

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
484 LIME ROCK RD  
LAKEVILLE, CT 06039**



**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009**

**PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2010**

*Offering Companionship on the Way*

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## OFFICERS AND VESTRY FOR 2010

### Officers

Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd

Junior Warden: **Alexis Dorf**

Treasurer: John Lloyd

Clerk: Geoff Brown

### Members

Pat Barton

Jane Canfield

**Lynn Gaffney**

Robert Reid

**Al Swide**

Janet Walker

Convention Delegate

Geoff Brown

Deanery Representative

Mary Anne Carley

Trinity offers particular thanks to departing Junior Warden Roy Bickley and Vestry members Martha Baer and Al Dorf for their years of service on the Vestry

Incoming officers and Vestry members names in **boldface** are those for whom a parish vote is necessary

## VICAR'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.*

**Hebrews 12:1**

My first Sundays with you were as a supply priest in September and October. I didn't imagine that by November 1<sup>st</sup> I would be your new priest-in-charge. But, I am very happy that I am! I thought you might be interested in my first impressions of Trinity Church as a newcomer:

1. Trinity is a very energetic and well organized parish. The majority of parishioners at Trinity are active in one or more of the ministries that our church offers. What a blessing it is that we give so much to each other and the community. We all share the joy and the work involved in keeping our doors open to all. There are so many who give unstintingly of untold hours of labor so that Trinity will be a healthy and robust parish.
2. We are the most welcoming church I know. Everyone who comes in the doors of Trinity is not only greeted with a smile by the usher of the day, but people talk to visitors at the coffee hour. I can't tell you how many churches I've attended where I have been a visitor and no one comes to say hello during the hostility (I mean hospitality) hour.
3. We are very blessed to have Christine Gevert, our music director, and our loyal choir members. It is an important source of evangelism for us to be able to have such beauty in our worship every Sunday. This is another ministry that demands time and talent. We have it in spades!
4. I have never seen a church website that is so up-to-date and on the spot with all the information one could ever want about Trinity and our events. The effectiveness of our website reflects the desire we have to be responsive to the needs of our parish community. The day after the earthquake in Haiti our executive committee was already planning how we could help, and we were poised to announce our plans on the website to send aid as effectively as possible to the devastated country.
5. Most of all, we at Trinity church care; about our parish, about our faith, and about each other and the world.

I am looking forward to expanding our ministry to our children and youth beginning with the Young People's Worship on the last Sunday of each month. I plan to add additional activities which I hope will make church even more of a place of fun and faith for our youngest members. I will continue my schedule of visits to parishioners until I have visited everyone who will have me! And I will continue to listen to you and honor all the things that Trinity church does so well.

I am so honored that you asked the Bishop to appoint me as your next priest-in-charge. I intend to work hard in the coming years to show you that I can run to catch up with all of you! I too am energetic, welcoming, and care deeply about our parish, our parishioners and those in our community and the world who need our help. God has blessed you and me, and us together, with an abundance of riches. Thank you for letting me *run* with you as a companion on The Way!

*Pastor Heidi*

**PAROCHIAL REPORT FOR 2009**

*Baptisms*

Isabelle Margaret Dorf Barbour  
January 11

Francesca Comstock DiMartino Blanco  
June 14

Mackensie Marie Zele  
July 5

Genevieve Gaffney Backus  
August 16

Nina Cassatt Ellsworth Sanger  
November 22

*Burials*

Violet Beatrice Worrall  
June 13

José Orraca  
September 19

*Holy Matrimony*

Louis Vincent Piezzo to Katrina Elizabeth Martell  
April 25

*Average Attendance*

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Call to order and invocation—Pastor Heidi

Presentation and ratification of the roll of communicants

Nomination and election of the clerk of the Annual Meeting

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2009

Election of Officers, Vestry Members, Delegates

Treasurer's Report—John Lloyd

Continuing Business

    Acceptance of Reports

New Business

Set date for Annual Meeting 2011

Motion to Adjourn

Benediction

## COMMUNICANTS OF TRINITY CHURCH 2009

Paige Alford	Chip and Karen Lauckhardt
Martha Baer	Jane Lipton
Patricia Barton	John and Linda Lloyd
Stuyvesant Beams	Malcolm MacLaren*
Roy Bickley	Charles Marsden
Geoff and Judy Brown	Jackson Marvel
Marian Browning	Joan Merrill
Jane Ellen Canfield	Ruth Mulcahy
Mary Anne Carley	Martha Nesbitt
Heather Chapman	Keith Nolan
Patrick and Jane Cooke	Randy Orzano
Sally Cummins	Chris Phillips
Michael Cuoco	Lou and Katrina Piezzo
Jeremy Dakin	Robert Reid
Virginia Dildine	Beth Ritter -Guth
Emily DiMartino	Biz Rogers
Al and Alexis Dorf	Nina Sanger
Kathy Drake	Tom and Susannah Schindler
Russell and Cheryl Duntz	Neil and Jill Scott
Pari Farood	Jeff Silvermale
Luis Francke	Bruce and Glenna Smith
ME Freeman	Christopher Smith
Lynn Gaffney	Ted Somerville
Danielle Gaherty	Richard Stone
Christine Gevert	Al Swide
Karen Gray	Heidi Truax
Gordon Gustafson	Hannah Teachey
Gretchen Hachmeister	Jane Tuttle*
Betsy Howie	Alice Tweed
Mary Lou Howie	Max Ule
William Jenks	Janet Walker
Mary Kaufholz	Diane Walters
Bill and Nancy Kellett	Bill and Arete Warren
Richard and Celia Kirby*	Gertrude Washburn
Susan Kozlowski	Marietta Whittlesey
Anita Kuhn	Norma Wright
Jacqueline Kuhn	
John Kuhns	
Denise Lancto	

\* may be unable to attend  
Annual Meeting due to dis-  
tance

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING 2008

### Trinity Episcopal Church – Lime Rock January 25, 2009

The Rev. Dr. Robert P. Clements, Vicar of Trinity Church, called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM, following a lunch prepared by the parish and the hospitality teams, led by Team Lloyd. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Roll of Communicants, as printed in the Annual Report, was presented by the Vicar, who noted the Canons of the Episcopal Church with regard to membership. Roy Bickley moved that the roll be adopted, and Lynn Gaffney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The next order of business was nomination and election of a Clerk of the Meeting. Al Dorf nominated the undersigned, and Linda Lloyd seconded the motion. Election of the Clerk of the Meeting was unanimous.

Al Dorf moved that the minutes of the January 2008 Annual Meeting as printed in the Annual Report be accepted. John Lloyd seconded the motion. The Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Election of Officers, Vestry and Delegates to Deanery and Convention was the next order of business. The Vicar introduced John Lloyd, Patricia Barton, Janet Walker, and Geoff Brown to the parish as people all well known to the Parish and communicants thereof on the slate to be elected to new or different or additional offices.

The slate presented for election was as follows: (those in **boldface type** required a parish vote)

Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd

Junior Warden: Roy Bickley

Clerk: Geoff Brown

Treasurer: **John Lloyd**

Vestry Class of 2009: Martha Baer and Al Dorf

Vestry Class of 2010: Robert Reid and Jane Canfield

Vestry Class of 2011: **Patricia Barton** and **Janet Walker**

Convention Delegate: **Geoff Brown**

Deanery Representatives: Mary Anne Carley

Arete Warren moved that the Clerk be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for this slate, and Ginny Dildine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Clements then thanked Tom Schindler and Mary Anne Carley for their service on the Vestry, and a round of applause for them followed. Fr. Clements announced that both Tom and Mary Anne would henceforth be involved in reviving a long-time Trinity

tradition, that of a healing ministry, including a prayer chain. Fr. Clements then thanked outgoing Treasurer Martha Nesbitt for her devoted service. He noted that she will continue to serve in the Treasury Team, which will now be headed by John Lloyd, but which will include, in addition to Martha, Al Dorf and Bob Reid.

Fr. Clements called the attention of the Parish to page 4 of the Annual Report, which contained the report of Baptisms, Burials from the Church, Holy Matrimony, and Average Sunday Attendance. He noted that while we had no baptisms in 2008, we have already have one in 2009 and anticipate at least three more. He noted that there were eight burials from Trinity last year, and one marriage, with our average Sunday attendance rising to 68.

Martha Nesbitt then presented the Treasurer's report. She began by thanking her assistant treasurers, Al Dorf, Bob Reid, and John Lloyd, as well as Marian Browning, who has begun service on the Treasury Team as a counter, for their loyal service in 2008. She noted that pledge statements have been distributed to all pledging parishioners, and asked that any discrepancies be brought to her attention. She also thanked all who pledged, who donated in kind and otherwise, and who helped, and particularly organizers of fund raising events.

Martha noted that the financial statements are in the Annual Report, but mentioned that we ended 2008 with a net operating deficit of around \$20M. She pointed out that the budgeted deficit for 2009 is \$21.6M. Alexis Dorf was thanked for preparing the pie charts in the Annual Report reflecting the distribution of revenue sources and expenses.

Following brief discussion, Pat Barton moved that we accept the Treasurer's report, and Jane Canfield seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Continuing Business followed with discussion and acceptance of the reports printed in the Annual Report.

With regard to the Wardens Report, Linda noted that volunteers are needed for many parish projects and activities, and Roy concurred with her statement. Fr. Clements noted that he and Roy hoped to host a dinner in New York City for our numerous parishioners and friends for which Trinity is their parish in the country. Fr. Clements also noted that any parishioners hospitalized in New York City may be visited by the clergy of St. Andrew's church there. In addition, that parish, which has a bus for its transportation, may visit us here at some point.

There was no discussion of the Buildings and Grounds report in the absence of Judy Brown, Buildings and Grounds Chair.

With regard to the Music report, Christine Gevert added her thanks to the many parishioners and others who have been involved in our music program.

With regard to the Altar Guild report, Chair Alice Tweed noted that additional members are most welcome, and that men are as welcome as women to serve.

The report of the Episcopal Church Women was greeted with applause, noting that the small but active group had contributed \$4700 to the parish in 2008.

With regard to Education for Ministry, EFM Mentor Mary Anne Carley noted that of the present six members, two are from Trinity, while all the rest are from other parishes and even another denomination. She invited all to join.

With regard to the Website report, Geoff Brown noted that since the report was written, the number of members of the Facebook Trinity Lime Rock group had risen to 10. He commented briefly on the "social networking" phenomenon. Some discussion ensued, including mention of the Vicar's new weblog, which receives international visitors as well as local ones.

With regard to Sports and Recreation, Geoff Brown reported that we have received indications of interest from the young people in having volleyball added to the sports program for the summer. Jacqueline Kuhn asked if softball had been considered, but it was reported that none of the young people have yet indicated an interest in it.

With regard to the Art Show, Fr. Clements noted that the show's reputation has spread far and wide. Marian Browning observed that the quality of the art shown was particularly good this year. Linda Lloyd, outgoing Art Show chair, noted that Tom Schindler will be taking over this responsibility, and asked the parish to provide him with support not only in sitting the show, but also in the many other functions that making the show successful requires.

In other ongoing business:

--Fr. Clements noted that the parish is appropriately proceeding deliberately with regard to Reid Field and additional use thereof. He commented on the importance of safeguarding it as the site of our recreation ministry, as well as a source of revenue from Lime Rock Park parking. Geoff Brown commented that the regular mowing that Lime Rock Park provides has improved the condition of the field considerably. It was the sense of the parish that a letter of appreciation be sent to Lime Rock Park for this care.

--Jacqueline Kuhn announced that two of our Trinity young people, Anya and Slava Browning, will be competing in the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's New England Ski Jumping Championships in Salisbury in two weeks, and asked that the parish show their support.

--Christine Gevert noted that the choir will present a Shrove Tuesday Evensong. It will be followed by Trinity's traditional Pancake Supper.

--We welcomed a visitor to the annual meeting, with her two children, who attended the Sunday School.

Under New Business:

--Fr. Clements noted that parishioner Danielle Gaherty is interested in becoming a Priest. The first step will be for a discernment committee at Trinity to assist her in the discernment process. At present there is one volunteer for the committee, and three more are needed to constitute it. He noted that discernment committees like this do not pass on candidacies, but are helpful both for the candidate and for the parish. He asked volunteers to see him.

--Fr. Clements noted that his three year letter of agreement with Trinity concludes in December 2009. Since renewal of this letter requires Diocesan action, and since it would come while preparations for Christmas are at their height, John Lloyd moved, and Arete Warren seconded a motion that with Fr. Clements' concurrence we extend the agreement to the end of 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

--Al Dorf commented that while we are happy to support the work of the Diocese, he wondered if, under current economic circumstances, we are in a position to support three Bishops and their staffs. Fr. Clements noted that any parishioner may comment on the present search for a new Diocesan Bishop via a questionnaire on the Diocese website.

Al then offered a motion as follows: "It is the feeling of the parishioners of Trinity Lime Rock that, following the retirement of the present Diocesan Bishop, it is appropriate for the Diocese to have one Diocesan Bishop and one Suffragan Bishop instead of the current configuration whereby there is one Diocesan Bishop and two Suffragan Bishops, as a measure of economy to permit the Diocese to conserve scarce resources." Roy Bickley seconded the motion. Some discussion followed, which included observations by several parishioners that in their memory, when there were more Episcopalians in the Diocese, there had been two Bishops instead of three. The motion passed. The Clerk and the Vicar will discuss appropriate ways to convey this information to the Diocese.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Jacqueline Kuhn moved that the meeting be adjourned until the last Sunday of January in 2010. The motion was carried unanimously

Fr. Clements closed the meeting with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Geoffrey Brown*  
Clerk of the Annual Meeting

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

2009 was a year of many changes at Trinity. By late summer we learned that our Vicar, Rob Clements, was leaving us at the end of August. Quickly calling around, I found a perfect substitute, the Rev. Heidi Truax, who agreed to act as our supply priest until we could hire an interim and form a search committee to begin looking for our new vicar.

God has a way of changing our best laid plans. Within a month of Heidi's coming to Trinity she had already presided at a funeral, visited our sick and shut-ins, and made it a point to meet most of the parish. People were calling me at home, emailing, and stopping me, and other vestry members, to ask if we could keep this wonderful priest who instinctively "got us" and immediately fit in to the Trinity family.

After speaking to the Canon for Transitional Clergy at the Diocese and meeting with the Vestry, we all agreed that we would petition Bishop Smith to keep Pastor Heidi as our Priest-in-Charge, a position that would allow her to stay without us having to form a search committee and hiring an interim priest. On November 1 Heidi officially joined us as our new Vicar. On January 8 she was officially installed by Bishop Laura Ahrens. Already her quiet presence is drawing new faces and we are seeing the return of old ones. Her warmth and hospitality are apparent with each Eucharist she presides over and at each meeting and social gathering she attends.

Now it is our turn to keep up the momentum she has brought us. We are a small but effective group of parishioners and friends. We offer companionship to all, not just on Sundays. I'd like to see our outreach grow this year and hope that we will think more globally as well as locally. I am excited at the increase of children, both in Sunday School and as acolytes. I ask you all to continue to support Trinity, both financially and with your time and prayers. You'll be amazed at how good it will make you feel.

Peace,  
*Linda Lloyd*  
Sr. Warden

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity has ended 2009 with an operating deficit of \$9,422.88. This is about half the deficit for last year (\$20,127). Our three Endowment accounts have rebounded and are nearly at the levels they were before the nationwide financial crisis.

We have received 33 pledges for a total of \$108,000 so far and are expecting several more pledges from people who have pledged in the past. Hopefully we will bring the pledge total to \$120,000 or more. If you have not yet pledged but intend to do so, please do so as soon as possible. This will help us to plan better for the upcoming year.

We are forecasting 2010 expenses of \$185,000. We are also facing the added expense of roof repair for the Church. It appears this may cost as much as \$10,000.

For 2010 we need to work on increasing our fundraising efforts and any new ideas are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Lloyd*

Treasurer

***DETAILS FOR THE 2010 BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE  
THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE AND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING***

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT**

We held our usual parishioner clean up of our grounds the last Saturday in April. They do a terrific job. Thank all of you for getting the gravel out the grass, removing fallen pine cones, and making the outside of the Church look presentable following winter.

We had the Church's and the Rectory's septic tanks cleaned. We tried to get rid of the leak in the Rectory roof. We did it but ultimately it failed. We will try something else.

At the beginning of December we began looking for a roofer to repair the sanctuary roof. We have found one firm that can deal properly with our slate roof. We need to look at another as well.

We need to repair two of the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary.

We have replaced the ceiling bulbs in the Sanctuary and have improved the lighting in the parking lot, thanks to Pat Barton.

*Judy Brown*

Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee

## **FLOWER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Until the end of 2009, the Flower Committee was a subsidiary of the Altar Guild. Its status severely limited any amount that could be spent on flowers. In December the new Vicar and the Senior Warden revised the structure of the Altar Guild and made the Flower Committee a separate entity. Under the new arrangement the Flower Committee must raise its own funds from parishioners to spend on flowers. The reconstituted Flower Committee was very successful in its Christmas effort at raising money for those flowers. It hopes to be successful for all of 2010, and knows that parishioners appreciate the thought and work that goes into the purchase and arrangement of flowers.

During 2009 the members of the Flower Committee all worked very hard at their jobs. We lost one member because of illness, but were able to get a replacement for her. Thank you to all the members for doing such a wonderful job. Katie Gannett once again gave dahlias to the Church. She grows magnificent dahlias and we really appreciate her gift. I would like to thank Katie Gannett for this gift to the Church.

*Judy Brown*

Flower Committee Chair

## MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Trinity Church Choir Members in 2009 (\* also soloists):**

Ginny Dildine, Kathy Drake\*, Danielle Gaherty, Linda Lloyd\*, Martha Nesbitt – *Sopranos*

Martha Baer, Patricia Barton\*, Judith Sherman - *Altos* Randy Orzano\* – *Counter-Tenor*

Geoffrey Brown, Gordon Gustafson – *Tenors*

John Lloyd, Thomas Schindler\* – *Basses*

**Trinity professional Soloist:** Janet Walker – Alto

**Children:** Anya, Callie, Helen, Eleanor, Grace and the Christmas Children's Service attendees

### **Guest musicians at Trinity Church Services:**

Friends: Linde DeRis (Egremont, MA), Edward Beaty (Claverack, NY), Julia Scott (Cornwall, CT), Hai Ngo (Vietnam/NY - soloist), John James (Ashley Falls, MA), several other Cresceno singers, and choirs of neighbour parishes

Professionals: Trinity Wall Street Choir, Tricia Van Oers and James Barrett

(Recorders), Lisa Rautenberg (Baroque Violin), Ben Harms, Anne Legene and Erica Warnock (Viola da Gamba), Lucy Bardo (Baroque Cello), Larry Wallach (Continuo Organ) Douglas Schmolze (Soloist), James Barret (Soloist), LauraDanehower (Soprano)

Guest Organists: Albert Sly, Jo Loi, Ted Somerville

### **Our Instruments:**

Besides the regular Piano tunings no repairs or other changes or improvements this year

### **Crescendo:**

Two Choral-Orchestral Concerts and ongoing Workshops in Recorder, Voice, Singer's Posture

More than half of our Trinity choir members participate in Crescendo Chorus, and several of our guest musicians are members of the Crescendo Period Instrument Orchestra.

### **Account of the main Musical Events in 2009:**

- January:** Crescendo Workshops
- February:** Choral Evensong on Shrove-Tuesday
- March:** Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Saturday Vigil and Easter Morning Choir Services, Good Friday: St. John Passion-Heinrich Schtz with Crescendo Vocal Ensemble)
- April:** Crescendo Concert (Mendelssohn Tribute), Wedding with vocal music
- May:** Ascension Evensong, Pentecost Service, Trinity Sunday Service,
- June:** Bishop's Visit: Bach Cantata with Instruments and Children's choir, Crescendo Workshops, ongoing Choir at the Sunday rehearsal and Services through the

summer

- **August:** Crescendo Harpsichord Concert (Landowska Tribute)
- **September:** Trinity Wall Street Choir, Funeral with Choir
- **November:** Welcome Service to the Rev. Truax, Crescendo Concert for First Responders and Choral Concert (Telemann), Masterclass in Baroque Singing, Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- **December:** Two Advent Services with Vocal Ensemble and Choral Anthems, Christmas Pageant, Choral Concert and Service on Christmas Eve, Soloists at the Christmas Day Service.

Respectfully submitted,

*Christine Gevert*

Organist and Choir Director

## ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL REPORT

***Our mission is to coordinate the needs of Worship at Trinity with the care of the Sacristy and the elements of bread and wine, and silver, brass and linen.***

**Altar Guild Officers:**

Director: Alice Tweed

Assistant Director: Luis Francke

Secretary: Jane Canfield

Treasurer: Ginny Dildine

Members: Michael Cuoco, Emily DiMartino, Biz Rogers

One meeting was held on November 14 with cleaning of the altar brass following the meeting.

As Director of the Altar Guild, I extend my thanks to the Altar Guild members for all the work they do to enhance the worship of Trinity Church. The care and artistry shown by this group from their work on the altar to the care of our brass, silver and linen is something for which to be proud.

This is a special occasion to thank the many who have given such generous donations to the Altar Guild this past year.

New members are always welcome and anyone interested in this special ministry should contact Pastor Heidi or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Tweed*

Director, Altar Guild

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF THE ALTAR GUILD

**Financial Report: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009**

### Receipts

Checking Account Balance January 1, 2009		<b>\$882.19</b>
To A.G. from Trinity General Fund	\$ 1,150.00	
Memorial Donation	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>	
<b>Total Checkbook and Receipts</b>		<b>\$2,132.19</b>

### Expenditures

Flowers and palms	\$ 776.40	
Candles	\$ 157.78	
Bread	\$ 44.76	
Wine	\$ 55.00	
Misc. (repair vase)	\$ 136.00	
Farewell gift to Rob	\$ 100.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,269.94</b>	
Checking Account Balance December 31, 2009		<b>\$862.25</b>
<b>Total Expenses and Checkbook</b>		<b>\$2,132.19</b>

### The Julia E. Goodwin Memorial Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$4,408.28
Interest for 2009	42.69
Balance 12/31/09	\$4,450.97

### Maye Ronshaugen Memorial Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$4,632.11
Interest for 2009	124.40
Balance 12/31/09	\$4,756.51

### The Permanent Flower Memorial Fund

**Beginning in 2010 this fund will be managed by the Flower Committee of the Altar Guild**

Balance 1/1/09	\$2,594.79
Interest for 2009	25.13
Balance 12/31/09	\$2,619.92

*Virginia B. Dildine,*

Treasurer, Trinity Church Altar Guild

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN REPORT

The ECW thanks everyone who helped us with the Tag Sale and Bazaar this year. We made \$3,800.00 for the General Fund. We also bought new folding tables for the church and raised over \$300 with our book sale. We still enjoy our meetings once a month and we welcome all women of Trinity to join us when you can.

*Virginia B. Dildine*  
President ECW

### TRINITY CHURCH ECW – TREASURERS REPORT - 2009

Beginning balance Jan 1, 2009	\$2,317.89	
Income:		
Proceeds from Tag Sale	\$2,040.00	
Proceeds from Bazaar	\$2,351.25	
Sale of books, etc.	336.00	
Dues	<u>\$ 58.00</u>	
Total Income	\$ 4,785.25	\$7,103.14
<b>TOTAL</b>		
Expenses:		
To Trinity General Fund		
Tag sale	\$1,800.00	
To Trinity General Fund		
Bazaar	\$2,000.00	
Expenses Tag Sale & Bazaar	\$ 418.00	
New tables	\$ 782.00	
Supplies for Kitchen	\$ 180.06	
Rob's Farewell gift	\$ 100.00	
Total Expenses	\$5,280.06	
Ending Balance – December 31, 2009	\$1,823.08	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,103.14</b>

Torrington Savings Bank Account # 51000304 – \$1,675.30 – interest 2009 - \$25.57

*Virginia B. Dildine*  
Treasurer

## TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We started the current Sunday School program exactly one year ago in January 2009, after more than six months without any Christian education program for Trinity's children. Last spring we had a core group of 3 families, with 6 children ranging in age from 5 to 13. The Sports Program carried us through the summer; during the fall of 2009 we experienced some growth. We now have 9 children from 5 families attending fairly regularly, in addition to a few other children who occasionally drop in. We are confident that the well-attended Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve Family Service will also bring in some new children.

Three teachers rotate throughout the month to teach the mixed-age class. Pastor Heidi begins each Sunday for us with a children's lesson and prayer in the chapel. We then adjourn to the classroom until we return to the sanctuary for Communion. This year we plan to take a regular children's collection and initiate a community service project. The oldest children are also participating in a regional confirmation class and have begun to serve as acolytes. Pastor Heidi would also like to have the children in the sanctuary the last Sunday of each month to serve as readers and ushers.

Our committee of teachers met with Pastor Heidi on January 7 to discuss other activities for the coming months. We hope to offer the children of Trinity Church even more in the way of formal religious education, as well as fun, creative fellowship in the coming months.

Please contact Pastor Heidi or me if you are interested in serving as a Sunday School teacher once a month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Gretchen Hachmeister*  
Sunday School chair

## ADULT EDUCATION REPORT

In 2009, we continued with our successful “Vicar’s Forums” program. In January we learned about Biblical archaeology and how it informs our understanding of the early Church. In February we moved on to both Celtic prayer, continuing the 2007 discussion of Celtic spirituality, and to a discussion of the Hebrew and Jewish roots of contemporary Christianity.

In March several of us undertook the reading of Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan’s *The Last Week*, based on the Gospel of Mark.

In July and August, I offered a 5 week course at St. John’s entitled “How is She my Sister?”. We read about several women in both the Old and New Testaments and considered how our own lives parallel theirs and how ours are different. Several members of Trinity attended this program.

Because the July program was well received and a number of residents of Noble Horizons had attended it and wanted to continue in that vein, in October, Trinity, in cooperation with St. John’s and St. Mary’s, initiated a monthly book group at Noble Horizons. We began in November with Cynthia Bourgeault’s *The Wisdom Jesus* and have continued with lively discussion of that book in December and January. Several Trinity parishioners participate in the group, along with members of the other churches and 6 to 8 residents of Noble Horizons.

In December we offered two adult education meetings after church; the subject under consideration was “For Whom are you Waiting?” and presented different aspects as well as first century expectations of Jesus.

Plans are underway with Pastor Heidi for several adult education series this year. Anyone with a particular interest in a special subject or book is invited to speak with Pastor Heidi or myself about that interest, and no, you won’t have to lead the discussion if you don’t want to!

Respectfully submitted,

*Alexis Dorf*

Adult Ed chair

## OUTREACH REPORT

The Trinity Church parishioners have a long history of outreach projects and 2009 was no exception. Although the projects were small in scope they were many in number and the total dollars represented was wonderful. These projects ranged from an every week donation to OWL's kitchen (blessed and delivered to OWLs on the first Sunday of the month) to a number of small Christmas gifts to present to the seniors of the Cobble Unit at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

Other projects included the backpacks and lunch bags for school children, offered to the social services of Salisbury, Canaan and Falls Village. Twenty eight of these were distributed to children just before school started in late August. As well, parish members participated in submitting recipes and then purchasing cookbooks designed by a management major team at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. The proceeds of the management project were presented to *Operation Smile* in early December and the amount given was close to \$15,000. A good way to unite many states and peoples in a common cause!

The largest of our outreach programs was the collection for building a well in a third world country (about \$1000). Unfortunately, the funds were turned away as Trinity Church was considered by the agency to be too liberal a church to participate. A committee has been formed to redirect the funds to a similar project either directly or through a different agency.

Most important is the obvious willingness of the people of Trinity Church to aid those less fortunate both through monetary donations and by giving actual gifts in kind where needed. We are a small group with a growing purpose.

Respectfully,

*Patricia H Barton*  
Outreach chair

## SPORTS AND RECREATION MINISTRY

2009 objectives and results were as follows:

**Solicit ideas for expansion and improvement of this program, striving to offer recreational resources to our community that do not duplicate existing programs.**

This was more or less accomplished. Realizing that we would not have the assistance of Coach Kirby in 2009, we asked the kids what sports interested them as an alternative to soccer. Tee-ball and volleyball were the choices. We held bat-and-ball sports sessions during July, with coaching provided by parents. A number of the younger kids in the parish attended and appeared to have fun, but few if any from the community.

We were able to get Chelsea Ziegler, the captain of the Housatonic Varsity Volleyball team, to come and work with the kids for two sessions. We did get some kids from outside the parish for volleyball, so this was the more promising of the two sports. Courtney Duntz played JV Volleyball at Housatonic and received the Tyburski award. Anya Browning credited some of her success as a defender on the Salisbury Central School soccer team to her attendance at past summer soccer sessions. We again benefitted from the generous donation of tee-shirts for all participants, and "Sundae Sunday" following the last session of the summer.

**Improve program quality. Toward this end, hold summer soccer sessions only when a qualified coach can attend, providing a general recreation program on other summer Sundays.**

We need to work on matching coach and player availability. Chelsea inspired the younger kids with her stories of a service program in Tanzania from which she had just returned.

**Continue good relations with Lime Rock Park.**

Our relations with Lime Rock Park remain excellent, and the quality of the field continues to improve. However, they did not need overflow parking this summer, so no revenue was received from that source.

**NEXT year :**

Pat Barton has initiated an inter-church softball game, scheduled for May.

We will attempt to send a contingent to the Bishop's 5K for kids, also in May.

Around March, we will survey available coaches and the kids (and their parents, for vacation schedules) to see what we might offer on Sunday mornings this summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Geoff Brown*

## ART SHOW REPORT

This year was Trinity's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show. We raised approximately \$3,400 for the general fund. This was significantly down from previous years. The economy is definitely a factor, but we are also looking into ways of improving the show in 2010.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and hard work, especially Tom and Suzanna Schindler, Martha Baer, John Lloyd, Al Dorf, Jeff Silvernale, Ginny Dildine, Jane Lipton, and the many volunteers who sat the show and helped at the reception.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Lloyd*

Art Show Chair

## REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

As the delegate of Trinity Lime Rock I attended the Diocesan convention last year. Since it was my first Convention, it was a learning experience for me as well as being an opportunity to represent the parish in approving the Diocesan budget, selecting a new Diocesan Bishop, and voting on various other proposals that came before the convention. For those of you who expressed opinions about whom I ought to support – or ought not support—for Diocesan Bishop, I did my best to comply with your wishes. It's old news now that we now have a new Diocesan Bishop-elect (selected on the second ballot).

The Diocesan budget is worthy of some elaboration here. First off, I was surprised to learn that the 2010 budget represents a 20% reduction from the previous budget. Virtually all aspects of the budget were reduced – or, in a few cases, entirely eliminated. Since I have met a few of them over the years, I was particularly sensitive to the effect of the budget cuts on the Diocesan staff. I understand that all received pay cuts and some reduced hours as well, and the combination permitted the Diocese, I'm told, to avoid laying off any staff. Some moments of the budget debate were particularly sad to hear, as all Diocese-supported ministries found themselves cut back drastically or even terminated, and some spoke movingly of the effect this will have on the people the ministries now serve. I was also impressed by the frugality of the entire convention – and saddened just a bit as well. Frugal is perhaps too generous a word; Spartan would be more like it.

I learned that the Diocesan budget is roughly divided in thirds: 1/3 Bishops and staff, 1/3 administration (mostly clergy and parish support programs, like Safe Church), and 1/3 outreach (which includes the money the Diocese sends to the national church). We at Trinity certainly have availed ourselves of the services of the Bishops in recent years, and they have been most supportive of us throughout a few difficult years. The Bishops will assuredly have their hands full going forward as they encourage congregations that are less viable than Trinity to realize their situation and take decisive action: to reinvent themselves, to ally themselves with or merge into stronger parishes, or to close their doors. I am mindful of last year's resolution that asked me to call for a reduction in the number of Bishops, and I am grateful that Fr. Clements offered to take this charge. In retrospect, given the number of parishes in this Diocese that are, in Bishop Smith's words, "on life support", I have concluded that our resolution was well-intentioned but failed to consider that it is much more difficult to revitalize or even close a church than to open one, and the execution of this process falls almost entirely on the Bishops and their staff. Not too many years ago, Trinity was considered to be on life support, and we are no longer in this category, thanks in no small part to our Bishops.

Respectfully submitted,

*Geoff Brown*

Delegate to Convention

## INTERNET REPORT

**Commentary:** As noted in last year's report, internet usage continues to evolve away from the traditional website, which are viewed as information repositories, while people use other internet services for entertainment and communication.

Consistent with this, **our website**, [www.trinitylimerock.org](http://www.trinitylimerock.org) had 14,747 visits (down 19.74% from last year), translating to around 40 visitors per day for all of 2009. They represented 11,804 individual viewers and they viewed a total of 35,713 pages. Pages per visit was up 11%, and time on site was up 15.5%. A mere 2.45% of page views were over dialup connections, down from 4.13% last year. (*source: Google Analytics*)

The majority (8560) of our visitors continued to come from the search engines, while 4272 were from referring sites (such as the CT Diocese), 1179 were "direct" (i.e. the viewer entered the URL or had the site bookmarked), and 736 came from our e-mail newsletters (a new source this year).

Our home page (3784 viewings) supplanted our Palm Sunday Crafts page (2659 viewings) as the most viewed page.

The most frequent search terms by which the website was found were: "Palm Sunday crafts" "Trinity Lime Rock" "Trinity Cross" "Acolyte training" and "Christmas Pageant(s)".

**Our YouTube channel, TrinityChurch**, now has eight subscribers (up from six) and five friends (new this year). We currently have 13 videos on the channel, and to date they have been viewed 27,329 times. The most popular are the American Boychoir/Chorus Angelicus series, and our Palm Sunday 2007 video. (*source: YouTube*).

**Our Facebook Trinity Lime Rock "group"** has grown to 33 members. Shortly we will transition this to a Facebook "page" which offers greater functionality and metrics.

**Our Facebook Trinity Lime Rock Sports "page"**, started this year, now has 34 fans. They are 65% female and 32 % male. 21% are in the 13 – 17 age range, and another 18% are in the 18 – 24 range. (*source: Facebook*).

**"Trinity Update" via VerticalResponse e-mail service:** This year the Trinity Update transitioned from YahooGroups to VerticalResponse, producing more functional newsletters as well as extensive metrics. We now know, for example, that 43.69% of recipients at least open each e-mail, and that 17.18% click at least one link. There are currently 139 recipients of our Trinity Update e-mails. (*source: VerticalResponse*).

**Plans for 2010:** (1) Transition Trinity Lime Rock Facebook group to a Facebook page, (2) continue to take advantage of Web 2.0 technologies as they appear/build presence on existing technologies, and (3) maintain/refine the present web presence as an information resource.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Geoff Brown*, webmaster