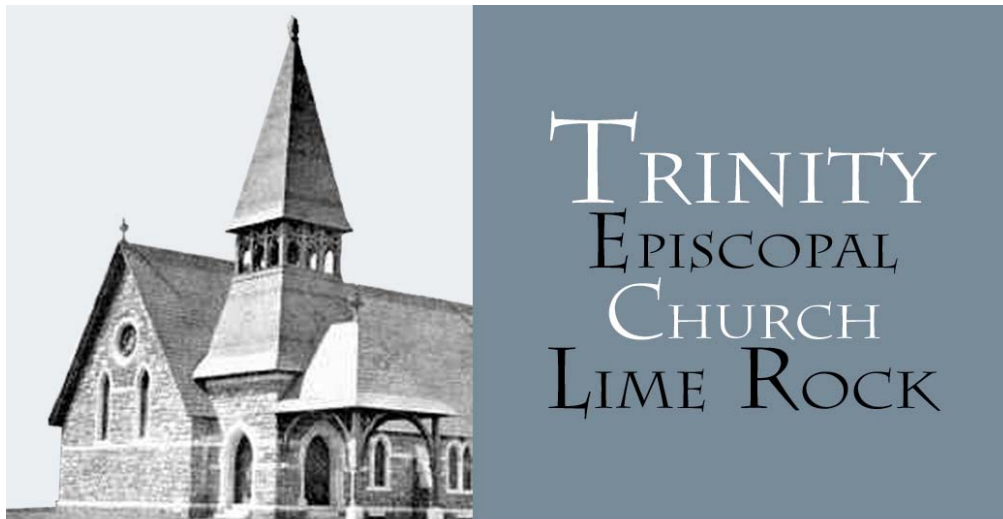


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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

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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 2011

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	Luis Francke	John Oler
Patricia Barton	M.E. Freeman	Randy Orzano
Stuyvesant Bearns	Lynn Gaffney	Katrina Piezzo
Roy Bickley	Danielle Gaherty	Lou Piezzo
Terri Brennan	Christine Gevert	Robert Reid
Geoffrey Brown	Karen Gray	Christopher Sanger
Judith Sherman Brown	Gordon Gustafson	Nina Sanger
Russell Brown	Gretchen Hachmeister	Susannah Schindler
Anya Browning	Betsy Howie	Thomas Schindler
Marian Browning	William Jenks	Jill Scott
Jane Ellen Canfield	Mary Kaufholz	Neill Scott
Mary Anne Carley	Nancy Kellett	Geoffrey Sherrill
Lonnie Carter	William Kellett	Kathleen Sherrill
Heather Chapman	Celia Kirby	Jeffrey Silvernale
Fran Colombo	Richard Kirby	Richard Stone
James Conzo	Sue Kozlowski	Brita Svala
Patrick Cooke	Anita Kuhn	Gunnar Svala
Jane Cooke	Jacqueline Kuhn	Alan Swide
Sally Cummins	John Kuhns	Electra Tortorella
Michael Cuoco	Lawrence Kurland	Al Tortorella
Jeremy Dakin	Denise Lancto	The Rev. Heidi Truax
Virginia Dildine	John Lloyd	Jane Tuttle
Emily DiMartino	Linda Lloyd	Alice Tweed
Al Dorf	Charles Marsden	Maxwell Ule
Alexis Dorf	Jackson Marvel	Janet Walker
Kathy Drake	Joan Merrill	Diane Walters
Cheryl Duntz	Ruth Mulcahy	Arete Warren
Courtney Duntz	Martha Nesbitt	Trudy Washburn
Russell Duntz	Keith Nolan	Sylvia Wismar
John Fitch	Jennifer Norberg	Kathy Wohlfert
Pari Forood	Hilary Novik	Norma Wright
	Olivia Novik	

OFFICERS AND VESTRY FOR 2012

Officers

Senior Warden: Alexis Dorf

Junior Warden: Jim Conzo

Clerk: **Randy Orzano**

Treasurer: **Bill Kellett**

Members

Martha Baer

Mary Anne Carley

Jeremy Dakin

Danielle Gaherty

Jennifer Norberg

Alan Swide

Convention Delegate

Geoff Brown

Deanery Representative

Geoff Brown

Trinity offers particular thanks to departing clerk Geoff Brown, departing treasurer John Lloyd and retiring Vestry members Pat Barton, Janet Walker and Lynn Gaffney for their years of service on the Vestry.

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

VICAR'S REPORT

I had the opportunity recently to go to the WHDD studio in Sharon to be interviewed. It was an opportunity in which I could talk about Trinity Church, and all we do for each other, and for God's mission in the world. I wrote down some notes beforehand so that I would remember the important points.

One problem....the interviewer, a very nice young woman, had her own ideas of the kinds of questions she wanted to ask me. Second problem....the interview was only 10 minutes long. I had to try to do what any good political candidate does: No matter what the question is, you answer with the message that you need to deliver. I did get the conversation around to my important points. And it is these things about Trinity that make up my annual report.

1. We want to continue to strive to be a community church; offering companionship along the Way to anyone who comes to a service, or drops by for a visit, or comes to the Christmas Tree lighting, an AA meeting, or a Crescendo concert. I hope we continue to come up with more ways to share in the life of our community. I believe that is what Jesus would have us do.

2. We will make every effort to be a church that welcomes families and children. With our Sunday School, Summer Sports Program, and Youth Sundays we will keep children and families in the forefront of our mission. Terri Brennan and Geoff Brown continue to put into place great new ideas to invigorate that ministry.

3. We will always be a church that nurtures spiritual growth and health. Strengthened by the sacraments, we are thus empowered to go back out into the world and help others. We do so with our Outreach and the great efforts of Lou and Katrina Piezzo and the whole Outreach committee, through the Adult Education programs, the Art Show in the summer, Alexis Dorf's ongoing book group at Noble Horizons, Bible Study, Lenten series, and mid-week worship.

4. We are grateful to have a superior and professional music program. Because of the musical gifts of Christine Gevert we are able to offer exciting and uplifting music as part of our worship experience. Christine is able to nurture the musical gifts of all who come to sing with us. She also has been a leader in helping us find new ways to be in the community, taking members of the choir to Noble Horizons, and of course, the Tree Lighting in December. The choir keeps growing, thanks be to God. It is said that when you sing, you pray twice!

5. We are connected to the world, and the world is connected to us through all of our members, and their dedicated efforts to tell others about Trinity. I didn't come up with the idea to do a radio interview, but Fran Colombo encouraged me to set up a time to do so. We have an extremely strong Internet presence due to the talents of our Webmaster, Geoff Brown. It just dawned on me the other day that Geoff is really a Deacon in our church. The role of the deacon is to make sure that the church knows what is going on outside the four walls of our building. Also, the deacon's job is to let the world know what the Church is doing so that we can be active partners with people and organizations in our community. Through our website, facebook and twitter presence, Geoff makes sure we are up-to-date and connected to the world. He may not be ordained as a deacon, but he sure has answered the call to be one!

I did not talk about some things in that radio interview. There is work done behind the scenes at Trinity that, although vital to the health of our church, isn't appropriate for a radio interview. I didn't talk about the hundreds of hours that our retiring treasurer, John Lloyd has put in, or the hundreds and hundreds of hours our retiring clerk, Geoff Brown, has given to Trinity. I didn't talk about the tenacity of our stewardship chairman, John Oler, and how he has helped us all see the necessity of giving of ourselves in order to keep the health of the church and our facilities.

I didn't talk on the radio about the three and ½ hour vestry meeting we had a couple of weeks ago in order to hash out the budget in light of our financial circumstances. The Trinity Vestry gracefully labored much of Sunday afternoon without complaint. The budget committee had put in a great deal of effort previously, but when push came to shove, we had to look at it all again and see where we could cut expenses, and where we needed to hold the line. My undying thanks go to Alexis Dorf, our very hard working Senior Warden, Jim Conzo, our stalwart Junior Warden, and our retiring vestry members, Janet Walker and Lynn Gaffney. Janet, you may be retiring from the vestry, but we won't let you retire your voice from gracing our worship! Thank you to every member of the vestry for your dedication to Trinity Church.

The last question that the interviewer asked me was, "What are you most proud of at Trinity Church?" That was the easiest question to answer: It is all of you. I said, so that all world could hear, that it is the people of Trinity that make our church what it is. Everyone here at Trinity has a ministry. They are all different, and they are all essential. Some of us are in the kitchen, and some in the sacristy. Some are driving, some are cleaning, some are visiting people, many work on the ECW projects that provide us with much needed funds each year. And all of us care for each other in the best ways we know how. I can't mention every person by name in this report, but know that you are a vital member of this church and I thank you for all you do to support our life in Christ together.

The presence of the Holy Spirit makes these things possible, and leads us to do God's will in what we undertake. Thank you all for your support of each other, your care for people outside of the church, and lastly, for your confidence in me to allow me to be your vicar by God's grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Heidi Truax

PAROCHIAL REPORT

Average attendance: 69.4
(including Christmas eve): 70

No baptisms

No confirmations

Marriages:

May 21 Tricia Van Oers to Robert Reimer
Aug 27 Paola Martinetti to Zachary Lauckhardt

Funerals:

Feb 17 Shirley Gehrls (at Falls Village Sr. Center)
Apr 15 Mary Lou Howie
May 28 John Michael Degener (at Christ Sharon)
Jun 6 Wendy Salmon Oler (at Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla, NY)
Nov 12 Christopher S. Smith

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Trinity Lime Rock January 23, 2011

Preceding the meeting, the parish enjoyed a potluck lunch and sang Hymn #376, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee". The Rev. Heidi Truax called the meeting to order and offered an invocation.

Linda Lloyd nominated the undersigned as Clerk of the meeting, and Gordon Gustafson seconded the nomination, which passed by voice vote. The roll of voting members as presented in the Annual Report was approved on motion of John Lloyd and second of Gordon Gustafson, with the addition of Gretchen Hachmeister, Bob Gilcrest, and Lawrence Kurland.

Bill Jenks moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting and to approve the minutes as circulated in the Annual Report. Bob Reid seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Pastor Heidi provided the Vicar's Report, referring to the Vicar's Letter as circulated in the Annual Report, but drawing special notice to outgoing Senior Warden Linda Lloyd. The report, and the mention of Linda, were greeted by applause.

John Lloyd then presented the Treasurer's report. Included in the report was the condition of the endowment and the specific fund balances, circulated in the Annual Report, as well as the 2010 Profit and Loss including a comparison of budget versus actual, the year-end balance sheet, and the 2011 spending plan, which were distributed at the meeting. Al Dorf commented that the budgeted pledge amount was up sharply over last year, and that pledges are now in hand for nearly all of the budgeted amount. It was noted that the graphics of the financials, prepared by Alexis Dorf, had not been included in the Annual Report in error, and would appear on the parish bulletin board next week.

A question was raised regarding the treatment of capital improvements in the budget as the 2010 Facelift campaign is not included since the campaign represented a one year effort for which the funds were raised and substantially expended within the calendar year. An additional question was raised with regard to buildings and grounds expenses, which had previously been reported as a consolidated figure but this year are broken out. Ginny Dildine noted that it appeared that the revenues from the Christmas Bazaar did not appear in the 2010 revenues. John concurred and indicated that it will be identified on the final financials. A question was raised regarding expense for musicians and for organ and piano maintenance. Pastor Heidi emphasized the important of our music ministry at Trinity, and requested that the category be broken out in next year's budget. She also thanked Martha Nesbitt, John, and Al for their work on the budget.

Nancy Kellett moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, Bill Jenks seconded the motion, and the motion carried on voice vote.

Other reports followed.

Linda Lloyd presented the report of the Senior Warden, referring to her report in the Annual Report. She thanked the parish for its support during her decade as a Warden, and called upon parishioners to

consider taking a Warden's job in the future. Linda was presented with a gift from the parish in thanks for her service, and received a round of applause.

Alexis Dorf presented the Junior Warden's report, referring to her report in the Annual Report.

Judith Sherman Brown presented the Buildings and Grounds report, referring to her report in the Annual Report. She particularly highlighted the fact that after many years we seem finally to have achieved a complete repair of the sanctuary roof, and Danielle Gaherty noted that the repair was especially timely in view of the harsh conditions this winter. Judy also thanked the Men's Group for their ongoing efforts in keeping the buildings and grounds in good shape. Danielle also thanked Judy for her donation of new forged candle holders for Christmas use in the sanctuary windows. Gordon Gustafson moved that the report be accepted, and Danielle seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Called upon for an Altar Guild report, Alice Tweed referred to her report as it appeared in the Annual Report. Danielle moved that the report be accepted and Alexis seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Judy Brown then presented the Flower Guild report, noting that this committee now operates separately from the Altar Guild. She referred to her report in the Annual Report. Pastor Heidi noted that a new chart for flower memorials is now on the bulletin board. Arete Warren inquired as to how much flowers for a typical, non Holy Day, Sunday cost. Judy replied that reimbursement of Flower Guild members is limited to \$50 for non-Holy Days, and that some members contribute flowers of their own. Pastor Heidi noted that while \$50 represents the cost of the flowers, flower memorials are welcome in any amount, and expressed a wish for the flower memorial chart to be full. Bob Reid moved that the Flower Guild report be accepted and Danielle Gaherty seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Tom Schindler presented the Art Show report, referring to the report in the Annual Report. Tom noted that artists often mention that they like to exhibit at Trinity because we treat them well, better than other shows in the area. Pastor Heidi noted that Skip Barber will institute announcements of the Art Show during Lime Rock Park events this coming summer. Tom agreed to stay on as Art Show chair, and received a round of applause. Danielle moved that the report be accepted, and Lynn Gaffney seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Ginny Dildine presented the report for the Episcopal Church Women, referring to the report in the Annual Report. She noted that the ECW funds are now in the General Funds of the parish, but are accounted for separately. Bill Jenks noted his appreciation that the ECW had contributed \$100 to the sports program in 2010. Alexis moved that the report be accepted, and Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Lynn Gaffney then presented the Outreach Report, referring to the report which appeared in the Annual Report. Lynn highlighted two programs, www.beadforlife.org, and the CROP walk as successful Outreach ventures this year. She expressed her thanks to all, particularly to the Sunday School, which partnered with the Outreach Committee on several projects, to the ECW, which provided an opportunity for the Outreach Committee to raise funds both at the Tag Sale and at the Christmas Bazaar, and to Alexis, who she identified as the source of many of the ideas for programs successfully undertaken. A round of applause followed.

A question was then raised regarding continuation of the spare change initiative. The conclusion was that while this successful program had concluded, the program or a similar one collecting spare change would be forthcoming. Pastor Heidi spoke to the forthcoming mission trip she, along with Marian and Slava Browning, are taking in February with others from Trinity Southport to Honduras. Danielle moved that the report be accepted, and Linda seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Gretchen Hachmeister presented the Sunday School report, referring to the report in the Annual Report. She thanked Pastor Heidi for writing the Christmas Pageant script and creating a Pageant that did not require extensive rehearsals yet was effective and fun for the kids. She especially thanked Marian Browning and Cheryl Duntz for their efforts as teachers, and requested that other parishioners consider teaching, either on a regular basis or on an occasional basis – even as a one time thing. She favorably described the Sunday School curriculum, but particularly noted the frustration the teachers feel when they prepare a lesson and find that there are few children present. She also indicated her desire to step down as Sunday School Director at the end of the year and asked parishioners to consider taking on that function. She highlighted the need to attract more young families with children to Trinity, which statement was received with spontaneous applause.

Pastor Heidi asked the meeting for suggestions, and asked all present to encourage more families with children to participate. Several suggestions were received from the floor:

--Jacqueline Kuhn noted that we have a fine program for children, and wondered if we might advertise it.

--Danielle Gaherty built on this to suggest that we might have a quarterly ad of what is upcoming at Trinity in which kids might participate.

--Bill Jenks observed that outreach properly includes reaching the un-churched, not just in dispensing money.

--Arete Warren suggested that we might learn more about how to appeal to families if we asked the young people what they like about Sunday School and other church programs.

--Christine Gevert asked if the kids could take on an environmental or similar project, one where we could trust the kids to take leadership roles.

--Jennifer Norberg asked if there was anything we could do at Trinity for kids during the after school time slot, whether regularly during the week or perhaps on an occasional basis.

--Christine also suggested that both she and Pastor Heidi speak Spanish, and wondered if this could be used to develop either an event or a program of interest to young people.

There being no further suggestions from the floor, Alan Swide moved that the report be accepted, and Danielle seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Alexis then presented the Adult Education report, referring to her report in the Annual Report. She noted that the largest problem seemed to be finding a time when those who were interested could get together dependably. She announced a Lenten program that would meet weekly during Lent and involve both a video or other film and a simple meal. She also mentioned the Noble Horizons group, meeting monthly at 6:30 PM, that she facilitates, as an alternative adult education activity. Ginny Dildine moved that the report be accepted, and Martha Nesbitt seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Christine Gevert then presented the Music report, referring to the report which appeared in the Annual Report, and she thanked both her choir, and especially her soloists. She noted that this year was the tenth anniversary of both her arrival and the arrival of the organ at Trinity, and she commented

how much she appreciates the collaboration with Pastor Heidi, noting particularly the way Pastor Heidi pulls us all together. Spontaneous applause ensued. Al Dorf commented that his daughter, an opera director who is occasionally in our congregation, commented recently on how much the choir had improved over the past decade. Bob Reid moved that the report be accepted, and Danielle seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Bill Kellett presented the Annual Giving report, which appears in the Annual Report, and which notes eleven new pledges this year, and reflects a 22% increase in pledges year over year. He thanked the parish for their support. Janet Walker moved that the report be accepted, and Martha Nesbitt seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Bill Jenks then presented the report of the Long Range Planning committee, referring to the summary appearing in the Annual Report. He noted that the first charge for this committee was to view Trinity in the future, and he reported that we needed to raise approximately \$75,000 more per year to reach a state where we were paying our full diocesan assessment, had a full-time Rector, and were budgeting \$10,000 - \$15,000 annually to maintenance and upgrading of the premises.

The committee was also charged with considering Reid Field and whatever role it might play in achieving this state. He noted that affordable housing had been identified as a possibility to consider in this regard, and that the committee had met with town and housing people in performing due diligence on what might be entailed and whether it was viable. The conclusion of the committee, after considering the advice of the experts, was, first, that any such project would require that someone at Trinity with a consuming interest in making this happen be willing to devote the five to seven years, or longer, that bringing such a project to fruition would take. The committee could not identify any such individual in the present congregation. The second conclusion was that the financial payback of such an undertaking would be modest at best and would come late in the project life cycle. The conclusion was that this was simply "a bridge too far" in our current situation.

Bill noted that the committee felt that at such time that Christine Gevert and Gordon Gustafson decide to move from the Rectory, that making that building into two or more apartments would be a possibility worth considering.

Bill noted that the committee had also investigated another possibility, that of a school using our space during the week when it is underutilized. He noted that there is no faith-based elementary education in the area, and that Indian Mountain School does not even have a chapel. While pro forma financial estimates for such a project might be promising, he reported that one of the same obstacles that made affordable housing in the field non-viable was at work here: the lack of a highly motivated parishioner to make the school happen.

Ginny Dildine added that at one time there was a nursery school at Trinity, run by Lucy Cooney. She noted that even as small as the parish was in those days, the two entities tended to get in the way of each other, and that the nursery school had to pack everything up on Fridays and then unpack it on Mondays.

Pastor Heidi thanked Bill and his committee for their diligent analysis of the situation and discharged the committee.

Alexis asked whether we should just give the town three acres and then not have to be involved in it at all, and whether this would obviate the need for a dedicated person in the parish. Keith Nolan pointed out that the field is an important asset of the church and the propriety of giving it away would be questionable. A spontaneous round of applause followed this comment.

Al Dorf moved, and John Lloyd seconded a motion that the report of the Long Range Planning Committee be accepted. The motion passed by voice vote.

Keith Nolan then presented the report of the Men's Group, referring to the report in the Annual Report. Following self-effacing comments regarding his leadership, he noted three good works accomplished by the group during the year. Al Dorf thanked Keith for reconstituting the group, and a round of applause followed. Gordon Gustafson moved that the report be accepted, and Jim Conzo seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

The undersigned then reported on duties as Delegate to Diocesan Convention, as webmaster, and for the sports program, referring in each instance to the reports in the Annual Report. The undersigned noted that the Delegate to Convention position was an ideal one for someone who wanted to get a better view of the role of Trinity in the Diocese and larger church, and was ideal for someone who could not commit to Vestry membership, for instance. It was suggested that the website is of value to the church and that there ought to be someone understudying the webmaster, but no candidates were immediately evident. The undersigned thanked Courtney Duntz, who seven years ago asked astutely what the Sunday School kids were supposed to do in the summer, and thus created what has become a sports program.

With regard to the Sports program, Jacqueline Kuhn asked about the Appalachian Trail kiosk and how impressed she was with it, asking as well what would happen to it now that the trail had gone back to its old location a mile from the church. Jeremy Dakin commented that the iron bridge between Falls Village and Amesville is likely to be closed for major repairs soon, and that the Trail was likely to be back on the detour past Trinity if this is the case. Pastor Heidi explained that the kiosk had been built for Trinity by the residents at Trinity Glen, and that the guest book from it is currently in the Sacristy, and that the comments in it are very supportive of our efforts.

Danielle moved that the three reports of the undersigned be accepted, and Jim Conzo seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

The next item of business was election of Warden, Vestry Members, Clerk, and Treasurer. Pastor Heidi noted that there is no candidate for the Junior Warden position, and called for nominations for both it and for any other positions from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. In view of this Arete Warren moved that the Clerk of the Meeting be directed to cast a single ballot for the nominees identified in the annual report. Bill Jenks seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. Accordingly, Alexis Dorf was elected Senior Warden. The Junior Warden position is vacant. Elected as vestry for a three year term were Martha Baer and William Kellett. Re-elected as Treasurer and Clerk were John Lloyd and the undersigned.

The next item of business was Election of a Delegate and Alternate to Convention and the Deanery. The undersigned indicated his willingness to continue as Delegate to Convention and to assume the role as Delegate to the Deanery. Pastor Heidi noted that the Deanery had not met in some time, but

that the Deanery *Clericus* is currently active and meets regularly. She asked for volunteers from the floor to be Alternate, and Danielle Gaherty, noting that she is at Convention as a member of the Standing Committee, stated she was willing to serve in this capacity. A voice vote confirmed the undersigned and Danielle in these capacities.

There was no old business to come before the meeting.

Under new business, the date of the next Annual Meeting of Trinity Church was set as January 22, 2012, the fourth Sunday in January, with January 29 as a snow date.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Alexis moved that the meeting be adjourned, Gordon Gustafson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Brown,
Clerk of the Annual Meeting

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I began to think about this report in early November, and the phrase that came to mind is from the musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* – “this joint is jumpin’; it’s really jumpin’!” So much goes on at Trinity all the time that it is difficult to believe we are not a much larger congregation.

The Sunday School may be small , but the energy levels are high, as witnessed by the children’s participation in the Christmas Bazaar, the annual pageant and summer sports. The choir, under Christine’s outstanding teaching and professionalism, continues to amaze with its music, week in and week out. We continue our ministry to the clients of Trinity Glen, some of whom have been active among us during their residence there.

The ECW puts on the Tag and Bake Sale each Memorial Day weekend, and with the help of many parishioners feeds the myriad of cyclists from the New York Cycling Club who depend on us for lunch. In December the ladies coordinate the Christmas Bazaar. The Altar and Flower Guilds ensure that the brass gleams, the flowers glorify God each week, and that Easter and Christmas at Trinity are visually breathtaking.

The buildings and grounds committee makes sure that the hot water is hot, the snow is plowed, the grass is cut, the light bulbs are replaced, the heat is on and the physical plant runs as efficiently as possible (except when we have no electricity and offer the liturgy around a kerosene heater in Walker Hall!)

For a parish our size, our outreach efforts are outstanding! We run the gamut (so to speak) from the Bishop’s 5K each spring through backpacks for children, the CROP walk, Thanksgiving groceries for the OWLs Kitchen, and gifts for those whose Christmases might be sparse. Additionally, we have been told by the ladies at OWLs that we are their longest standing and most consistent supporters. Good for us! Pastor Heidi and I offer midweek worship services at Noble Horizons each month, and I facilitate *Exploring Spiritual Paths*, a monthly book group at Noble. That’s a lot of outreach!

So...my thanks to each and every parishioner who makes Trinity an extended family for all of us. I couldn’t possibly do this job without your support and cooperation! My special thanks to Pastor Heidi, for whom it is a pleasure to be Senior Warden. She is always encouraging (even when I am tearing my hair out about one thing or another) and makes a great cup of tea! Thanks also to Jim Conzo, “Junior” as he is known around the Vestry table, who has taken on tasks that need doing with timeliness and grace.

Last – to Senior Wardens Emeriti Linda Lloyd and Stuyvie Bearn –this first year as Senior Warden has increased my admiration for both of you tenfold!

Please continue to hold Trinity in your prayers, as I know you do, that we may discern the path that the Spirit intends for us to follow with joy and confidence.

Faithfully,
Alexis Dorf

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Emergency Phone Tree

An emergency phone tree has been created in the event that all congregants need to be quickly reached. An example of this might be that unstable weather conditions could warrant Sunday worship be cancelled due to dangerous driving conditions. This has in fact happened fairly recently as we are all painfully aware.

At the top of the phone tree are the folks most likely to notice the presence of emergency conditions at Trinity, namely our wonderful Maestra Christine and Gordon who live next door. Then comes Heidi who will make all of the decisions connected with the emergency and notify the executive committee of these decisions. The executive committee will then notify the rest of the vestry and so on down the line until everyone has received a phone call. Geoff Brown will also man the internet lines for those who are more hooked into email than phone lines (like Geoff). All vestry members will call five congregants. Several non-vestry congregants (you know who you are) will also be making phone calls. If I have not personally given you a copy of the phone tree that means that you don't have to call anyone but will just be receiving one. I will have extra copies at the Annual Meeting in case I've missed anyone assigned to make calls.

Let's hope we never have to use this but still it's nice to know we have one now.

Emergency Water For Bathroom and Kitchen Use

Plastic gallons of potable water are now available around the church (kitchen and undercroft for now) so that in the event of a power outage we can still flush toilets, wash hands, and have some water for drinking. I will continue to save gallons of water (I already have another 20 available) so we don't have to worry about being stingy with it when we need it most. The heavy snowstorm that hit us in October made it very clear as to the importance of maintaining our vigilance in this matter.

Physical Maintenance and Cleaning of the Church

Without the services of a sexton it will be necessary for all of us as a parish to help keep the physical Church clean and functioning well. We are asking that hospitality put everything away when they are done cleaning and that they take home whatever needs to be washed and return it the following week. Beyond this we will be creating a sort of rota for the various chores that need to be done; cleaning bathrooms, vacuuming carpets etc. Some of the chores will need attention every week and some only occasionally. You may not be able to help out often but please try to make some time available once in a while to help with these chores. So please add your name to the cleaning rota. I for one love cleaning kitchens and bathrooms but I hate vacuuming so you know which column I'll be putting my name in. Our Senior Warden has been doing more than her share of cleaning recently and it's time for all of us to shoulder some of the work. ("Many hands make light work!")

The men's group will also be involved in cleaning and minor repair work around the church.

Training of Ushers

We will be having at least one training session for regular ushers on the rota as regards normal Sunday responsibilities and also what to do in case of an emergency evacuation during a Service. We don't want to be looking at one another for advice in the event of a crisis. We need to know what to do ahead of time.

Respectfully submitted ,

Jim Conzo
(aka "Disaster Guy")

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trinity has ended the year marginally in the black but only due to some 2012 pledges being paid early. We have received 52 Pledges to date for a total of \$130,849. We are still waiting for a few more to come in. If you are planning to pledge and have not done so as yet, please send in your pledge as soon as possible.

Trinity's original spending plan has been reworked several times because of lower than projected pledge income. Thanks to a great deal of personal sacrifice from Pastor Heidi, we have reworked the budget to meet these lower projections. Pastor Heidi offered to cut back to two thirds time from the present three quarters and pay a large portion of her insurance costs as well. The vestry opted to accept the insurance payment but refused to accept the cut back in salary.

Our 2012 spending plan totals expenses \$ 176,889 with an income \$165,510. We need to put more effort into raising funds in order to keep the church we want.

Once again I would like to thank Al Dorf for the assistance all year and the work on this year's budget. Without Al I would have been totally lost. I would also like to thank Bill Kellett for accepting the job of treasurer and offer him any assistance that I can give him.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lloyd

Treasurer

FUND	CURRENT VALUATION	CHANGE
General Endowment	\$2080.73	+ 126.85
Harwood	\$213,282.16	- \$13,385.98
Tuttle	\$4689.94	-210.49

FLOWER FUND	ALTAR GUILD	ECW	BETHKE/CHILDREN
General checking* \$839.57	General checking \$1,140.84	General checking \$1,830.88	General Checking \$8,995.50
Permanent flower fund \$2,641.25	Goodwin Fund \$4,487.16	Money Market \$1,688.94	
	Ronshaugen Fund \$4,945.41		
\$3,480.82	\$10,573.41	\$3,519.82	\$8,995.50

- ** general checking is Trinity Church's general checking account.*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We kicked off the 2011-12 financial Stewardship Campaign in church this year on October 9th, 2011. Following the initial appeal by the Stewardship Chair, Pastor Heidi organized a series of personal testimonials given by nearly a dozen parishioners during worship services. Each parishioner or couple recounted good experiences at Trinity, their deep involvement leading one or more areas of ministry and their impassioned reasons for supporting Trinity.

Since then, occasional updates have been delivered by Vestry members, Pastor Heidi and the Stewardship Chair during the announcements at the 10:30 service. As of Jan. 15, Trinity has received supporting pledges from 52 families out of our parish whole of 77 families (68% participation). In total, we have reached \$130,849 toward our goal of \$160,500 (82% pledged). This level of participation is the highest achieved in recent memory and the dollars committed are substantially in excess of those funds raised in last year's campaign. I remain committed to completing this campaign by reaching the goal through a combination of increased individual pledges from prior years and ensuring that all who have given during the past three years also participate this year.

Four themes have helped to rally support for the church during this financial Stewardship period: Committing our Time to Ministry, Working in Ministry Teams, Contributing our Many Different Gifts and Special Talents, and Donating our Money to fund the budgeted needs of the Parish. This Campaign has truly been a team effort by many parishioners linking arms with Pastor Heidi

Follow up appeal letters and thank you notes from Pastor Heidi and members of the Vestry, combined with periodic updates in the monthly *Trinity Times*, weekly *Trinity Update* and the Sunday bulletin, have comprised our efforts following the initial financial stewardship presentation. When we reached a lull in the donations after Christmas, several parishioners who had already pledged increased their gifts by amounts ranging from 5-20% of their original pledges. One couple even offered a challenge pledge of \$2,000 to be given dollar for dollar to match any new pledges. There has been steady momentum in the campaign and the Vestry, Pastor Heidi and I are working hard to reach our goal by March 31st 2012. We encourage all parishioners to give and give generously to ensure the continued vitality of Trinity and its many ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

John Oler

Financial Stewardship Chair

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Grounds--In 2011 we redid the plantings along the walk at the front of the church. The previous plantings had degenerated into an unsightly mess because they were not maintained. These plantings were donated as were the 200 daffodil bulbs which were planted in the grass around Trinity. We look forward to seeing them bloom this spring.

Buildings—Last spring we finished painting the addition. It is a lighter color than it was previously. This new color is a lot easier on the eyes than the original was. Jeff Silvernale has added supports to our pews; they are much more stable now than they were. Jeff has also painted the doors opening on Route 112 a dull red. They are now in compliance with the color that the Diocese desires. The rails on the handicapped ramp to which these doors open have been fixed. The ramp is now ready for use again. Jeff and I evaluated screens for the Walker Hall French doors. Trinity purchased and Jeff installed them.

Jeff has repaired the threshold for the kitchen door which had deteriorated. Water from the roof has made the kitchen door swell. He will try to fix that problem by installing an inexpensive gutter over the door. If that doesn't work, we will probably have to use a metal door there.

Ceiling fans for Walker Hall were donated by a parishioner and will be installed by our electrician.

Jeff will be contacting the phone company concerning what to do about the wires coming into the church property. The issue of where we have the wires installed may affect Trinity's phone number. We would like to keep the present phone number.

We have hired a local painter to restore and repaint the narthex, sanctuary and the space between the sanctuary and sacristy. He has done a lot of work for the Episcopal church in Sheffield. He will start on repairs after Easter. Painting will be done this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Sherman Brown
Buildings and Grounds Chairperson

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

The ECW of Trinity Church meets from March to December. We are small in number but as we have done for decades, we continue to help Trinity in a number of ways. All the women of Trinity are welcome to join us when you can. Our meetings are lively and we enjoy a lunch together. The date and time of the meetings will be on the church calendar, so come and check us out.

During the year we sponsor and work on a Tag Sale in the Spring and our annual Bazaar in December. Other activities include our continuing book sale and Chocolate Sunday. We also supplied the kitchen with coffee and tea. The Tag Sale and Bazaar made a combined \$5,395 this year to help with the expenses of running our busy church. This was the first year that we have not handled our own finances, but you can see from the Treasurers report that we have funds available for ECW projects. We want to thank all the parish for their support and help. You make our efforts a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia B. Dildine
President, ECW

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, silver, brass and linen.

Director: Alice Tweed
Assistant Director: Luis Francke
Members: Jane Canfield, Michael Cuoco, Emily DiMartino, Ginny Dildine, Nancy Kellett, Jennifer Norberg, Biz Rogers, Kathy Wohlfert.

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.

2011 was a great year for our Altar Guild, as we welcomed three new members: Nancy Kellett, Jennifer Norberg and Kathy Wohlfert.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Tweed
Director, Altar Guild

FLOWER GUILD 2011

The year 2011 is the second year that the Flower Guild has been funded directly by parishioners. Formerly it received its money from the Altar Guild. Now, after the pledging process for the church is complete, the Flower Guild will ask parishioners for funds to decorate the altar and the church during 2012. I wish to thank the parishioners who gave in 2011 to the Flower Guild in memory of loved ones, for special occasions, or simply because they like to see beautiful flowers on the reredos. You have been very generous and everyone appreciates this.

There have been several changes in the Guild's operation. We have added two new members who hopefully will enjoy doing flowers as much as its more senior members. Sadly, Dolby's in Great Barrington, where we got our flowers for Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas, has ceased operation. We will now use Thornhill in Salisbury and Wildflowers in Great Barrington. They both are giving us a 20% discount on all Trinity's orders. We have charge accounts at both places for Guild members. These accounts enable people who cannot afford cash purchases to join the Flower Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Sherman Brown
Flower Guild chair

ART SHOW

Twenty-five local and regional artists participated in the 28th annual Trinity Art Show. The show opened with the artists' reception in Walker Hall on the evening of August 26. This year the show was scheduled to be open during the last weekend of August, Saturday and Sunday, Noon through 4 PM, and continued on Thursday through Monday, September 1 - 5. However, because of dire weather reports (Hurricane Irene) the church was closed on Sunday, August 28. Widespread anxiety about the impending hurricane significantly cut into sales for the first weekend.

Summary:

18 pieces of art (by 9 artists) were sold during and after the show.

Gross receipts from art:	\$ 3,170.24
Cash donations for door prize:	<u>\$ 420.00</u>
Total receipts:	\$ 3,590.24
Trinity Church share (35%)	\$ 1,043.05
Total earnings from show:	\$ 1,463.05

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Schindler
Art Show co chair

TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

After a well attended and enthusiastic Summer Sports program we progressed into the 2001-2012 Sunday School in early September with the core group of students in attendance. Half of our student body are full time residents of the area and half are weekend residents. This gives a wonderful diversity to our class. (the Sunday School class is approx. half boys/half girls, 3rd - 4th grade).

Sunday school starts before the 10:30 church service with Children's Chapel held with Pastor Heidi, the short chat with Heidi about that day's sermon has proven to be a good way to set the stage for the lesson of the day. During the actual class we aim to combine arts and crafts with the readings and our discussion of them. We also use the lesson prior to the monthly Youth Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) to assign readings etc. and work on the cover art work for that Sunday's bulletin.

Sunday School also participated in the Outreach Program this year by having a table at the annual Bazaar the beginning of December. The children painted decorative birdhouses for sale and made gift tags which were a huge success. They raised approximately \$30 for the Outreach Program.

We join the regular service at the "peace" and have encouraged the children to enter with big smiles and make sure they shake hands with the adults of the Parish that they might not know. My hope is that being more interactive this will also encourage the adults in the Parish to take a more active role in interaction with the children. After all, they are the next generation of our church and if they are made to feel welcome and a part of the history of our wonderful church, they will stay here to carry on.

I have also been most pleased that as the school year has progressed they have formed a tight bond, help each other out, and regardless of the weather are outside to play during coffee hour. And, of course they love their 4-legged TA's - and the dogs are only to glad to encourage attendance (the dog treats offered are ample reward!)

Respectfully submitted,
Terrí Brennan
Sunday School Director

Wills, Molly and Puppies, TAs



ADULT EDUCATION

In 2011, Trinity's adult education program had several offerings. During Lent we had a two part program: *Walking the Walk* met on Tuesdays, alternating between lunch and supper meetings for which Pastor Heidi and I made soup and bread meals. As a basis for thinking about how we walk the walk that we profess on Sundays, we viewed excerpts from Bruce Feiler's film *Walking the Bible* as well as the films *Babette's Feast* and the ballet *The Prodigal Son*.

The second Lenten option was a five week DVD series *Embracing an Adult Faith*, featuring Marcus Borg and a discussion group who considered how we think about God, Jesus, faith, salvation and community. This program met at Noble Horizons and was attended both by Noble residents and members of the community at large.

We also facilitated the monthly Book Group – *Exploring Spiritual Paths* - at Noble Horizons. It is attended by members of Trinity, other local parishes and residents at Noble. This is very much an “off the theological beaten path” group, reading in this past year the works of authors such as Franciscan father Richard Rohr, Jewish scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, Buddhist nun Pema Chodron, Episcopal priest The Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault and Process theologian Robert Mesle. In February we will discuss John Dominic Crossan's book on the Lord's Prayer. Please speak to me about joining us if you are ready for some theological adventures!

Pastor Heidi offered a Bible Study group in the Fall which was well received. Each week the lectionary readings were read and reflected upon by a small but faithful group of attendees. In January the group will meet between the Sunday services to discuss the Gospel of Mark and begin “The Essential Episcopalian”, an introduction to the Episcopal faith.

We furthered our education with presentations by Mr. Janaman Swalsing of the Overseas Ministry Study Center, who preached in November, and with a slide presentation offered by outreach co-chairs Katrina and Lou Piezzo, who had recently returned from a trip to Nigeria.

During Advent, we offered a “Quiet Morning” with the theme *Making Advent Soup*. Mary Fahy, RSM, who led our advent retreat last year, returned to lead us in a morning of reading, reflecting and sharing. Both parishioners and members of other faith communities attended.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Dorf
Adult Ed co-chair

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Outreach Committee members : Terri Brennan, Fran Colombo, Emily Di Martino, Alexis Dorf, Lynn Gaffney, William Kellett, Katrina & Lou Piezzo (co-chairs), Bob Reid, Biz Rogers, The Rev. Heidi Truax

Lou and Katrina Piezzo began as Co-chairs in May 2011 and there is mix of old and new members, which works well. We have continued with many of the events and programs that have become part of the Trinity tradition as well as begun a couple of new ventures where committee members have had the capacity and drive to organize them.

Owls Kitchen Food Pantry – Ongoing Project

Food collection for our neighbors. We continue to be Owls Food Pantry's most consistent supporters. Food is collected weekly and delivered to the Food Pantry.

Christ Church Cathedral Soup Kitchen – Ongoing Project

Toiletry and personal items collection for guests of the soup kitchen.

Bishops 5K for Kids - May - 8 people participated

Randy Orzano organized this event. A great run in West Hartford to raise money and awareness of the plight of children at risk throughout Connecticut.

Habitat for Humanity - August

We contacted the local affiliate (NW Connecticut) and 7 people went and spent a day sprucing up the outside of their new Thrift Store. The volunteer who runs the store sent the following email. *"Please convey my heartfelt thanks to Heidi and her "flock" for the work they did at the store today. They were amazing -- the weeded, they cut out heavy vegetation (including poison ivy!), the scraped, they primed, the painted. They were fantastic. And they even said they'd come back! I am so appreciative. Now the outside of the store is starting to catch up to the inside! I truly can't thank them enough."*

Other volunteers came and provided us with a scrumptious lunch. We will look at participating in a build on a house in 2012. Collection at the combined service in Lakeville was also donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Back to School Backpacks –August – 22 backpacks were collected

We organized collection and dispersion of backpacks and school supplies to North Canaan Elementary School. The principal contacted us and came and spoke one Sunday morning.

CROP Walk – September– 11 walkers - \$535 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. % goes to support local community initiatives to alleviate hunger, and the remainder goes overseas. We now have about \$4500 now in our voucher fund to be used for food vouchers for people in need in our area.

Feed a Family of Four – November

Over 30 bags of food + some cash was delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

Owls Kitchen was so grateful for the incredible amount of food that arrived from Trinity.

Mashiah Foundation and Spring of Life Jos, Nigeria - December

We raised approximately \$650 at the Christmas Bazaar selling crafts that Katrina and Lou purchased in Nigeria. The money will go towards the Mashiah Foundation which assists women and their children suffering from AIDS through medical attention, education and work training. Some of the money also went towards the Spring of Life ,which is building a house for an extended family.

Christmas gifts for local families – December

We contacted the local Social Worker who provided details of 5 – 6 children in the area for whom it would be appropriate to buy presents. Although this was very last minute, the Trinity family jumped in and bought 25 – 30 gifts, which were very well received.

As it says in *Corinthians*, we are each a part of the body of Christ and we are called to use the gifts and talents that we have. When we work together the results are remarkable. We see the role of the Outreach Committee as facilitating events and projects to provide opportunities for each and every parishioner to use his or her talents and gifts. Going forward we would like to continue to discover the needs in our community and offer *companionship along the Way* in a practical manner whenever we can. We welcome everyone's input.

Everyone is involved in outreach in some way. Thanks to members of the congregation who have organized events under our umbrella; Randy Orzano organized the Bishops 5K Run, and Cheryl Duntz organized the Christmas gifts at very short notice! Thanks too to the ECW for the opportunity to sell the crafts at the Christmas Bazaar.

We have also discussed the need to balance outreach with 'inreach' and are in the process of working out the logistics of organizing home visits and delivering meals to those in our parish and beyond who would benefit from this service. Thanks also to Geoff Brown for updating the website and advertising the upcoming events. Several committee members have also joined the CT Mission Connect Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Piezzo

Katrina Piezzo

Outreach committee co-chairs

MUSIC REPORT

Trinity Church Choir Members in 2011 (*soloists) Ginny Dildine, Kathy Drake*, Danielle Gaherty, Jackie Kuhn, Linda Lloyd*, Jennifer Norberg – *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 – Mezzo Soprano.

Children and Youth: Callie, Helen, Eleanor (singers), Kun Woo and Axel (violin) and the Pageant and Christmas Children's Service attendees, the HVRS Wood Quintet.

Musicians at Trinity Church Services: Friends and Parishioners: the Crescendo Choir singers Linde De-Ris (Egremont, MA), Kathy Friend (Lee, MA), Susan McBrien (Amenia, NY), Juliet Mattila (Salisbury, CT), Simone Kailani (Lakeville, CT), Shelley Maffucci (Falls Village, CT), the Crescendo Recorder ensemble, Teri Brennan, (Trinity-Violoncello), June Conti (Amenia, NY-violin) and singers of neighbor parishes. Professionals: Tricia Van Oers (Recorder), Rodrigo Tarraza (Flute), Douglas Schmolze and Ron M'Sadoques (Tenors), James Barret (Baritone), John-Arthur Miller (Baritone). Guest Organist and Pianist: Anne Voglewede

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

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 2011:

March: Lenten Choral Evensong

April: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday 'Tenebrae', Good Friday: Seven Last Words of Christ-Taize Songs with Guest Musicians and the Trinity Choir; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Services with Choir; Memorial Service for Mary Lou Howie with Choir, Crescendo Concert (Spanish Renaissance Polyphony)

May: Wedding with Instruments and special Choral Music

June: Ascension Service, Pentecost Service with joint choirs at the Congregational Church in Salisbury, Trinity Sunday Service

July/August: ongoing Choir through the summer

September: Choral Evensong at St. Michael's Feast

October: Special Choir music at Service celebrating my 10 years of Music Ministry

November: Crescendo Concert (US Premiere of two German Baroque Cantatas), Joint Choirs at Thanksgiving Service, Memorial Service for Chris Smith with Choir

December: Advent Services with soloists, Vocal Ensemble and Choral Anthems, Choir and Guest Singers at the Tree Lighting, Christmas Pageant, Choral Concert and Service on Christmas Eve, Soloists at the Christmas Day Service

2011 was a year of great richness and variety in our music at Trinity. The repertoire included traditional Anglican Evensong and Taize chants, Renaissance Polyphony and Christian Contemporary music, Mas-

terworks of the Romantic era and some of the great Bach Cantatas. But at Trinity we also greatly enjoy the Hymns and Service Music. As it has been since I came to Trinity ten years ago, the choir is the most engaged ensemble that takes their musical ministry very seriously—be it the nearly fifty two Sunday services each year that it sings in, the great special feasts such as Christmas and Easter or the quieter events like the Evensongs, the Memorial Services and the occasions that involve sharing with other singers at Trinity or in our community.

We are fortunate to count in 2011 the active participation of so many talented, dedicated and musicians among our parishioners and also professional friends through Crescendo. This enables us to have soloists, a vocal ensemble and even some instrumentalists performing complex and beautiful repertoire. I believe that the growth of Trinity's music program has been very organic over the last years, coming out of an ongoing connection between Rev. Heidi's work, the active interest and participation of many congregation members in singing and worship, and the choir and the music director.

Even though it was hard to see her retire, this year we are grateful for over 35 years of Ginny Dildine's ministry as choir member. On the other hand, we also welcomed some new singers as active choir members, and we are glad for the increasing engagement this year of younger musicians from our own parish and the community—among them some new talents that we heard for the first time in this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gevert
Organist and Choir Director

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE TRINITY CHURCH
SOCIETY FOR ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE
(Formerly Known as the Men's Group)**

In 2011 Trinity Church's Society for Advanced Theological Discourse (SATD) continued its more or less monthly meetings to explore complex religious issues via dinners at various local restaurants, including the Boathouse, Black Cat, Le Laurentis, Zia Maria and the Falls Village Inn. Due to poor leadership, we did not quite manage to meet every month and, our focus being more theological than mathematical, we lost count, but nine or ten meetings would be a good estimate. During the year we managed to perform some good physical work at the church (we are not entirely spiritual), but they were outpaced by our gastronomical and oenological endeavors.

During 2011 attendance at our meetings increased significantly, and the chair can happily report that he never had to dine alone.

During 2011 SATD granted 1500 days off Purgatory to various of its worthy members. SATD has the distinction of being one of the few, if not the only, body within the Anglican Communion that grants indulgences. Next year we look forward to doubling the grants. However, we do not sell indulgences, as we have found that in the Episcopal Church the sale of indulgences is not a very successful fundraising device.

Since June 2011 two of our members have been working on a joint study and presentation on the subject of damnation, but they have found it such a vast subject that we have had to grant them a number of extensions. As one of them points out, there is more literature about hell than heaven. Given the time they have been researching it, we are looking forward to a blow-out presentation, probably something like Dante's Inferno.

Next year we look forward to a change in leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Nolan
aka "Chairman Keith"

SPORTS AND RECREATION MINISTRY

2011 was a year of consolidation. Most notably, Terri Brennan joined the program, providing coaching and leadership in Summer Sports and strong support for Walk Talk Pray.

Softball: The weekly softball game with Lime Rock Park, the Skip Barber Racing School, Fast Track Catering, and Trinity Lime Rock did not resurface this year, due to staffing changes at the track. We're hopeful they will resume this summer.

Running and Walking: Trinity appeared in good style at both the Bishop's 5K for Kids and the CROP Walk. "Walk – Talk – Pray" has been a durable fixture of Friday mornings, this year enhanced by the addition of dogs. We received nice press coverage in the Lakeville Journal.

Summer Sports: Last summer we offered volleyball, softball, soccer, badminton, Frisbee, croquet, and bocce on Sunday mornings. Terri (and the dogs) were instrumental in this summer's success, and special thanks as well to Bill and Shirley Jenks, Cheryl and Russell Duntz, Richard Kirby, and Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister for their roles in leading and coaching. Notable for this year: we had three Summer Sports alumnae playing interscholastic volleyball for their respective schools!

Hospitality to athletes: Our largest group of visiting athletes in 2011 was the New York Cycle Club on Memorial Day Weekend. We look forward to seeing them again this spring. Our relations with Lime Rock Park remain excellent. This year, in addition to mowing our field, they loaned us a PA system and a tent for the Christmas Tree Lighting. Pastor Heidi offered a number of invocations there during the summer.

Northwest United Soccer Club: Plans for NUCC to recondition the field and use it for soccer are currently on hold due to management changes at NUCC.

2012: In addition to continuing our present programs, we're currently planning a winter activity (bowling) for the kids one Saturday this winter. We've also begun to consider the possibility of a small ice skating surface in the field for next winter. Another project is finding ways to bring sports to Trinity adults, including sports after church on selected summer Sundays, probably Youth Sundays (which are tentatively scheduled for June 18, July 23, and August 20). On those days we hope to open the French

doors and have coffee hour in the courtyard and offer a sedate sport such as croquet in hopes adults will join in. We hope this will inspire the adults to think of young people they know who might be interested in participating with us at Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Brown and Terri Brennan
Sports ministry co-chairs

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

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

This convention – and a briefing in Torrington that preceded it -- outlined major changes in the way the Episcopal Church will be functioning in Connecticut going forward. The upshot of the changes is that emphasis will be heavily upon Mission – what we do outside our own walls.

Parish boundaries are gone; we will now cooperate for God's mission. By a resolution passed at the Diocesan Convention in October (see the November *Trinity Times* for details), those parishes failing to meet a 10% commitment to the Diocese will be able to access fewer Diocesan resources than those meeting their 10% pledges. We can anticipate many parishes closing and consolidating in the next few years as their lack of relevance to God's Mission or their inability to carry it out becomes more obvious.

Hold onto your hats. This will be a real adventure for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Brown
Delegate to Convention

INTERNET REPORT

Commentary: Trinity interfaces via the internet with people who for the most part are not Trinity parishioners – non-parishioners who have invited us to be part of their lives. While the internet continues to evolve toward interactive media with a high degree of personalization, our positioning, particularly with non-parishioners, still represents an only partially exploited opportunity. Success requires greater parishioner involvement and participation that encourages non-parishioners to engage. This is a form of “mission” that can be advanced sitting comfortably in front of one’s PC!

“Trinity Update” via VerticalResponse e-mail service:

This year the Trinity Update completed its second full year with VerticalResponse. The newsletter now circulates to around 183 subscribers weekly (up from 163 last year), with additional recipients for special weeks, like Christmas and Easter (213 received the 12/21 issue). On average, around 1/3 of recipients open the e-mail, a very high percentage for direct e-mail. Interestingly, of the last e-mail of 2011, which was sent to 183 recipients, 18 non-parishioners (defined as people who do not appear in the current parish directory) chose to open the e-mail. (*source: VerticalResponse*). Message: the Trinity Update is an opportunity to communicate with parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

Our Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/trinitylimerock concluded its first full year of operation with 67 “likes”, up from 44 at year-end 2010. . (*source: Facebook*). The numbers suggest that this is our most important electronic missional vehicle: of those 67 likes, only 13 appear in the current parish directory.

Our Sports Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/trinitylimerocksports completed its first full year of existence with 81 “likes”, up from 75 at year-end 2010. (*source: Facebook*). Of these 81 likes, only 16 appear in the current parish directory. Like the basic parish Facebook page, this represents a missional opportunity.

Our Facebook Trinity Lime Rock “group”

Enrollment remains at 42 members, the same as last year. 22 of these individuals are named in the current parish directory. (*source: Facebook*).

Our YouTube channel, TrinityChurch, currently has 20 videos on the channel, up from 15 last year. Despite more videos available, the number of viewings, around 3,000, was only about ½ of the number the previous year. . (*source: YouTube*). This can be attributed to “buzz” associated with our 2007 video of our Palm Sunday procession, which was picked up by a national church blog in 2010; none of our videos “went viral” in 2011. Still, more than any other, YouTube demonstrates the importance of active participation by parishioners. The number of times a video is viewed generally depends upon the number of viewers who share the video with friends and family. Evidence: Three of the videos we released during the holiday season were of numbers performed at the Christmas Eve choral concert. At this writing, one of these videos (“Amid the Silence”) has been viewed more than 80 times. Viewings of the other two – both also superb performances -- are still stuck in the single digits. Why? Because people “shared” the link for “Amid the Silence” but they did not do so for the other two videos.

Our Twitter presence, @TrinityLimeRock, now is followed by 62, of whom only four are parishioners. The remainder is mainly Twitter accounts of other parishes and Twitter accounts of individuals involved in social media for churches. We follow 236, mostly parishes, clergy, and others involved in church social media.

Our **website, www.trinitylimerock.org**, was partially refurbished during 2011 to conform to TEC website guidelines, perhaps the first parish site in the Diocese to undertake this process. However, we still fail to accept online donations, now standard practice for non-profit organizations of all kinds and sizes. People today view static websites like ours as utilities to satisfy their transactional needs, whether it is providing driving instructions to the church (we do), answering questions about the parish's programs (we do), locating printed material about the parish, e.g. the Trinity Times and the rota (we do), connecting with parish social media (we do), or making a donation (we do not).

There is one takeaway message:

Where the internet is concerned, active participation and sharing on the part of parishioners is vital. Without your active participation, the internet can do little for Trinity Lime Rock.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Brown

Webmaster