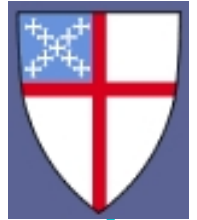




**Winter 2006**

*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



**Mark your calendar!**

## ADVENT

Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 3 at 10 a.m. service.

Annual Choir Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Service, Sunday, December 24 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall



## CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Christmas Eve Children's Service, 4 p.m.

Solemn Christmas Eve Service, 10:30 p.m. Carol Prelude, 11 p.m. Eucharist

Christmas Day, 10 a.m. Eucharist with carols and Ernest Wells at the organ

## ANNUAL MEETING OF TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday, January 28, 2007 11:30 a.m. Parish Hall

Election of Vestry Members and Convention/Deanery Delegates

Annual Reports

Homemade soup and Salad

lunch

Brand-new Storyteller and

pizza for the kids



**In this issue...**

Rummage Sale

Mission Trip 2006  
Youth Group

Daughters of the King

Camera Club ... and more!

# Trinity Pastoral Care Corner

Addie M. Johnson

## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS OF ADOLESCENTS

Thinking about how to solve a problem involving one or many of your adolescent children? Wondering what to do to make it a reasonable solution for both you and your teenage ones? Well, while waiting for our face-to-face discussion in Spring, we suggest you log on to some of the following web-sites that have been successful and helpful to many parents:

- † <http://parentingteens.about.com/> This site has many regular situations for pre-teen to older teens.
- † <http://troubledteensolutions.com/> The second site consists of general and specific solutions with online sign-up for continuous topics in addition to addressing more serious problems
- † [http://www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/your\\_kids/teen\\_problems.shtml#top](http://www.bbc.co.uk/parenting/your_kids/teen_problems.shtml#top) This third site from the UK is one on Self-Esteem; their information on "Communicating with Teens" is excellent. There are sections on "what and what not" to do.
- † <http://www.parenthelpcenter.org/todaysteens> This site also has multiple types of assistance but focuses on how parents can deal with and be watchful for "pharm" drug abuses.

### BOOKS:

- † 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey. Reviews by teens revealed the text pertained to them and helped them.
- † Life Strategies for Teens (not reviewed) Benjamin Vincent, Phillip C. McGraw, Jay McGraw
- † Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Teens: Simple to Keep Your Cool in Stressful Times. Richard Carlson
- † Assertive Discipline for Parents (1993 update) Lee and Marlene Cantor This is a leading resource for parents...it gives precise parental behavior in words to say and actions to take...excellent!
- † "Why Do They Act That Way?" David Walsh, Phd.
- † "Yes, Your Teen is Crazy" Michael Bradley, Phd.
- † "Between Parent and Teenager" Haim Ginott
- † "How to Talk So Teens Will Listen and Listen So Teens Will Talk" Faber.

A lending library of books on Adolescent/Teen Parenting will be available on Sundays beginning November 26th, 2006. Contact Addie Johnson for a copy. Loan time is for 2 weeks only. Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you engage in Proactive Parenting!



## WILL YOU BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL?

We at Trinity have an opportunity to make someone's Christmas very special and memorable. How? You Ask? By participating in the Christmas Angel Project!

It's easy, it feels good, and it means so very, very much! We will assist Episcopal Community Services (ECS) by providing a real Christmas to a child who may otherwise not receive a Christmas gift.

We will be giving approximately 100 Christmas presents to needy children through ECS. A Christmas tree adorned with white angels will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 19th. Each angel will have the child's name, other information and suggested gift item. Suggested price ranges for each gift is \$20 to \$25 per angel. Gifts must be returned to the tree by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd. Fr. Dave will bless the gifts the next Sunday.

**SAY YES AND BE AN  
ANGEL!!!**

## Thanks to many, Trinity Church provides Equipment and Money for Chester Eastside Ministries Camera Club



On Friday November 10, Fr. Dave and Ed Mahler, Vestry liaison for Mission and Outreach traveled to Chester Eastside Ministries bearing gifts. They brought with them two brand new monitors, two brand new PC's, and two new brand new printers. They also delivered 6 brand new digital cameras.

In addition, they also took with them the promise of six complete computers packages from Aetna Insurance that had been made available through Eileen Warren. On top of that they took checks totaling \$1454 for supplies and additional equipment.

This camera club will provide digital media instruction and Photoshop training to the brightest and most capable students recommended by the school district. There is no such instruction available at Chester High School.

This was all made possible by a \$1000 grant from the rummage sale, the income earned from a bowl-a-thon fund-raiser through the youth groups and the very generous gifts of many members of the Trinity family. Through the generosity of many, what Fr. Dave and Ed really took to Chester was HOPE.



## FROM THE ORGAN BENCH CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT TRINITY

This is a busy time for the choirs at Trinity. In addition to singing on the first Sunday of the month, the Cherub Choir is preparing for the Christmas Pageant and the Christmas Eve service at 4:00. The Trinity Choir has a busy schedule, and we're gearing up for the additional special music that comes with celebrating the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on December 3

The Trinity Choir and other members of the parish will present Trinity's annual Advent Lessons and Carols Service on Advent Sunday, (Advent 1,) December 3, at the 10:00 Eucharist. This has become a Trinity tradition, with members of the various organizations within Trinity taking part

by reading the lessons, the majority the wonderful prophecies of Isaiah and others. The hymns and anthems serve to illuminate the scriptures. This is one powerful service with beautiful music! It reaches its climax with the reading of the Gospel and the proclamation of the Advent message, "Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, He will be with you!" I guarantee you that your understanding of the wonderful promises made for us as well as your own, personal observance of the season will be much enhanced by this service.

Christmas Concert December 17 at 3:00.

The Trinity Choir along with instrumental soloists will be presenting a concert of Christmas music. This is the Trinity Choir family's celebration of Christmas, and we want you to be a part of it. The fact that Trinity has so much talent in its members will be obvious. We have a chance here to "kick things up a little" that we don't usually get the chance to do on a Sunday morning.

The choir will be singing a little-known cantata by Michael Haydn (his older brother Joseph is more famous). Ernest Wells and Steve are doing a four-hand accompaniment to the choir in a "rollicking ride of a piece!" You've got to hear it to believe it! Besides choir music, music for organ, cello and solo voices will be heard. Some string players from Abington High School will join us! Come hear Silent Night in its original version. It's a little more different than you think! You'll get to sing some carols, too, with "over the top" interludes to Hark, the Herald Angels Sing among them. Please come join us and support the choir!

Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 11:00.

The 4:00 Eucharist at Trinity is primarily geared for children. Our cherubs will be singing under the guidance of Maureen McCauley. Maureen will also be playing beautiful music for harp during the Communion.

Music for the 11:00 Christmas - Christ's Mass - Eucharist actually begins at 10:30. Hopefully the presents are wrapped and now you can sit back and enjoy the season! The Trinity Choir, soloists and instrumentalists will present prelude music beginning at 10:30. I promise that you won't want to miss a bit of it! Steve will also play something loud to let everyone know that the organ is working, too. Please come and experience the wonder of God through beautiful music.

## **Diocesan General Convention Overview**

Bev Black, Ernie Dixon, Laura Bauder and Father Dave all attended the Saturday, November 11 Diocesan Convention. It was a long, complex day that will be continued when we reconvene on Saturday, January 6 to hopefully complete the business on the agenda.

Three main issues were discussed:

1. Bishop Bennison's decision to withhold information about his brother's sexual misconduct with a 14 year-old girl while under the Bishop's employment as a youth coordinator. At the time, the Bishop did not inform the parents of any inappropriate behavior, nor did he inform the police (as required by law) or diocesan authorities. There was much discussion on whether or not his career and devotion to his brother came before a moral obligation to protect a 14 year-old girl in his parish.

2. The budget - there is still concern as to where money will come from within the Diocese to fund programs and churches in need. Many churches are either withholding their pledges to the Diocese or are withholding their pledge conditional on a resolution from the Bishop regarding missing or misappropriated funds and the sexual misconduct he overlooked in California as a Parish priest.

We voted to decrease the National Diocese pledge and redirect those funds to churches-in-need within our own Diocese. Funding for churches in locations not financially sound is a concern - most felt the need to keep a presence in communities that are in the greatest need of guidance. But there should be an evaluation of these to determine if funds should be given to those not reaching out to their surrounding community. The convention also directed that the clergy leadership in urban parishes be directed to develop a plan for supporting and strengthening their parishes.

3. Trust. Can a Bishop whose authority is challenged so strongly stay in his current position? Can his Diocese trust that he can uphold the canons and support laws set up to protect the parishioners and the tithe they give of so freely? What happens to our Diocese when there is such a division of support?

Many lay and clergy have very passionate, strong feelings about the Bishop's current situation. The number of people who argued their point of view was overwhelming. I was, in general, impressed by the respect and compassion they had for one another.

Information on the convention, the complaint filed by the Standing Committee with the Presiding Bishop about abuse of power and misuse of Diocesan funds, and other pertinent topics may be found at the following web sites: [Diopa.org](http://Diopa.org); [diopastandingcommittee.org](http://diopastandingcommittee.org) and [concernedpaepiscopali-ans.com](http://concernedpaepiscopali-ans.com)

Father Dave or any of the delegates would be happy to help answer any questions.

*Laura Bauder*

## **Copy of letter sent by Fr. Dave in response to complaints sent to the Presiding Bishop**

Dear Colleagues:

In case you have not yet received it; I am forwarding to you a copy of the complaint(s) against Bishop Bennison sent to the Presiding Bishop. I for one am glad that the Standing Committee has taken this action. I think it will be good for our Diocese to have the Presiding Bishop, and if she presents it for trial for that panel of judges, to make judgment on our present situation. I am afraid that it may well be the only way out of our stale mate.

I have asked my Vestry, and they have agreed, to budget for a pledge to the Diocese but we will make no pledge and neither will we pay our assessment in 2007 until this situation is resolved. I do not believe it is good stewardship of our members' hard earned money for it to be sent to the

Diocese when there are so many questions about fiscal responsibility. Furthermore, I do not believe that our decision is assigning blame or favor to either the Standing Committee or the Bishop but it is taking a wait and see attitude. I am reminded of Jesus' teaching in a recent Sunday gospel that a good tree cannot bear bad fruit.

Please continue to pray for the Bishop, the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and for our Convention delegates. I am praying for myself, for each of you and these leaders, a spirit of wisdom and discernment as we try to work through this sad situation. I am hoping that our behavior on Saturday will be a positive witness to the good news of God in Christ.

If there is any way I can be of any support to you in these troubling times, please let me know.

Faithfully yours,  
Dave Canan

## **Jenny Gregg is a Candidate for Holy Orders**

Jenny Gregg's journey to ordination is moving into its final phases. Jenny received official notification that she is a Candidate for Holy Orders.

Jenny will be taking the General Ordination Exams (GOE's) in January. The exams are administered by the Board of Examining Chaplains at seminaries and other locations throughout the Episcopal Church. The exams cover all areas of ministry: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Christian Ethics, Pastoral Theology, Systematic Theology and Christian Formation. Some of the exam is closed book and objective and some of it is open book and essay questions. One special feature of the exams is called coffee hour questions. The questions in this closed book section of the exam are intended to mimic the variety of questions a priest might field from parishioners in an average parish. After the exams have been completed they are read and evaluated and results are returned in early spring.

After Jenny passes her exams, she will be looking for work, hopefully in our Diocese. She will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday June 2 at the Cathedral and in December to the priesthood.



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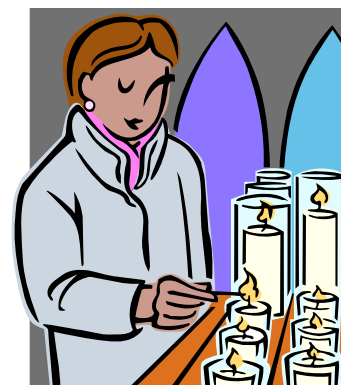
## **Come As You Are Eucharist**

Each Sunday at 5 p.m. a casual informal Eucharist is being celebrated in the Parish Hall.

The music for the service is contemporary and upbeat and led by Kedron Miller who is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and an experienced church organist and music director. Kedron plays the keyboards and is assisted by two friends of Ft. Dave: Ginny Guyer and Greg Gibson on guitars.

The words to the songs that are sung are projected on a screen that frees worshippers from juggling books and papers. Only the Gospel is read at this service and instead of a formal service Fr. Dave facilitates a discussion of the reading. Discussions have at times been very exciting and insightful.

The attendance at the new service has varied from as many as 39 and as few as 14. A growing number of Trinity members are making the Come As You Are Eucharist their primary service. There have been visitors and a number of our parishioners are using this service as an alternate when they are unable to attend their usual 8 or 10 a.m. services.



## **Come As You Are Dinner and Discussion**

Sunday January 14, 2007 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fr. Dave would like to meet with the regular attending members and any Trinity members who have visited the 5 p.m. Come As You Eucharist. Our purpose will be to review and evaluate what we have been doing: liturgy, music, setting, gospel conversation to see what needs to be changed or tweaked. It is as important for us to hear from one-time visitors as it is to hear from regular attendees so that we can make this service as welcoming and as inclusive as possible.

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

By Ed Mahler

As you know, it's Stewardship in all its forms that permits our church to grow, prosper and fulfill its Mission. This was never more ably demonstrated than at our recent Ministries Fair. The turnout to sign up for a wide variety of activities was phenomenal and most rewarding. It shows that our congregation wants to participate and will donate time, energy and talent in the many ways our church contributes to the community



and, quite literally around the world. We can all take great pride in the contributions of our church and ourselves in this ever so necessary work. I won't list them all here. They are all described in the Ministries Fair news letter you received at the Fair. Copies are still available in the rack in the Narthex if you didn't receive one. We are now in the midst of the Stewardship activity that drives so many of our most worthwhile activities as well as the very church we love. I'm speaking, of course, about our pledges for 2007. I do hope you carefully read the insert in the church bulletin distributed a few short weeks ago. In it The Finance Committee described very clearly and directly, the financial position in which we find ourselves. Our pledges are the life blood that makes our Mission and our church itself prosper. I hope you were as generous as you felt you could be in your pledge for next year. Your contribution is vitally needed and necessary. You May recall our Mission Statement, but I'll take this opportunity to restate it. "We are a community of Christian people seeking to love GOD with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves".



The Church is grateful for your willingness to participate in its outreach, its ministries and its financial viability. I know you've given your time, talent, energy and money to enable our church to prosper and grow in the weeks and months ahead.

Let me close with a writing from C.S.Lewis:

The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. If our charities do not at all pinch us or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do, because our charitable expenditures excludes them.

## Trinity Fall Rummage Sale:

Trinity Church's annual rummage sale was held October 20th and 21st raising over \$2,200 for Mission and Outreach programs. The overall coordinators were Piers Prater and Frank Vacante. Many thanks to them and their wives for all the time and effort that helped to make the rummage sale a success and run smoothly.



A special thank you to Katherine Driggs-Hauser and Jennifer Prater for coordinating the Wine/Cheese Friday night preview with entertainment provided by Ernest Wells, Maureen McCauley and Pat Martin. Carolyn Lozzi coordinated the Saturday food sales and "Lady" Barbara Shields organized the Bake Table. Thank you to all those who donated items, helped sort and price items, collected money and cleaned up.



## Behind the Scenes: Altar Guild



To many people the Altar Guild is shrouded in mystery, an unnamed, unknown group who somehow make the Church right for the various services. Let's shed some light and go behind the scenes.....

It's 9:30 am on Saturday morning. I'm on my way into church to meet Adele and Evelyn, my team mates. We're Team 2, so we're the altar guild workers for the second Sunday of every month.

When I arrive Adele is already busy in the chapel. She's changing the eternal flame, lighting the new candle from the old so the light is never extinguished. She's already replaced the used votive candles and cleaned up the table. We'll be back in the chapel later to set up for the Wednesday and Thursday services.

Meanwhile Evelyn is in the sacristy getting out the vessels we need for the services. We have different chalices and other pieces for each of the services, including our new 5:00 service on Sunday. And while this sounds confusing, and does take some time to remember, we are fortunate to have the Altar Guild Manual as a guide.

This manual was originally created by Fr. Dave and John Dziel. It has recently been revised by Cheryl Bayard. The manual lists all the "equipment" needed for each service and has digital photos of every set-up needed, even those for special services such as baptisms, funerals, weddings, and for special seasons like Advent, Lent, etc. It is a real treasure and well-used.

As Evelyn fills the cruets with wine and water and the ciborium (yes, some of the pieces have strange-sounding names; this one is the one that holds the hosts for the congregation—it looks like a chalice, but it has a lid) with hosts, I check the wall calendar for the appropriate color for this Sunday. Once again it is green, so the altar and pulpit hangings and chalice pall are all green for this, the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. Like the manual, the calendar is a real help and shows the appropriate color for each day of the year. We're now in the longest season of the church year, the time between Pentecost and Advent so the color is green for most Sundays during that time. Watch for the first Sunday in Advent and see the color change to purple!

I take the torches apart and clean the wax from them, making sure the candles are still long enough. Adele has gotten the stoops from the back of the church and cleaned and re-filled them with holy water.

The alms basins get cleaned and placed in the appropriate spots for the 8:00 service and we're almost finished. It's taken us just about an hour to get everything ready. Tomorrow, after the 10:00 service we will set up the chapel for the Wednesday and Thursday healing services.

We're fortunate here at Trinity to have enough people right now to have four teams of 3-4 people. Each team serves only once a month (we rotate turns taking the fifth Sunday when that occurs). As new members join they're paired with experienced members so no one has to learn everything on their own. Also, if one of the team members can't be there on a particular Sunday, there are still 2-3 people to get the job done.

We're also lucky that we have good volunteers to take care of the linens, probably the hardest of all the jobs on altar guild. They launder and iron all the altar linens, the purificators (the cloths used by the chalicists to wipe the chalices), and all the special pieces we have for special services.

Twice a year, just before Christmas and Easter, the entire altar guild meets for a short service in the church, and then we clean everything. All the brass and silver are polished, the glassware cleaned, the kneeling pads vacuumed, the wood-work (pews, windowsills, etc) dusted to make the church look as glorious as possible for Christmas and Easter services. We have a good time together and then sit down to a pot-luck lunch at the rectory.

I hope this has taken some of the mystery out of the work we do. If you can set a table, you can perform the duties needed for altar guild. If you've ever thought this is something you'd like to do, by all means, contact our new Altar Guild Chair, Karen Reid. I'm sure she'd be glad to hear from you!

*Nancy McGarvey*



## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ~ ANAM CARA CHAPTER

Fall is always a busy time of the year with the start up of the new school year and church activities, so it was also a good time to RETREAT! On the weekend of October 13th, our Trinity chapter sponsored a retreat for women on the theme of PRAYER at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham, NJ. We had a wonderful group of 23 women comprised of Trinity parishioners and friends from throughout the diocese. Fr. Dave Canan and Rev. Maxine



Dornemann led sessions and discussions on different types of prayer. We shared experiences, stories, and prayed ~ prayed ~prayed! Ginny Guyer and Anne Canan provided us with music and we raised our joyful voices in songs

at each session and Eucharist. We also had opportunities for quiet time to meditate, pray and walk the labyrinth and the beautiful grounds around the retreat house. In addition, we had the opportunity to join the Sisters of St. John the Baptist as they chanted Lauds, Vespers and Compline in the convent chapel. Fr. Dave led an activity during which we made and learned about Anglican Prayer Beads. Together, we enjoyed delicious meals, laughter and even some tears. But most of all, we came away refreshed and renewed to return

to our busy lives with a commitment to make every moment a moment of PRAYER. Plan now to join us next fall the weekend of October 12-14, 2007.

The new Anam Cara officers for 2006-2008 were installed during the retreat. They are: Carol Szwajkos, President, Denise Elliott, V. President, Cine Spanial, Secretary, and Jan McLemore, Secretary.

Any women 18 years or older is invited to attend our meetings and consider joining the Daughters of the King. See Fr. Dave or any contact Carol Szwajkos, 215-641-0307.



### ***Welcome, new friends, new faces!***



Emmanuel and Ukamaka Okolo: Emmanuel is originally from Nigeria. He got a job in Philadelphia working at Temple Hospital. His wife Ukamaka is a lawyer. Emmanuel has been an Anglican all his life, and when he and Ukamaka moved here, they tried Trinity and liked it. He enjoys tennis and doing handy jobs around the house. The Okolo's reside in Lower Gwynedd.

Benjamin and Cori Wallis: The Wallis' came to Trinity from Emmanuel Church in Quakertown. They knew Fr. Canan from before, and then moved and were close enough to attend. (If anyone can find out exactly where they live, they can add that here- I forgot to ask!) Benjamin works for a printing company, but wants to go back to school for seminary. Cori is a preschool teacher. They were just married in August, and enjoy reading and look forward to attending the Potluck Classics at Trinity.

*If you are a newcomer to Trinity Ambler, we want to feature you here! Please see Eddie Black, or fill out a "Wish Card", found in the pews in the church.*

## 2006 Episcopal Youth Mission Trip

*Mission: Possible: 2006!*

Mission Possible 2006:

Youth from Trinity Church; St. Matthew's, Maple Glenn; St. Thomas', Whitmarsh, Christ Church and the Hill School in Pottstown, will travel this summer to do hurricane recovery work in New Orleans. The group plans to be working the week of June 18; travel dates have not yet been finalized. The trip is open to teens entering 9th grade in the fall up to freshmen in college.

If you are interested in being a part of this important work please contact Fr. Dave or Kelly Rupprecht YESTERDAY

Sample Itinerary for New Orleans Mission

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| Day One   | Arrive<br>Housing Space Orientation<br>Dinner<br>Evening Activity - Team Building  |
| Day Two   | New Orleans "Katrina" Orientation Session<br>Divide into Work Crews<br>House Gutting/Street Clean-up<br>Afternoon de-brief session<br>Clean-up<br>Dinner<br>Evening Activity |
| Day Three | Divide into Work Crews<br>House Gutting/Street Clean-up<br>Afternoon de-brief session<br>Clean-up<br>Dinner<br>Evening Activity  |
| Day Four  | Homecoming Center Visit/Orientation<br>On site work coordinated by site coordinator<br>Lunch<br>Tour of devastated area<br>Dinner<br>Evening Activity                        |
| Day Five  | Work with Mobile Respite Unit<br>Lunch<br>Afternoon de-brief session<br>Dinner @Mulates Cajun Dance Hall   |
| Day Six   | Swamp Tour/Plantation Home Tour<br>Lunch<br>Work at St. George's Dragon Café feeding ministry<br>Trip to Preservation Jazz Hall (French Quarter)                             |



## Update From The Finance Committee

As you are all aware, over the last several years Trinity has grown substantially, and along with growth, our operating expenses have continued to increase. While Stewardship pledging has also increased over recent years, we still require substantial withdrawals from Trinity's investment accounts to meet ongoing operating needs throughout the year.

In an effort to encourage growth, while simultaneously striving to retain principal in Trinity's investment accounts, we proposed and approved operating budgets over the last three years that were deficit in nature – that is, a budget with greater proposed spending than anticipated income. Our logic being that Trinity consistently received more income than originally budgeted in the years immediately preceding the creation of the deficit budgets.

As anticipated, in 2004 and 2005 greater than budgeted funding occurred as a result of bequests, increased giving beyond pledged amounts, etc., resulting in Trinity ending each year in balanced financial positions. Unfortunately, current projections for 2006 indicate that unanticipated funding will not offset this year's deficit. At this time we anticipate a revenue shortfall of \$25,000 to \$30,000. This amount is directly in line with our budgeted projections compiled at the start of the year. While investment income will be used to cover this shortfall, this event represents the first time that Trinity will be forced to withdraw more investment income than originally anticipated at the start of the fiscal year.

It is very important to note that Trinity's various committees have worked hard to both plan and remain within their operating expense budgets. The finance committee wants to assure the congregation that all currently budgeted expenses are in line with ongoing program needs. The plain fact is that it takes a lot of dollars to fund the ongoing operating budget of a parish of Trinity's size.

In conclusion, please understand that it is highly unlikely that we will ever be in a position to fund Trinity's operating budget from annual pledge income alone; investment income will continually be required. However, also recognize that our investment accounts will diminish in value very rapidly if we are placed in a position to continually increase our annual withdrawals to meet Trinity's ever changing needs. As we approach Stewardship Sunday we ask that you give some thought to the information presented in this update as you consider your 2007 pledge.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trinity Ambler Finance Committee

## WHERE'S KJ?

Karyn Jean Dickhoff (better known to many as KJ) has been a member of Trinity Church since moving to this area from New York in 1992. She has served as head of the Altar Guild and is a Lay Eucharistic Minister. She completed EFM (Education for Ministry) in 2004 and is serving her second year as a mentor for EFM.

Perhaps you have been wondering why you haven't seen KJ in morning church recently. Karyn Jean is attending full time the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia. As part of her course work at seminary called "Field Experience" she visits churches of different denominations for three consecutive weeks. Fortunately our 5 p.m. service allows her to attend Trinity on Sunday evening. Karyn Jean is pursuing a degree in theological studies as she is discerning a call to the diaconate or priesthood.

KJ has also started a new part-time job as Parish Administrator for All Souls Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia—a mission church of the diocese.



## **Trinity Youth Newsletter -Winter 2006**

As I sit down to write this I have wonderful feelings about what is in store for our Youth Group here at Trinity! The past few months have been filled with new experiences in SEARCH (Jr. High Sunday School), Third Friday Fellowship, and HS Youth Group. It has been a busy few months for our Youth.

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:**

The High School Youth Group participated in the Wholly Me Retreat where we concentrated on the theme of relating to God, Others and Ourselves. The night was full of fun and great discussion about our Faith. Your youth and several other churches participated in some messy games, prepared dinners for those in need, ate a ten-foot long sundae, bowled late into the night and lit reflection candles at 2:00 am in the Church Sanctuary. It was a wonderful fellowship activity leading to a better understanding of the prevalence of God in our midst.

The High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6pm following the Contemporary Service. Students look deeper at God's word and have a chance to worship together. They also participate in exciting games and other social activities on a weekly basis.

### **JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS (6-8th grade)**

SEARCH (Jr. High Sunday School) has been working on discovering who Jesus is and how he can be a part of our everyday lives. We are learning that questions are central to faith as they are rooted in humility and bring freedom. We meet every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am and experience God in a variety of fun, hands-on lessons and discussions.

Third Friday Fellowship (Jr High Youth Group) has also met several times and we have had a blast so far. The Youth participate in tons of games and fellowship activities designed to build community and encourage their faith.

### **ONGOING SERVICE PROJECTS FOR ALL YOUTH:**

Both the High School and Junior High youth participated in the Chester Carnival to support Chester East Side Ministries. We helped set up the carnival and made popcorn and cotton candy. We also blew up balloons and staffed games. They also participated in a Bowl-A- Thon for Chester and raised almost \$1,000 towards new computers and cameras. The Youth represented Trinity Church in a beautiful way and continue to learn how being stewards of God's love brings blessings to their own lives and the lives of others.

### **WHAT'S NEXT FOR JR. HIGH and HS. YOUTH GROUP?????**

All in all, it has been a busy and rewarding Fall thus far. As winter approaches we will continue to discover God in our everyday lives through Fellowship with one another. We are always looking for more to join us at any time for Youth Group meetings or Sunday School Class. Bring a friend!

SEARCH- continues to meet each Sunday at 9:45-10:45am unless otherwise noted.

HS Youth Group- meets each Sunday at 6:00-8:00 pm unless otherwise noted

Third Friday Fellowship (Jr. High) meets every 3rd Friday of the month at 6:30pm-8:30pm unless otherwise noted.

It is my privilege to be able to go into places in the everyday world of teens and point out the creative life giving God who is already present in their lives.

*Kelly R J*

\* find out more by visiting [www.trinityambler.com](http://www.trinityambler.com) or call Kelly Rupprecht at 215-233-0802

# Citizen of the Week

By Jon Campisi

## **Annamae 'Bunny' Ashmore spends time volunteering at Upper Dublin Public Library**

One look at Annamae Ashmore, and it's hard to tell she's been around for 91 years.

Her spunk, youthful grace and quick wit make it nearly impossible to believe she's a nonagenarian.

What's most impressive, perhaps, is to learn all that this Upper Dublin resident is involved with, especially given the 14 years since her "official" retirement.

These days, Ashmore, who has gone by the nickname "Bunny" ever since grade school, spends her time surrounded by books, volunteering in various capacities at the Upper Dublin Public Library.

Her interest started in 1992, when, after retiring from a career with the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, she was looking for something to occupy her time.

"I stopped working at the age of 77 and I thought I would go crazy," Ashmore said about her entry into the world of volunteerism.

She initially went looking for a job at the library, but when she was told it was only offering volunteer positions, she figured, why not?

Asked what she does at the library, the modest volunteer simply said, "kind of brain-dead stuff."

But those who depend on volunteers such as Ashmore share a much different outlook. Upper Dublin's head children's librarian, Barbara McNutt, who nominated Ashmore for Citizen of the Week, said so much wouldn't get done if it weren't for dedicated volunteers such as her beloved Bunny.

Much of Ashmore's duties include in-house work such as re-jacketing books and other clerical tasks. Recently, she has been in charge of the book sale that benefits the Friends of the Upper Dublin Public Library, which organizes community outreach efforts.

And while she could be spending her twilight years engaged in other activities, she sees her days at the library as time well spent.

"There are other things I do, too, but I consider this sort of a community duty," she said.

One of our very own, Bunny Ashmore was featured in The Ambler Gazette's Opinion Section as Citizen of the Week!

Bunny volunteers at the Upper Dublin Public Library. She considers her work a "community duty". What a wonderful example to us all!

Be sure to check out the full article in the October 11th issue of The Ambler Gazette.



## New Prayer Request System to begin the first Sunday in January

Because we want to pray for everyone who needs prayer. Because we want to keep informed about the condition for those for whom we pray. Because keeping track of the prayer list is becoming an overwhelming task; we will be trying something new.

Prayer request cards will be placed in all the pews and in the chapel. The cards will ask for the name of the individual(s) being prayed for and their need. The card will be placed in the offering plate each week or left on the altar in the Holy Family Chapel.

Each Monday the prayer request cards will be gathered and prayed for by the staff. The prayer request cards will be passed on to the Daughters of the King who pray the prayer list regularly as a part of their ministry to the parish. The individuals will be placed on the list for one month. If they need more prayer a new card updating us of the individual's condition must be submitted.

Another feature of the Prayer Request cards is that they will provide space for prayers of thanksgiving. That could be for anything, birthdays, anniversaries, new job, whatever. These prayers will be on the list just for one week but will allow the parish family to join with one another in thanking God for our blessings.

Members who are chronically ill can be kept on the prayer list indefinitely.



3 Day Weekend #76  
October 12 - 15, 2006  
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia

Clausura  
October 15, 2006  
3 p.m.  
Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia

Advent - Lessons & Carols  
Saturday, December 2, 2006  
3 - 5 p.m.  
*\*St. Timothy's, Roxborough*

Festal Eucharist  
Sunday, January 7, 2007  
3 - 5 p.m.  
*\*Trinity Ambler*

Servant Community  
Saturday, February 10, 2007  
9 a.m. - 12 noon  
*\*St. Mary's, Wayne*

Nehemiah Day  
April 2007  
*Location and date to be determined*

3 Day Weekend #77  
May 3-6, 2007  
St. Mary of Providence, Elverson, PA

Clausura  
Sunday, May 6, 2007  
3 p.m.  
St. Mary of Providence, Elverson, PA

Cursillo Picnic  
Saturday, June 23, 2007  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*\*St Davids, Radnor*

*\*tentative location*

[www.cursillodiopa.org](http://www.cursillodiopa.org)

## Schedule for Cursillodiopa.org

## **New Year Will Bring New Way of Ordering Alter Flowers**

In December a chart for altar flowers will be placed on the sign up sheet in the narthex. Members who would like to place flowers on the altar on a given Sunday will sign their name and phone number on the Sundays for which they would like to have flowers.

The cost of altar flowers is \$50. The beautiful large arrangements are lovingly created by Trinity's Jimmy Hayden. Those who order the flowers are responsible for making the check out to Trinity Church, memo: altar flowers, on the Sunday the flowers are on the altar.

When the Sunday you have requested approaches, Evelyn Carpenter our flower coordinator will call for memorial or thanksgiving information. She will order the flowers through Jimmy and arrange for them to be delivered to hospitalized or homebound members.

As usual, flowers for Christmas and Easter will be ordered through special order envelopes at the holiday time.



## **Christmas Treasures & Christmas Craft Table**

Do your Christmas shopping beginning Sunday, December 3rd. There will be tables set up in the Parish Hall every Sunday in December. Please stop by and purchase "treasures" or crafts to put under your Christmas tree. Funds raised go to the Community Outreach Program.

Items for the Christmas Treasures table can be dropped off in the Narthex any Sunday in November or see Barbara Shields.

## **Christmas Pageant 2006**

What's this year's Trinity original Christmas Pageant about?

Who will we meet this year? What Christmas message will they deliver? The script is finalized, casting is underway, the music and vocals are set. One way to get all the answers is to be sure to be there for this year's Pageant on Sunday December 17.



## **Church School**

The Christmas Pageant this year will be Sunday December 17th, Advent 3,. Advent 4 and Christmas Eve this year are on the same day. We will start rehearsal the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, and the next 2 Sundays. The day before Nov 16, we will have practice with the choir till noon.

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

on Sundays

9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. on Thursdays

See calendar inside for additional service times

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Addie Johnson, Pastoral Care

Jill Leiby, Parish Life/Hospitality

Nancy McGarvey, Stewardship

Ed Mahler, Mission & Outreach

Piers Prater, Property

Dennis Reid, Accounting Warden/Finance Committee

Jane Saunders, Rector's Warden

## Births:

Cadence Rose Anderson born to Erik & Regina Anderson on September 27, 2006

Emilie Derbyshire born to Catherine & Brian Derbyshire on July 30, 2006

Jessica & Alexandra Staas born to Donnette & Robert Staas

## Baptisms:

Matthew David Jennis on October 8, 2006

Cadence Rose Anderson on November 5, 2006

Emilie Derbyshire on November 5, 2006

## Receptions On October 8, 2006

George John Guzzie

Pamela Anne Guzzie

Carol Williams Morgan

Eric Seth Vorcheimer

Mardi Jane Vorcheimer

## Confirmations On October 8, 2006

Annalise Marie Baird

Elizabeth Morgan Black

Kristen Elizabeth Blodgett

Christopher David Canan

Nicholas H. DeViso

Bryan J. Dingley

Meredith Chambers Dixon

Briton Sean Gergen

Samantha Kathleen Guzzie

Caroline Kershner

Michael Koziol

Timothy Ryan Lawrence

Lauren E. Mazzotta

Yulia Milne

Daniel Martin Norman

Brendan Robert Stancato

Matthew Fernando Vacante

## Transfers in:

Elissa Rich from St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh, on August 14, 2006.

Wesley Talman from St. John's, Asheville, NC on October 17, 2006

Benjamin & Cori Wallis from Emmanuel Church, Quakertown on October 24, 2006

# Milestones