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FROM THE WARDENS' DESK:



As everyone is aware, Trinity's Vestry has called The Rev. Dr. Robert Clements as our new vicar. Although Rob is our "new" vicar, he is not an unfamiliar face, having served as our interim between the rectorships of Mitzi Noble and Beth Long. We are delighted that he accepted our invitation to lead the congregation at Trinity Lime Rock, and asked him to send us a bio to share with those parishioners who have joined us since Rob's previous tenure here.

Alexis asked me to write something for the parish newsletter. I was hoping it was to be something interesting; instead, it's about me. This is what I get for asking her, seven or eight years ago, if she'd be willing to be in charge of the parish newsletter.

For the past ten years I have served as the interim pastor for eight parishes in the northeastern dioceses. Mostly this has been in Connecticut, including at Trinity Church from 1998 to 1999. Before that, I served as the chaplain, philosophy teacher, and student development officer for nearby Berkshire School. I have been the chaplain of Hoosac School in New York, a parish priest in Pennsylvania, a high school teacher in Ohio, and a novitiate in a monastic order. I studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York and at Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary. From time to time, I teach courses in adolescent spirituality and Christian education at Hartford Seminary.

Occasionally, and much to the chagrin of the other musicians, I play in a New York-based band. I guess one could say that I'm a bad Bronx-based blues band bassist. [Sorry, couldn't resist.]

Those members of Trinity who have been involved in deanery affairs have probably met my wife, The Rev. Jenni Matheson, who is the rector of St. Michael's Church in Litchfield and the dean of the Litchfield deanery. Jenni and I are very happy, once again, to be invited into life at Trinity Church, not only to see former acquaintances, but also to meet those new members who have joined over the last several years. I am especially looking forward to welcoming, with all of you, those people whom God will call to share our common life in the near future.

I intend to begin the ministry of vicar of Trinity Church on December 1st. Until then, I am glad that to know that you are under the care of my colleague and former ecclesial neighbor, Cyril Wismar. With him, and with the sound and experienced leadership of Trinity's wardens and vestry, the foundation for great things is already prepared.

The Rev. Dr. Robert P. Clements

Please plan to come to meet and welcome Rob at the coffee hour on Dec 3. Interestingly, Dec. 3 is also the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the church year. It is also the time that Rob began his interimship with us in 1998. A nice symmetry!

Faithfully,

*Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden
Alexis Dorf, Jr. Warden*

SAYING THANK YOU TO BISHOP AND MRS. WISMAR



Trinity has been incredibly fortunate in having the presence of The Right Rev. Cyril Wismar among us as celebrant and giver of pastoral care over the last seven months. Ordinarily, a parish in transition, such as we, would be asked to select an interim Episcopal priest to serve between rectorates—but we

“scored” a Lutheran Bishop!!

We are grateful for the Bishop's ministry, for sermons full of wonderful stories, nuggets of wisdom, bits of information about the church that we never would have found anyplace else, and for the preaching of the Gospel, week in and week out, in this place.

We will miss the grace with which Sylvia Wismar has been present each week as well. Her wonderful sense of humor and participation in our various parish events has been never-failing. And we are also going to miss her wonderful hat collection! Nobody has hats like Sylvia!

We will celebrate the Wismars' ministry at Trinity with a festive coffee hour on Nov. 26, after the 10:30 service. Please plan to join us to say “thank you” and “we hope you will come and visit any time” to an extraordinary couple.



FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR FOR A DAY

We will undertake our annual food collection for OWL's Kitchen the first two Sundays in November. On Nov. 5 we will distribute grocery bags with a suggested menu of low salt, low fat, low sugar non-perishable items.



Please fill your bag with these kinds of foods and return them to Trinity on Nov. 12, when we will bless them and transport them to the OWLs kitchen in time for Thanksgiving pickup. Contributions of cash or checks made out to OWLs Kitchen are welcome as well.

In a time of general prosperity it is sometimes hard to remember that our local food pantry feeds over **300 families** each week. Anything we can do to help in their mission is a direct response to the imperative of both

the Old and New Testaments to care for the poor among us.

If you are a parent, taking your youngster shopping for this project is a wonderful hands-on opportunity for your child to realize how blessed s/he is in having food on your table each day, and how we fulfill our baptismal covenant to care for one another in the name of Christ.

REVIEWING OUR PLEDGES

As we approach the end of the year, please review the donation statement that was recently sent you by the treasurer's office to make sure that you are up to date in your pledge to Trinity.

We have had a financial "breather" in employing supply clergy for the last several months, but as we return to a resident clergy person, our expenses will again rise.

Other than the art show, we have had no major fundraisers this year at Trinity, so perhaps each of us would consider adding to our donations to Trinity what we would have spent at such fund raisers. Ending the year in the black would be a great way to begin a new phase of our life together!

LEARNING ABOUT OUR CHURCH



We now have a wide selection of books for our children in the back of the church, on the pew against the wall. (Anyone wanting to donate a small bookcase to house them —kindly contact Danielle in the office!)

Among the titles are "A Walk through Our Church"; "Come Right in— You're Home" and "Water, Come Down" (both about baptism), and "Rite Two: A Eucharistic Manual for Children"; "Noah's Ark"; "Sunday Morning"; "Everybody Needs a Rock"; "Dog Heaven" and "The Table Where Rich People Sit."

Along with our children's bulletins, in both the front and back of the church, these books provide a framework for introducing our children to the tenets of the faith.

For parents, we have purchased *Parenting in the Pew*, a guide to teaching our children to worship, one of the most important of the myriad of jobs we do as parents.

Please feel free to borrow any of the books during the service, but please also return them to the back of the church so that they can be shared by all.

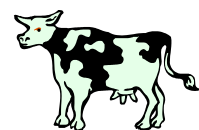
Questions? Comments? Complaints? Requests for additional books? Please address them to Jr. Warden Alexis Dorf at alexis-dorf@sbcglobal.net or 860-364-0816.

PREPARING FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Our webmaster, clerk of the Vestry, acolyte advocate and chief soccer coach Geoff Brown is also the director of our annual Christmas Pageant - this year being the 64th edition!

Geoff has been working on the script and is planning for rehearsals during the Saturday afternoons of December in preparation for the pageant presentation on Sunday, Dec. 24 during the 10:30 service.

If a young person in your family is interested in being a part of this well-loved Trinity tradition, please contact Geoff at geoff@betweenthe lakes.com or 860-824-0640. We need shepherds, angels, and animals for the manger!



**GET A JUMP ON CHRISTMAS!
(AND GIVE YOURSELF A TREAT!)**



This year, we will have a small "in house" Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 2 from 11-3. We will feature crafts, wreaths from Daisy Hill Farm, and, as always, a pantry shelf filled with goods for eating and gifting during the Christmas season.

Alice Tweed is the baking coordinator for this event—please contact her at nomietweed@aol.com or 860-435-2058 if you can help out in this area. For other offerings, including working at the bazaar, please speak to Sr. Warden Linda Lloyd at lajlloyd@gmail.com or 518-789-3295.

After shopping, treat yourself to an ecumenical hymn sing and Christmas carols at 4 pm in the church. Christine invites all of us to bring along the names of our favorite church music and carols. If your favorite is in a hymnal other than the Episcopal one, bring it

along and Christine will play from it.

This event is open to all parishioners as well as the community at large, so please do invite friends and neighbors to join you for a cup of coffee or tea and a cookie or two and followed by the hymn sing. Who knows? You may be inspired to join the choir!

We will take a free will offering for Episcopal Relief and Development's work in Darfur, where war and strife have devastated the local population. Any gift of love and concern to the victims of conflict in that country is a realization and extension of God's love for all God's people, most appropriate at this time of year.

THANK YOU!!

The striking sculpture that was installed outside Walker Hall as part of the Art Show is now Trinity's! Thanks to Luis Francke who spearheaded the effort to gather the funds, to those who contributed, and to the artist, Karl Saliter, for making his work affordable for us.

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