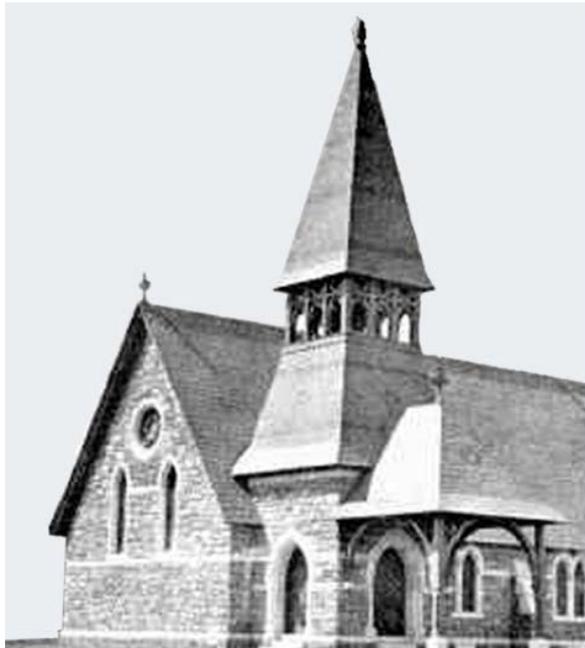


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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2017

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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 2016

Rector's Report

Stewardship Report

Treasurer's Report

Other Reports

Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, Clerk and Treasurer

Election of Delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention

Old Business

New Business

Benediction

Adjournment

TRINITY CHURCH VOTING MEMBERS 2017

Chris Abeel	Joanne King Grafe	Jeffrey Silvernale
Libby Abeel	Gordon Gustafson	Ted Somerville
Rob Babcock	Fred Harris	Richard Stone
Martha Baer	Sally Harris	Alan Swide
Fred Baldwin	Gretchen Hachmeister	Carol Taylor
Patricia Barton	Bob Hoskins	Kevin Titus
Stuyvesant Bearns	Carol Hoskins	Electra Tortorella
Beverly Becker	Betsy Howie	Al Tortorella
Cate Bené	S. William Jenks	Alison Tripp
Deanna Benevidez	Celia Kirby	Gary Tripp
Allen Berrien	Richard Kirby	The Rev. Heidi Truax
Roy Bickley	Sue Kozlowski	Jane Tuttle
Devin Boyden	Jacqueline Kuhn	Alice Tweed
Nicholas Boyden	John Kuhns	Janet Walker
Eleanore Boyse	Rachel Lamb	Diane Walters
Matthew Boyse	Patricia Landis	Arete Warren
Terri Brennan	Jason Larson	Kathy Wohlfert
Geoffrey Brown	Leanne Larson	Norma Wright
Judith Sherman Brown	Jane Lipton	Laura Zele
Anya Browning	John Lloyd	
Marian Browning	Linda Lloyd	
Slava Browning	Sunny MacMillan	
Jane Ellen Canfield	Maurice Maddox	
Mary Anne Carley	Jackson Marvel	
Lonnie Carter	Ruth Mulcahy	
Heather Chapman	Lucia Mulder	
Fran Colombo	Pieter Mulder	
Barbara Commerford	Diana Mundy	
James Conzo	Taylor Neil	
Michael Cuoco	Martha Nesbitt	
Jeremy Dakin	Keith Nolan	
Dan Deluca	Hilary Novik	
Virginia Dildine	Olivia Novik	
Emily DiMartino	John Oler	
Al Dorf	Randy Orzano	
Alexis Dorf	Chris Pavia	
Kathy Drake	Mary Peterson	
Cheryl Duntz	Robert Reid	
Courtney Duntz	Biz Rogers	
Russell Duntz	Christopher Sanger	
Virginia Ferranti	Nina Sanger	
Pari Forood	Nancy Schaefer	
M.E. Freeman	Susanna Schindler	
Lynn Gaffney	Thomas Schindler	
Danielle Gaherty	Jill Scott	
Jason Gladding	Neil Scott	

OFFICERS AND VESTRY FOR 2017

OFFICERS

Senior Warden : **Pari Forood**

Junior Warden: **Carol M. Taylor**

Clerk: **Allen Berrien**

Treasurer: **Beverly Becker**

Assistant Treasurer: **Martha Nesbitt**

VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2018

Mike Gagnon

Class of 2019

Gordon Gustafson

Susannah Schindler

Class of 2020

Al Dorf

Rachel Lamb

Alice Tweed

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Bev Becker

Marian Browning

We offer thanks to retiring Vestry members Randy Orzano, Cheryl Duntz, Bob Hoskins, Kathy Wohlfert and Danielle A. Gaherty.

Names in **boldface** are those for who a parish vote is necessary.

MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The first order of business was to name a Secretary of the Annual Meeting. Danielle A. Gaherty was elected to fill this position.

VESTRY Present: Heidi Truax (Rector), Randy Orzano (Warden), Pari Forood (Junior Warden) John Oler (Treasurer), Danielle A. Gaherty (Clerk), Beverly Becker, Cheryl Duntz, Gordon Gustafson, J. Keith Nolan and Carol Taylor.

Vestry Not Present: Lonnie Carter and Jason Larson.

Staff Present: Christine Gevert and Taylor Neil.
Also present: members of the Parish as recorded below:

Martha Baer	Allen Berrien
Eleanore Boyse	Geoffrey Brown
Marian Browning	Jane Ellen Canfield
Mary Anne Carley	Heather Chapman
James Conzo	Virginia Dildine
Al Dorf	Alexis Dorf
Cheryl Duntz	Russell Duntz
Gretchen Hachmeister	Bob Hoskins
Rachel Lamb	Martha Nesbitt
Biz Rogers	Alan Swide
Alice Tweed	Janet Walker
Diane Walters	

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM in Walker Hall by The Reverend Heidi M. Truax, Rector.

Presentation & ratification of the roll of communicants followed.

The next order of business was the report of the Treasurer and Stewardship Chair, John Oler.

John asked each of us to consider 8 possible areas for us to put our efforts toward in the upcoming fiscal year. We are considerably short of our financial goals set in the budget accepted by the Vestry on January 10, 2016. Possibly more significant are the 27% of parishioners who have not pledged their support of Trinity Parish.

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John challenged each of us to accept our Vision Statement and take the implied Mission to heart by involving our time, skills, fellowship and financial support as an essential part of our lives by giving back some measure of the many blessing we have received. This translates into keeping our parish running smoothly without the constant threat of not being able to meet our financial obligations from month to month. The Vestry almost feels stalked by the pressure of being able to pay our bills each month as well as continuing the upkeep and improvement of our home at 484 Lime Rock Road.

All approved the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of January 18, 2015.

The Treasurer's Financial report and Stewardship were approved by all.

All other reports were submitted and approved as listed in the agenda for the meeting.

VOTING: The slate of Vestry Officers and Members were ratified by all in attendance. The election of Delegates and Alternates were ratified by all in attendance.

The Benediction was offered by The Reverend Heidi M. Truax, and the meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle A. Gaherty

Clerk of the Vestry

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Aida Mansoor of the Muslim Coalition of CT was our guest speaker in September



That's a really lame joke, Carol!

RECTOR'S REPORT

Do not love sleep, or else you will come to poverty;

open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread. -Proverbs 20:13



Our study of the Book of Proverbs in Bible Study is completed. We're off on a new Biblical adventure now. What a great tour of the wisdom of the ages we have had! Some of it is pretty funny too:

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without good sense. Pro 11:22

Jesus must have read that proverb. After all, he was very versed in the Hebrew Scripture, of course. I'd like to imagine Jesus chuckling at that proverb! Reading and studying this book has helped remind us that wisdom is not in the sole custody of one person, but wisdom is shared knowledge from many various teachers, wise rulers, and holy men (and perhaps women).

Similarly, Trinity Church is not a monolithic entity with only one voice, or one correct path for us to take in our mission and ministry. We are blessed here to have so many men, women and young people who guide us, share their wisdom with us, work like crazy for church, community and the world, and truly seek in all things to do what God would have us do.

One of the themes of all the work we have done this year is that we have done it with our neighbors, and in our neighborhoods. The communities in which we live and work are made stronger through our work and our presence, and in turn, our neighbors help us to know where we are needed, and how they can help us. You can see from the Outreach Committee report how much we do in the towns around us!

We have led services at Geer Village, Noble Horizons, Sharon Hospital, Sharon Health Care and Pine Grove this year.

Better is a neighbor who is nearby than kindred who are far away. (Pro 27:10b)

The Church has also hosted groups and activities at Trinity for the good of our communities: Lime Rock Citizens' Council meetings, ongoing rehearsal space for Crescendo, weekly AA meetings, Sharon Woman's Club luncheon, annual meeting of the Lime Rock Cemetery Association, and of the Friends of Beckley Furnace.

We've continued to meet with our fellow Episcopalians close by, and far away. One new thing in our Diocese this year has been the beginnings of the ministry of the Regions of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT). We had a great convocation of our NW Region at Camp Washington in June, and it helped us to get to know the other Episcopal Churches in our area. We will continue to explore what things we can do together as a region.



We were honored to have many members of Christ Church Cathedral come to visit Trinity in April. The Vestry Brunch at St. John's earlier in the year was a fun gathering, and we will be inviting the Christ Church Sharon Vestry to brunch here at Trinity in 2017.

I have also been meeting with local clergy for lunch from all our surrounding towns. There is a group of Canaan and Falls Village clergy, and there is another group of Lakeville and Salisbury clergy. With the Lakeville Salisbury group we continue to work on ecumenical and interfaith services. And with the Canaan group we have had successful Lenten Lunches for the past few years. I hope we can expand on those efforts. I was sorry that the Spaghetti dinners at the Pilgrim House ended, but we are looking forward to working with our Roman Catholic friends at a dinner at the Bitterman Center in March.

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
Pro 16:16



To continue my education this year I attended the Clergy Conference, two Clergy Days, and the Diocesan required course for continuing Safe Church Training.

New for me this year was volunteering to be a chaplain at Camp Washington for a week. That was great fun, and I may make it an annual thing now...if they'll have me back. Unfortunately, most of the proverbs about children and young people are about not "sparing the rod". Yikes! That's **not** how children are encouraged at Camp Washington or at Trinity!

Those who spare the rod hate their children, but those who love them are diligent to discipline them.
Pro 13:24

New also this year was helping the Salisbury Visiting Nurses in hospice care. I was filling in for Eileen Epperson when she was on vacation, and it was an honor to be able to accompany Flora, a neighbor of ours, as she entered eternal life this fall.

Just as water reflects the face, so one human heart reflects another. Pro 27:19

Well, it's been fun reading Proverbs, and it has been an informative book of the Wisdom of the Hebrew people, but not our exclusive source for wisdom. Whether it's the young people of our parish who are wise beyond their years, or the many and varied pearls of wisdom I have learned from all of you, I will continue to keep my eyes, ears and heart open as we learn and grow together in God's true wisdom for all ages.

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior. Pro 6:10-11

My child, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart always; tie them around your neck. When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. Pro 6:20-23

With great gratitude for everyone at Trinity Church,

and listening to God's wisdom and love in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Heidi Truax

PAROCHIAL REPORT 2016

Marriage:

Kristen Gaherty and Kyle Schuler August 4
(in Wethersfield)

Burials:

John Leich February 13
Jeanne Zabelle June 25
Flora Nelson September 30

Average Sunday Attendance: 65

Easter Attendance: 167

Christmas Attendance: 175



The Christmas pageant cast included Irish and Wills this year!



Lighting of the Lime Rock tree



Lighting the New Fire at the Easter Vigil!



Help from Trinity Glen painting the kitchen!



Loading furniture for the Syrian family

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Trinity abounds with courage and energy in helping to transform people and our communities. We see the evidence in Trinity's missional projects, many of which are described throughout this annual report.

Here are some of the highlights of 2016:



Trinity hosted the Very Reverend Miguelina Howell, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, and her congregation for a dual language service followed by a Latin Luncheon, on April 17. It was great to host our new friends from Hartford, to hear scripture, sing hymns in Spanish and form new ties with Christ Church Cathedral.

In May Trinity's Vestry met with the Rev. David Sellery and members of St. John's Salisbury Vestry for lunch at their church to discuss ways to collaborate. Trinity has recently been in touch with Christ Church Sharon about having the two Vestries meet for a Sunday brunch, here, early this coming year.

Six art shows were held in Walker Hall, thanks to the tireless leadership of Mary Anne Carley and in June, Trinity hosted an Artisan Show, organized by Jane and Jimmy Lipton. This event was well attended and showcased the work of many talented artisans.

Taylor Neil led Trinity's youth group and parents to Six Flags Amusement Park last July 23, for a fun-filled day of thrilling amusement rides, good food and camaraderie. The day was an embodiment of some of Trinity's core values: group kindness, caring, and having fun.

Over two weekends this summer, many Trinity and Trinity Glen folks volunteered for Habitat for Humanity's latest project, a new home in Sharon.



Bob Hoskins, chair of Trinity's Refugee Ministry, organized Trinity's efforts in the furnishing of the refugee home in Salisbury, CT. Thanks to Bob and all of you involved in this ministry, a refugee family is living and working in our community.

In September our Annual Giving Campaign was kicked off. Chaired by Tom Schindler with heartfelt zeal, the campaign inspired us to pledge support for Trinity's ministries in 2017.

Pastor Heidi chaired the Northwest Connecticut CROP Walk. Our community raised over \$25,000 to fight hunger at home and around the world.

In November Pastor Heidi and Trinity parishioners attended a service officiated by the Most Reverend Michael Curry, our new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, at the Diocesan

Convention in Hartford, CT. Together with hundreds of people from the Connecticut Diocese, we were moved by the service and Curry's emotional sermon.

The Outreach Committee, chaired by Bev Becker and Jim Conzo, enlisted volunteers for the free Thanksgiving dinner at Pilgrim House. Bev collected donations from area businesses for over 100 dinners. The Pilgrim House Spaghetti dinners, a monthly outreach ministry, ended, sadly, last summer. The Outreach Committee is planning to participate with the community dinners at the Bitterman Center in Canaan. Trinity will host the Northwest Community Kitchen Dinner there on March 8th, 2017.

In December Trinity hosted the annual Tree Lighting/Chili Dinner/Gift Basket Raffle/Donut Sale/Bazaar/Bake Sale/Wreath Sale. Thanks to our Music Director, Christine Gevert, for the initial suggestion of a community tree lighting and to everyone who volunteered and participated.

It has been a privilege to serve as your senior warden this year, my last, and to work with Pastor Heidi and the Vestry. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Orzano

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And so say all of us!

\$TEWARD\$HIP REPORT

The Annual Giving program committee first met on August 20 to plan the strategy for the 2017 pledge campaign. The committee members included Senior Warden Randy Orzano, Alexis Dorf, Treasurer John Oler, Tom Schindler, and Pastor Heidi Truax, with additional help from Al Dorf, who managed the budget spreadsheet and its endless revisions.

One new initiative was an “early bird reception,” an hors d’oeuvres and refreshments party held at the Schindlers’ home on the afternoon of October 15. About twenty-five church members who had pledged before Oct. 15 (or at the door!) enjoyed a delightful array of delicious foods and beverages as well as lively conversation.

The invitations to pledge early were sent out to all church members and friends with pledge cards on September 19. By October 31 we had received pledges for \$106,823 for operations and \$16,240 for capital. A second letter urging members and friends to contribute toward the \$50,000 shortfall was sent out at the end of November.

By year’s end, pledge totals of \$111,148.17 for operations and \$16,440.00 for capital expenses had been recorded in the church office.

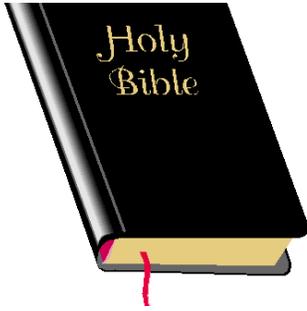
Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Schindler

Annual Giving Chair

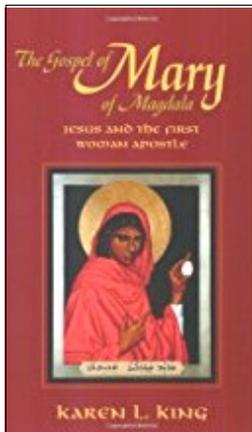


CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT



In 2016 the very successful Sunday morning “between the services” Bible Study continued under the facilitation of Pastor Heidi. The following list suggests the wide variety of topics studied!

January: Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians
After Easter: The Bible and the NY Times
May: The Letter of James
June /July no meetings
August: Ecclesiastes
September: Song of Songs
Oct/November/December The Book of Proverbs



In May, we began a monthly Tuesday night book group for those interested in further explorations of the world in which we live. The books were chosen by the group, and Alexis Dorf served as facilitator.

May: *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg
June: *Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker* by J. Brent Bill
July: *A World Lit Only by Fire* by William Manchester
August: *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox
September: *Man’s Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl
October: no meeting

November: *The Gospel of Mary: Jesus and the First Woman Apostle* - Karen King translation

December: too busy with Advent and Christmas!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor *Heidi Truax* and *Alexis Dorf*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trinity's Youth Ministry enjoyed an array of activities throughout 2016. A typical day began with a reading from the lectionary followed by a discussion on said reading. During the summer months, the young people enjoyed playing a variety of sports outdoors. The summer also allowed for a day-trip to Six Flags New England. A majority of the winter months were spent working on the Christmas Pageant, which was authored by the youth and Pastor Heidi.



Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Neil, Youth Ministries

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

Our mission is to coordinate the needs of worship at Trinity with the care of the Sacristy such as the elements of bread and wine (also grape juice), silver, brass and linens.

Director: Alice Tweed

Members: Beverly Becker, Jane Ellen Canfield, Michael Cuoco, Ginny Dildine, Rachel Lamb, Taylor Neil, Biz Rogers, Kathy Wohlfert

As Director of the Altar Guild, I extend my thanks to the members for all they do to enhance the worship at Trinity Lime Rock. The care and artistry shown by this group from their commitment and work on the Altar to maintain the brass, silver and linens is a ministry of which we can be proud.

New members are always welcome; anyone interested in this special ministry should talk to Pastor Heidi or myself. We welcomed Rachel Lamb and Taylor Neil as new members in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Tweed



FLOWER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Flower Committee would first like to thank Judy Brown who served as Flower Committee Chair from 2009-16. Judy did an amazing job organizing the committee. One of her key committee members was Luis Franke who often did spectacular arrangements for Easter and Christmas. We thank you, Judy, for all your hard work during those many years!

In January 2016, Diana Mundy became the Flower Committee Chair until her departure from Connecticut in June. Diana was so creative, she started the beautiful pole flower arrangements which hang on the first and last two poles in the church at Christmas and Easter. Diana's altar arrangements were beautiful as well. She gave Trinity a handsome artificial tree and many gorgeous Christmas ornaments. Diana left the Flower Committee precise written guidelines for the duties of the committee. We thank Diana for everything she did for our committee!

Joanne Grafe and Marian Browning are now the co-chairs for the committee. So far everything has run smoothly since Diana's departure. We would especially like to thank many parishioners and the extremely kind and helpful men from Trinity Glen who helped us with the greening and then de-greening of the church at Christmas time.

This Fall, Joanne helped Heidi trim many of the flowers in the beds around the church. We will need help with maintaining the flower beds in the spring and fall. Any volunteers to help us with this activity will be welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Browning

Joanne Grafe

Co-Chairs, Flower Committee



MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Summary of some of the special music occasions and events:

Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Service for Al Sly (January); Ash Wednesday, Memorial Service for John Leich (February); Meeting at Hartford Cathedral, Jueves Santo Service in Spanish with Alturas Duo, Good Friday Service with Crescendo Vocal Ensemble, Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday (March); Shared Bilingual Service with joined Choirs and Guest Musicians - with the Hispanic Group of Christ Church Cathedral (April); Pentecost and Trinity Sunday (May); Morning Prayer Services (June); Music with the DiMartino Family (July); Workshop in Spain with the Tallis Scholars (August); Special Music for Jane Tuttle's Visit, Organ Repair (September); Gregorian Chant Workshop and Evensong with Chant and Vocal Renaissance Polyphony (November); Tree Lighting, Christmas Music with Guest Singers and Period Instruments (December) Crescendo Concerts: Choral Concert with Elizabethan Music (May), Vocal Ensemble Holiday Concert with Baroque Music (December)

This past year we had a few new occasions and musical events, that went beyond the leadership of our regular weekly service music and special music for Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and Christmas. In March we made a connection with the new Dean of the CT Cathedral, who asked us to host at Trinity a bilingual service with joined choirs and musicians from the Hispanic Group of the Cathedral. We had a very lively Eucharist with mostly Spanish music with our own singers, guests from Crescendo and the Andean musicians Alturas Duo, joined by singers and instrumentalists from the Cathedral.

Another very special event was my participation at a week long summer workshop for choral directors of Evensong Music: Renaissance Polyphony and Chant with the Tallis Scholars in Avila, Spain. I am very grateful that the congregation sponsored this education for me, honoring my fifteen years of work at Trinity Church. I was able to translate some of what I learned there into offering a chant workshop and Evensong, which attracted new participants and singers.

As always the repertoire and musicians from our Crescendo programs flow into our special offerings at Trinity - remarkably so during Holy Week and Easter and Christmas. And several of our own singers receive special training through Crescendo.

It is wonderful to have a small, but very committed and skilled group of singers in our choir. They are able to provide musical leadership in our Sunday services throughout the whole year, at funerals, outreach and special events.

This year we are also very grateful that because of several generous donations, we were able to repair the organ, which now is fully functional again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Gevert

Music Director

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

Looking back on this year, we really did get a lot accomplished!

In early January we added weather stripping to Walker Hall doors to prevent drafts & save energy.

In March the Trinity Glen work crew, Randy Orzano and I installed heating pipe insulation under all of Walker Hall and the new addition.

During April and numerous times throughout the remainder of the year, Trinity Glen volunteers assisted with outside and inside maintenance including yard work and the painting of the kitchen cabinets in cooperation with the ECW.

When the weather became more agreeable in April, we solicited bids for having the bluestone walkways replaced with concrete and the project was completed by the end of the month.

Randy and I met with several electrical contractors to get bids on exterior and parking lot lighting. Eastside Electric was selected, the Vestry approved the choice, and lighting fixtures have been replaced on the exterior of both Walker Hall and the new addition. Weather delayed the installation of the parking lot lights before year's end. As soon as weather and work schedules permit, the remaining work will be completed. In addition to the exterior lighting, Eastside also gave separate quotes on upgrading the lighting in both the church and Walker Hall (in support of the art shows).

A big thankyou to Russell Duntz for replacing and upgrading some of the lighting in both Pastor Heidi's office and the kitchen.

New flooring is planned for the kitchen in the new year. Funding is already in place.

I'm sure I have forgotten some of the projects that took place throughout the year...but not purposely.

I do want to thank all of the volunteers from Trinity Glen, others from our congregation, and Pastor Heidi, Randy Orzano and Alexis Dorf for stepping in to pick up the slack when needed. It was never expected but always appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Gustafson

Buildings and Grounds Chair



Prepping for new entrance walk installation!

EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN REPORT

2016 was a year of accomplishment for the Episcopal Church Women at Trinity.

“Chocolate Sunday” has now eased its way into tradition status at Trinity and we enjoyed our treats on February 7th. This event varies between the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (when so many give up chocolate for Lent!) and the Sunday closest to Valentine’s Day.

At the end of April, the ECW funded the repainting of the kitchen by our friends from Trinity Glen under the direction of Gordon Gustafson.

Then on June 18, we had a bake sale at the Artisan Sale chaired by Jane and Jimmy Lipton.

Finally, on December 3, 2016, we held a fundraiser Bake Sale and Bazaar with Celebration Baskets. The funds from these events, as well as our ongoing Book Sale, helped fund the great new kitchen countertops and will continue with kitchen flooring replacement in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Gaherty

Alice Tweed

ECW co-chairs



ECW Meeting



Chocolate Sunday! Yum!

OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT

The Outreach Committee continued its active ministry in 2016, adding one new project this year.

According to the Corner Food Pantry, we are their most regular and faithful donors. We collect food, personal and household needs each month, posting a flyer on the doors, bulletin board and collection basket noting what the CFP is requesting for that month. Our "Feed a Family of Four for a Day" project at Thanksgiving is our single biggest donation each year.



On April 3 we held the annual Community Outreach brunch, with representatives from Camp Washington, The Housatonic Valley Association (watershed protection), the Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association and Constructinc., based in Great Barrington. Each speaker was given a \$100.00 donation towards the group s/he represented. In 2017 we will invite only 3 organizations to join us, as we find that four makes the brunch too long.



In May we provided lunch for the New York Cycle Club on the weekend of their annual Berkshire Ride. They are always grateful for the sandwiches, fruit, drinks and sweets we provide, and we are grateful for the income to our budget from their purchases! Cheryl Duntz and Pastor Heidi also served lemonade to spectators and participants at the Doughboy Memorial that weekend.

July saw two workdays at the current Habitat for Humanity build site. We were happy to have our friends from Trinity Glen join the Trinity Team.



Joining St. Mary's Church in Lakeville, just about everyone at Trinity got involved in one way or another in furnishing a house for a Syrian refugee family through IRIS, based in New Haven. Furniture, bedroom, bathroom and dining room linens, kitchen utensils, curtains, toys, personal grooming supplies, and a myriad of other items enabled us to prepare the house for the family, who arrived at the end of August. We also assisted with managing publicity and with driving the family to the grocery store, doctor's office, etc. and with tutoring the parents in English. The arrival of a new baby in the family at the end of November added to everyone's joy.



In September, we sent a team to the Church World Services CROP walk, for which Pastor Heidi is the local chairperson.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis each year in October, and on that Sunday, instead of filling our collection basket with food for the Corner Food Pantry, we fill it with food and supplies for The Little Guild of St. Francis, our local pet shelter.

In November we participated in organizing and serving at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Pilgrim House in Canaan. Twelve parishioners, headed by Bev Becker, comprised the Trinity team, and over 100 guests were served. Additionally, a number of dinners were delivered to the homes of those unable to attend at Pilgrim House.

On Pearl Harbor Day in December, parishioner day Kevin Titus and many others prayed and

thanked our veterans for their service. The telling of the Pearl Harbor story by a veteran of that day was particularly moving.

Also in December, we again gathered Christmas gifts and clothes for families in North Canaan. Thanks to Cheryl Duntz for heading that project.

We continue to provide transportation to Sunday morning services for our parishioners at Trinity Glen. The driving team includes Al (chair) and Alexis Dorf, Allen Berrien, Rob Babcock, Jeremy Dakin (drives the big van!) and Mary Anne Carley.

Pastor Heidi continues to offer worship services and pastoral care at Geer, Noble Horizons, Sharon Hospital and the Sharon Health Center. Alexis Dorf leads Morning Prayer monthly at Noble Horizons, and she and Danielle A. Gaherty both lead worship at Pine Grove during July, August and September.

In 2017, we will host a Northwest Community Dinner at The Bitterman Center. As we will be making lasagna for 120+ people, we'll need lots of cooks!

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Dorf

Outreach Committee: Bev Becker and Jim Conzo (co-chairs), Randy Orzano, Bob and Carol Hoskins, Carol M. Taylor, Terri Brennan, Cheryl Duntz, Biz Rogers, Alexis Dorf



Feeding our neighbors



Salisbury Town Band at the CROP walk

JURIED ART SHOWS REPORT



There were two Juried Art Shows with a Call for Entries format held at Trinity in 2016. These shows were open to all artists. Both had had an entry fee of \$30 per artist. Jurors selected the pieces to be hung.

For each show, the Jurors awarded three prizes, First, Second, Third, plus Honorable Mentions. Also, at both shows the public and the members of Trinity Church had the opportunity to vote for the piece they preferred, and after the votes were counted, the most popular piece in each show received "A People's Choice Special Award".

The first Juried Show of the year, just prior to Memorial Day, opened on May 27 with 59 entering artists. The show was also on display May 28, 29, 30 and June 4, 5.

The Jurors were Terri Moore, a Fine Art Instructor at The Hotchkiss School and the director of the Tremaine Gallery there, and Judith Singelis the Owner of the Argazzi Art Gallery in Lakeville.

New for this show were some very effective artists/demos/talks during the June weekend.

The income from the artist entry fees and commissions from sold pieces was \$2481 less the total expenses of \$575 for advertising, honorariums, and prizes awarded gave income to Trinity of \$1906.

The second Juried Show was held on three weekends - November 19, 20, 26, 27 and Dec 3, 4 with the opening reception being November 18 with 34 entering artists.

The Jurors were J. Bradley Faus, Program Director of Art at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville and Danielle Mailer, the Art Department Chair at the Salisbury School in Salisbury.

New for this show was the Holiday Hall Small Works section held in the hallway where each piece was 10 inches or less, and also with each piece being for sale for just \$100.

The income from the artist entry fees and commissions from sold pieces was \$1020 plus two additional \$100 donations each; one of which went towards the door prize and the other was a donation of a sold painting by the artist. An additional \$20 donation was also collected for the door prize piece. The total expenses of \$325 for honorariums (with one judge not accepting theirs), and with the prizes awarded, gave income to Trinity of \$1186.

Summary:

Revenue collected for Art Shows 2016	\$3721
Less total expenses	900
Total Profits for Trinity from the Shows	\$2821

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Carley

The Gallery at Trinity Lime Rock chair



INVITATIONAL ART SHOW REPORT

This was a rather disappointing year for the 33rd Annual Invitational Art Show, held from August 26 to September 5, 2016. The opening reception on Friday, August 26, from 5 to 7 PM, had minimal visitors.

Although Trinity garnered quite laudatory reviews from *The Lakeville Journal*, the article did not seem enough to translate into sales, which were limited

We will evaluate the statistics to see where we might go in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Gaherty

Invitational Art Show Chair



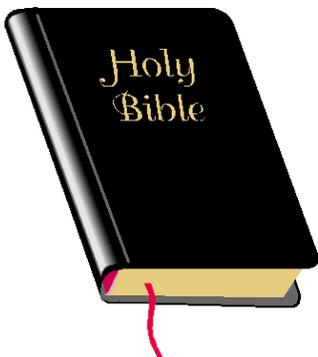
PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS

New this year at Trinity were two photography shows, an increase of one over 2015. The Invitational Photo Show celebrating the 2016 Jumpfest Winter Festival was supported by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association and the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce ran from Feb. 20—Mar. 6.

The second show (Oct. 7-10, 14-16 and 20) was titled “Seventeen Photographers” and was equally popular with visitors.

Both shows are mounted by *Northern Exposure F-2.0*, a group which endeavors to “bring photographers together, to stimulate new ideas among them and to intrigue those who come to our shows”. Karin Smith was the contact person for both shows.

It is hoped that other groups will in time make use of our space for their displays of art in the myriad of media in which art is made today. The planned improved lighting for the Gallery should increase our attractiveness as a venue for such shows.



The SOCIETY FOR ADVANCED THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE & AUTO REPAIR REPORT (A/K/A THE MEN'S GROUP)



In 2016, our society met less frequently than previously, due admittedly to the lassitude of the chairman. However, turnout was noticeably higher, perhaps indicating that less is better. In November our dinner at the Black Rabbit in Lakeville had 14 in attendance.

Previously, I have advocated for my removal as chairman. But as I reflect on my chairmanship, I

begin to realize that I do somewhat enjoy the position. Perhaps this will precipitate my removal. I was raised as a Catholic in the Middle west and aspired to become Pope. Like so many of us I have fallen short of my dreams, but since being chairman of this society is the highest ecclesiastical position I have reached, I should try to enjoy it. After all, my role model has always been the famous Borgia Pope, Alexander VI, (father of the beautiful and excellent cook, Lucretia Borgia), who rode about Italy attacking opposing forces in his armor. As he famously proclaimed (and has been quoted here before), "God has given us the papacy; let us enjoy it!" So I resolve hereafter to enjoy it.

In keeping with the spirit of the new political administration, 500 days off Purgatory is granted to everyone who agrees with me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Nolan

Chair of the Aforementioned Society

VERGER'S REPORT



Three and a half years of service as Verger are now complete, and it's interesting how the position has transformed itself from one with a significant element of pageantry – processions and so forth – into one that is almost entirely administrative.

The largest part of the job now is that of ensuring that the right people are at the correct place at the time when they need to be there. True, there remain the elements of preparing the sanctuary, but experience has made this nearly rote, even as the tasks change season to season. The people side of the job is always a challenge and at the same time an inspiration.

Trinity has wonderful volunteers. They make the verger job comparatively easy (with the exception of a weekly, largely self-induced, anxiety attack around 10:15 AM each Sunday morning as I wait for scheduled volunteers to appear – and they most always do!)

Last year in this space I asked for:

--*Two or three more trained Ministers of Communion.* ACHIEVED!!

--*Another usher or two.* ACHIEVED, in no small part due to Trinity Glen folks who now arrive and automatically begin ushering!!

--*Better lighting at the crossing and on the steps* to reduce the chance of a parishioner falling. I understand that it's coming!!

--*One additional young person interested in learning what vergers do* so that Eleanore is not my only backup in this position. All the young people know more and have more competencies than last year at this time, so there's a body of knowledge out there that generally appears when we need it.

In 2017, it's fair to predict that the largest complexities in this position will involve adapting to and building upon the changing model of the Sunday morning experience for the young people of the parish. Increased leadership roles in worship for young people are consistent with progress elsewhere in The Episcopal Church, and are likely to be part of the picture. Stay tuned! Finally, thanks to all the staff and the volunteers of this parish. You make my burden light.

Respectfully Submitted,

2016 E-COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Highlights of 2016: (1) Our audiences continue to grow (see below) as people more and more understand technology as part of church life as well as of ordinary existence. (2) We replaced the website.

Trinity Update: Weekly circulation of this e-newsletter has grown slightly to 294 – 303 per week, up from 275 – 285 last year, and 270 the year before. The production process is stable, but a cosmetic refresh – beyond the seasonal change of our banner photo, begun this year -- is probably needed during 2017.

Facebook pages (and group): We continue to maintain three Facebook pages, although the sports page receives less and less attention as parish interests have turned elsewhere. The main page has now has 232 likes, up from 215 last year and 155 the year before that. The Gallery page now has 241 likes, up from 137 last year and 77 the year before that. The latter, faster-growing, page is almost entirely in the hands of the Art Show committee, and its growth reflects the effectiveness of using a Facebook page as an organic part of a focused activity. The Trinity Lime Rock group is stable with 41 members, and is serving as a placeholder at this time. One observation: 2016 was a game changer in the social media, and Facebook was our vehicle the most affected by “the CNN effect” (breaking political news and controversy driving everything else into obscurity). To what extent polemic and bad news will continue to submerge our offerings here remains to be seen as we start 2017.

YouTube channel and video in general: Only one new video (about the visit by Christ Church Cathedral) was added to our You Tube channel this year – and was promptly featured both by the Diocese and the Cathedral. While our skimpy output this year is a disappointment, we should consider that our young people – who drive this distribution channel – were otherwise occupied and did not embark on projects like “60 Minutes in Jerusalem” and the 2013 Backpacks series, both past Trinity video successes. At a time when “YouTube stars” most of us have never heard of command the rapt attention of our young people (as well as millions of dollars in compensation based on video views), we are missing the mark here. (Our young people will recognize the double meaning.) While we occasionally posted a short video on the Facebook page with good results this year, we need to remember that we live in an online video world, and we ignore it at our peril. Better lighting in the chancel and the nave would help raise production values of video taken in church, and I’m encouraged that this project may be happening. However, absent focused activity by our young people in the video realm, we are walking away from a medium where we once had a good foothold.

Twitter presence: We now have 512 followers here, up from 483 last year, 436 in 2014, and 369 in 2013. Our curated feed continues to appear on the website, but most activity comes from Twitter itself. The President-elect has demonstrate that Twitter is an important channel; it is one we might exploit better via short video, for example.

Instagram account: We have an active Instagram account with 357 followers, up from 221 last year and 154 the year before that, and we post here frequently. An additional account, purposed toward Outreach, is not in current use. For a church, we’re doing pretty well here.

Website: Thanks largely to the creative assistance of Eleanore Jenks, we achieved our objective of a new, mobile-friendly parish website in 2016. Built on a WordPress platform, it is flexible and easy to maintain. The site is designed with a static component containing the expected contents of a parish website, including how to contact us, how to get here, what we do, who's on our staff, etc., and – importantly – a dynamic component where timely notices appear and age out of view as newer items are posted. The entire site is searchable, including items that have aged off the visible portion of the dynamic feed. Site visits seem to have stabilized at around 25 per day – probably a reasonable number considering our presence in more popular social media vehicles, and comparable to the final year of our old-fashioned HTML website. In 2017 we plan to improve the static portion of the site and, if time and creative resources permit, to complete a welcome video for it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoffrey Brown

Webmaster

DIOCESAN CONVENTION REPORT

Much of our discussion was about our journey of transformation. The key element of this journey is learning new ways of being a local church together. Many churches are in a place where what they've done for a long time is no longer bringing the same results. We need to learn new ways of being part of God's mission by finding a way to go to folks in the community and not by waiting for them to come to church.

This process begins by starting to listen to God through one another and by listening to where the Spirit invites us in our neighborhoods and communities to ask what people are up to in these places. We were encouraged to participate in action experiments and more fully in our communities.

Then we continued to discuss business events. Sunday's sermon from the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, was very moving and powerful. It may be viewed on YouTube.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bex Becker

Diocesan Delegate



Appalachian Trail hikers recharge devices and water bottles at Trinity !



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