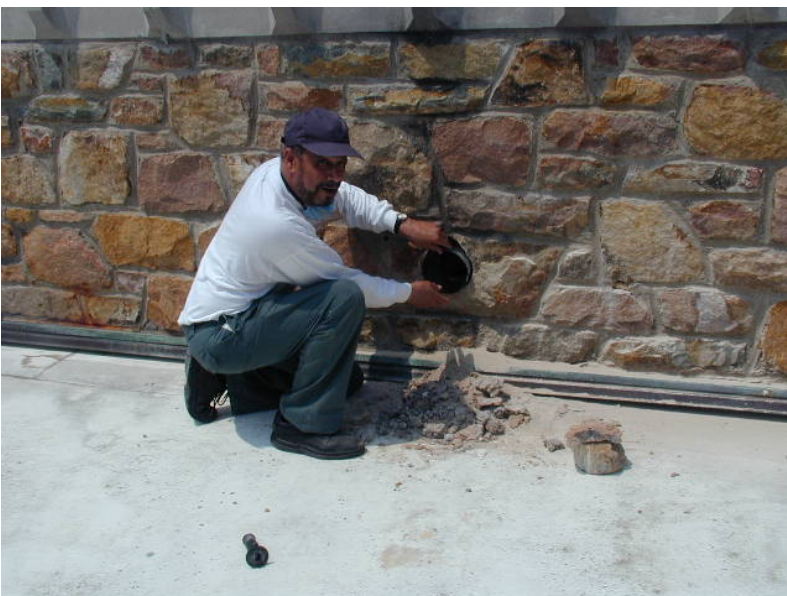
Our main projects for the remainder of the year will be to manage the water that gets into the rectory basement as well as repair the walls in the church office hallway and repaint there (any tapers/spacklers/painters out there????). We're also contracting with a firm to pave the grassy strip between the handicap parking lot and the sidewalk.

Remember that any small jobs that you see that need to be done, please let Laura Gergen or Piers Prater know and we'll get a Honey right on it!!

In early October, the Grounds committee hosted a Clean-up Day to spruce up the beds surrounding the church. It was a huge success—we got sooooo much done! We pulled weeds, edged beds, chopped back overgrown bushes, pulled out many extra bushes, picked up trash and generally cleaned up outside. Early the next week, Skip Kerschner returned and spread mulch and stones around the prepared areas. Hurray for Missy Leinbach for coordinating the volunteers that day and high fives to everyone who helped out—before, during and after!! It made a huge difference.

We also received a wonderful gift from one of our youth. Dan Norman, who is working toward his Eagle Scout, has offered to take over the project of cleaning out and regrading the Church Street garden. This area is a major source of the water that gets down into the Church School rooms and to have this work done by the Boy Scouts will be a HUGE blessing!

We are thrilled that Dan chose this project to work on as he reaches for the EAGLE!!



If anyone out there is interested in being a Honey or getting in on the fun we have on Property and Grounds, please contact Laura Gergen or Piers Prater. We're always thrilled to get more helpers.





Pictures of the Basement Bathroom Project (preceding page.) and completed bathroom above.

Stations of Jesus' Life

(Pictured are dispersed throughout the Chimes)



From the Organ Bench

Exciting things are happening in the music department here at Trinity. This Christmas season promises to be the best yet, and our choirs have been busy preparing music for the upcoming services and Christmas concert. There are some dates that I'd you to pencil-in on your calendars:

December 2: Service of Advent Lessons and Carols. Our annual "service" occurs in the first half of the morning Eucharist, and we anticipate the birth of the Saviour with readings from scripture, carols and anthems. If you haven't seen it, you're in for an inspirational treat! The altar is bathed in light, the choir sings the great Advent hymn "Sleepers, Wake" and the Advent message is proclaimed, "Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.!"

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 16, at 10:00 AM.

This year completes our three-year trilogy of Christmas pageants based on people with close connections to Christmas, written by Trinity's own Darrell Walters with help from Eleanor Sypher and members of the pageant committee. This year's subject is Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We will tell her life in becoming the mother of Jesus through carols and other music. Of course, we have to involve the shepherds, the angels and the Wise Men, including Mr. Ruzann portraying one of the Wise Men in his raspberry pink outfit. You have to see it to believe it! All in great fun, too!

Christmas Musicale on Sunday, December 16, at 3:00 PM. This afternoon's music is the Trinity Choir's way of celebrating Christmas with the entire Trinity family before the chaos (and panic!) of the commercial side of Christmas begin to set in. There will be music of all types by and choir and soloists and musicians. We even have a steel drummer coming to play along! Don't miss this annual celebration!

Please come out and attend all of our events. The choir appreciates your support, and your personal celebrations of the season will be uplifted.

Youth Choir Has Begun Rehearsals

Our Youth Choir has begun rehearsing on Sundays after church in the choir room. Everyone 8 and above is welcome. We only rehearse for 15-20 minutes. So stay after church for a little bit and have some fun!



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ECS ANGEL PROJECT 2007

THE TRINITY YOUTH GROUP IS SPONSORING THE 2007 ECS ANGEL PROJECT

We know that all of our Trinity members will support this project by being a Christmas Angel for children of ECS families. It is your good will that provides a gift for a child who otherwise will not receive a Christmas Gift.

Look for our Angel Tree and Children's Names in late November. Each item will have the child's name, age, and suggested gift items. Suggested prices range from \$20 to \$25.00 per child. **Gifts must be returned to the church by Sunday December 9th.** Our Trinity Youth look forward to spreading the Christmas Spirit. We know you will join us!

Transferred In:

Elsie Marie Lyon on September 27, 2007 from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Maple Glen
Stephen & Mary Skinner on September 26, 2007 from Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, PA
Anne Getty on October 28, 2007 from Abington Presbyterian Church, Abington PA

Marriage:

Jenny Gregg and Derek Bodenstab on August 25

Birth:

Charlotte Brynn Olshefski born on October 15 weighing in at 6# 6 oz. 20 inches long

Baptisms:

Meghan Elizabeth Soule on October 14, 2007

Isabella Adeline Wheeler and Chukwubikem Kamtochukwu Chukwuka Okolo on November 4, 2007

Death:

Dwight Dundore on October 20, 2007