

# TRINITY TIMES

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## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK:

### Questions about our Stained Glass Window Rescue Project

#### **The windows look fine as they are! Aren't there better ways to spend our money at Trinity Church?**

The beautiful stained glass windows of our church *seem* to look just fine...from a distance...but they are not. Over the (almost) 150 years of the life of this church the windows have taken quite a beating. They are bulging badly in some areas, there are many panes of broken glass, and the coverings on the outside of some of the windows have turned white. These white window coverings not only fail to let all the light in that they should, but they have no ventilation and that makes a little oven inside each one. The summer then speeds along the demise of the windows. The lead has turned brittle and breaks easily.

Most importantly, the front window over the altar has a wooden frame that has split and is splaying outward causing there to be daylight in some places and bulging and cracking in others. It's just a matter of time before some panes begin to fall out of the windows.

By doing these thorough repairs now we will increase the life of the windows by 100 years. This is a good investment for us because the cost to restore the windows is a fraction of the replacement value of our windows. And the cost to repair them increases every year.

We are called to spend our precious monetary resources wisely. We must do what we are able; continue to fund our important ministries, and make our building one to be proud of to pass to our children and our children's children.

**We are the Church – it's the people who are important, not the building, right?**



Yes, we the people of Trinity Church are certainly what makes church Church. We can survive without a building but we cannot be Church without each other. That's crucial! AND at the same time

we honor our mothers and fathers in faith who built this building so that we could have a warm, dry, holy place in which to worship. The Proper Preface used at Holy Communion at the dedication of a Church is this:

*Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you as sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.*

We have been given a gift from our great great great grandparents, the Barnum and Richardson families, and so we take on the responsibility to not let this house of worship fall into poor condition or become in such a state of disrepair that it creates a terrible burden for our children and grandchildren. We are commanded to honor our mothers and fathers.

And yet, there's a great tendency for humans to "kick the can down the road." Your wardens and vestry (and rector) have made a determination that recent generations before us have kicked this can far enough and that it is our responsibility to repair these windows.

**I already make an annual pledge to Trinity Church. Why are you asking for more money?**

Certainly, you have heard Susanna Schindler, our project leader, speak about the cost of this very substantial rescue project for our windows. The total cost of the repairs to all the windows will be approximately \$160,000. The vestry made the decision to break the repair project into three phases so that we could set attainable goals for each phase. The total needed for the first phase of our rescue is \$50,000 which will be used to fix the most endangered windows first – those over the altar.

The funds donated by all of us on an annual basis are needed for the mission and ministry of this parish, as well as the continual upkeep of the building and grounds. Repairs are needed all year round to maintain a safe and lovely church, lawns, parking lot and rectory.

As you know we took on the repair of the furnace last year. And this year we will work on parts of the slate roof of the church as well as other things that need work. This "above and beyond" project is needed at this time and requires that we all dig deep.

**Can I wait and make this donation later in the year?**

We need to get this project scheduled

now if we want to complete it by the end of summer. The best time to have the windows out is when we are not in the heating season.

If you have not already made a pledge or a donation, please do so now. Now is the time for us to get this work done. The plan is to complete our fundraising for the first phase after Easter Sunday and schedule the removal of the windows in the summer when the weather is warm.

As of this writing, "early bird" parishioners have pledged almost \$45,000.00 for the rescue of our stained glass. Please join them by completing *your* pledge card and returning it today!

God bless you all for supporting this important rescue of our valuable resource and source of joy, our stained glass windows.

Faithfully,

*Pastor Heidi Truax*



### LENTEN LUNCHES

A "fun" spiritual practice for Lent (aside from voting in *Lent Madness*)

attending worship and lunch at one of the participating churches.

A short worship service is held at noon, followed by lunch at that sponsoring church. You are guaranteed to be out the door in an hour, unless you want to hang around and chat with friends!

**April 3** : Seventh Day Adventist Church

**April 10**: Trinity Lime Rock, and yes, we

need help! Soup, sandwiches and maybe dessert (unless you gave it up for Lent) are all needed. Sign up on the sheet on the Guild Room bulletin board.

### GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY



Our Good Friday services will be at noon (Way of the Cross) and **7:00 PM on Friday, April 19**. Music

will include Motets and Madrigals by Claudio Monteverdi and Carlo Gesualdo.

As has become our tradition, we will have several speakers: The Revs. Rich Reifsnnyder from the Falls Village Congregational Church, Martha Tucker from Christ Church in Sharon, Eileen Epperson from the Stanfordville United Congregational Church, John Nelson from Salisbury Congregational and of course, Pastor Heidi.

### EASTER FLOWERS



After the long season of Lent with a bare altar, it is a joy to decorate our altar, pews and windows with spring flowers celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord!

If you wish to remember loved ones this Easter, please sign up (*legibly!!*) on the Easter Flower Memorial chart on the bulletin board in the Guild Room or send the names to Pastor Heidi before **Wednesday, May 17**.

Donation checks should note *Flower Fund on the memo line* so that your gift is appropriately credited by our bookkeeper.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Trinity holds *two* Easter egg hunts each year, one for our Sunday School children, and visiting guests and grandchildren, and one for the Latino congregation after their Misa.

We have lots and lots of eggs. *What we need is lots and lots of CANDY!* Please leave your contribution in the volunteer office, where Pastor Heidi will endeavor to keep you from enjoying your donation.



## CROP WALK



The CROP walk committee is pleased to announce that donations from September's event have been made to:

- The Corner Food Pantry (Lakeville)
- Ella Clark, Town Social Worker (Sharon)
- Fishes and Loaves (Canaan)
- The Kent Food Bank
- St. Thomas Amenia Food Pantry
- The Northeast Community Center (Millerton)
- The Cornwall Village Meeting House (UCC)

Thanks to all who walked and donated to feed hungry neighbors!

## UNSHACKLING DREAMS OF AMERICA



On **Saturday, April 6, from 1-4** Vecinos Seguros will present a practical seminar for those interested in supporting our immigrant neighbors in the tri-state area.

A team of legal and human rights activists from the New Haven area will offer the model they have developed for supporting those seeking asylum in the United States and for other immigrants.

- ⇒ Topics include: Federal immigration law
- ⇒ Immigrant news from the CT/NY border
- ⇒ Developing immigration and refugee support teams
- ⇒ Accompanying immigrants to ICE appointments, court hearings and ankle-bracelet check-ins.

Our parish is pleased to host this event, in accordance with Scripture's exhortation to "care for the stranger within your gates".

Reserve your spot with [vecinosseguros44@gmail.com](mailto:vecinosseguros44@gmail.com). There is no fee for attendance, and refreshments will be served.

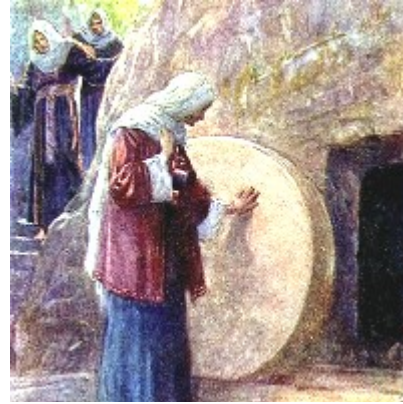
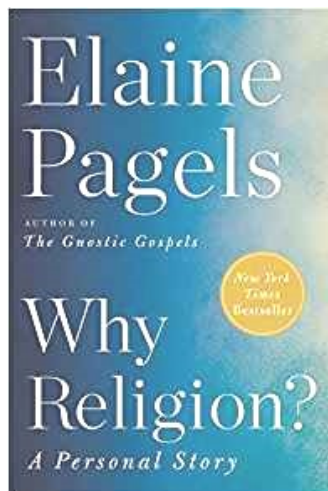
Co-sponsor of the event is The United Nations Association of Connecticut.

**TRINITY BOOK GROUP**  
**Tuesday, April 30**

After a hair raising exploration of Tara Westover's life in *Educated*, the Book Group will next explore why religion still exists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our book choice is Elaine Pagels' *Why Religion?*

How do religious traditions grow from particular communities? How do those traditions affect understanding of ourselves, our relationship with others and how we manage our most difficult challenges?

The book grew from the almost unbearable loss of Dr. Pagels young son and her husband within a short period of time. In it she weaves her personal story with her work as a religious historian. A professor of religion at Princeton, Dr. Pagels is also the author of *Beyond Belief* and *The Gnostic Gospels*.



O God, the power of the powerless,  
you have chosen as your witnesses  
those whose voice is not heard.  
Grant that, as women first announced  
the Resurrection  
though they were not believed,  
we too may have courage  
to persist in proclaiming your word,  
in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Janet Morley  
*All Desires Known*

