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# ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2020

TRINITY CHURCH OFFERS COMPANIONSHIP ALONG THE WAY

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## Agenda for the Annual Meeting

Call to order and invocation—Pastor Heidi Truax

Election of Clerk of Annual Meeting

Presentation and ratification of the roll of communicants

Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2018

Rector's Thank-you

First discussion table (15 minutes)

Coffee and Dessert (10 minutes)

Thanks to outgoing Officers and Vestry

Election of Wardens, Vestry Members, Clerk and Treasurer

For Senior Warden: Linda Lloyd

For Junior Warden: Allen Berrien

For Treasurer: John Oler

For Clerk: Beverly Becker

For Vestry (3 year term): Barry Anderson and Scott Frost

For Vestry (2 year term): M. E. Freeman and Danielle A. Gaherty

For Vestry (1 year term): Martha Nesbitt and Mike Cuoco

Election of Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Second discussion table (15 minutes)

Reports:

Stewardship and Treasurer's Reports

Other Reports

Old Business

New Business

Benediction and Adjournment

## Voting Members

Christian Abeel	M. E. Freeman	J. Keith Nolan
Libby Abeel	Danielle A. Gaherty	John Oler
Barry Anderson	Jason Gladding	Randy Orzano
The Rev. Marilyn Anderson	Joanne King Grafe	Thomas C. Ragan
Gabriella Arriaga	Christine Gevert	Garrett Richardson
Rob Babcock	Gordon Gustafson	Elizabeth Rogers
Martha Baer	Gretchen Hachmeister	Christopher Sanger*
Fred Baldwin	Marilyn Hardy*	Nina Sanger*
Patricia Barton	Fred Harris	Susanna Schindler
Stuyvesant Bearns	Sally Harris	Tom Schindler
Beverly Becker	Carol Hoskins	Lorraine Schumacher*
David B. Beers	Robert Hoskins	Robert Schumacher*
Marian Beers	Betsy Howie*	Judith Sherman
Deanna Benevidez	Eleanore Jenks	Jeffrey Silvernale
Allen Berrien	Helen Jenks	Ted Somerville*
Roy Bickley	Stephen W. "Bill" Jenks	Richard Stone*
Eleanore Boyse*	Keith Johnson	The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling
Matthew Boyse*	Theresa Kenny	Robert Stribling
Geoffrey Brown	Celia Kirby	Alan Swide
Slava Browning	Richard Kirby	Helen Symons
Jane Ellen Canfield	Susan Kozlowski*	Carol M. Taylor
Mary Anne Carley	Jacqueline Kuhn	Maureen Tesoro
The Rev. John Carter	John Kuhns*	Kevin Titus
Lonnie Carter*	Rachel Lamb	Al Tortorella*
Heather Chapman	Patricia Landis*	Electra Tortorella*
Frances Anne Columbo	Ian Lane	Alisha Trimble
James Conzo	Jane Lipton	Alison Tripp*
Michael Cuoco	John Lloyd	Gary Tripp*
Jeremy Dakin	Linda Lloyd	The Rev. Heidi Truax
Daniel DeLuca*	Malcolm MacLaren*	Jane Tuttle*
Virginia Dildine	Sunny MacMillan*	Alice Tweed
Al Dorf*	Maurice Maddox	Max Ule
Alexis Dorf*	Robert Marks*	Janet Walker
Kathy Drake	Jackson Marvel	Diane Walters
Cheryl Duntz	Sam Meili	Tim Ward
Russell Duntz	Ruth Mulcahy	Arete Warren
Pari Forood	Martha Nesbitt	Norma Wright*
Judith Frost	Taylor Neil*	
Scott Frost	Chris Nischel	

\*=Associate Voting Member

## Officers, Vestry, and Delegates

Presiding Bishop: Most Rev. Michael Curry

Bishop of Connecticut: Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas

Suffragan Bishop: Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Senior Warden: Carol M. Taylor

Junior Warden: Allen Berrien

Treasurer: Martha Nesbitt

Clerk: Bev Becker

Vestry:

Finishing their term as vestry members: Gordon Gustafson, Alice Tweed  
and Susanna Schindler

Resigned this year: Al Dorf, Tim Ward and Taylor Neil

Staying to finish her term: Danielle A. Gaherty.

Delegate to Convention: Bev Becker and Jacqueline Kuhn

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Carol M. Taylor

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting for 2018

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH LIME ROCK MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by The Rev. Heidi Truax, Rector.

(In the absence of clerk- elect Bev Becker, Alexis Dorf offered to take the minutes)

The Voting List was approved and a quorum established.

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting as written in the Annual Report for 2019 were accepted.

**Rector's Report:** Pastor Heidi referred the membership to her written report.

**Wardens' Report:** Senior Warden Carol M. Taylor summarized her written report and, additionally, thanked Pastor Heidi and Music Director Christine Gevert for their care and service to the congregation as well as the heads of committees for their work. She offered special thanks to Susanna Schindler for her work on restoration and repair of our stained glass windows project.

**Stained Glass Report:** Susanna showed pictures of the current state of our stained glass, visualizing the need for repair and noting particularly the bulge of the window over the altar. The plan is to complete the work in 3 phases:

- (1) the windows over the altar
- (2) the windows in the rear of the church facing route 112
- (3) the windows in the nave, next to the pews.

The project was awarded to Stained Glass Resources and is expected to cost \$150,000- \$170, 000 depending on what is found when the windows are removed. A challenge grant of \$25,000 has been made by an anonymous parishioner for Phase 1.

Susanna also said that 2 opportunities to visit the facility where the work will be done (near Longmeadow, MA) – once before work begins and once during the repair process.

Pari Forood will head the fundraising side of the project. A number of fundraising projects are envisioned, and opportunities for memorial gifts will be offered.

David Beers commented that he is familiar with the work of Stained Glass Resources, as they had been engaged for the restoration of the stained glass after a fire at his church in West Hartford.

**Stewardship Report:** Alexis Dorf noted that the skit and greeting card format presented in October had elicited an almost immediate response from the congregation. As of January 14. the total amount pledged for 2019 is about \$152,000 .

**Financial Report:** Assistant Treasurer Martha Nesbitt reviewed the balance sheet and the income and expenses report for 2018. The report was accepted, subject to audit.

Al Dorf presented the budget for 2019 approved by the Vestry. There were no questions.

**Music Report:** Music Director Christine Gevert thanked Pastor Heidi and the congregation for their support not only of the music program of the church but also for their hospitality to Crescendo. Christine noted that music presented in a church offers a different experience than that same music heard in a concert hall and is an opportunity for community outreach as well. She encouraged parishioners to contact her with ideas and requests around the music program.

*Christmas music:* in 2018 we tried a "sandwich" of the two Christmas Eve services with a choir concert in between. This arrangement allowed the choir, as well as guest instrumentalists, to participate at both services. Pastor Heidi noted that in 2018, 100 more people attended the Christmas Eve services than had

the previous year. Christine and Pastor Heidi agreed that the timing between the services and concert needs a bit of tweaking, but that the idea is worth repeating. Finally, Christine noted that she is now the musician for the monthly Misa and is enjoying participating in the Spanish language service.

**Latino Ministry:** The Rev. John Carter (Padre Juan) heads the Latino ministry of the monthly *Misa* and the *Vecinos Seguros* program. He thanked Pastor Heidi, Christine Gevert and the congregation for their hospitality to these programs. The *Misa* congregation particularly appreciates the addition of music to the *Misa* (since April 2018) and the Christmas Eve service was particularly joyful for all.

*Vecinos Seguros:* Many of the Vecinos Seguros families are undocumented, and some families are multi-documented, with different family members having different documentation statuses. The mandate of the group is to help those in need, and in 2018 it was able, among other efforts, to help a family of six that had been burned out of their apartment. Gifts from Trinity Church included cash, fuel oil payment and a house blessing of their new residence by Pastor Heidi.

*Seminar:* On April 6 Vecinos Seguros will sponsor a seminar at Trinity- *Unshackling Dreams of America*- led by a panel of experts in the field.

*Vecinos Seguros* and the *Misa* contribute to the operating expenses at Trinity.

Heads of other committees and ministries had nothing to add to their written reports.

Election of Officers and Vestry:

The clerk was directed to cast a single vote for the following slate:

*Senior Warden* -- Carol M. Taylor  
*Junior Warden* – Allen Berrien  
*Clerk* – Beverly Becker  
*Treasurer* – Al Dorf  
*Assistant Treasurer* – Martha Nesbitt

*Class of 2021*- Danielle A. Gaherty, Taylor Neil, Tim Ward  
( *There is no class of 2020*)

*Elected as Delegates* to 2019 Diocesan Convention in Hartford:

Bev Becker  
Jacqueline Kuhn  
Carol M. Taylor, alternate

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Date of next Annual Meeting- January 19, 2020

The Meeting was adjourned with a blessing at 12:40 PM by Pastor Heidi.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Dorf (clerk pro tem)

# Rector's Report

## The Rector's Report

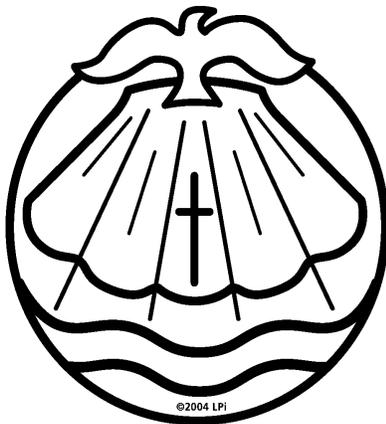
*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

God has a purpose, Paul tells us. What is that purpose? I believe that **God's purpose** is to share life with us in Jesus Christ; showing us that God's ways are better than our sometimes-imperfect ways. And **God's purpose for us** is to feed us, strengthen and comfort us so that we may help others.

**In the unity of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are individually invited to be inspired, and to inspire others.**

So, then what is the **purpose of Church**? Why do we attend services in a nearly 150 year old building, some of us every week? Why can't we just be spiritual without having to do all the "church stuff?" Because if we are to fulfill God's purpose for us, we can't do it by sitting alone in our homes, or going to the movies, walking the dog or shopping till we drop. (Although there's nothing wrong with doing those things sometimes!) We need each other, now more than ever with the world a sometimes very scary place to live in. We need each other to support and uplift and love. We are Christ to each other.

And at the same time, **our purpose** is not forced on us. I am very glad that I live in an era when we don't attend church out of fear; fear of what God will do to us if we aren't faithful churchgoers, and fear of our parents' and grandparents' disdain for us if we don't keep with the family traditions. I'm glad that parents are not bringing their children to be baptized solely out of a sense of family duty, or, again, fear that if the baby isn't "done" then he or she won't get to heaven. Those are very good fears to leave in the dust.



I am so grateful for all of us at Trinity Church who seek God's purpose for us and accept the invitation to come to the altar and receive light and life, strength and comfort each week. And I'm so proud of all we have done together to further **God's purpose for us and for our community**. We have so many committed and faithful parishioners, and a vestry who takes their responsibilities very seriously.

I especially want to honor Carol M. Taylor, our outgoing Senior Warden, who has served in this leadership role faithfully for three years after completing two years on the vestry before that. And I'm very grateful for our ever-faithful Junior Warden, Allen Berrien, Clerk, Bev Becker, Treasurer, Martha Nesbitt and

Danielle A. Gaherty who are willing to stay on this year so that we have continuity of leadership.

I am very pleased that Linda Lloyd has answered the call to return to Vestry and to be our Senior Warden this year. And I'm so thankful that just when we needed to appoint five new members at one time for the ten-person vestry, five people have stepped up and been willing to serve the church. God bless you all.

And God bless Alice, Susanna and Gordon who have finished their terms on the vestry and will continue to be active servant leaders in our parish in their various capacities. And, of course, I give thanks for Al and Alexis Dorf who, although they have moved to New Hampshire, are remembered for their tireless work for Trinity Church and for the community.

**We are people of faith who understand that God was, and God is and God is to be. God's purpose will continue, and God will keep calling us and bringing us together.**

Thanks to all of you who work at the many tasks that keep the church running smoothly and make Sunday services seem effortless. Thanks to the leaders of our many crucial ministries that support and uplift people in the church and community. And many thanks to everyone who comes on Sundays to worship, sing and pray.

People of faith reach out to others, serve others and through that work of getting outside of ourselves we are also strengthened and uplifted. For us, you and me, we know that with God, all things are possible.

*Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Mark 10:27*

Respectfully and faithfully submitted,

*Pastor Heidi Truax*

## Parish Statistics

### Parish Statistics 2019

No baptisms, confirmations of marriages

#### **Burials:**

Virginia Ferranti	February 4
Peter Sturtevant	May 8
Susan Lamont	May 11
Thelma Swanson	May 26
David Brown	September 7

**Average Sunday Attendance: 61 (this includes Saturday night Misa services)**

**Easter Attendance: 241**

**Christmas Attendance: 212**

***Misa en Español* average attendance: 28**

# Wardens' Report

## Trinity Church Lime Rock Wardens' Annual Report 2019

### Parish Life

In 2019, Trinity continued to live into its mission of providing “Companionship along the Way.” Thanks be to God.

Thank you to the vestry for its continued diligence and focus on taking care of the business of the Parish. Its work with Pastor Heidi and our faithful parishioners keeps the vitality in Trinity and ensures it's continued its traditions and service, old and new. Following are a few of our activities:

- Our lay preachers continued to preach (and/or lead morning prayer) throughout the year. Roy Bickley, Tom Schindler, Danielle Gaherty, Carol M. Taylor and Alexis Dorf brought a kaleidoscope of the Holy Spirit to Trinity for a diversity of worship experiences. Thank you to Pastor Heidi for facilitating the addition of this ministry.
- After months of laying the groundwork, our stained-glass rescue project led by Susanna Schindler reached its goal of funding Phase 1 in 2019.
- Padre Juan continues the *Misa* and *Vecinos Seguros* ministries at Trinity with the support of grants from ECCT.
- A small group of us went to Sharon Playhouse in August to see Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat. A fun trip.
- In November we bid farewell to Al and Alexis Dorf as they relocated to New Hampshire after 22 years membership at Trinity. Peace be with them!

### ECCT and the Wider Church

Trinity's Vestry attended the NW Regional Vestry Retreat held at Camp Washington in February 2019.

The Diocesan Racial Healing Justice & Reconciliation ministry continued to live into year one of its two year season with monthly calls, quarterly retreats, the formation of a speakers bureau, training materials and resource-based website for all parishes in addition to hosting pilgrimages. Trinity participated and hosted Dylan Mello and Conrad Sinkiewicz of Trinity Torrington to discuss collaborations.

ECCT Spring Training was held in April at Berlin High School and Trinity was represented by Alexis Dorf.

Trinity hosted the ECCT Safe Church Training in June.

Trinity Lay Preachers attended the NW Region Convocation held at Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall.

In addition to our elected delegates to Convention, some of us attended the special Worship held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Convention Center in Hartford.

### Stewardship and Parish Financial Health

We continue to collect pledges for 2020 (if you have not yet submitted yours); and thank you so much to all who have submitted their pledge cards thus far. We couldn't do it without you! Simply put, our pledges keep Trinity open and able to service the many outreach ministries that it sponsors for the community. We still have a way to go, but we exercise our faith that all will be well. The Stewardship Chair, Allen Berrien can provide a pledge card if you need one.

We have maintained our Parish in good standing and received a special letter from the Bishops commending us for that. The Vestry works hard to ensure our obligations are met. The fundraising activities throughout the year, such as the Art Shows (thank you Mary Anne Carley), Trinity Coffee sales (Susanna Schindler), hosting the NYC Cycle Club, Annual Bazaar and Chocolate Sunday supplement the budget.

Please refer to the detailed financial documents that are distributed at the Annual Meeting but not included in this Annual Report. We have engaged an auditor to conduct our financial reviews; this is a requirement for all parishes.

Many thanks to Pastor Heidi for her continued care, loving presence, listening and being open to extending herself not only to Trinity but to the community. Thank you also to our Music Director, Christine Gevert, Choir, all Committee Chairs and members, youth and Youth Leaders and all Parishioners for your gifts of time and talent throughout the year, including Geoff Brown, Verger and Rota preparer, webmaster and now Annual Report preparer!!

Yours in Christ,

Carol M. Taylor and Allen Berrien

## Treasurer's Report

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2019

Trinity has had another good year financially under the excellent leadership of Al Dorf, our Treasurer for most of the year.

On our Profit & Loss statement as of 12-31-19, income has exceeded budget, and expenses totaled under budget. The Balance Sheet remains stable, more or less the same as last year.

During the past year, we initiated a three-year project to repair the very old stained glass windows, and raised funds to pay for the first year (Phase I). This phase was to have started by year-end, but it has been delayed by several months. Another capital improvement project, to repair the slate roof, was also delayed until early in this new year. So it's going to be a very busy winter around here! The money raised during 2019 for these projects has been accrued to pay for them when done in 2020.

We recently implemented a new procedure for donating shares of stock to Trinity via the Salisbury Bank and Trust Co, and it has already been used twice and worked well. Copies of the delivery instructions are on the bulletin board in the Bookkeepers office, and I can also email them on request.

Many thanks for his work as Treasurer to Al Dorf, and best wishes to Al and Alexis for their new life in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Nesbitt, Temporary Acting Treasurer

### Financial Stewardship

As of January 4, 2020, 51 pledging units have committed to a total of \$135,943.00 for operations and \$15,940.00 for capital improvements at Trinity Episcopal Church. We anticipate a few more pledges later in the year, as that has been our experience with our parish.

The pledge packet comprised a letter, which included a link to a Flip Wilson skit from the early 1970s, a pledge card, and a return envelope. The ingathering for 2020 pledges was Sunday November 17th.

In view of the stained glass campaign that is running concurrently, we feel that the totals pledged exemplify the spirit of giving and the faith that Trinity Episcopal Church's parishioners have in their faith home as she offers *Companionship Along The Way*.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Berrien, Stewardship Chair

## Other Fundraising Initiatives

For over 140 years, the Ladies Auxiliary of Trinity, in more recent years known as the Episcopal Church Women, superintended and conducted many fundraising initiatives. Among their more notable contributions was the original pipe organ in the church, funded by many, many chicken pot pie dinners served to the community.

While time and changing cultural views have ended the role of the ECW at Trinity, both the need for funds and the willingness of Trinity people to raise them have prevailed. Some activities, such as the Juried Art Shows and the Stained Glass Restoration project are large enough to merit separate reports on their own. The additional significant fundraising activities of 2019 are listed below.

### Coffee Sales Initiative:

Susanna Schindler reports that coffee sales have decreased this year, and that aside from three families that buy Trinity Coffee regularly there are few sales. The proceeds in 2019 were \$1,304.50.

### Chocolate Sunday:

Our annual Chocolate Sunday, held the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday and Lent, netted \$270.00.

### Feeding the New York Cycle Club:

Alexis Dorf led the parish in our effort to feed the cyclists from the New York Cycle Club on their Memorial Day Weekend ride and netted \$444.00 for the parish.

### Christmas Bazaar:

Without a formally selected Chair of the Bazaar, the many various pieces that make up the event came together nicely, and the Christmas Bazaar netted \$1696.50 for Trinity.

### Christmas Treats Sale:

The Frost children organized to sell chocolate chip cookie mix and hot chocolate ingredients one Sunday morning during December and netted \$104.11 for the parish.

### Perpetual Book Sale:

Alice Tweed heads up this ongoing effort, which has expanded to include a substantial offering of puzzles of all levels of difficulty.

## Flower Committee Report

At Easter 2019 I took over as the flower chair. Flowers play an important role in making our Sanctuary beautiful. Weekly the flowers are changed and replaced with new. They are offered up to God and in the memory of our loved ones. During Lent there are flowers only on Mothering Sunday, and in Advent the altar is decorated in greens only.

There is a flower offering sheet on the bulletin board in the Guild Room. The usual donation for flowers is \$50.00. I ask that when a check is written that it is noted for the bookkeeper.

The 2019-2020 Flower Committee: Theresa Kenny, Rev. Heidi Truax, Joanne Grafe, Judy Sherman, Jacqueline Kuhn, Tom Schindler and Heather Chapman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Kenny, Flower Committee Chair

## **Altar Guild Report**

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

Director: Alice Tweed

Members: Beverly Becker, Michael Cuoco, Janet Walker

This year we purchased a new fair linen for the altar and some new purificators and lavabo towels as well.

As Director of the Altar Guild, I extend my thanks to the members for all they do to enhance the worship at Trinity Church. Last year at this time we had nine altar guild members. We now only have four.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Tweed

## **Book Group and Bible Study Report**

During 2019 Alexis Dorf and the book group read some fascinating and inspiring books:

We were very glad to have the first book of the year be *Lakeville Crucifix* by our own Geoffrey Brown

Other books we read were:

*Educated* by Tara Westover

*Why Religion* by Elaine Pagels

*Mama's Last Hug* by Franz De Waal

*Walls: A History of Civilization in Blood and Bricks* by David Frye

*Our Towns* by James and Deborah Fallows

*Second Mountain* by David Brooks

I'm so pleased that the book group will be continuing in 2020 under the leadership of the Rev. Marilyn Anderson. It will be re-incarnated as Good Books and will be a joint venture with the other Episcopal Churches in the area. *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger will be the first book. And our first meeting will be at Trinity at noon on Thursday, January 16. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. See you then! Snow date is Friday, January 17. For more information call Marilyn Anderson at 203-209-8589. See you then (even if you haven't finished reading).

Many thanks to Alexis for leading this wonderful ministry for many years! And thank you to Marilyn for stepping into the leadership with her new format.

As for Bible Study this year, we made our way through First and Second Timothy, the Gospel of John, The Bible and the Newspaper, and are continuing to study the Book of Daniel. As always, this group is more about being led by the Holy Spirit to discuss what ways the Bible still speaks to us now than it is about scholarly (or dry) presentations. Come join us at 9AM on Sundays!

Respectfully submitted

*Pastor Heidi Truax*

## Sunday School/Youth Report

In 2019 we adjusted to the ageing-out or departure of five of our older young people, two of whom had been fixtures since they were three years old, and the growth of a new nucleus of four regular students in a younger age range. Initially our organization involved rotating two teachers each Sunday, with much energy at the expense of week to week continuity. We switched to using a curriculum beginning with Genesis and proceeding chronologically so as to address the continuity issue with some success.

Susanna Schindler started as Head Teacher in the Sunday School for the fourth quarter. The fall meetings that quarter were curriculum-based and focused principally on Moses and the Ten Commandments. The children wrote their own Ten Commandments, and then acted in a play about the story around the Ten Commandments. Then, in Advent, Theresa Kenny, assisted by Garrett Richardson, took over the class for three intensive weeks of Christmas Pageant preparation.

In the Winter quarter, an opening lesson by Garrett Richardson focused on the routes that the Hebrews took up to the time of Jesus, as well as helping the children get an idea of the terrain and difficulties that the Hebrews experienced during their search for a home, had to be postponed. Susanna will base the winter quarter thematically on the life of Jesus. There will be games, plays and other types of projects related to Jesus' life. The important events will be discussed in the context of the traditions from that time and what the events reveal about Jesus and God. The meetings will be fun but will challenge the children to figure out the significance of the stories in the

Bible. While not strictly curriculum-driven, the quarter will coincide with the church year to prepare us for Holy Week.

At a point still to be determined in late Winter or early Spring, the class will address two ministry goals of The Episcopal Church: (1) Racial Reconciliation (February 9?) and (2) Creation Care (being good stewards of the environment).

Summer Sports: Thanks to the Jenks family for croquet set donation and to Pari Forood for the field hockey sticks. All will be useful in Summer Sports! This year, with one exception, all activities were relatively sedate and proximate to the church. We had some new adventures, including blowing giant (no exaggeration!) bubbles with Susanna. There is some current interest in basketball among the young people.

Youth Sundays. On youth Sundays we had a shift in emphasis from acolyting to ushering, and interest in doing the readings from the lectionary remained strong. While the acolytes are missed, the opportunity for the young people to participate actively in church most Sundays (not just Youth Sundays) ushering is an unanticipated bonus.

Outreach: The young people provided support to the backpack project this year. Thank Offerings on Youth Sundays continued; the young people will need to select a beneficiary for this program shortly. Additionally, the young people assisted with the Blessing of the Animals this year and participated in Easter egg coloring on the Saturday preceding Easter.

Safe Church: Three of our regular Sunday School teachers and the undersigned completed their Safe Church Certification (SCC) in 2019. We anticipate that most of the remainder of the teachers will do so in 2020.

Thanks to our teachers: Susanna Schindler, Jason Gladding, Judith Sherman (SCC), Arete Warren (SCC), Theresa Kenny, Pari Forood (SCC), Eleanore Jenks, Judith Frost, Scott Frost, Garrett Richardson, and Cheryl Duntz.

Geoff Brown (SCC)

## Outreach Ministry Report

We have continued our monthly collection of food, personal use products and household cleaning agents for the **Corner Food Pantry**, as well as Food for a Thanksgiving Feast in November. At CFP's holiday turkey distribution, there were 71 households made up of 275 individuals that were given turkeys and the making for holiday meal, as well as the normal distribution of food. For 2019, they distributed over 100,000 pounds of food to 2,350 households made up of 9,300 individuals. We are among the most consistent donors to the CFP, and they "could not do it without our help".

In May, we again set up our Memorial Day weekend "Bistro Trinity" for members of the New York Cycle Club, who stop for lunch, water and facilities each year. We are a regular stop on their schedule, and we look forward to seeing them each year – and to the money they bring to our coffers with their purchases of sandwiches, fruit, sweets and beverages! Thanks to our parishioners who supply the food and man (and woman) the kitchen and food tables!

We also supply a lemonade stand in Canaan for the parade participants and viewers on Memorial Day weekend.

In August, we again collected backpacks and supplies for local school children for whose parents a new backpack and supplies each year in a household of several children is a stretch.

The last Sunday of September, Heidi again Chaired the Crop Walk to benefit the Church World Service. Trinity Lime rock had a team entered. 25% stays in our area to feed our neighbors.

Pastor Heidi continues to offer the invocation at Lime Rock Park races during the summer, and we are glad to have some race fans attend our liturgy on Sunday mornings of race weekends.

At Noble Horizons, Trinity offered both Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist services as well as offering the invocation at the Veterans Day Commemoration lunch. At Geer, Holy Eucharist was offered both at the Nursing Home and at Geer Village, along with sponsoring a birthday month celebration. Pastor Heidi led services at Sharon Hospital and Sharon Health as well. We also supplied lay leaders to Pine Grove for their seasonal worship services in the summer.

Another community activities we participated in was the Community Thanksgiving Dinner in November. At the St Francis Sunday liturgy, we collected pet food and toys for the Little Guild of St. Francis.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Becker & Alexis Dorf

## **Pastoral Care Team Report**

The team has had a couple of changes this past year. First, thanks to Rachel Lamb for her work in chairing this ministry the first half of the year. Rachel had family obligations which caused her to resign.

The volunteers now offering help are John Oler, Mary Sullivan, Esperanza Nunez, Barry Anderson, Danielle Gaherty, Celia Thomas, Carol M. Taylor and Pastor Heidi. Many thanks to all our volunteers.

We made calls, gave rides and visited. Thanks to Susanna Schindler who also helped a parishioner. We are also grateful for parishioners who oftentimes carpool so that others have a way to attend church, including our Trinity Glen members. This is a common favor but bears mentioning as it shows how Trinity provides “companionship along the Way.”

We also took on the task of ensuring that our members who are not able to attend regular services are mailed the service bulletins as this reminds them that Trinity cares and misses their presence.

If you need help or know of a member in need, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Heidi or Carol Taylor.

Respectfully submitted, Carol M. Taylor

## Buildings and Grounds Report

2019 seemed to pass very quickly and uneventfully for the Buildings and Grounds group. There were no major, and not even many minor hick ups in the daily operation of our church.

The assistance of parish members and of course the volunteers from Trinity Glen helped us keep the grounds neat and tidy.

2020 will be a bit more challenging with the removal and renovation of the stained glass in our sanctuary but I'm looking forward to another peaceful year.

Gordon Gustafson , Buildings and Grounds Chair

## Juried Art Shows

### 2019 Juried Art Shows

There were two Annual Juried Art Shows with a Call for Entries format held at Trinity in 2019. These shows were open to all artists. Both 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, and Honorable Mentions. There was a Small Work Show and a Bin Entries Show and the Spring Annual Art Show held an artist workshop also.

The public and the members of Trinity Church, at the receptions of both shows, 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".

It was decided by the Art Show Committee prior to the Spring 2019 Show, to classify these art shows, to be called "Annual", so in May and again in October Trinity held the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Juried Art Show and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Juried Art Show.

67 artists entered the first Juried Show of the year, which opened with a reception on Friday evening, May 17 with all the show hours following being noon to 4 p.m. on weekends and Memorial Day through June 2. The Juror for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Juried Show was Denise Bibro, the owner and director of the Denise Bibro Fine Art Gallery in Chelsea, NY.

45 artists entered the second Juried Show of the year, which opened with a reception on Friday evening Nov. 3. with all the show hours following being noon to 4 p.m. on weekends through November 23. The Jurors for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Juried Show were TeeJay Jones, current art teacher/educator for the Maplebrook School and the Director of the Aim Gallery, Amenia, NY and Paul Gould, owner and operator of the Hudson Valley Gallery in Cornwall-on the Hudson, NY.

The income for the Fall Show was \$ 2,752.67, less expenses \$1,527.72, giving Trinity the net of \$1,224.95 and the income for the Spring Show was \$3,844.54 less expenses \$2,472.59, giving Trinity a net of \$1,371.95. The total income for the year for both shows was \$6597.21 less the total expense for the year of \$4000.31. giving Trinity in 2019 a net profit of \$2596.90

Thank you.

Mary Anne Carley, Chair of Trinity Juried Shows.

## Music Report

### MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT for 2019

Trinity Choir and Vocal Ensemble, and professional and amateur guest singers and instrumentalists from Crescendo provided music for the main Sunday services and special services in 2019. While our choir continues to be a very small group, we manage to provide musical leadership throughout the year (including the summer months). The involvement of most of our singers with Crescendo provides both training and also repertoire that benefits what we can offer musically at Trinity Church.

Some of the composers featured this year were Renaissance and Early Baroque Composers Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Alessandro Costantini, Claudio Monteverdi, Carlo Gesualdo, Michael Praetorius and Heinrich Schütz, English composers Thomas Tallis, William Boyce, John Stainer and Charles Wesley, Jr., Baroque composers Johann Sebastian Bach, Manuel de Sumaya (Mexico), and George Frideric Handel, and early Classical composer Johann Michael Haydn. We used Traditional Anglican and Gregorian settings for chanting the Psalms, and the contemporary style was represented by choices of repertoire from supplements to our hymnal, including a contemporary hymn for the Crop Walk, and also service music settings arranged or composed for Trinity Church by me.

This was the first year in which I provided musical leadership (voice and organ) for every monthly Spanish service. The small group of attendants joins the singing enthusiastically, and plays percussion to the Spanish and Latin American tunes. In addition to the regular monthly services, two special services were held: a Memorial Service and a First Communion Service, both with music.

Crescendo's rehearsals and concerts continue to be hosted at Trinity Church, and we celebrated our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. Trinity's support of Crescendo's music programs is invaluable, and in return Crescendo musicians enhance many of our services, and members of the community visit our church when they attend concerts and rehearsals.

#### ***Some of our Special Musical Services at Trinity Church:***

February 9 – Funeral Service with Choral Music

February 11\* – Service for Racial Awareness & Reconciliation with Guest Musicians (Native American, Hawaiian, African American Spirituals)

March 6 – Bilingual Ash Wednesday Service. (Spanish and English Music)

April 19\* – Good Friday Service. With Guest Singers from Crescendo Vocal Ensemble (Motets by Claudio Monteverdi and Carlo Gesualdo)

April 20\* – Easter Vigil. With Guest Singers from Crescendo, and soloist Jennifer Tyo. ("Rejoice" from Handel's *Messiah*)

April 21\* – Easter Service. With Guest Singers from Crescendo, Alturas Duo and soloist Jennifer Tyo. (6-voice Motets by Claudio Monteverdi and Carlo Gesualdo)

June 9\* – Pentecost. With Guest Singers from Crescendo. (Motets by Thomas Tallis and William Boyce)  
June 16 – Trinity Sunday. With Guest Musicians from Crescendo: Soprano Jordan Rose Lee and Tricia van Oers, Recorder. (Motets by William Boyce and Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)  
August 8 & 11\* – Trinity Singers present Renaissance Communion Motets  
November 3 – All Saints and Farewell Dorfs. (Music by Handel and John Stainer)  
November 17 – Ensemble Les Inégales with Rodrigo Tarraza, flute and Christine Gevert – Organ, with guest musician Ignacio Ugarte, flute and quena play Sonatas by Handel and J.S. Bach.  
December 7 – Tree Lighting with Carol Singing. Choir Members and Organ  
December 24\* – Christmas Eve Service. Trinity Choir and guests from Crescendo (24 singers) sang motets by Michaels Praetorius and traditional Carol arrangements by David Wilcocks. With guest instrumentalists: Chris Belluscio, Natural Trumpet (Boston), Tricia van Oers, Recorder, Hideki Yamaya, Theorbo.  
December 24\* – Spanish “Misa de Nochebuena” with *Alturas Duo*: Carlos Boltes, Charango, and Scott Hill, Guitar, and guest musician Salomé Sandoval, Voice and Percussion.  
December 25\* – Christmas Day Service. Trinity Vocal Ensemble (Motets by Tomás Luis de Victoria)

Respectfully submitted, Christine Gevert, Music Director

## Latino Ministries Report

### 2019 ANNUAL REPORT FOR HISPANIC MINISTRIES

#### THE MISA

The *Nochebuena* Service on Christmas Eve initiated the fourth year of the *Misa* at Trinity. Sixty people attended and were treated to a musical banquet!

The *Misa* continues to draw congregants from a number of towns in the NW corner. Congregants come from as far away as Amenia, Kent and Pine Plains.

Although attendance runs the gamut from 4 to 60, nevertheless, the average monthly *Misa* attendance grew for the third year in a row, from 24 in 2018, to 28 in 2019.

In addition to the monthly service, I officiated at several other services; including two baptisms, one First Communion and a memorial service on the first anniversary of the death of a beloved spouse. The requests for these services suggest a growing level of trust. These are important forms of pastoral outreach. During the course of the year, I also made a number of home visits, sometimes bringing Communion.

On Ash Wednesday of 2019, Heidi preached and celebrated at a bi-lingual service attended by some of the *Misa* folks. This was the first of its kind.

I have continued to include a “conversation” from time to time as part of the sermon. People often open up and share at a deep level. Grief sometimes rises to the surface.

The *Misa* would not be possible without Heidi’s strong practical and spiritual support. She prepares the bulletin for the *Misa*, attends the service whenever she can; helps close the church, and mingles with worshippers.

Christine Gevert’s musical gifts, professionalism, planning and performing are essential to the worship. Her presence and warmth towards the congregation is infectious. Further, she often assists me with translation during the informal part of the service.

The primary source of funding for the *Misa* is a Diocesan Block Grant from the Hispanic Ministries Network (HMN). I am a member of the HMN committee and attend meetings in Meriden.

Continuing Education: During two weeks in February, I will continue my study of the Spanish language in an immersion course in Mexico.

#### VECINOS SEGUROS (SAFE NEIGHBORS)

The mission of *Vecinos Seguros* (VS) is two-fold:

First, to provide legal and financial support for individuals who have been arrested.

Second, to support the families whose father or husband has been removed.

*Some actions of VS last year:*

- Assisting a young mother find housing in Lakeville:
- Financial assistance and sustained pastoral care for the mother of three
- Financial support for legal expenses for two individuals.
- Accompanying families to the Immigration Court in NYC
- Replacing a hot water heater
- Christmas support for a mother of three
- Accompanying a mother to a psychiatric hospital.
- Assisting a woman with moving expenses
- Paying a significant part of medical bill for a man suffering from gum disease:

In 2019, there were two significant fundraising efforts:

The first was for the family that was robbed while moving into a new home.

The second was for mortgage support for a mother and three autistic sons in Kent following the arrest and incarceration of the husband/father almost a year ago.

Three of the families who received support from VS in 2019 have become members of the *MISA* congregation.

Working closely with Carol Ascher, *Vecinos Seguros* offered two seminars in 2019 led by Glenn Formica, a pro bono Immigration Lawyer. The seminars, called “Unshackling Dreams of America” were well attended by people dedicated to assisting undocumented individuals and their multi-status families. (A “multi-status family” is one in which there might be children who are legal citizens, a DACA child and undocumented parents.)

ICE primarily targets men. When the husband/father is arrested and or deported, the emotional and financial strains on the remaining family members are staggering. Many of the situations I encounter are of this category. If you are interested in finding out more about immigration raids and the aftermath of arrest, incarceration and deportation, I recommend reading “Separated” (*Family and Community In the Aftermath of an Immigration Raid*) by William D. Lopez. It’s a tough read, but well worth it.

Thank you, Heidi, for assisting *Vecinos Seguros* in many ways. I am also thankful to Melissa Adam who manages the bookkeeping for *Vecinos Seguros* with professionalism and care.

Finally, I am very grateful to the congregation and to the Vestry who have provided a hospitable space and for the financial apparatus that allows *Vecinos Seguros* to carry out its missions.

Respectfully submitted,

John Carter

## Stained Glass Restoration Project

In the past year we raised \$69,604.00. This includes the challenge grant as well as payments for 2 new memorial windows. The work was originally scheduled for October but has been delayed. The new start date is mid-January.

We interviewed a number of stained glass restoration specialists and decided on Stained Glass Resources. Fundraising for the window that faces the race track will start later this year.

Thanks to all who contributed.

Susanna Schindler, Chair

## Society for Advanced Theological Discussion/ Car Repair Report

Following our established practice of eschewing \* good works but emphasizing dinners and drinks, this year we attended dinners at The Stage Coach in Sheffield, the Millerton Inn, Neo;s, Fiddleheads in Great Barrington and the Black Rabbit (and if another, I have forgotten). I believe less frequency is helping attendance when we do meet.

We are still looking for a new chairman, hopefully one less forgetful..

Keith Nolan

\* We have a favorite motto on the wall in our law office: "Eschew obfuscation.":

## Verger's Report

Trinity has had a verger for six and a half years now. The job remains mostly administrative, largely managing the rota. Traditional Verger emphasis on processions is secondary to out of sight efforts in making the service go smoothly.

Our young people are the future of Trinity. We continue to track the number of young people (defined as younger than 18 years) in the building each Sunday or major feast. Since we have been tracking this, annual averages have been:

2016: 4.67

2017: 4.81

2018: 4.91

2019: 4.79

We lost ground this year due to ageing out of four of our mainstays and another moving away, but lost less ground than events would suggest we might have. While our acolytes largely aged out last year, the new crop has an interest in other worship responsibilities, including both reading and the ceremonial usher tasks. Week by week I see improvement!

We are making progress in increasing depth of qualified volunteers. While many people serve the parish in multiple roles, and numerous people wisely elect to sit out calendar quarters when they are apt to be mostly unavailable, for the first quarter of 2020 we have 13 (up from 9 a year ago) individuals in the regular rotation as Ministers of Communion; 19 as Readers and Intercessors (up from 16); 8 as Ushers (up from 6); 11 as Counters (up from 10); and 11 who serve as Sunday School teachers or second adults (up from 7). Parishes far larger than Trinity cannot approach this level of volunteer commitment. With Allen Berrien, we prepared a new two-page manual for ushers this year. Can you identify another ministry for which a manual is needed? Please let me know.

In 2020 we will need to recruit new members of the Altar Guild.

Thanks to all the staff and the volunteers of this parish. You make my burden light.

Respectfully submitted, Geoff Brown, Verger

## Communications Report

Trinity communicates with our communities via both printed and electronic media.

Rector's Letter: This new monthly initiative replaced the *Trinity Times* in 2019. It is available both in printed form at Trinity and in digital form on the website.

Advertising: Our principal vehicle for paid advertising outside the parish is the *Lakeville Journal*, where we advertise major events and liturgical celebrations. There is widespread attrition among community newspapers in America today, and this has been recognized by the *Journal*. Thus the future is somewhat uncertain here.

Trinity Update: Our weekly e-mail circulation dropped from 319 to 310 during the year. The open rate is now solidly in the mid to high 20s, down from around 30. Click-through is up slightly, indicating a more involved audience. We are now trying to switch the banner photo every week or two and are working on making articles shorter to make the TU more appealing. However, e-mail itself is fading in popularity, so we anticipate further declines here.

Facebook pages (and group): Our main page now has 296 followers, up from 259 last year. The Gallery page has 294 followers, up from 279. The Trinity Lime Rock group and the Trinity Lime Rock Sports page remain as placeholders. Demographically, Facebook addresses the oldest end of our social media audience.

YouTube channel and video in general: Video remains underutilized. Can you think of situations where we can capture a few seconds of video to use on social media?

Twitter presence: Twitter subscribers are down slightly from last year's 526 followers to our current 513. The Twitter feed provides the Trinity Update to the world beyond our e-mail list, and appears on the parish website, providing a way to view the TU via the website. Twitter reaches a younger demographic than Facebook.

Instagram: Rapid growth continued here. Our current follower count is 1135, up 18% in 2019. It was up 39% the previous year, and 35% the year before that. The good news is that "Insta" reaches the youngest demographic of our social media offerings.

Website: We continued to make minor improvements to the website during the year. Due to hosting limitations, we have resumed posting weekly photo albums on Facebook instead of the website.

The Future: We anticipate a steady state for communications in 2020, with the greatest visible risk as the continued viability of the *Lakeville Journal* as our print advertising outlet.

Respectfully submitted, Geoffrey Brown, webmaster

## Diocesan Convention Report

### REPORT FROM DIOCESAN CONVENTION

October 26, 2019 was the Episcopal Diocesan Convention to which Heidi, Jackie Kuhn, Rev. Marilyn Anderson and myself went. It was one of the easiest conventions that I've been to in my four years. There were six important resolutions without much discussion mostly concerning the participation of our young adults and two concerning the merging of churches which had already taken place so that was just a formality.

It seemed that where our young people gathered to worship they were not recognized with a vote at the convention. (i.e.: Yale Divinity). A resolution was introduced and passed for them to be able to vote next year.

On Sunday October 27, 2019, The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris gave the sermon at the Eucharist provided by the Bishops Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas and Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens. Attending from our parish was Beverly, Rev. Heidi, Rev. Marilyn Anderson and Carol Taylor.

In 2019, the Second Sunday in February was to be set aside as a day of Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation. Parishes were asked to begin a conversation about the sin of racism in our lives and in the world by hosting a forum on racial healing, Justice, and Reconciliation. I attended another gathering of this group at the convention and it seems that a lot of churches did not do it. We are all being called to remember our Baptismal Covenant to respect the Dignity of EVERY human being. Jesus gave us the great commandment "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". He also said "love your neighbor as yourself". And "love does no harm to its neighbor."

We are all created in the image and love of God, and through our Baptism, we are covenanted to respect the dignity of **every human being**. The mission of God is to restore **all** people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Racial recognition is a pathway to restoring all people to unity With God and each other.

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Becker, delegate