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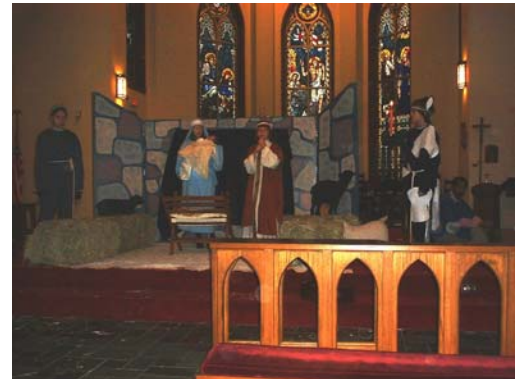
The Chimes of Trinity Church

Christmas Memories



Trinity teens, Tim and Lauren, attend the North Penn High School Winter Ball. A really big night for all!

2005 Christmas Pageant



This years pageant was an original Trinity work, written by Darrel Walters and Eleanor Sypher and directed by Carol Alsop and Ed Mahler. It portrayed the crucial role St. Francis played in establishing the story of the birth of Christ as we know it today, in particular the manger scene, then called the prescipio and today known as the crèche. Ed Mahler played St. Francis supported by a fine inter-generational cast with the inter-weaving of our Trinity Choir into the story, which featured several outstanding solos under Steve Schrieber's masterful direction. The production was well received by those attending and we may look forward to more original presentations in the future.

Teen Night Out at The Bishop's Winter Ball 2006



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Our Mission is Always about Reconciliation

Dear Friends:

Very recently, the Standing Committee asked Bishop Ben-nison to retire or resign as Bishop of the Diocese of Penn-sylvania. Long before the news of the request had been made public I had enrolled in a continuing education pro-gram at Trinity Church Wall Street called "The Anatomy of Reconciliation. As I listened to every talk and participated in every theological reflection I did it from the point of view of a parish priest in a diocese in deep conflict.

I was inspired by every speaker and challenged in every reflection group. In some ways I think I might look back on this conference as one of those transformational experi-ences that the Holy Spirit uses to change our lives and deepen our faith.

Elsewhere in this Chimes are copies of the Bishop's Let-ter, The Standing Committee's letter and my letter to both and a letter from the Council of Deans. The following is a report on the opening address of the Trinity Institute by Bishop Michael Curry. He reminded me that the church's work is always, always, always about reconciliation.

Father Dave

Bishop Michael Bruce Curry of North Carolina opened Trinity Institute's national conference with a stirring call to reconciliation as the mission of the church. Curry, the first African-American bishop to serve as the head of an Episcopal diocese in the south, approached the conference topic, "The Anatomy of Rec-onciliation—from violence to healing," from "a perspec-tive of mission, from a perspective of the urgent neces-sity of the human species and of the creation of itself."

"I want to speak tonight on the subject, very simple, not complex: we have a mission," he told those gathered. "We have work to do, we have life to restore, we have death to destroy, we have a mission."

Curry used Isaiah 40:3-5 as the text for his sermon, the story of Nebuchadnezzar's army seizing Jerusalem and making slaves of its inhabitants.

"Thus began a midnight in their social and spiritual hour," he said.

Curry explained that the experience of exile caused later generations to reflect on their hard times and "interpret it through the lens of the exile experience."

"Exile is like being in the lion's den, and the lion's hun-

gry," he said. "It's like being Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in a fiery furnace of a life."

Curry said that Babylon captivity was "a period of hard-ship, dislocation, suffering, and wrong."

But it revealed God's intention for all of his children, said Curry, because "God is in the business of reconfig-uring the landscape of reality."

St. Paul grasped this concept, Curry said, and realized that the reconfiguration of the nature of life by God was what Jesus was talking about—that anyone in Christ is a new creation, and that "he [God] has given us the minist-ry of his reconciliation."

"This mission of reconciliation is about God's reconfigu-ration of the landscape of our realities," he said. "From the nightmare that it often is into, as [lay theologian] Verna Dozier would say, the dream that God has in-tended for the foundation of the world."

"The ministry of reconciliation is about participating in God's work of reconfiguration," he said. "The work of reconfiguration is calling the creation back to itself, to its origin, to its momma, to its roots, to God, to each other and when that happens, life can flourish."

"Reconciliation is about the very life of the world," said Curry. "As the world and the creation lives into the lov-ing purposes of its creator [and] as we live in the com-munion and love in the relationship with God and with each other, we will discover that that is the context for life that not even death can destroy," he said.

He added that "this mission, this work is the difference between civilization or mutually assured self-destruction."

Admitting the journey "is not easy," Curry shared the story of an African-American man in Winston-Salem, who was released from prison, completely exonerated after serving 20 years for murder. Curry said the man has never expressed resentment because he said he "had a choice."

"My friend, the secret of surviving this place is to realize that we have a choice," he said.

Curry quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "We shall either learn to live together as sisters and broth-ers or we will perish together as fools."

"This work of reconciliation, this mission that we have been given is for the very life of the world," he con-cluded.

Letter from the Standing Committee

January 29, 2006

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

We thank you for the patience and concern expressed by many of you over the past few days.

On January 24, 2006, the ten member elected Standing Committee voted to respectfully request the Bishop's retirement or resignation. This unanimous decision, that was agonizing for all of us, followed years of repeated attempts at reasoning with the Bishop about fiscal management and trust matters, beginning with mediation in the early days of his Episcopacy in 1999. The most recent effort in this direction was held on January 5, 2006 upon the request of the Standing Committee and included representatives of the Standing Committee, the Church Foundation, the Comptroller, the Program Budget Chair, the Chancellor and the Bishop.

The reasons for this vote on January 24, 2006 were the following:

Fiscal management –

It is our belief that at least \$11.6 million has been spent from Diocesan trust funds over the past few years. At this point we do not know whether we have \$4 million or zero available trust funds to fund the 2006 budget. Endowment funds have been used and are gone that had previously provided income for our on-going ministries. The Diocese was forced to propose a mandatory assessment at the last Convention. The level of spending is such that we are relying on trust funds, that may no longer exist, to cover a budget deficit for 2006.

Trust -

We believe that we were misled about the basis upon which capital projects would be funded. Failure to mount a timely capital campaign resulted in the use of trust funds instead of the promised capital campaign funds.

We are both surprised and saddened to find ourselves in this position; however, we have an obligation to look after the general welfare of the Diocese. Our energies and resources need to be focused on carrying forth the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ministry and witness. Consequently, after thoughtful and prayerful deliberations, we requested the retirement or resignation of the Bishop.

Yours in Christ,

The Standing Committee

The Rev. William Wood, President, the Rev. Mary Laney, Vice President, Arlene McGurk, Secretary, the Rev. Samuel Adu-Andoh, Christopher Hart, the Rev. Glenn Matis, the Rev. Isaac Miller, William Powell, Joseph Suprenuk, Diane-Louise Wormley

Letter from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am profoundly grateful for the words of encouragement that so many of you have tendered in response to my letter about the recent action of the Standing Committee requesting my resignation as your bishop.

In my prayer regarding this request on what is essentially for me a vocational question, I have come to the conclusion and decision that my resignation would not be a solution to the challenges we face. Rather, we need to pursue together a rigorous long-term process for addressing our problems. I pledge myself to participate in such a process, once created, and invite the Standing Committee and all of you to be part of it.

Fundamental to our understanding of who we are as the Body of the Risen Christ is the conviction that disagreements among us, however difficult and painful, are not a cause for dissolving the relationship we have with one another through baptism and ordination. I am committed to staying in our relationship, knowing that in Christ our mutual affection for one another can and will grow.

Faithfully in Christ,

Charles E. Bennison, Jr.

Letter from Father Dave To the Bishop and Standing Committee

February 3, 2006



Dear Bishop Bennison and Father Wood:

When I was in seminary the Rector at my sponsoring parish was removed. In my first parish after ordination the rector for 25 years was forced out. In my next position the Bishop was forced to resign and now here I am in Am-ler and the Bishop is being asked to retire or resign. I am wondering if I am a jinx!

I don't believe I am a jinx but I have spent lots of time in prayer and in the Trinity Institute's conference: "The Anatomy of Reconciliation" reflecting on my past behavior in those conflicts and our present situation. The behavior of good Christian people on both sides in the three prior conflicts was an embarrassment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The intense anger and bitterness of those conflicts revealed there was a lot more at stake than the issues at hand. In those three conflicts I remained publicly silent while engaging in lots of gossip and spouting of my personal opinions. I pledge now to not sit on the sidelines, to refrain from gossip, to make my opinions known to the responsible parties, and to demand that the dignity of all persons involved in this present conflict be respected.

The issues that the Standing Committee present are extremely troubling and very important. I am one person who supported the vision of the Holy Experiment believing that the capital projects would be funded by a capital campaign. I am also shocked to learn that possibly \$11.6 million have been spent from trust funds but even more alarming to me is that as of January 24, 2006 the Standing Committee does not know if there is \$4 million or zero available to fund the 2006 budget. I will not vote for any budget, at any convention, until those these issues are clarified.

My trust issues in this matter do not rest with the Bishop alone. I wonder how we got to this point and wonder why the leaders of the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council have not spoken to these issues clearly and forcefully at pre-convention hearings and previous conventions. I also wonder how it is that the Diocese received a clean audit if there is so much fiscal wrongdoing. I wonder why the demand for the Bishop's resignation now. Is it some new crisis or was this the first time that such an action were politically expedient? I do not trust the standing committee's letter because the conflict, as we saw in the gathering at Lutheran Seminary, is about so much more than finances. Financial issues are pretty cut and dry; it's issues of leadership style, pastoral care, theology, and others that will make this conflict very painful and very difficult to resolve.

I pray for you Bishop Bennison and I pray for you Bill and for the rest of the Standing Committee that you will all provide prayerful, honest and open leadership for us in the Diocese. I promise to listen carefully, to speak carefully and to pray. I am not ready to support the call for the Bishop's resignation because he did not get us to this point alone. What I need to have from you all is a very clear time line of what was spent, when it was spent, and who authorized it. I need to know who to hold accountable for this mess.

I write to you both in one letter to be sure that I say the same things to both of you. To hold myself accountable in my resolve not to gossip and make sure that I am consistent I am copying this letter to my Rector's Warden, Jane Saunders and to my dean, Ruth Kirk and to my Convention/Deanery Delegates.

Faithfully,

David Canan

Letter from the Council of Deans

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Council of Deans met with Bishop Bennison on Tuesday, January 31, regarding the Standing Committee's request for his retirement or resignation by March 31, and his January 26 email response, calling for a rigorous long-term process for addressing our problems. Many of you read the bishop's emails to your congregations, and heard the concerns and anxieties of your people who had seen the article in The Philadelphia Inquirer.

With the approval of the Bishop and the knowledge of the President of Standing Committee, the deans have called upon the national Episcopal Church's office of Pastoral Development for assistance. The Right Reverend F. Clayton Matthews has agreed to lead us through a process of mediation, beginning with a gathering of the diocesan leadership later this month. He is Bishop Griswold's chosen counselor for such situations; we need to give him time to assess and design our continuing conversations.

We know this is a difficult time, but also one of opportunity. Therefore, the Council of Deans encourages each member of the clergy to pray, not only to assure ourselves that God is present in our time, but to root and ground ourselves in the power of Christ to shape our words and actions, our present and future. We call upon you to continue to be good pastors and stewards of the manifold grace of God. Continue to proclaim the Gospel, study the Holy Scriptures, teach and shepherd your congregations, serve the world in Christ's name, make Eucharist, and be thankful. We will hold you in our prayers and will keep you informed.

Faithfully,

Ruth Lawson Kirk,
Dean of Montgomery on behalf of the Council of Deans



Sincere appreciation goes out to the congregation for their support in supplying the Christmas Treasures Table with items to sell and their help at the table.

We raised \$350.00 which could not have been done without your support.

Anne Canan, Leslie Vacante, Barbara Shields



We would also like to thank all of you who made crafts with the group, denoted hand-made crafts and baked goods, worked at the craft table and purchased from the craft table. We made \$300 for outreach from that part of Christmas Treasures.

Christmas crafters have started again. We had lots of fun in January and February. We will be meeting on Sat. March 18 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Please bring scissors and glue guns if you have them.

Cheryl Bayard



Behind the Scenes: Interfaith Hospitality

By Joanna Clarke

Most people in our neighborhood go through their daily lives not seeing homeless people living on their sidewalks. The saying “out of sight, out of mind” certainly comes into play, and many of us are not usually aware of just how many homeless people live right here in our hometowns.

According to statistics from the Interfaith Hospitality Network, (IHN) there are three times more homeless families than shelter beds available in Montgomery County. And the amount of shelter requests have doubled since 1989, (when IHN began serving the homeless in the Ambler area).

That’s the bad news.

The good news is that right here at Trinity, we are doing something about it. For those of you who don’t know, Trinity has been involved with IHN for the past 5 years, providing food, housing, transportation and childcare to three homeless families each year in the month of April. Our church is part of a “network” (a network consists of 12 churches who are each assigned one month a year to provide service). Sometimes, churches “buddy-up” together, as we have done with several local churches to help share the effort.

The bigger picture? IHN has helped more than 150 families get back on their feet. These are families who are unable to receive enough support from their own friends and family.

Can you imagine actually being without a home? Can you imagine if you were, how invaluable someone’s help would be to you? Especially if that person were a stranger to you? So what do our volunteers do to make such a difference?

First of all, it’s patience. The families that IHN helps are typically going through the most stressful times in their lives, and may deal with things very differently. Some are ashamed and embarrassed, and at times unwilling to reach out for the help they actually need. Others seek contact and are afraid of being alone. There is a lot of emotion here- and first and foremost, our volunteers work with that. Taken directly from the IHN volunteer handbook, “Volunteers... provide an experience for families that may be the most loving experience of their lives”.

Secondly, each volunteer takes on a specific role. There are several to choose from: Supper Volunteers (preparing and delivering meals), Transportation Volunteers, Linen Laundering, Child Care, Shopping and Overnight Volunteers (two people each night to oversee the families’ well-being during the night). In addition to individual volunteer tasks, there are teams of volunteers to help with aspects of the various assistance IHN offers, such as the Advocate Teams, the Parenting Program, Counseling and the Weekly Meeting sessions.

Altogether, to staff a month of service requires 50 – 75 volunteers. Recruiting this many people for a single effort is not an easy task. And most people are not sure what type of help or how much they are able to offer. The IHN coordinators are here to help you find the effort that best suits you, with boundaries that you are comfortable with. And there are few rewards greater than helping someone regain their independence. With Interfaith Hospitality, we are not just “giving the fish”, but we are also re-teaching the homeless families “how to fish”. And as Christians, this is literally and figuratively just the service we were called to do.

For more information on getting involved, contact Annette Irvin or Laura Gergen



Please pledge your time now, April is nearing!

KATRINA BOOK CAMPAIGN - HUGE SUCCESS...

On behalf of Father Dave and the Daughters of King, Anam Cara Chapter here at Trinity, we would like to thank all parishioners who made donations to the Katrina Book campaign in November. Here at Trinity, we collected over \$1400.00 to send to the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Mississippi to help parishes replace prayer books, hymnals, and Bibles that were lost in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Pamela Leonard, the President of the Daughters of the King from Mississippi called Father Dave early in December to express her gratitude. She was extremely pleased to receive the large check, which amounted to almost \$2000.00 with the contributions received from other local DOK chapters, and she reported that the monies will be distributed to parishes that were in the process of rebuilding. – Carol Szwajkos, President of the Anam Cara Chapter

UPCOMING DAUGHTERS OF THE KING EVENTS

Any Trinity woman over the age of 18 is eligible to become a Daughter of the King. The next information and training classes are scheduled for the Saturday mornings of March 4, April 1, and May 6 from 9:30 – 10:30 in the church. If you would like more information or are interesting in attending the training sessions, please call Carol Szwajkos (215-641-0307), Anne Canan (215-646-5350), or Barbara Shields (215-0809).

On Saturday, March 18th, the Anam Cara Chapter will be hosting the Diocesan Spring Assembly here at Trinity. The morning will include the Eucharist, meeting, lunch, and other activities. Highlights will also include election of new diocesan officers. We are looking for a few parishioners to help serve lunch that morning. If you are interested, please contact Carol Szwajkos. Thank You!

Trinity Serves on Martin Luther King Day

Father Dave joined Trinity parishioners and youths in commemorating Martin Luther King Day by volunteering at two events designed to serve and support those in need.

Vestry member and Sunday School Teacher Laura Gergen led a team of Youth Group volunteers to a service day at Ambler's Hope Gardens transitional housing facility on Jan. 16.

Part of the project, sponsored by the Wissahickon Faith Community Association, was to prepare an apartment for new tenants in transition. Volunteers spent the morning cleaning, painting, boxing items and moving furniture. Young people participating from Trinity were Chris Canan, Trevor Gergen, Brit Gergen, Anneliese Gergen, Cody Guzzie and Virginia Stroh.

Father Dave and Trinity members Leslie Vacante and Steve Chester traveled to Plymouth Meeting to spend part of Martin Luther King Day reading with children at the Silver Springs-Martin Luther School. The private, non-profit school, whose programs are designed for children dealing with past traumas or emotional/behavioral issues, has sponsored the reading activity on Martin Luther King Day for five years. This year adult volunteers helped children ages 6 through 14 select and read books that were donated to the school at Christmastime.

New Directory

Have you ever had a need for a trustworthy contractor or painter? Ever thought of starting a book club or other hobby with people who shared your interest? What about some free legal advice?

We've all had needs or interests like this at some point, and usually seek outside help in fulfilling them. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a way to first seek out people in our own church community for these ideas though?

The Communications Committee is creating a private listing of parishioners who would like to be featured in such a directory! We'd like to know what type of service or profession you are in. What are your hobbies and talents? What are your interests? Any other information you'd like to share?

This directory will only be published in hard copy form and will be available in the Narthex. To protect your privacy no listings will be published on the website or other bulletin boards. This is strictly intended as a fun and safe way to get to know and support one another. **Information will be collected on a voluntary basis only.** Submissions should be made no later than April 30, 2006 to Joanna.M.Clarke@gmail.com. *We thank you in advance for your participation!*

3rd Annual Hackers Open Planning Started

In light of the unanticipated early conclusion of the Philadelphia Eagles season, Roy Irvin and Dennis Reid decided that the time was right to begin laying plans for Trinity's third annual Hackers Open. As the New Year approached calendars were reviewed and the date of May 20th 2006 was set aside for this important golf tournament.

As any of you that have played in previous outing can attest, the golf and the post golf picnic are really great times. Lots of swings, good fellowship, and tall tales have come from the first two Hackers Opens.

As in the past, all proceeds from the outing benefit the Trinity scholarship fund. Last year the outing generated just over \$700 in funding, and our goal is to top the \$1,000 mark this year. The cost to participate in the outing will be \$70 per golfer. This cost includes golf with cart, prizes, and the post golf picnic. Several sponsorship opportunities are available to help defray our expenses.



These sponsorships include:

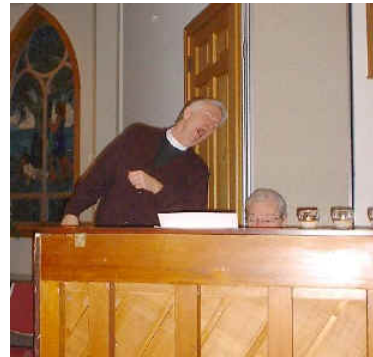
Title Sponsor	\$500
Prize Sponsor	\$100
Beverage Sponsor	\$100
Food Sponsor	\$100
Hole Sponsor	\$ 25

The outing will take place at the Mainland Golf Club near Lansdale. The tournament is open to all Trinity members, their families, and friends. Last year we had 26 golfers and we certainly would like to see that figure grow. If enough golfers sign up, we have been assured we can do a "shotgun" start to insure we all finish at approximately the same time. So give the date some thought and get your group together. We certainly want to give our 2005 winning team of Art Hayes, Dave Manchester, and Steve Brown a run for their money. If you have any questions please contact either Roy Irvin or Dennis Reid. Come join us on May 20th in support of the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

Your Event Pictured Here!

We want to feature your event in the next *Chimes*! In an effort to feature all of the events surrounding Trinity and the many people involved in them, we are asking for your pictures! If you are involved in an event and take pictures of it, we ask you to please e-mail them to our Communications Committee with a couple sentences describing the event and when it took place. In addition, if you are aware of an upcoming event and are in need of someone to take pictures, please let us know that as well. All pictures and requests should be e-mailed to Joanna.M.Clarke@gmail.com *(We can't guarantee to publish all submissions, but we guarantee to try to feature as many events as possible!)*

Valentine's Dinner





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January 10, 2006

The Reverend David A. Canan
Trinity Episcopal Church
708 S Bethlehem Pike
Ambler, PA 19002-5809

Dear Mr. Canan:

Thank you for Trinity Episcopal Church's recent gift of \$1,000, which we received on Friday, December 2, 2005, designated for our US Hurricane Relief Fund.

We greatly value your gift. Because of the overwhelming number of donations for Hurricane response, this acknowledgment letter comes later than we would have liked.

Your generosity enables Episcopal Relief and Development to serve people suffering around the world on your behalf. After human-made and natural disasters, ERD provides critical supplies immediately, such as food, water and shelter. Once the initial crisis is over, ERD remains with communities to help rebuild lives and livelihoods. Our long-term development programs focus on food security and primary health. ERD's food security programs ensure that food supplies are available, affordable and accessible. Our primary health programs allow communities to have access to quality health care services, clean water and sanitation systems, as well as resources to fight preventable diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS. Through your partnership, ERD is bringing hope to communities world-wide by helping people stay healthy and become more self-sufficient.

To learn more about how your contribution is making a difference, please visit www.er-d.org. Interested in increasing your donation? Please call us at 1-800-334-7626 ext. 5129 or visit the Ways to Give page on our Web site to learn more about our Corporate Matching Gifts program.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Radtke".

Robert W. Radtke
President

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A Ministry of the Whole Church for the Whole World

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

I'm writing this on Valentine's Day, in the middle of February, a month most of us associate with hearts. And while I can't explain the thought process that got me from there to here, suddenly I'm thinking about heart transplants, and organ donation in general.

In the United States, every 16 minutes a new name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. As of today there are 90,938 candidates on the waiting list for organ donations. And through eleven months of 2005 there were only 13,333 donors—a huge shortfall.

With such a need, I wondered why there aren't more donors and thought maybe this would be a good opportunity to dispel some of the myths surrounding organ donation.

No one is too old or too young to be a donor. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what tissues or organs could be donated. Likewise, your medical history does not necessarily include or exclude you from being a donor.

Your decision to be an organ donor does not mean that medical treatment will be withheld or in any way compromised. Your life will not be sacrificed to save another's. Although the details vary by state, no decision to remove organs or tissues can be made until you are medically "brain dead".

Organ donation is not discouraged by any major religion, and in fact is viewed by most as an act of charity. Donating organs or tissues does not mean disfigurement of your body. These are surgical procedures and are completed as such. There is no reason that an open casket funeral cannot be held simply because of organ or tissue donation.

There are many organs and tissues that can be donated, not just hearts and kidneys. There is a need for skin, bone, heart valves, eyes, and the list goes on.

The social or financial status of the person receiving donated organs is not a factor. Organs are distributed in priority order, with those needing them the most getting them first.

It does not cost you or your family to donate organs or tissues. Likewise, under the United Network for Organ Sharing (our only national organization), no one is compensated for donating organs or tissues.

All too often I think many of us take for granted the greatest gifts we receive from God, our lives and our bodies (at least I know I do). One of our greatest joys is sharing our lives with others, and organ/tissue donation allows us to continue to share this greatest of gifts with others after we are gone.

I hope everyone will give prayerful consideration to becoming an organ/tissue donor. And remember, carrying an organ donor card or marking your driver's license is not enough! Discuss your decision with your family so they know that you are sincere in wanting to offer these gifts. The decision will ultimately rest with them and by keeping them informed they can carry out your wishes.

In preparing this article I used information from these websites and I recommend them for those interested in further information:

[Organ Donation—from the American Heart Association](#)

[United Network for Organ Sharing \(UNOS\)](#)

[Fact Sheets from UNOS](#)



From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%?
What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?
Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?
We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%.
How about achieving 101%?
What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K
 $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$
and
K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E
 $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But,

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E
 $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

AND, look how far the love of God will take you

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D
 $12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top!



Trinity's Annual Meeting on January 29 was a venue for fellowship as well as business-at-hand. Parishioners enjoyed a soup and salad luncheon immediately after the 10 a.m. service, played a round of "People Bingo" and reviewed the church Annual Report. There was a vote on nominees to the Vestry, and Trinity's youths were on hand to count the ballots.

Elected to the Vestry were Cheryl Bayard, who will serve out an unexpired position vacated by Bill Davis; Laura Gergen, who will serve her second three-year term, Nancy McGarvey, who was elected as a replacement member last November and now will serve a full three-year term, and newly elected Addie Meyers Johnson and Ed Mahler. Elected as Convention Delegates were Ernest Dixon, Beverly Black, Karyn Jean Dickoff. Delegate alternates selected were Laura Bauder, Cheryl Bayard and Donnette Staas



WORSHIP AT TRINITY

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

9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. on Thursday

*See calendar inside for
additional service times*

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2005/2006 VESTRY

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Jane Saunders, Rector's Warden

Lent & Easter Worship

Wednesdays in Lent - An evening for people of all ages. We begin with a potluck supper at 6:30. At 7:00, there are a variety of learning activities for everyone. The evening concludes with Stations of the Cross at 8:00 p.m.

Lenten Quiet Day, March 11 - A quiet morning is a time of reflection. The Rev. Mark Ainsworth will offer three meditations on dying to self. After each meditation, there will be time for personal quiet and prayer. The morning ends with Holy Communion and a soup and salad lunch.

Palm Sunday, April 9 - Services on this day begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and at His cross. Palm Sunday services begin a Holy Week that reflects on Christ's self-giving love.

Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, April 10, 11, 12 - Using different liturgies each evening, we walk the way of the cross with our Lord at 7:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 - The Maundy Thursday service is for many one of the most moving liturgies of the year which includes the washing of feet and the stripping of the church, ending in darkness and silence.

Good Friday, April 14 - 6:30 am, 12 noon, 7:30 pm - We gather on Good Friday to remember the death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the unconditional love of God which allowed it.

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 16th - 5:30 am - One of the most ancient liturgies in the Church begins in darkness, ends in light, recalling the history of God's saving love culminating in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Easter Morning, April 16th - 10:00 am - As we sing the great hymns of Easter in a church decorated in lilies and Spring flowers, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the new life it brings.