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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

I confess that I sometimes lament change. I've lived in the same town for eleven years now; in the same house that sits just off the town green. When we first moved in, there was a small patch of woods behind our house and those of our neighbors. In the early mornings, the dog and I could find rabbits, grouse, and a family or two of deer; all of whom abided in the habitat of condensed flora that was encircled by the historic homes.



In the past decade, changes have presented themselves to this small patch of nature. My very good neighbors at the local historical society [they are all honorable people] tore out the natural habitat behind their property in order to create what they described as a "meadow". Suffering from the occasional confusion that befalls those whose sensibilities are more refined by *Better Homes and Gardens* than by the reality of nature, one of the society's members recently lamented that the new "meadow" was quickly becoming overgrown and returning to its original appearance. I didn't bother to note that real meadows are held in check by grazing livestock, as I might wake up one morning to find myself sharing the backyard with the historical society's untended cattle or sheep and their offal.

The other third of the wilderness was leveled to make way for a new 3000+ square foot two-person home. With its construction, in one week went the habitat of the small forest's traditional inhabitants. Gone were all of the grouse, both families of deer, and most of the rabbits. Ironically, the owners of the house were recently profiled in a local paper for their environmental responsibility.

Naturally, when noting the changes, I tend to regard my neighborhood as it has been over the course of my resi-



dustry. One of my neighbors has lived here for almost forty years and tells me of days when there actually was livestock grazing in real meadows. His sense of change, for better or worse, is naturally much more marked. Another of my neighbors recently told me how much she enjoys living in our town because it does not seem to change at all. She's lived here for two years.

Of course, the longevity of our routine participation in any experience determines our perspective, especially in worship. Shortly after a recent funeral, one in which we used the venerable language that used to grace our liturgies, one of our members noted that he was sorry that the only time we hear the traditional liturgy was at funerals. I took his point, especially since I was thinking the same thing moments before while reciting a prayer that was written by Thomas Cranmer [please see *The Coracle* for more information about him] from the 1552 Book of Common Prayer.

Those at least my age remember the traditional liturgies of the Episcopal Church and miss the familiar cadence and rhythm of the prayers. With the introduction of the "new" Book of Common Prayer, which is now thirty years old, these prayers fell out of usage to the extent that those who have joined the church over the past three decades find meaning in the references and phrases of the newer offerings. Many agencies of the contemporary church are composing Eucharistic and other prayers that are newer still, representing the ever-changing concerns for community and world, that will be the familiar prayers of the generation yet to come.

As prayer is the medium in which I work, I am aware of the subtle, yet progressive, theological differences that exist between Rite I's Eucharistic Prayer I and Rite II's Eucharistic Prayer C. Taken as a whole, all of the Eucharistic prayers in our tradition, from the earliest to the very contemporary, attempt to reflect a complete theological process. To limit our knowledge and experience of any portion of this range of spiritual development and expression would seem to con-

tradict the commands of the Gospel.



During the coming months, we will be experiencing some of the newer Eucharistic prayers and, for the sake of symmetry and education, will also prepare for Holy Communion with some of the more traditional offerings. While both of these ends of our common worship are not as familiar to us as are the two Eucharistic prayers that we generally use on Sundays, through this broader range we may realize newer ways of looking at the Eucharist, the meaning of sacramental reception, and the extent of its prayerful expression, that are of increasing meaning and importance.

Father Rob

ON GOING....



The "Quantum Theology" (also known as the "QT" adult education program is continuing to meet in the library on Saturday mornings at 10:15. We are reading Paul's letter to the Romans as we pursue the study of systematic theology. Don't know what that is? Come and find out! Drop ins are welcome to join the regulars as we discuss what Paul was talking about as Paul understood the matter at hand and as we understand it.

QT will go on summer hiatus for 3 weeks beginning July 26 and resuming again on August 16.



Summer Soccer meets on the soccer pitch Sunday mornings at 10 am. Trinity's young people along with their cousins, friends and neighbors are all invited to join the group for low key soccer fun followed, if desired, by Holy Eucharist with the rest of the congregation in the church.



The perpetual book sale in the Guild Room offers hardcover and paper back books as well as audio books! You won't find your summer reading at a better price anywhere! After

you finish the book, return it to the book sale and let someone else buy it! Talk about recycling....

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Expenses at Trinity continue year-round. Please remember to keep your pledge or regular contribution up to date if you will be out of town this summer.

AND COMING UP....



On July 26 at 11 am, a **Service of Thanksgiving** will mark the 65th anniversary of the Right Reverend Cyril Wismar's ordination. Bishop Wismar is a friend of longstanding to Trinity and served as our unofficial interim after the departure of The Rev. Beth Long and before Rob's arrival here.



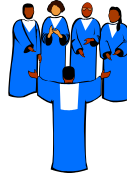
The Annual Invitational Art Show begins with an opening reception on Friday August 22 at 5:30 pm and continues daily from 12-4 through Labor Day, September 1.

In addition to our Trinity artists, old favorites will be returning and some new ones will be presenting at the show as well. A hand-crafted guitar that is both a musical instrument as well as an exquisite work of art.

Emily DiMartino is the lady with the sign up list; please let Emily know what days you will be available to tend the reception desk. In addition to getting to sit down for a couple of hours without guilt, you will have an opportunity to meet other parishioners who will be tending the desk with you!



Summer Sundaes Sunday will mark the close of the Sunday soccer program on August 24. Our usual delicious coffee hour fare will be replaced by all the ice cream you can eat with all the toppings you can pile on! Don't miss it!



The Trinity Wall Street Choir will be joining us again on August 31st (Labor Day weekend) at the 10:30 service. We look forward to this special treat each year, so mark it on your calendar and invite your music loving friends and neighbors to join us!

The dedication of the new choir chairs and sanctus bells will be held at the 10:30 service on September 7. The chairs are given in loving memory of Holly Reid by Bob Reid and the bells have been given by Jose Orraca.



We will again honor first responders to the emergency events of our lives at our second annual **Emergency Services Sunday** on September 14.

The **Education for Ministry (EFM)** program will reconvene in mid September. This theological education program for those not seeking ordination is in its 4th year at Trinity. For further information, please contact MaryAnne Carley at 860-364-5652 or macarley@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, September 7 at 10:20 am under the direction of Denise Lancto and her team of assistants. All children are invited to come to learn more about scripture as well as our heritage as Episcopalians.

Trinity Church records with sadness the death of Honor Smith in June .

There is nothing in death or life, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, nothing in all creation, that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

We invite you to provide a backpack for a child in need of school supplies for the upcoming year. Suggestions for filling your back pack:

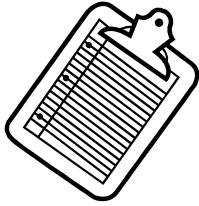


- Erasable pen
- markers
- gluestick
- Spiral bound notebook with two or three sections
- scissors
- pencils
- Mini stapler
- highlighter
- crayons
- ruler
- Assignment pad
- Pencil sharpener

Backpacks should be delivered to Trinity by August 24, when they will be blessed and distributed to children in need.

THANK YOU!

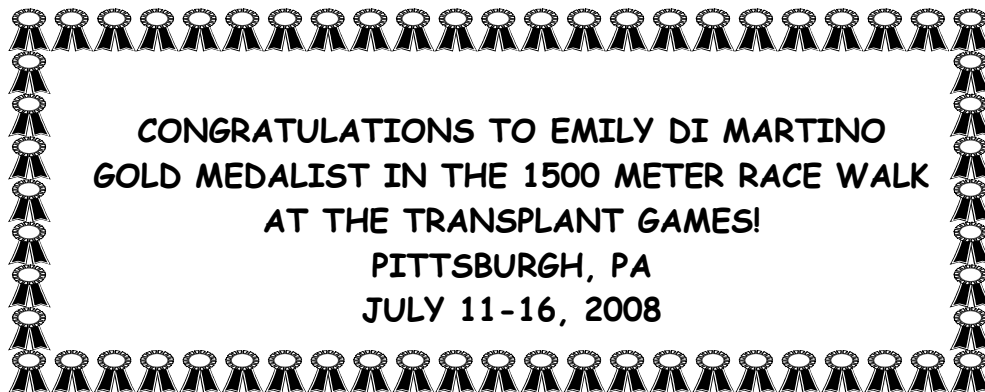
VESTRY NOTES



At its May meeting, the Vestry discussed the possibility of replacing the current copier with a less expensive one which will be sufficient for our needs.

New Episcopal Church signs will be ordered and installed on the road replacing the old faded ones.

Demolition of the handicapped ramp and the return of that side of the entrance to its original state was also considered. The doors in Walker Hall are handicapped accessible, thus obviating the need for the ramp which would not meet code requirements even if it were repaired.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO EMILY DI MARTINO
GOLD MEDALIST IN THE 1500 METER RACE WALK
AT THE TRANSPLANT GAMES!
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