

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2011

*TRINITY CHURCH OFFERS
COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY*

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Call to order and invocation—Pastor Heidi Truax

Presentation and ratification of the roll of communicants

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2010

Vicar's Report

Treasurer's Report

Other Reports

Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, Clerk and Treasurer

Election of Delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention and the Deanery

Old Business

New Business

Benediction

VOTING MEMBERS

Martha Baer
Patricia Barton
Stuyvesant Bearns
Roy Bickley
Geoffrey Brown
Judith Sherman Brown
Russell Brown
Marian Browning
Jane Ellen Canfield
Mary Anne Carley
Lonnie Carter
Heather Chapman
James Conzo
Jane Cooke
Patrick Cooke
Sally Cummins
Michael Cuoco
Jeremy Dakin
Virginia Dildine
Emily DiMartino
Al Dorf
Alexis Dorf
Kathy Drake
Cheryl Duntz
Russell Duntz
Pari Forood
Luis Francke
M.E. Freeman
Lynn Gaffney
Danielle Gaherty
Christine Gevert
Karen Gray
Gordon Gustafson
Betsey Howie
Mary Lou Howie
William Jenks
Mary Kaufholz
Nancy Kellett
William Kellett
Celia Kirby
William Kirby
Susan Kozlowski
Anita Kuhn
Jacqueline Kuhn
John Kuhns
Denise Lancto
Jane Lipton
John Lloyd
Linda Lloyd
Charles Marsden
Jackson Marvel
Ruth Mulcahy

Diana Mundy
Martha Nesbitt
Keith Nolan
Jennifer Norberg
John Oler
Randy Orzano
Christopher Phillips
Katrina Piezzo
Lou Piezzo
Robert Reid
Elizabeth Rogers
Christopher Sanger
Nina Sanger
Susannah Schindler
Thomas Schindler
Jill Scott
Neil Scott
Geoffrey Sherrill
Kathleen Sherrill
Jeffrey Silvernale
Christopher Smith
Theodore Sommerville
Stephen St. Clair
Alexia St. Clair
Richard Stone
Barbara Lynn Streeter
Gunnar Svala
Brita Svala
Alan Swide
Hannah Teachey
Electra Tortorella
Al Tortorella
The Rev. Heidi Truax
Jane Tuttle
Alice Tweed
Maxwell Ule
Tiffany Veneziano
Janet Walker
Diane Walters
Johanna Walton
Sabrina Walton
Arete Warren
Gertrude Washburn
The Rt. Rev. Cyril Wismar
Sylvia Wismar
Norma Wright

OFFICERS AND VESTRY FOR 2011

Officers

Senior Warden: **Alexis Dorf**

Junior Warden:

Treasurer: John Lloyd

Clerk: Geoff Brown

Members

Martha Baer

Pat Barton

Lynn Gaffney

Bill Kellett

Robert Reid

Janet Walker

Convention Delegate

Geoff Brown

Deanery Representative

Geoff Brown

Trinity offers particular thanks to departing Vestry members Jane Canfield and Bob Reid for their years of service on the Vestry.

Incoming names in **boldface** are those for whom a parish vote is necessary.

VICAR'S LETTER

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

We give thanks to our Lord Jesus our Christ who is the light of our lives. And I give thanks for the blessing of being your Vicar here at Trinity Church. Bit by bit our days are growing longer now with the increase of light daily. What an excellent physical example of the spiritual hope we have in God's never failing care and love. Here at Trinity Church our light is growing brighter too, bit by bit. It is Christ's light that is shining through us in all that we do. We are becoming known in our community for light and life; in our connections to our neighbors, our support of each other, and in our assisting those in need. It's literally brighter in the church now too since the light bulb over the altar, long burnt out, has been replaced!

I am very thankful to our wardens and vestry. Thanks to Alexis Dorf, who has graciously been willing to become Senior Warden this year. Thank you, John Lloyd, for continuing as our Treasurer for the coming year. Thanks too to Geoff Brown who is a superbly efficient clerk and absolutely indispensable as our Webmaster. Thank you also for the service of the outgoing vestry members, Jane Canfield and Bob Reid.

I am especially thankful for the knowing and gentle guidance of our outgoing Senior Warden, Linda Lloyd. She has given prodigious hours of service and leadership to our parish, and it is my prayer that she will now be able to more fully enjoy the life of the parish without the responsibility that goes along with being the Senior Warden. Heaven knows she still wears, and will continue to wear many other hats of ministry here!

I am thankful for the excellent camaraderie of our staff. Christine Gevert, our organist and Director of Music is a dedicated and faithful colleague. We are particularly indebted to her for giving Trinity Church a level of musical experience, and richness of content, that holds us in awe in every church season. Our music program continues to grow as we have added a new choir member, Diana Mundy, and the new carillon bells so that our music can be spread abroad. Lisa Brennan continues to be a willing and dedicated bookkeeper, and our sexton, Vivian (Junior) Wright, always has a bright smile, and does his work faithfully. One person who works quietly behind the scenes and does so much for Trinity is Jeff Silvernale. He deserves our gratitude and thanks for all he does.

Here are some of the areas of our life together in which I have seen the light of Christ glowing from within Trinity Church over the last year:

The Ministries of Trinity Church – Our ministries, and the people who head-up those ministries, are essential to the life of Trinity Church. Please take the time to read about each of these ministries and the people who give so much for our life together and for God's glory. These reports represent thousands of hours of time and much talent and treasure as well. Many of our committees have gained a few new members this year, and in general, there is new enthusiasm and joy. I was pleased to honor our ministries and various committees over a span of Sundays this last year with little tokens of thanks. It is good to remind each other, and have an opportunity to thank those who do so much to enrich our life together with music, ministry, outreach, parish support, and the beautifying of our worship.

We have done so much for so many as you can see from the outreach report. We are the very companions along the way that we say we are in our parish mission statement. Getting out of ourselves and being the light of Christ is truly our essence as we work to strengthen ties with Lime Rock Park, contribute to local charities, and take part in activities at Noble Horizons, Geer Village and Sharon Health Care Center. In addition, our new relationship with Trinity Glen has been a great joy to all of us. Thank you to all who drive our friends to services every Sunday.

Programs for Children and Youth – We have been blessed by our children and young people this year. As we worked together with the other Episcopal Churches we shared confirmation classes, and three of our teenagers were confirmed this Spring. We went on a fun bowling day in Great Barrington, and we have increased the role of acolytes here at Trinity. We instituted a Vacation Bible Camp this summer. We have added Youth Sundays to our regular worship which have been quite popular. We were also blessed this year to have been given a generous donation by Marjorie Bethke to enable us to strengthen our program for children and youth with a new Sunday School curriculum, among other things. Thanks be to God for our dedicated teachers, Gretchen Hachmeister, Cheryl Duntz and Marian Browning who continue to give so much of themselves so that our children can learn and grow in faith.

Opportunities for Worship and Education – In 2010 we instituted a number of new opportunities for worship and for Christian Education for adults. We offered educational groups on Sunday mornings and shared in a Lenten program with Salisbury Congregational Church. We had morning prayer during Lent, and have started a little group of people who walk, talk and pray on Friday mornings. Won't you consider joining in prayer and learning with us in this coming year?

Going forward in 2011 – There is always more to do. I can see the path ahead is well lit with the warm glow of our mutual love and service to each other, to our community and to the world. Marian and Slava Browning are looking forward to taking a trip with me to Honduras next month and bringing back news to all of you of what the Christian life looks like in a developing world country. I know they will have much to tell you of what they learn and do. We look forward to hosting Northwest United Soccer Club here at Trinity Church which is another way in which we can use our resources to be a light and a blessing to more people in our community. I personally intend to continue my visits to parishioners and regular visits to those who are house-bound. Please lend me your light too, in the form of conversations, ideas, suggestions and prayers. With Christ, our light guiding us, there are no limits to what we can do and what we can be. God has blessed us richly; let us thank God for all our blessings and for each other.

Lord God, be our light in the darkness!

Pastor Heidi Truax

PAROCHIAL REPORT

BAPTISM

May 30, 2010

Sabrina Marie Walton

CONFIRMATION

May 22, 2010

Anya Alexandrovna Browning

Slava Alexandrovich Browning

Courtney Ann Duntz

MARRIAGE

March 13, 2010

Julia Sinclair to Eric Wilson

BURIAL

April 23, 2010 Marjorie M. Quinlan Bethke

May 8, 2010 Mary Paige Alford

August 28, 2010 Margaret Ruth Quick*

September 1, 2010 Elizabeth Francis Freudenburg*

September 23, 2010 Winefred Wilcox Grindrod*

*graveside service at the request of Brian Kenny

Average Sunday Attendance 65

With Christmas 67.6

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2009
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH – LIME ROCK
JANUARY 31, 2010**

The Rev. Heidi Truax, Vicar of Trinity Church, called the meeting to order at 12:23 PM, following a lunch prepared by the parish and the hospitality teams, led by Team Kozlowski. She opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Roll of Communicants, as printed in the Annual Report, was presented by the Vicar. Following a correction and the addition of David Guth to the roll, Pat Barton moved that the roll be adopted, and Danielle Gaherty 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. Linda Lloyd nominated the undersigned, and Bill Jenks seconded the motion. Election of the Clerk of the Meeting was unanimous.

Bill Jenks moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting and that the minutes as printed in the Annual Report be approved. Danielle Gaherty seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted unanimously. Pastor Heidi noted the presence of the youngest voting member of the Parish, Hannah Teachey, and her presence was greeted with a round of applause.

Election of Officers, Vestry and Delegates to Deanery and Convention was the next order of business. The Vicar recognized Roy Bickley, the outgoing Junior Warden, and outgoing Vestry Members Martha Baer and Al Dorf. They received a round of applause. She identified Alexis Dorf as incoming Junior Warden, and introduced Al Swide and Lynn Gaffney as proposed incoming Vestry members. After a call for additional nominations from the floor, which produced no additional nominations, Beth Ritter-Guth moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. Danielle Gaherty seconded the motion, which was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The Vicar then inquired of the undersigned and of Mary Anne Carley, Delegate to the Litchfield Deanery, if they would be willing to continue in their positions. Both agreed to do so.

Accordingly, the Wardens, Vestry, and delegates of this parish are as follows:

Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd
Junior Warden: Alexis Dorf
Clerk: Geoff Brown
Treasurer: John Lloyd
Vestry Class of 2010: Robert Reid and Jane Canfield
Vestry Class of 2011: Patricia Barton and Janet Walker
Vestry Class of 2012: Lynn Gaffney and Al Swide
Convention Delegate: Geoff Brown
Deanery Representative: Mary Anne Carley

John Lloyd then presented the Treasurer's report, which was distributed separately from the Annual Report, which had previously been published on the website and distributed at the church. He noted

that Trinity had ended 2009 in the black, despite a budgeted deficit of nearly \$20,000. He attributed at least a portion of this result to the fact that we spent three months in 2009 without seated clergy, and thus incurred a savings. He noted that so far pledges for \$117,000 for 2010 have been received, and that some additional pledges are expected. He noted that the 2010 budget includes high side estimates on the expense side and conservative assumptions on the revenue side, producing a budget with an anticipated deficit of around \$22,000 for 2010.

Several parishioners commented regarding the budget as presented as well as 2009 results. Martha Nesbitt questioned the accounting treatment of 2010 pledges paid in 2009. Al Dorf noted that the church accounts on a cash basis. Bill Jenks noted that the handling of these was in accordance with the treatment used when he was Treasurer. It was observed that the effect of the treatment used simply had the effect of recognition of revenue in 2009 instead of 2010. Al Dorf noted that in the collection today was a check for securities donated in 2009, so in effect the recognition of the two were a wash.

Bill Jenks asked what the status of the asset accounts were as they were omitted from the report. John Lloyd noted that this was an oversight, but that the endowment accounts had recovered nicely during the past year. Linda Lloyd noted for the record that Trinity Lime Rock has no mortgages or other debt.

Anita Kuhn noted that Trinity is not budgeting to pay its entire Diocesan assessment of 12.5% of revenues. It was noted that while this is true, the parish is continuing to work toward that objective, increasing our pledge each year, and that we are current with our pledge to the diocese for 2009. Marian Browning asked about the financial condition of the Diocese. The undersigned, speaking as Delegate to Convention, referred her to the Delegate's report, showing a 20% budget reduction by the Diocese this year including reduction in staff hours and work days as well as reduction or elimination of outreach projects. Pastor Heidi spoke regarding our role as an Episcopal church (i.e. a church with Bishops) differentiating us from churches who did not have this opportunity.

Beth Ritter-Guth inquired where the Rector's discretionary fund appears and how one might donate to that specific fund. She was advised that a check in the plate with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" on the memo line would be added to that account.

Anita Kuhn asked what had happened to the parishes that had left the Episcopal Church due to political issues. Pastor Heidi responded that while the group knows as the "Connecticut 6" had left the Church, generally speaking the parishioners of those parishes had remained behind, and the Diocese has retained the church buildings.

Martha Nesbitt moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, and Danielle Gaherty seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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

Pastor Heidi called upon Judith Sherman Brown, the Buildings and Grounds chair, for additional information regarding the state of the physical plant. She noted the assistance of the parish on parish cleanup day, and that various tasks had been accomplished. She noted that we are facing the necessity of repairing our slate roof, which was put on in 1875, and that one bid of \$9200 for the outside repair had been received with two additional contractors to be heard from. She noted that, following that

repair, interior restoration will be needed. She noted in addition that repair of two stained glass windows will be needed soon, and that it may be cost effective to switch from the present 80 gallon hot water heater to "on demand" hot water even before the present heater fails. A round of applause followed.

Pastor Heidi then called upon Senior Warden Linda Lloyd for comments. Linda noted that the parish has momentum, and noted her pleasure at working with Pastor Heidi. Spontaneous applause broke out in the parish at this mention. Linda called upon the parishioners to volunteer to take roles in parish life. She noted particularly the Altar Guild, the Flower Committee, and the Hospitality Teams as always needing assistance, and called upon all parishioners to join a hospitality team.

She noted that Ministers of Communion, particularly those who are not also members of the choir, are needed. Jacqueline Kuhn expressed an interest in pursuing this responsibility.

Linda commented on the Sunday School, noting that assistance is always needed there as well, and another spontaneous round of applause broke out. Linda then mentioned Christine Gevert and the music ministry at Trinity, and applause again was heard.

Gretchen Hachmeister, head of the Sunday School, then reported that we had doubled the number of children attending since Sunday School was reinstated a year ago. She pointed out that additional teachers are needed so that we are in compliance with Safe Church guidelines requiring two unrelated adults to be present. Pastor Heidi suggested that parishioners who are willing to volunteer for even a single Sunday School session, perhaps to read a story or help with or lead a craft project, would be very helpful. Martha Nesbitt inquired if the Sunday School was open to children, such as visiting grandchildren or children of visiting friends, who are in the area only for a Sunday or two. She was advised that visiting children are always welcome.

Jane Ellen Canfield reported that we will have our third Emergency Services Sunday on May 16. This event was postponed from last fall due to the departure of Fr. Clements. She noted as well that later that afternoon the Falls Village Ambulance Corps will hold a CPR certification class on the premises and invited parishioners to participate.

Beth Ritter-Guth invited Trinity to make use of Hotchkiss facilities. As a faculty member there, she is able to make this offer. Pastor Heidi thanked her.

Linda Lloyd asked that parishioners be on the lookout for possible rentals for Walker Hall and the field. She noted that the Sports Car Club of America is renting the facility in June, and that other automotive organizations may follow suit. She reminded the parish of the suitability of the facility for showers, receptions, anniversary parties and similar events. In response to a question regarding the legal capacity of the hall, Judith Sherman Brown, Buildings and Grounds Chair, was tasked with contacting the Fire Marshal to obtain an official determination.

Pastor Heidi then called upon Christine Gevert to provide information about the music program. She noted that locally it is unusual to have a church choir that sings all year round, and thanked the choir members present, noting as well that we regularly produce a choir for funerals, something no other church in the area does. Christine reported that to save money that would be spent purchasing scores for the choir, she has been downloading public domain music. She commented as well on the symbi-

otic relationship between Crescendo and Trinity, in that Trinity is able to draw upon Crescendo for soloists and backup singers for less money than they would cost normally, and that in some cases they perform with us gratis. Christine noted that Crescendo is producing a fund-raising video for Haiti relief, filming next Saturday morning, and thanked the Trinity choristers who are participating.

The Vicar called upon Alice Tweed, Director of the Altar Guild for her comments. Alice noted that she needs new members to lighten the workload, and Beth Ritter-Guth volunteered to join the Altar Guild.

Pastor Heidi called upon Ginny Dildine for a report from the ECW. Ginny reported that, thanks to the support and assistance of the parish the ECW is able to continue their two annual fundraising events, the Christmas Bazaar and the Memorial Day Weekend Tag Sale.

Keith Nolan inquired whether the men's group was still functional, noting that it had not met in several months. It was discovered that six of the men's group regulars were present at the meeting and willing to participate in future men's group activities. Keith was elected chair of the men's group by acclamation.

The Vicar called upon Pat Barton, outgoing Outreach Chair for comments on our outreach efforts. She noted that our efforts have included many small projects, such as the back to school backpacks, which are always popular, and the success of the gifts for the residents of the Cobble at Noble Horizons. The \$1000 Trinity raised to provide a well for a needy village in Africa that was rejected by the church organization there because of church politics on that continent will be donated elsewhere for a similar purpose. Pastor Heidi announced that she would pursue placing the donation, perhaps in Latin America, and noted that Bob Reid will be taking over as outreach chair. Pat received a round of applause for her efforts as Outreach chair.

Under New Business:

Pastor Heidi reported that on Ash Wednesday we will have Imposition of Ashes at noon and at 6 PM, and asked all to consider observing this Fast day. She noted that the other Fast observed by the Episcopal Church is Good Friday and reported that plans are not yet set for our observation of that day. On Shrove Tuesday, we will have Evensong at 6 PM, with dancing by the young people, followed by our traditional pancake supper. All are invited.

She noted as well that the young people will be going bowling on Saturday, February 13, following a rehearsal for the dancers who will perform at the Evensong.

Bill Kellett noted that there seem to be very few of the "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" signs in the area compared with relative saturation of the area by another parish. It was noted that, braving the construction in progress at the junction of Route 7 and Route 112, John Lloyd has hung the sign purchased for that purpose last year. The matter of adding signs will be addressed by the Vestry.

Beth Ritter-Guth inquired about visiting the parish shut-ins. Pastor Heidi named the four parishioners currently in this status and noted that she visits each of them monthly, bringing Communion if desired. She reported that generally speaking they report loneliness and the desire to have more visitors. Beth indicated that Hotchkiss has facilities that would permit simulcasting of activities at Trinity on the Internet for any of these people who are able to use it.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Lynn Gaffney moved that the meeting be adjourned until January 30, 2011, that date being the last Sunday of January in 2011. Danielle Gaherty seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Heidi closed the meeting with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Brown
Clerk of the Annual Meeting

SENIOR WARDEN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This is my last annual letter to you as Senior Warden of Trinity Church. After many years and numerous clergy, the time is finally right for me to step down. It's time for someone else to step forward and handle the day to day operations of the church. Alexis Dorf has agreed to move into the position for which she is more than qualified. As Junior Warden she has been my partner and right hand for so many years I've lost count. It has been an honor and privilege to serve with her. She made the position of Sr. Warden much easier for me.

I have seen many changes in the years I've been at Trinity but none has been as exciting as those of the last year. Under Pastor Heidi's leadership Trinity has again become a strong vibrant church. Our numbers are increasing and we have expanded our outreach. We have undertaken new ministries to the clients at Trinity Glen and to the hikers on the Appalachian Trail. Our children flourish, our hospitality continues to be welcoming (and filling), and our music has never been better. There is a feeling of renewal and joy when you enter our doors. Once again we are a community of spirit and friendship as we worship and play together.

The only concern I have is that while you all are happy to worship and volunteer your time in so many ways, there is a lack of volunteers who are willing to join the Vestry and to fill in the position of Junior Warden. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Heidi about the job description and commitments required of a Junior Warden. Every group, no matter how small or large, needs a governing body and Trinity is no exception. Please look into your hearts and consider volunteering an hour or two a month to help Pastor Heidi, Alexis, and the Vestry with the nuts and bolts that keep Trinity running.

Thank you all for your many years of support and kind words.

Linda Lloyd
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S LETTER

Dear fellow parishioners,

There is not a lot to add to what Senior Warden Linda Lloyd has already said! Trinity is flourishing in many ways with programs both new and reinvigorated. The Sunday School and Youth Sunday initiatives, along with summer Bible camp led by head counselor Pastor Heidi, have been a source of joy for many of us. Under chair Lynn Gaffney, our outreach program is second to none for a parish of our size. Marian Browning sees to it that we have greenery to greet us even in the depths of winter when we enter our buildings.

Parishioners generously supported The 130th Anniversary Facelift effort (without a fundraiser!!) so that much need repairs could be made to our buildings. Buildings and Grounds chair Judy Brown, working with groundskeeper Jeff Silvernale and sexton Junior Wright keep us looking spiffy both inside and out. Our website and Trinity Update, under the unfailing efforts of Geoff Brown, offer current news and a welcoming face for Trinity that appeals to many looking for a church home. Friends from Trinity Glen have enriched our worship and Christian formation programs. Indeed, the friendliness and open heartedness of our parishioners enable us to incarnate our mission statement: *Trinity Church Offers Companionship Along the Way.*

It has been a pleasure to serve with Linda for more years than either of us can remember; she has always given 150% of herself to the Senior Warden position; during times of both calm and rough weather for Trinity she could be counted on for steering us in the right direction. I have learned a great deal from watching Linda in action, and hope to be able to live up to the high standard she has set for Senior Warden!

As we move into 2011, I ask your continued prayers for our Vicar, officers and Vestry and congregation, that we may discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among us and follow her promptings as we seek to be the faith community we are meant to be.

Alexis Dorf
Junior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity has ended the year well. All the Endowment Funds have shown some growth this year. They are valued as follows:

General Endowment: \$1,970.69
 Tuttle Fund: \$4,900.33
 Harwood Fund: \$219,797.12
TOTAL : \$226,668.14

We have received 49 Pledges for a total of \$131,602.00 and we are expecting a few more to come in. If you have not yet pledged and are planning to do so, please do it as soon as possible. This will help us to plan for the upcoming year.

The spending plan for 2011 totals expenses of \$183,077 and income of \$178,580, leaving us with a deficit of \$4,497. This is the smallest budget deficit that I have seen since I have been a member of Trinity.

Specific fund balances are as follows: ("Gen'l checking "is Trinity Church's general checking account)

Flower fund	Altar Guild	ECW	Facelift Fund	Bethke Fund for children
<i>Gen'l Checking</i> \$1,197.88	<i>Gen'l Checking</i> \$1,448.77	<i>Gen'l Checking</i> \$1,315.65	<i>Inc.</i> \$20,073.35	
<i>Perm. Flower fund</i> \$ 2,632.43	<i>Godwin Mem.</i> \$4,394.93	<i>Torrington Savings Bank</i> \$1684.28	<i>Exp*</i> :\$16,963.81	
	<i>Ronshaugen Mem.</i> \$4,206.01			
\$3,830.31	\$10,049.71	\$2,999.93	\$3,109.54	\$11,125.63

* church roof repair, painting of the addition, installation of efficient water heaters, tree removal, sinking of center aisle floor grates in the church, other minor repairs.

I would like to thank Al Dorf and Martha Nesbitt for their yeomen's efforts in putting together next year's budget. It would have been impossible without them.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Lloyd,
 Treasurer

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

2010 was a very successful year for Buildings and Grounds. This spring Christine Gevert and Gordon Gustafson did some outdoor spring cleaning as did about 15 parishioners on Clean-up Day. Christine and Katrina Piezzo planted the Easter daffodils outside Walker Hall. They will probably not bloom this year because they were in pots too long, but next year we hope for a show. Jane Lipton applied vinegar to the slate walk and eliminated most of the crab grass.

We replaced the water heater in the undercroft with a water heating system to reduce our electrical costs. We have moved the handicapped parking signs to the entrance to Walker Hall. The people who use these spaces will have a much easier time getting into the church in the snow.

We repaired the sanctuary roof. It now looks like it looked when the church was built and more importantly no longer leaks. We are about 90% finished with painting the addition. We will finish this in the spring. We repaired the Rectory roof. At this time the roof does not leak. The 2009 repair did not completely work.

We put in the new carillon just before Christmas. Jeff Silvernale cleaned the bell tower and installed new screens. Pat Barton had an electrician repair an overhead light in the sanctuary and check out the existing wiring for the bell tower.

Gordon Gustafson is in charge of weather stripping our buildings. The Men's Group will be doing it. Jeff Silvernale is in charge of reinforcing the bases of the pews. He will be evaluating what will work this winter and spring. He also will be given the task of stabilizing and renovating the doors in the narthex that face Route 112 and has been given the job of re-roofing the roof at the front of Walker Hall. John Lloyd, Gordon Gustafson and the Men's Group will continue to work on the repairs for the handicapped access ramp in front of the church this spring.

There are many other things that need to be done. These include, but are not limited to, replastering and re-painting the sanctuary, repairing the stained glass windows, painting the wooden trim outside the sanctuary and painting the portico, installing a new boiler in the Rectory, a new roof for the Rectory, and repainting both the Rectory and the garage.

I wish to thank the people who have spent time on the care of the church and its Rectory and its grounds. You may not notice a lot of the work that they have done, but these people have done good work, and ultimately, it pays off.

Judy Brown

Buildings and Grounds Chair

ALTAR GUILD

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 Sept. 25 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 a ministry of which we can be proud.

This is a special occasion to thank those 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

The funds and monies of the Altar Guild of Trinity Church are now being handled by the Treasurer of Trinity. The funds are still available for use by the Altar Guild but we no longer have our own Treasurer. All funds were transferred in October of 2010 and the only expenditures handled by the former Treasurer for the year 2010 are listed below.

Candles	\$212.58
Bread	32.82

Check to Trinity to close the Altar Guild Account - 10/18/2010	\$660.85
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Respectfully Submitted,
Virginia Dildine
Treasurer, Altar Guild

FLOWER GUILD

2010 was the first full year that the Flower Committee raised its own funds separately from the Altar Guild. At the same time the Flower Committee was renamed the Flower Guild. I wish to thank the parishioners who gave to the new Flower Guild in memory of loved ones, for special occasions, or simply because they like to see beautiful flowers on the reredos. You were most generous in your gifts. We all appreciate it.

As a result of the gifts early in the year, we did not need to ask for funds specifically for Easter, All Saints' Day, and Christmas although we did receive some gifts.

Judy Brown
Chair, Flower Guild

ART SHOW

Twenty-one local and regional artists participated in the 27th annual Trinity Art Show. The show opened with the artists' reception in Walker Hall on the evening of August 28. This year the show was open during the last weekend of August, Saturday and Sunday, Noon through 4 PM, and continued on Thursday through Monday, September 2 – 6.

Summary:

25 pieces of art (by 11 artists) were sold during and after the show.

Gross receipts from art: \$ 9,101.80

Cash donations for door prize: \$ 621.50

Total receipts: \$ 9,723.30

Trinity Church share (35%) \$ 3,020.50

Total earnings from show: \$ 3,642.00

Respectfully,
Tom Schindler
co chair

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW has continued this year with our ten monthly meetings. It has been our tradition to take off January and February. All the women of Trinity are welcome to join us when you can. Our meetings will be on the church calendar. We made a combined \$4,500 from the Tag Sale and Bazaar for the General Fund. Thanks to all the members of Trinity who helped make these events a success. Our popular book sale continues to make money which pays for coffee, tea, and sundries for the kitchen. Chocolate Sunday was also a success. This year we were able to donate money to the Facelift fund, music fund, sports program and for a backpack for a little girl in the community.

The funds and monies of the ECW of Trinity Church as of January 2011 will be handled by the Treasurer of Trinity. They will be available to the ECW for our projects.

Beginning balance January 1, 2010		\$1,818.08
Income:		
Proceeds from Tag Sale	\$2,696.50	
Proceeds from Bazaar	\$2,447.50	
Sale of Books, Dues	335.00	
Chocolate Sunday	212.00	
Gifts	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Income	\$5,891.00	
TOTAL		\$7,709.08
Expenses:		
To Trinity General Fund		
Tag Sale	\$2,000.00	
To Trinity General Fund		
Bazaar	\$2,500.00	
Donations:		
Facelift Fund	\$1,000.00	
Music Fund	100.00	
Sports Program	100.00	
Gifts	45.00	
Tag Sale Expense	200.00	
Supplies for Kitchen	355.43	
Bal. Adjustment	<u>93.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$6,393.43	
Ending Balance – December 31, 2010	\$1,315.65	
TOTAL		\$7,709.08
Torrington Savings Bank Acct. #51000304 as of 11/30/2010		\$1,684.28

Virginia B. Dildine
President, ECW

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We implemented a new curriculum for our multi-age, single-classroom Sunday School in September 2010. *Living the Good News* is published by Morehouse and provides our teachers with easy to follow lesson plans and a wide variety of activities from which to choose. There is also a wonderful website with many additional resources. This lectionary-based curriculum has been well received by the teachers, children and parents alike. The lessons incorporate activities for kids of various ages, so there is always something for everyone. The older kids are also wonderful helpers with the younger ones. Our attendance continues to average about 4 to 6 children per week.

Last spring Pastor Heidi initiated Youth services on the last Sunday of every month. These have been a great hit with the congregation and the children, who love taking on leadership roles in worship. It is a great way for the children to put the lessons they learn in the classroom into action.

We continue to start each Sunday with Pastor Heidi leading a very quick lesson and prayer at the side altar. We then adjourn to the classroom, later returning to join the congregation at the Offertory.

For the first time the children signed their own pledge cards, pledging good deeds, hugs and dollars to Trinity.

At last May's Tag Sale the children helped to sell over \$900 worth of hand-beaded jewelry for the Outreach Ministries' beadforlife.org project, which benefits women and children in Uganda. We used the beadforlife.org's wonderful curriculum for four weeks to teach the children about the needs of others around the world.

Teaming again with the Outreach Ministries, the Sunday School raised "Pennies for Peace" as our fall project. The children saved their own pennies at home and together we made wool Christmas tree angels that we sold at the Christmas Bazaar.

Our annual Christmas Pageant on the Fourth Sunday of Advent was better than ever! Pastor Heidi's innovative and easy-to-use script allowed us to rehearse less, but put on a great show. Children of all ages participated. Special thanks to Betsy Howie, Christine Gevert, Geoff Brown and all the parents!

Our biggest challenge remains recruiting new teachers and new families to Trinity's Sunday School. It is my hope that the very well-attended Family Service on Christmas Eve will bring us a few new kids this winter.

I extend my gratitude to Cheryl Duntz and Marian Browning for joining me in teaching Trinity's children. The three of us handle this on our own and would greatly appreciate more parishioners helping, even just once every month or two.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Hachmeister
Sunday School Director

ADULT EDUCATION

In 2010 we undertook a number of different adult education programs at Trinity. During Lent, Pastor Heidi and I led a Sunday morning discussion group—*Being Present to Presence: Exploring Varieties of Spiritual Practice*. We also participated in an ecumenical book group discussion of Diana Butler Bass' *Christianity for the Rest of Us* at the Congregational Church in Salisbury. During that period we installed an indoor labyrinth one Sunday, for parishioners to try out a labyrinth walk. Handouts were made available on what a labyrinth is and how walking it is a spiritual practice.

After Easter Pastor Heidi led an *Episcopal 101* class, which recessed after confirmation and was reconvened during Advent. In June we read Paul Knitter's *Without Buddha, I could not be a Christian*. A planned reading and discussion of *Paul: The Mind of an Apostle* was postponed due to the passing of our dear friend (and bibliophile!) Bill Warren.

Informal discussion and education also occurred during the Friday morning Walk-Talk-Pray meetings. Along with other topics, matters of faith and belief made regular appearances.

In 2010 I also continued to facilitate the monthly book discussion group "Exploring Spiritual Paths" at Noble Horizons. That group is attended by members of Trinity, St. John's, St. Mary's, and Noble residents as well as local community members. This year we read in a wide range, from William James' *The Varieties of Religious Experience* to Esther de Waal's *Living with Contradiction: An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality*. In June 2011 we plan to attend the Cynthia Bourgeault retreat at Wisdom House, as we have been much moved by her book *Wisdom Jesus*.

Adult education continues to be a challenge at Trinity! There is much to explore, but finding a mutually convenient time to do so is problematic. Pastor Heidi and I hope that interested parishioners will advise us of areas they would like to explore and their availability to do so.

Alexis Dorf
Adult Ed co-chair

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Outreach Ministry members : Emily DiMartino, Alexis Dorf, Lynn Gaffney (Chairperson), William Kellett, Katrina Piezzo, Bob Reid, Biz Rogers, Johanna Walton

2010 was a great year for Trinity's Outreach Mission. We organized our focus fairly evenly within three areas – Local Needs, International Organizations and the Larger Church Community. We teamed up with other Trinity committees for successful Outreach projects so that Outreach continues to be an essential part of all of our experiences at Trinity.

Owls Kitchen Food Pantry – Ongoing Project
Food collection for our neighbors.

Christ Church Cathedral Soup Kitchen – Ongoing Project
Toiletry and personal items collection for guests of the soup kitchen.

Bishops 5K for Kids – May 2010 – 10 walkers/runners - \$600 raised
A great run in West Hartford to raise money and awareness of the plight of children at risk throughout Connecticut.

Beads For Life – May 2010 - \$1200 raised
Team effort with Sunday School and ECW Committee.
A U.S. based organization that empowers women in Uganda with education and business training after they commit time and energy to raising money through making beautiful beads from paper. We sold these beads and jewelry at ECW's annual Trinity Tag Sale and the Sunday School studied affects of and solutions to long term poverty.

Back to School Backpacks – August 2010 – 20 students assisted
We organized collection and dispersion of backpacks and school supplies to five local public schools.

CROP Walk – September 2010 – 11 walkers - \$850 raised
Through the Church World Services organization, CROP Hunger Walks bring the whole community together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

Feed a Family of Four for a Day– November 2010- 50 families assisted
Owls Kitchen was so grateful for the incredible amount of food that arrived from Trinity.

Pennies for Piece and Table at Christmas Sale – December 2010 - \$500 raised
Team effort with Sunday School and ECW Committee.
Greg Mortenson's Central Asia Institute promotes and supports community based education especially for girls in remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Through the fish bowl coin collection and the Outreach table at the ECW's annual Christmas Bazaar, we helped fund this effort. The Sunday School contributed beautiful angels made with local wool for the sale.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Gaffney
Outreach chair

MUSIC MINISTRY

Trinity Church Choir Members in 2010 (*soloists) Ginny Dildine, Kathy Drake*, Danielle Gaherty, Linda Lloyd* – *Sopranos*; Martha Baer, Patricia Barton*, Diana Mundy, Judith Sherman – *Altos*; Randy Orzano* – *Counter-Tenor*; Geoffrey Brown, Gordon Gustafson – *Tenors*; John Lloyd, Thomas Schindler* – *Basses*. **Trinity's professional Soloist:** Janet Walker – Alto. **Children:** Callie, Helen, Eleanor, Katherine, Anya, and the Pageant and Christmas Children's Service attendees

Guest musicians at Trinity Church Services: *Friends:* the Choir singers Linde DeRis (Egremont, MA - also Recorder), Julia Scott (Cornwall, CT), James Barret (Winsted), Rev. Steve Austin (Salisbury, CT) several other Crescendo singers, and choirs of neighbor parishes. *Professionals:* Trinity Wall Street Choir, Tricia Van Oers (Recorder), Jeffrey Stevens (Trumpet), Erica Warnock (Viola da Gamba), Douglas Schmolze (solo Tenor, Guitar), James Barret (solo Baritone), John-Arthur Miller (solo Baritone), Willow Johns (New York, NY – solo Soprano) Lillie Mikesel and Karen Berger from the St. John's choir. *Guest Organists:* Albert Sly, Jon Lafleur, Ted Somerville

Our Instruments: Piano tunings and minor repairs and maintenance on the Rodgers Organ

Crescendo: Two Choral-Orchestral Concerts. More than half of our Trinity choir members participate in the Crescendo Chorus, and several of our guest musicians at Trinity Services are Crescendo soloists or instrumentalists.

Account of the main Musical Events in 2010:

January: Installation Service for Pastor Heidi with Choir

February: Crescendo and Trinity collaborate in "A song for Haiti" (Earthquake relief)

March: Choral Evensong (snow date from Shrove-Tuesday); Wedding with Organ and Vocal soloist

April: Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday 'Tenebrae'; Good Friday: Seven Last Words of Christ-H. Schütz with Guest Musicians and Trinity Vocal Ensemble; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Services with Choir; Memorial Service for Marge Bethke at Geer Village with Choir; Crescendo Concert (Latin American Music)

May: Confirmation Service with Choir at St. John's in Salisbury; Pentecost Service; Trinity Sunday Service; Special Choral Music at Paige Alford's Memorial Service

June/July/August: National Songs on July 4th at Jacqueline Kuhn's house blessing and coffee hour; Individual Voice Lessons for Choir singers with Contralto Imelda Franklin; ongoing Choir through the summer

September: Trinity Wall Street Choir's 10th visit to Trinity

November: Crescendo Concert (US Premiere of Missa Votiva by J.D. Zelenka)

December: Advent Services with soloists, Vocal Ensemble and Choral Anthems; Special Music with the Vocal Ensemble at a Service at Noble Horizons; Christmas Pageant, Choral Concert and Service on Christmas Eve; Soloists at the Christmas Day Service; Concert with the Vocal Ensemble at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge, MA (New Year's Day)

Further comments: This year one of the more remarkable things has been the greater integration between music and the pastoral ministry. Collaborating closer with Pastor Heidi has brought us to get a greater connection between the music – Hymns, Anthems or solos – and the liturgical context and her sermons. This was also manifest in the Evensong and Easter Services, in which the choir collaborated with her chanting and in greater outreach as we went with the choir and vocal ensemble to serve

with her at funerals, confirmation and ordinary services at Noble Horizons, Geer Village and St. John's church. Two worship committee meetings gave us valuable information about past practices, the parish's preferences and also new ideas.

The monthly Youth Services, the Bible Camp week and the Pageant gave us the opportunity to introduce some of the very talented children and youth at Trinity to very traditional musical worship, such as chanting the Psalm and also to introduce them to new Christian music.

Our choir has not only served faithfully through the complete year, but taken on several extra commitments, such as funerals, confirmation and Evensong.

Our own Vocal Ensemble has enriched our services with masterworks of early polyphony, including taking this repertoire outside of our own parish and even performing a complete concert in Stockbridge, MA.

Our own soloists, mainly Janet Walker, Pat Barton, and Tom Schindler enriched our worship with works from Liszt, Mendelssohn, J.S. Bach and others. At the end of the year we welcomed a new Choir member, Diana Mundy, who rejoined Trinity church.

The last addition to the music at Trinity is the new Carillon, which we gladly integrated into our Christmas concert and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Gevert

Organist and Choir Director

ANNUAL GIVING

We experienced a significant increase in the number of pledges this year with a total of 49 pledges, including eleven new pledges. Our total giving is over \$131,000, up from \$107,000 at this time last year.

Our Annual Giving plan for FY 2011 included a letter and pledge card sent to parishioners, several “stewardship minutes” offered by parishioners and comments about Annual Giving made by myself during church services. An update as to Trinity’s financial position by Treasurer John Lloyd was also given as part of the annual giving program.

Certainly this wonderful support reflects the healthy sense of community at Trinity. In addition, our support of OWL’s Kitchen, school age children, the elderly, Crescendo, AA and many other outreach programs is a testament to the spirit of Trinity.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. P. Kellett,

Chair

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members: Pat Barton, Geoff Brown, Bill Jenks (chair), Lynn Gaffney, John Lloyd, Bob Reid, Pastor Heidi Truax, Alan Swide

INITIAL CHARGE

The formation of the Long Range Planning Committee was a result of a discussion at an earlier annual meeting regarding Reid Field. The discussion was tabled by agreement to form a committee; Pastor Heidi Truax formed the committee in 2010.

At its first meeting, the committee agreed that its mission would be to consider how to ensure the long term financial health and future of Trinity Church, and how we can be a resource and asset to our community.

With the help of John Lloyd, our Treasurer, we first tried to determine how large an operating budget we would need to be self-sustaining. Our estimate is that a "full service church" would require an operating budget of roughly \$215,000 (Our 2010 budget was \$158,000). To avoid future deferred maintenance problems the full service budget includes \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually for repairs and maintenance.

The committee considered how increased revenue could be generated. While there are possible sources of revenue from the rental of Walker Hall and Reid Field, we expect that such rental income would not be large and that it would be extremely variable from year to year. We therefore agreed that increased revenue was fundamentally a function of increased parish membership. We note that there has been substantial increase in membership this year. It is very encouraging and we hope and expect to increase membership in 2011. This increase, we believe, relates directly to Pastor Heidi's ability to attract and involve parishioners.

We then focused on other major projects that might be undertaken.

REID FIELD

After determining that there were no restrictions in the deed prohibiting it, the committee has spent the bulk of its time investigating building housing on the back half of Reid Field. We have met with the Second Selectman of Salisbury and others involved in affordable housing. Out of these meetings we have developed a clearer idea of what would be involved in such a project and its economics.

The consensus is that, in a cluster-housing configuration, 20 to 30 units could be built on the back half of Reid Field. This would require that the land be rezoned, but our impression is that Salisbury is so interested in this type of housing that zoning approval would be forthcoming.

In our meetings we were advised that such a project would realistically have to be done with a developer as we had neither the expertise or the resources to do it ourselves. The consensus of the people with whom we met was that we would contribute the land to the venture and the "venture" would then own the land. No one we talked to thought that anything other than government financed affordable/senior housing was possible for the site. The feeling is that the site is too small and too close to

the racetrack for anything else.

A 20 unit development was estimated to cost \$6,000,000. Government supported financing is available for 80% of the cost and the developer would contribute the balance. Of the total cost Trinity could expect to receive: the cost of the land contributed, \$50,000 to \$75,000, and could negotiate to receive up to half of the developer's fee of \$600,000. However, the developer's fee is first used to cover cost overruns so that there is no certainty of the full amount or even any amount. We were advised that in projects like this it would be unrealistic to expect any ongoing income from the project once it is completed. The unanimous advice was to get all our compensation by completion and have no role in the project after completion.

A development of this sort, however, would not support our agreed vision as a committee to secure the long-term financial health and future of Trinity Church.

POINTS WE CONSIDERED:

- There is a need for moderate income /senior housing in our area.
- The project would require diocesan approval
- These projects can take a long time; a minimum of 3 years and as long as 7 years with the average being 6 to 7 years.
- There may be intense local and parish opposition.
- Trinity will have to "manage" the project if only to protect its own interests. Where will we get the people to do so? Unless we have the people who can make the long term commitment, it is almost impossible to undertake the project.

At current returns of, say, 3% on the money received from the developer, the most the project would produce would be \$11,250 per annum (3% of \$375,000). A more conservative case would be \$6,000 (3% of \$200,000). This is insufficient to ensure the long-term future of our church and a very modest return for effort required. In addition, monies from the developer would probably not be received until the project is completed – as much as 7 years from the start of the project.

RECTORY

The Rectory is currently leased to Christine Gevert and Gordon Gustafson, and as long as Christine is in the employment of the church, we are pleased to have them stay there. Since it appears that rectories next to the church have gone out of fashion, we will have to consider what to do with it should it become vacant.

If we don't want to sell it at the point it becomes vacant, we discovered that there are programs to help us convert it into apartments (www.housingus.org) which are part of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. It may be another way to make a contribution to moderate income housing. It should certainly be investigated when we have to make a decision about what to do with the Rectory.

SCHOOL

There is presently only one private school for 4 and 5 year olds in the local parish area. The other local alternatives are daycare, which is not school, or, for the 4 and 5 year olds, Pre K in some of the public schools and kindergarten in all of them.

Needless to say, none of these programs are faith-based. Indian Mountain does not offer a 3s program and currently charges \$14,300 for PreK and K. Daycare costs for 3 to 5 year olds at NAEYC accredited centers in the area average about \$190 per week. That is roughly \$7,000 for a 37 week school year.

Trinity has the individual rooms and common space (Walker Hall) plus Reid Field to have a 3 to 5 year old school program. The building is underutilized during the week and the incremental building operating costs of a school program would be modest. A school could give us the opportunity to reach out to the tri-state community by providing high quality education that has Christian faith as an integral part of the school.

The school could be worth further investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Jenks
Chair

DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

As the delegate of Trinity Lime Rock I attended the Diocesan convention last year, my second year in this capacity.

Lacking the drama of election of a new Diocesan Bishop, this convention was important in three ways for Trinity, in my opinion.

First, we began to learn more about Bishop Douglas' plans for the Diocese. While I cannot summarize them in a few words, I can say that Trinity is on the right track, and that such efforts as our mission to Trinity Glen definitely puts us "on the radar" at Diocesan House.

Second, we approved a Diocesan budget that is extremely frugal. I wonder what potentially fruitful opportunities the Diocese cannot pursue because of financial limitations.

Third, we can be proud that our own Danielle Gaherty was elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee, the organization that is responsible for day-to-day governance of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Brown
Delegate to Convention

TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

The Trinity Church Men's Group meets approximately once per month to contribute some labor or handiwork to the church's needs, and after such work the group usually repairs to a local restaurant to discuss intricate theological issues. Projects we undertook this past year included helping dismantle the Trinity tag sale and dispose of unsold items, work on sanding and finishing arms for the chairs in Walker Hall, and helping one parishioner move furnishings to a new location. We were willing to undertake weather-stripping of the church, but because the leader of that effort was unavailable, some of the church worthies, fearful that we would weather-strip the organ, called it off.

The focus of our dinners is primarily intellectual. For example, at the coming January event, one of our members who has been reading a 700-page book on the Old Testament (for the past three years), will give a report. Despite its intellectual focus, there is no educational requirement for joining the Men's Group.

Respectfully Submitted,
"Chairman Keith" Nolan

INTERNET REPORT

Commentary: For three years now we have commented on the transformation of the internet away from traditional static websites into more interactive and personalized communications. Websites remain information repositories and transactional vehicles, but the “web surfing” of a decade ago has virtually vanished.

“Trinity Update” via VerticalResponse e-mail service: This year the Trinity Update completed its first full year with VerticalResponse. At present, we have 163 weekly subscribers receiving the Trinity Update (up from 139 last year). For our regular weekly e-mails, between 36 and 42% of recipients open the email, and of those who open them, between 3% and a whopping 72% “click through” to web content. (*source: VerticalResponse*).

Our Trinity Lime Rock Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/trinitylimerock begun this year, now has 44 “likes”. In the past month 30 of these have been active, and the page has received 2015 views during that period. The demographics tend to viewers 55+ years old. (*source: Facebook*).

Our Trinity Lime Rock Sports Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/trinitylimerocksports now in its second year, has 75 “likes” (up from 34 last year). 36 were active during December, visiting 1468 times. The demographics of this group are fairly level among age categories, slightly skewed to older viewers. (*source: Facebook*).

Our old Facebook Trinity Lime Rock “group” has, despite benign neglect, grown to 42 members. We periodically try to guide members to our “pages” as they provide greater functionality. No metrics beyond number of members are available for Facebook groups.

Our YouTube channel, TrinityChurch, currently has 15 videos on the channel. They were viewed 7175 times in 2010. The most popular remain the American Boychoir/Chorus Angelicus series, our Palm Sunday 2007 video, and our Christmas Pageants. (*source: YouTube*).

Our website, www.trinitylimerock.org, is in the process of becoming a transactional one, a web resource where people can easily accomplish things. Whether people visit to find out how to locate us, what our programs are, who we are, what our upcoming events are, or to read a sermon or the Trinity Times or Vestry minutes, send us an e-mail, discover our social media outlets, or get information about our history, their visits are purposeful, and we aim to make it easy to accomplish their objectives. For those who choose to dig deeper, we continue to have extensive online resources documenting the past decade at Trinity. Our most important single effort in making our website transactional is that our Vestry has requested that we accept online donations via the website. This project is currently underway.

Site statistics suggest we are succeeding in attracting people who want to accomplish something in their visit instead of casual browsers. Overall site visits continued their downward trend, dropping 17% this year to 13,520 after dropping 19% last year. Page views declined by 5% this year, to around 36,700. The good news is that proxies for quality of visitor have improved markedly. The number of pages the average visitor viewed increased 14.1% this year (after increasing 5% the previous year), and the average time viewers spend on the site increased 17.2% after increasing 15% the previous year. These are indicative that our visitors are increasingly interested in Trinity, and are not just people who are idly “surfing the web”.

While roughly half of our visitors came from the search engines, 27% came from referring sites – this is good news because it means that someone saw us mentioned and took the initiative to find out more about us! 91 visitors came to us from Facebook (up 237% from last year). 48 came to us from the Diocesan website, 20 from the Town of Salisbury website, 19 from Wikipedia with an equal number from the national Episcopal church, 16 from the Falls Village Blog, 14 from Crescendo, 9 from Google Maps, 7 from Cyndi's List (genealogy), and 5 from Beckley Furnace. *(Source: Google Analytics)*

Plans for 2011: (1) Implement online donations, (2) Continue to build Facebook presence and involvement, (3) Investigate and implement other Web 2.0 technologies as opportunities present themselves, and (4) continue to refine the website as a transactional and reference source.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Brown
webmaster

SPORTS AND RECREATION MINISTRY

Softball: The inter-parish softball game organized by Pat Barton was rained out, but it morphed into a regular weekly pickup softball game with Lime Rock Park, the Skip Barber Racing School, Fast Track Catering, and Trinity Lime Rock. This weekly game will resume as soon as weather permits, and will continue as long as there are participants.

Bowling: Pastor Heidi brightened the dark winter days with a well-attended bowling trip to Great Barrington. We hope to repeat it or have another diversion this winter.

Running and Walking: Randy Orzano directed Trinity's initial entry in the Bishop's 5K for Kids in May. We fielded a team of ten runners/walkers (and one passenger in a stroller) and brought home one silver medal – congratulations, Axel! We were also the 5th most successful parish in the diocese in terms of funds raised via competitor sponsorship. Lou and Katrina Piezzo coordinated Trinity's participation in the CROP Walk in September, and a large group of walkers represented Trinity in good style in pursuing this very good cause.

Pastor Heidi created a program called "Walk – Talk – Pray" that has attracted a core group of participants on Friday mornings at 8 AM. During the winter, we move to the indoor track at Hotchkiss when weather, comfort, or safety makes it appropriate.

Summer Sports: Last summer we offered volleyball, softball, soccer, badminton, and American football on Sunday mornings, and this summer we will substitute Frisbee for football. Special thanks to Bill and Shirley Jenks, Cheryl and Russell Duntz, Richard Kirby, and Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister for their roles in leading and coaching. While our attendance was not as large as it has been, the young people still have fun with healthy exercise as we continue to answer the question that Courtney Duntz asked seven years ago: "What are the Sunday School kids supposed to do in the summer?"

Hospitality to athletes: While the Appalachian Trail no longer passes Trinity, this past year Pastor Heidi, with assistance of our friends from Trinity Glen (who constructed a kiosk), welcomed large and small groups of hikers. We will try to keep our welcome out there in the future; perhaps some will want to detour to Trinity in the future.

This year marked the transformation of "the bicyclists" who always seemed to appear at the Tag Sale/Bake Sale into a group with a real name: the New York Cycle Club. We now have an open communications channel with them and look forward to seeing them this year.

While no overflow spectators from Lime Rock Park parked in our field last year, Pastor Heidi offered several invocations there, including one that was identified by a track official as the best invocation he had ever heard. Our good relations with the track manifest themselves in a variety of other ways as well, including their mowing of the field for us.

During 2011: Discussions with the Northwest United Soccer Club, initiated five years ago, have resumed. If successful they will bring organized youth soccer to Reid Field in the spring and fall seasons. Current plans are for that organization, entirely at their expense, to restore the topsoil to the field, level it and create a first class playing surface that would also be available for our own programs and those of surrounding towns. All other Trinity Sports programs are expected to continue as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Brown
Chair, sports ministry