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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



What a beautiful Christmas celebration we had at Trinity Church this year. The greens and candles, altar flowers and poinsettias were so lovely. The music was enchanting. Thank you everyone who put in many hours of work in preparation for the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord. We even were able to get all the new prayer books inscribed and into the pews thanks to a concerted effort.

I can't tell you how honored I am to be working and worshipping with such a dedicated and faithful group. Christ is being glorified every day and through every person at Trinity Church. What a blessing!

We look forward eagerly to Friday the 8th of January when Bishop Laura Ahrens will be with us for A Celebration of New Ministry. My former "boss", The Rev. Nicholas T. Porter, the Rector of Trinity Church in Southport, CT will be our preacher for the evening. Before coming to Trinity Southport, Nicholas was the rector of the American Episcopal Church in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Assistant to the Episcopal Bishop of Jerusalem. He has extensive knowledge of relations between Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Holy Land.

The Celebration of New Ministry is a very important one in the life of a parish. In the past centuries it may have been a service in which the Bishop "installs" a new priest in a parish, but that will **not** be the focus of our

celebration on Epiphany Friday. Instead we will celebrate each other and our work in the name of Christ; gifts will be given from you to me, and also from me to you!

Trinity Church has not been a **place** that waits around hoping that a new priest will show up and "do ministry for the people." Thanks be to God! Trinity Church is a **people** - a people who know what ministries are important, what goals need to be accomplished, where the focus needs to be.

On Epiphany Friday we all will celebrate together our love of Christ Jesus, the Light of the World, and our faithfulness to his Great Commission to us. Please join us if you are able.

Christmas blessings to you,
Pastor Heidi

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



The celebration of New Ministry will indeed be a joyful event at Trinity Church. Our first months with Pastor Heidi have been both smooth and fruitful, as we get to know her and she us.

We give thanks for Pastor Heidi's presence among us and look forward to her leadership as we seek to be the body of Christ through Trinity's ministry not only to our local community but to the larger world as well.

Please join us on Friday, Jan. 8 at 7pm as we welcome Bishop Ahrens to our midst, celebrate our mutual ministry and enjoy a special reception following the service.

-Linda Lloyd

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

JAN. 10

Trinity's Sunday School runs in concert with the public school schedule, so we will resume our young people's program at 10:20 at the side altar in the church on Jan. 10. Welcome back, teachers and students both!

THANKS FROM NOBLE HORIZONS



We were delighted to be able to send about 20 small Christmas gifts to the residents of the Cobble at Noble Horizons. The following is the note we received from Barbara Smith, the pastoral care coordina-

tor:

THANK YOU! and Trinity Church for the gifts for Cobble residents. We had our Cobble Party Dec. 24th at 3:30P.M. and some of the residents were upset that people were going out with family and going to Church and it would be a small gathering.

Then ----- they walked into the Cobble Living Room and saw all the presents under the tree. What a sight!!!! They became very excited. We sang a few carols, had our refreshments and wine and then the fun began. They were like children all over again. It was absolutely a thrill for me to see the faces and wonderment of it all. What a precious gift from members of Trinity Church . A thank-you will follow to your parish later this week.

Happy New Year!!!!

Barbara

ANNUAL MEETING JAN 31



Trinity's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 31 after the 10:30 service (snow day Feb 14). A potluck lunch will precede the meeting; please let senior warden Linda Lloyd know what you will bring (lajlloyd@gmail.com or 518-789-3295).

Annual reports may be sent to the office or alexisdorf@sbcglobal.net. Please submit by email so Alexis can simply download and format them.

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE

As of the end of December, 26 members/households of Trinity had made pledges totaling \$94,290. If you have not yet made your commitment for 2010, please do so at your earliest convenience, so that the Vestry may begin planning for the upcoming year.

Trinity Church records with sorrow the death of Marge Bethke at Geer Village on December 20.

May her soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.

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