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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015

PRESENTED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2016

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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 2015

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 and Regional Meetings

Old Business

New Business

Benediction

Adjournment

TRINITY CHURCH VOTING MEMBERS 2016

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

OFFICERS AND VESTRY FOR 2015

OFFICERS

Senior Warden: **Randy Orzano**

Junior Warden: **Pari Forood**

Clerk: **Danielle A. Gaherty**

Treasurer: **John Oler**

Assistant Treasurer: **Bev Becker**

VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2017

Cheryl Duntz

Bob Hoskins

Class of 2018

Gordon Gustafson

Carol Taylor

Class of 2019

Allen Berrien

Kathy Wohlfert

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Bev Becker

TBD

We offer thanks to retiring Vestry members Lonnie Carter and Keith Nolan. We also thank Jason Larson for his service on the Vestry.

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

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2015**

Opening Prayer

Election of Secretary to Annual Meeting: Danielle A. Gaherty

Presentation & Ratification of roll of communicants

Approval of Minutes from 2014

Various Committee reports accepted by Secretary

Followed by enhancing information from the Committee Chairs:

Adult Ed Alexis Dorf

Sunday School Terri Brennan

Altar Guild Alice Tweed

Flower Guild Diana Mundy in absence of Judy Brown

Music Report: Randy Orzano in lieu of Christine Gevert (absent)

Buildings & Grounds: Jeremy Dakin was thanked with a gift from the Rector for his exceptional service in this past year with all the problems with the well. He also accomplished the beginning of work on the South side of the church building with repairs to the bell tower and porte cochère. Gordon Gustafson has graciously agreed to succeed him.

Outreach Report was given by Jim Conzo in the absence of Beverly Becker, who was out of town. There are an extraordinary number of projects that have proceeded almost seamlessly throughout the year and new ones expanding the generosity of the parish all the time.

ECW: Danielle A. Gaherty spoke for the group, enumerating the need for continual support, advice and involvement from the parish for the two prime fund raisers each year.

Juried Art Shows: Mary Anne Carley reported on the increasing variety and participation in the Juried Art Shows and sent around an impressive list of help needed for the shows scheduled for the near future.

Invitational Art Show: Chairperson Tom Schindler was not present and let his written report speak for itself.

Diocesan Convention representative: Geoff Brown issued his final report in this position as his duties as Webmaster & Verger demand more and more of his time.

Society for Advanced Theological Discourse: Chair J. Keith Nolan reported on the failure of this group (formerly called the Men's Group) to accomplish more than great discussion and a strong commitment to visit various quality restaurants in the area. He also asked to be relieved of his role as chair which was promptly rejected by all parishioners in the room.

Verger's Report: Geoff Brown can be summed up in the words of another parishioner, "we never knew how much we needed a Verger until we got one and now cannot imagine how we ever lived without him". Geoff manages to keep on top of the extensive details of his job and does it seamlessly.

Electronic Communications Report: This is Geoff Brown's other area of expertise. In addition to keep our website full of information and connections, he once again spoke in favor of getting a Trinity Parish PayPal

account for the consequential ease of accepting pledges, donations and any other funds. He also recommended some security options that could be used to put this process in motion.

Rector's Report: Pastor Heidi spent a few minutes discussing her upcoming sabbatical. Primarily, Pastor Heidi used this occasion to express her continued pleasure with her work as our Rector. From the reaction in the room, the feeling is very mutual.

Treasurer's Report: see separate financial package for 2015 Annual Meeting.

Elections: the entire slate of officers and Vestry members was accepted as presented.

The new Delegate to Convention and the Deanery is Beverly Becker who was confirmed unanimously. Jackie Kuhn also volunteered to be the Alternate Representative and was similarly confirmed.

Old Business: none

New Business: After much lively discussion, the revisions to the By-Laws were voted in by all with the exception of "nays" by Bill Jenks and Carol Taylor.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Gaherty

Clerk of the Annual Meeting



RECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. Luke 10:2



Next week, on January 28th, I will celebrate 10 years of ordination to the priesthood. I was ordained by Bishop Wilfrido Ramos-Orench who now serves as the Bishop of Puerto Rico. The passage above was the Gospel reading at the service, and the Rev. Christopher Webber was the preacher. The service was held at Trinity Southport where I was working as curate. The Rev. Nicholas Porter was the rector. He was so thrilled that I was finally a priest, and could celebrate the Eucharist, that he promptly went on vacation and left the parish to me for a few weeks. Ah, those were the days as a lowly curate!

I continue to be thrilled to be at Trinity Lime Rock with you in my seventh year here as priest and rector. I am humbled and honored to have your continued support, and I promise to continue to do my best to be your pastor, preacher and priest. There was no better sign of that support you have given me than in this recent Advent and Christmas season which was so blessed, and a little challenging too.

I have been looking back at this year just past recalling to mind some of the highlights of the year. When we began 2015 we were beginning to look for a new Minister for Young People. I am amazed that it took us/me the entire year (with my sabbatical intervening) to find a Youth Leader, but I'm so glad that Taylor Neil has joined our team and is getting to know our young people. The fact that he will be attending Harvard, and is willing to be present with us on Sundays, is wonderful. I pray that we will have a good working relationship, and that both young people and youth leader will be strengthened and uplifted in the process.

Another long term project that occupied us for the first half of 2015 was our involvement in the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) hosted by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT). Randy Orzano, Bev Becker and I attended a number of meetings at The Commons in Meriden to learn about leadership strategies, and to start a project which the ECCT was willing to fund with us. Our project was not successful, I'm sorry to say. We wanted to partner with The Community Health and Wellness Center of Torrington. The goal was to start a branch office of the center at the unused Christ Church Canaan facility. At first all went well and we were very enthusiastic. The Town of Canaan was on board. But we hit a major roadblock when the CEO of the Health Center in Torrington said she did not have funding for the project when previously she thought that she did. So, we finished our training with LDI in June, and although we did not have a successful project, I think we all felt that we had learned a great deal that we can use in any future project that we decide to take on.

Three months of the year were taken up with my sabbatical. I am very thankful for your willingness to let me have this wonderful time to learn, work and rest. I feel that I took full advantage of the time allotted, and reveled in my work at Jerusalem Peacebuilders Camp in Vermont and in Jerusalem, in my learning at St. George's College in Jerusalem, and in my rest (?) with my children in California, Chile and France. Additionally, the ten days spent packing up, moving furniture, and selling my parents condo in Sun Valley, Idaho was time very well spent although it was sad to have closed a chapter in my life. Another chapter in my life was closed during my sabbatical when my divorce was finalized.

But the good news out of all of that is as of December 8, 2015, I became a homeowner in Lime Rock/Lakeville, and now all the Sun Valley furniture is there at the new home, and I will move in at the end of March. God is Good!

Another important and ongoing issue in the life of the parish is the legal action taken by Lime Rock Park in the summer of 2015. LRP has sought through the courts to modify the current court ordered injunction that has been in place with the citizens of Lime Rock since 1959. This affects us as a parish, and a number of our parishioners who live within close proximity to the track. We have joined the Lime Rock Citizens Council, and support the council by offering Walker Hall for meetings, and by being a voting member of the group. Many thanks to Stuyvesant Bearns and M. E. Freeman for their leadership on this matter. I personally have joined the group as well. The attorney for the group, Tim Hollister, is a well-respected land use attorney and we are working with him as the legal action plays out. I have been asked to testify at a hearing at Litchfield Superior Court to the impact that Sunday racing would have on our church. I have been to court once already, and am ready to appear whenever am called upon to do so again.

In the ongoing life of Trinity Church, I continue to lead services at Geer Village, Noble Horizons and Sharon Hospital, each once a month. We continue to have a lively Bible/book study group on Sunday mornings at 8:45. And I continue as a member, now elected Assistant Secretary, of the Cathedral Chapter which is the governing body of our Cathedral in Hartford. This is an exciting time for the Cathedral as they have discerned a new way of being Cathedral to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

Looking ahead in this year of 2016, I am anticipating the birth of my seventh grandchild, a girl this time, in California to my son Luke and daughter-in-law Audrey. I expect to visit them briefly in February. The Trinity Vestry is looking forward to collaborating with the Vestry of St. John's in Salisbury which will begin with a brunch that they are hosting. I look forward to working as a chaplain at Camp Washington this summer for a couple of weeks, and I can't wait to have you all over to the blessing of my new home sometime in late spring or early summer.

We miss those who have entered the Larger Life in 2015 and I think of Sylvia Wismar especially when I greet you as she often greeted me...

God love you!

Pastor Heidi



Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives

PAROCHIAL REPORT 2015

Marriage:

Aug 22 Rachel Shurick to Andrew Slaiby

Burials:

Oct 17 Karyn Machia Saffioti at Mountain View Cemetery, Canaan

Oct 23 Emma Swan Hall at Riverside Cemetery, Farmington

No baptisms or confirmations.

Easter Attendance :170

Christmas Attendance: 169

Average Sunday Attendance: 61

We welcome new members!

Allen Berrien

Eleanore and Matthew Boyse

Nancy Schaefer

Rob Babcock

Cate Bené

Taylor Neil (as staff)



Naming our own Saints on All Saints Day

WARDENS' REPORTS

Senior Warden

Trinity is a busy place. When I look at our calendar, I see how many events were posted last year: a rehearsal in the choir room, a Kinesoma class or an art show reception in Walker Hall, an outreach meeting or Bible study in the Guild Room. We have a church that can be used by many people and for many purposes.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, under the Leadership of Gordon Gustafson (mainly buildings) and Judy Brown (mainly flower beds, shrubs and other green things!), maintains and renovates the facilities here. The best part of this flexible, well-maintained place we call Trinity is the people that come here. In a recent sermon, Reverend Heidi explained the etymology of the word religion: the Latin *religare* has two parts: *re* (again) *ligare* (connect). Trinity is where we reconnect with each other. Trinity is a warm welcoming place, and I believe, an incubator for creativity and innovation.

The Trinity youth self-produced, directed, acted, and stage-managed the Christmas Pageant. Under the leadership of Eleanore Jenks, the Pageant was a beautiful and enjoyable production that drew from the talents of many people. The youth group is creative and I look forward to a closer working relationship with them and their new Youth Ministry leader, Taylor Neil. The growing relationship between the Youth Ministry, the Vestry, the Outreach Committee, and other committees will foster more innovation and collaboration.

Christine Gevert, our music minister, continues to lead the choir and the congregation in music. As artistic director of Crescendo, she produced several concerts at Trinity, in Massachusetts, and at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. She organized a Latin American Sing Along in Walker Hall last March, two Even-songs, Lenten, Easter and Christmas services. As one visiting professional musician said to me in the choir room

"Where else in the area can one hear the music of William Byrd?" I'm thankful to hear the music of Byrd, Tallis, Gabrieli, Monteverdi, Bach, Handel, Domenico Zipoli, Pietro Torri, Gottfried Stölzel, Mendelssohn and Eric Whitacre - a treasure trove of music for all to enjoy. The outward focused ministry brings music to people via concerts and YouTube.

The Trinity Gallery has been busy this year with more shows than ever before. Mary Anne Carley oversaw four juried art shows and Trinity's 32nd Annual Invitational Art Show. The Trinity Gallery hosted many jurors, artists and art enthusiasts. The leadership of Mary Anne and Christine makes Trinity a vibrant cultural locus in the region—a Center for the Arts.

The organizational chart for Trinity is not top-down. It is not star shaped. It has a mesh or web like topology. Pastor Heidi and all the committees and ministries form an interconnected web that extends to Trinity Glen, the Lime Rock Citizens Council, other faith traditions, local organizations and The Commons (the headquarters of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut). The electronic connections among all the people within these organizations is due in large part to the talent and diligence of our webmaster (and verger), Geoff Brown. An example of the interconnected mesh is the Thanksgiving dinner at Pilgrim House, a community effort that includes volunteers from St. Joseph's and the United Methodist Church, both located in Canaan, and Trinity Lime Rock. Bev Becker solicited donations from many area businesses and helped recruit volunteers. Over 100 meals were served.

Trinity Church also joined the Lime Rock Citizens Council and supports their effort to help keep the status quo regarding the days and hours of racing at Lime Rock Park.

Pastor Heidi's sabbatical, a time for rest, personal growth, and spiritual renewal brought her in touch with many people, including the faculty and students at St. George's College in Jerusalem and Christian Palestinians at Jerusalem Peacebuilders in Vermont. Meanwhile, Trinity renewed connections with The Rev. Walt

Zelley and formed a new bond with The Rev. Sherry Hardwick Thomas, both of whom led services on Sunday mornings in Pastor Heidi's absence.

The Pastoral Care team, including Alexis Dorf, Danielle Gaherty, Carol Taylor and Diane Walters, visits our friends at Geer Village and Noble Horizons who cannot be with us on Sundays. The team was formed in anticipation of Rev. Heidi's sabbatical and continues to support her ministry. The licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Alexis and Danielle, lead prayer services with congregations at the chapels at Geer Village, Noble Horizons and at Pine Grove, the Methodist campground in Falls Village.

These examples of our interconnectedness illustrate Trinity's innovation and ability to evolve quickly and effectively.

I'm thankful to be part of the Trinity team and to be able to work with Pastor Heidi, the best Rector I can imagine, and a catalyst who stimulates connections among us. I'm thankful for our diligent Pari Forood - Junior Warden, Danielle A. Gaherty - Clerk, John Oler - Treasurer, Bev Becker - Assistant Treasurer, and Vestry members Keith Nolan, Lonnie Carter, Carol Taylor, Cheryl Duntz and Gordon Gustafson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Orzano

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

In 2015, I worked on bringing our on line services up to date. We currently have a donate button on our website for the first time and a targeted end of year fund raising effort was established including on line and mail solicitation. I also work with our weekly Trinity Update editor on best ways to inform our constituency of support opportunities for capitol projects and church operational maintenance.

I support the Senior Warden and the Rector, and I am a voting member of both the Executive Committee and the Vestry. As an ambassador for the church, I have met with constituents and non-constituents alike to promote Trinity's message and community involvement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pari Forood

Junior Warden



Pastors Sherry, our Sabbatical interim, and Heidi, our Rector, share a moment of laughter!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School

This past year the Sunday School had a transition year. We embarked on some new projects including our Trial of Jesus skit and the Christmas pageant. The Christmas pageant was the first one to be directed, written and most importantly performed by the Sunday School. The Trial of Jesus skit allowed us to look into the minds of people who were behind what happened and not just stick to the basic story we learn.

Upcoming, now with a new teacher, we hope to go back to the best method of Sunday School for us, which is projects. We learn better that way and are outgrowing the basic reading and discussion with crafts. We want to reinvent the Trial of Jesus skit by showing from two sides – why it should have happened and why it shouldn't have. We also will be doing the backpack project again this year and hope to make some videos. We also plan to write and direct another Christmas pageant as it was an enjoyable and great project for us. All of these were discussed with Taylor the first day we had him and we hope to add more ideas soon!

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanore Jenks

For the Sunday School



Planning for 2016 with Youth Ministries Director Taylor Neil

Adult Christian Formation The between-the-services Bible (and other books) study continued in 2015 with an increasing number of participants. Along with reading the Gospel of Mark and the Book of Jonah,, the group also read Eric Mataxes' *Miracles*.

During Pastor Heidi's Sabbatical, the group was led by Sherry Hardwick Thomas, our interim pro tem.

We also were privileged to be visited in March by The Rev. Nicholas Porter, who is a member of the Board of Directors for the Kids for Peace camp in Brattleboro, VT. On March 1st he preached and taught about the work of the camp, which welcomes Jewish, Christian and Muslim teens for a couple of weeks of play, relaxation and conversation. The goal of the camp is to endeavor to reduce in a small way the millennia of conflict among the Abrahamic faiths.

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

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

Director: Alice Tweed

Members: Beverly Becker, Jane Ellen Canfield, Michael Cuoco, Ginny Dildine, Biz Rogers, Kathy Wohlfert.

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

New members are always welcome; anyone interested in this special ministry should speak to Pastor Heidi or myself.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Tweed



The altar and flowers reflecting the autumn season!

FLOWER COMMITTEE REPORT

This is a report of "thank yous".

The Flower Committee could not have put attractive flower arrangements on the altar at the appropriate times and added supplemental floral and other decorations at others without the work of its members. They more than deserve our thanks.

The Congregation makes this possible. Altar flowers do cost money, and the generosity of parishioners who choose to honor or remember friends and family members with a financial donation really are the ones who make flowers at Trinity possible. We should add that actual contributions of flowers, including those contributed by non-parishioners, certainly help, but the people who write the checks deserve our thanks for sure.

Finally, in maintaining and expanding the flower beds and incidental plantings outside the buildings at Trinity, we must thank not only the donors of the flowers, but also the people who plant them, weed them, water them, and otherwise maintain them. In particular we appreciate the efforts of the men from Trinity Glen who are a dependable, hard-working, and conscientious resource.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Brown

Retiring Flower Committee chair



MUSIC REPORT

Trinity Church Choir and Vocal Ensemble Members in 2015 (*vocal ensemble members) Kathy Drake*, Linda Lloyd, Kathy Wohlfert – *Sopranos*; Martha Baer, Patricia Barton*, Diana Mundy, Martha Sullivan – *Altos*; Randy Orzano* – *Counter-Tenor*; Gordon Gustafson – *Tenor*; John Lloyd, Tom Schindler* – *Basses*

Trinity's Soloists and Cantors: Janet Walker – *Mezzo Soprano*. Kathy Drake and Linda Lloyd – *sopranos*. Pat Barton – *Alto*. Randy Orzano – *countertenor*. Tom Schindler – *Bass*.

Children and Youth: Sarah Gladding, Eleanore Jenks, Helen Jenks, Phoebe Mulder

Guest Musicians at Trinity Church Services: *Friends and Parishioners:* Pari Forood and Carol Taylor; the *Crescendo Choir* singers Roberta Roll (Copake, NY), Linde De Ris (Egremont, MA), Susan McBrien (Amenia, NY); Lillie Mikesell & Karen Byers (St. John's Salisbury) and singers of neighboring parishes.

Professionals: Baroque Duo Les Inégales with Rodrigo Tarraza, traverso and Christine Gevert, harpsichord, Countertenor Nichoas Tamagna, Ensemble of Andean Instruments with Duo Alturas; Russel Allyn (Trumpet), Jennifer Tyo, Jolanta Lorenc and Jordan Rose Lee (Sopranos), Trudy Weaver Miller and Laura Evans (Altos), John Laporta and Doug Schmolze (Tenors), John-Arthur Miller and James Barrett (Baritones).

Substitute Worship Leading Musicians: Jon Lafleur, organ and Doug Schmolze, guitar

Crescendo: Two Choral-Orchestral Concerts. Several of our Trinity choir members participate in the Crescendo Chorus, and several of our guest musicians at Trinity Services are Crescendo soloists or instrumentalists. This year excerpts of the concert programs were performed by our own choir and soloists with some Crescendo volunteers and paid musicians at our main services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Christmas Eve Services. The Andean musicians from Crescendo participated in a new musical outreach event: a Latin American Sing Along session for members of the community.

Musical Events in 2015:

□ **January:** Service with Baroque Chamber Music by Duo Les Inégales □ **February:** Ash Wednesday Service with Choir □ **March:** Latin American Sing Along with Alturas Duo □ **April:** Palm Sunday; Good Friday Vocal Ensemble and Period Instruments; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Services with Choir; Crescendo Concert (Music by Monteverdi, Demantius and Whicacre); Funeral Service with Choir □ **May:** Ascension Evensong with Choir, guests and Vocal Ensemble □ **May:** Pentecost Service, Trinity Sunday Service □ **September:** Service with solos by Henry Purcell with Nicholas Tamagna □ **November:** Choral Evensong for All Saints, Crescendo Concert (Remember & Rejoice! Music by Torri and Stölzel); Thanksgiving Service at the Lakeville Methodist Church □ **December:** Service at Geer Village with members of the Choir, Young Singers and members of the Choir at the Family Service, Choral Concert and Service on Christmas Eve with works by Heinrich Schütz and Michael Praetorius, Janet Walker & Pat Barton soloists at the Christmas Day Service.

Some of the repertoire sung by the Choir, Vocal Ensemble and Soloists:

CONTEMPORARY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arr. Roy Ringwald; "Down to the river to pray" Arr. Sheldon Curry; "Shine, Jesus, shine" by Graham Kendrick; "Pascha nostram" – R. Maher "The Battle of Jericho", Arr. Robert Olson

19th CENTURY: "The crown of roses" by P. I. Tchaikovsky, "Blessed be the God and Father" by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, "I saw the Lord" by John Stainer, "Ye Saints and Servants of the Lord" by William Thorn, "The Lord bless you and keep you" by John Rutter

BAROQUE: Excerpts from Claudio Monteverdi's Mass "In illo tempore"; "O pray for the peace of Jerusalem" by John Blow; "Ego dixi" by Giovanni Battista Riccio, "Iustus germinabit" by F. Augustini Diruta, "Canticorum Jubilo", "This is the Day the Lord has made" by George Frideric Handel, Aria: "In Jesu Demut kann ich Trost" BWV 151 by Johann Sebastian Bach (Janet Walker, soloist)

MEDIEVAL and RENAISSANCE: "Magnificat & Nunc dimittis" and various motets by William Byrd, "Panis Angelicus" and other motets by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, "Ye people all in one accord" by John Mundy, "Recercar sopra Sancta Maria" by Girolamo Frescobaldi

LATIN AMERICAN: Songs from "Cancionero Cristiano del Obispado de Gualeguaychú", Argentina

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Gevert
Organist and Choir Director

OUTREACH MINISTRY REPORT

Throughout Scripture, the theme of caring for one another is recurring. The Old Testament enjoins the children of Israel to care for those who sojourn among them as guests, equal in status and treatment. Jesus reiterates the theme in confirming that the two great Laws are to love God and to love one's neighbor as oneself.

At Trinity, we have taken these instructions seriously! We have regularly donated to the Corner Food Pantry, this year instituting the Food of the Month, such as pasta or soup, or in summer, BBQ necessities! We do a major food ingathering in November, the Feed a Family of Four for a Day project, which resulted in 37 full to the brim bags of groceries delivered in time for Thanksgiving. We also participated in the CROP walk, which seeks to raise funds for feeding people worldwide through Church World Services.

In the spring, we held our community potluck brunch and invited representatives from The Equus Effect, which focuses on veterans experiencing PTSD, Women's Support Services, to whom we regularly donate clothing and personal toiletry items, Volunteers in Medicine, based in Great Barrington and providing care for those who slip through the gaps, and the Corner Food Pantry, which provides ingredients for thousands of meals each year to those in the tristate area.

During August we teamed up with the seasonal congregation at Pine Grove, the Methodist camp ground, and together collected 57 backpacks with grade appropriate contents for children whose families find it a stretch at back-to-school time to include backpacks along with everything else needed.



Backpacks!

It has been a joy to be on the Appalachian Trail detour! We have offered water, rest room facilities and (apparently most important!!) electrical outlets for recharging phones, tablets, etc., this past spring, summer and fall. Hikers have "signed in" at our AT kiosk outside Walker Hall, left notes on the chalk board in the kitchen and written a thank you note (with a check to Trinity enclosed!) The most touching comment was made by a young woman this summer, who said on departing "this church is a legend on the AT-people know to come here whenever the doors are opened". What a compliment to us!

Other activities in 2015 included driving clients at Trinity Glen to church and other activities, hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive, collecting Christmas gifts for children in North Canaan, participating in the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which this year fed 149 people, as well as the monthly spaghetti dinners at Pil-



Blessing of the Animals!

grim House. We also collected pet food for The Little Guild of St. Francis at our annual Blessing of the Animals, and offered worship services at Noble Horizons, Geer Village and Sharon Health Care.

The community at large is always welcomed to our Annual Tree Lighting with hot chocolate and cookies in early December.



Lighting of the Christmas Tree!

Additionally, we instituted a Pastoral Care Team when Pastor Heidi started her Sabbatical, and the team has continued to share that ministry at Noble Horizons and Geer, along with leading midweek worship services at Noble Horizons and Geer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alexis Dorf
For the Outreach Ministry

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

2015 was a busy year for the Trinity Building & Grounds committee, and very productive!

- Insulated the heating pipes beneath Walker Hall and the addition
- Painted the cloister (hallway in the addition)
- Painted the hallway in front of Pastor Heidi's office
- Painted Walker Hall and the Guild Room
- Painted the outside of the Rectory
- Completed the painting of the exterior trim around the church
- Replaced the counters in the kitchen— thanks to the ECW for that!
- Dumpster day, during which we emptied the collected junk in the garage and the undercroft
- Painted the garage and replaced the roll-up garage doors
- Several outside 'rake-n-clean' days for the flower beds and grounds
- Removal of the prickly bushes in the quad thanks to Steve Fitch!
- Removed the sand berm at the end of the parking lot – thank you, Jeff Silvernale!
- Installed a new WI-FI extender to service the church. Thanks to Toby Truax!
- Completed moving shelves from the old library and converting it to a choir rehearsal room

- Installed shelving in the new choir robing room., formerly the nursery.

I purposely am not naming many individuals here, but it goes without saying that none of this work could have been accomplished without the help of our dedicated group of parishioners and our friends and volunteers from Trinity Glen.

Thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Gustafson

Building and Grounds Chair



Newly repainted Rectory!

EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN

Since the ECW worked for so many years raising funds for Trinity and providing hospitality and care for those who visit our parish home, we considered that our gift to Trinity would be a clean, organized and functional kitchen.

The ECW has had a year of transition. We were able to have our usual Memorial Day Tag Sale, but came to the difficult conclusion that the Committee members are just not physically able to do the work necessary for two major fundraisers each year. However, we have begun our work in the Parish kitchen and intend to reformulate our mission activity or dissolve when the kitchen is done.

To this end, with the permission of the Vestry, we have been able to use the funds we raised for Trinity, to install new countertops with a built in sink, cleaned and relined the drawers and some of the cabinet shelving.

In 2016, we will be asking the Vestry to paint the kitchen and cabinet facings. We will be organizing the contents and labeling them to increase accessibility and usefulness. When that has been completed, the ECW will be looking to replace the floor. Our final step in renovating the kitchen, will have us considering the feasibility of replacing the fluorescent lights with track lighting.

We welcome any input from the parish about either ideas for the kitchen or for the future of the ECW at Trinity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle A. Gaherty & Alice Tweed

ECW co-chairs

THE GALLERY AT TRINITY LIME ROCK REPORT



Sunday afternoon visitors

There were four Juried Art Shows with a Call for Entries format held at Trinity in 2015 of which one was a newly introduced Photography Show. These shows were open to all artists and the photography show was open to all photographers. All had small entry fees. Jurors selected the pieces to be hung.

For each show, the jurors awarded three prizes, First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mentions. Also, the art show visitors and the members of Trinity Church had the opportunity to vote at all shows 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 opened with 48 artists participating and a reception on Friday night, January 30. The show was also on display January 31-February 1 and February 7-8 and ran in conjunction with the Salisbury Winterfest Sports Association Jumpfest. SWSA also promoted and publicized the show. Our very own Trinity member Martha Baer, Senior Specialist at Christies Auction House and Eric Forstmann, accomplished fine artist from Sharon, were the jurors. In honor of the Jumpfest, a special award was awarded by the jurors, for the "Best Winter" painting and a gift certificate for a dinner for two was given to the winner by the Interlaken Inn, a member of the Winterfest Association. The revenue from entry fees and commissions from the sales was \$1370 less the expenses of \$425 for prizes, honorariums, ads and profits owed to artists, etc., giving Trinity \$945.

The second Juried Show was held over Memorial Day Weekend. The opening reception was Friday night October 10 and the show was on display October 11-13 and October 18-19 with 42 artists participating. Marjory Reid, fine artist and former art instructor at Hotchkiss School and Charles Noyes, fine artist and present art instructor at Hotchkiss School were the judges. The revenue from the entry fees and commission from sales was \$1972 less the expenses of \$600 for prizes, honorariums, ads and profits owed to artists etc., giving Trinity \$1372.

The Photography Show opened with a reception on Friday evening July 24 and continued on July 25-26 and July 31- August 1. 30 Photographers were selected to be in the show. The juror was Michael Yurgeles, an Executive Director of Artwell, an art based center in Torrington, an instructor of photography at Northwest Community College and an instructor at the Torrington Middle School. The revenue from entry fees and commission from sales was \$1716 less the expenses of \$750 for prizes, honorariums, ads and profits owed to artists etc., giving Trinity \$966.

The final Juried Show of 2015 was held over Columbus Day weekend with 25 artists exhibiting. The opening reception was Friday night October 9 and the show was on display October 10-12 and October 17-18. Well known area artists Keith Davidson and Wayne Jenkins were the jurors. 26 artists participated. The revenue from entry fees and commissions was \$833 less the expenses of \$575 for prizes, honorariums, ads and profits owed to artists, etc. giving Trinity \$258.

The 32nd Annual Invitational Show was also held in 2015 with the opening reception on Friday, August 28. The show was on display August 29-30 and September 5, 6, and closing on Labor Day, September 7. All of the winners from all of the past Juried Shows, all of the artist members on the Juried Art Show and all of Trinity artists were invited to participate with no entry fees. 28 artists did accept and the show was lovely. The revenue came from the 30% commissions of 9 small sold pieces and \$60 from the door prize money, giving Trinity \$338. There were no expenses for this show.

Summary:

Revenue collected for Art Shows 2015	\$6229
Less total expenses	<u>2350</u>
Total Profits for Trinity from the Shows	\$3879

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Carley
Gallery Chair

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
THE TRINITY EPISCOPAL MENS'
SOCIETY FOR DISCOURSE ON ADVANCED THEOLOGY &
LESS ADVANCED AUTO MAINTENANCE
(SOMETIMES KNOWN AS THE MEN'S GROUP)**

The decline of the Men's Group highlighted in last year's report continued this year. Only 300 days off Purgatory were granted by the chairman, and we were only able to enjoy several dinners at local restaurants. This is largely due to poor leadership, which will hopefully be changed at the coming Annual Meeting. Also, there are rumors of an assassination plot, so things could improve quite quickly.

However, it is submitted that this chairman is not a total loss, as he has given serious consideration to having our group re-dedicate itself to its original purpose of performing physical work for the benefit of the church or the grounds. In prior years we would meet at the church to undertake some projects of repair to the building or clearing debris, but generally making improvements or performing necessary maintenance to the property, before going out to dinner and drinks. Most of our men would be happy to do good labor for the preservation and enhancement of our church property.

But upon investigation I have discovered that the new czar of buildings and grounds (who will remain unnamed) prefers the labor and assistance of the men of Trinity Glen, because of their skill, hard work and follow through. He has some problems with the attitudes of the Men's Group that prefer prayer over skill and retire to dinner before the work is done. We salute the performance of the men of Trinity Glen in assisting our church, but it pretty well leaves those of us in the Men's Group to fall back on our dinners, and to our wine and beer.

In God we trust; all others, cash.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Keith Nolan

Chairman of the Above Society

VERGER'S REPORT

With two and a half years service as Verger, one might think that this would have become rather humdrum and repetitious. After all, what can be different about staffing and staging Holy Eucharists from week to week and year to year?

The answer, of course, is “plenty” – yes, one Sunday is never just like the one preceding it and it will inevitably be different from the Sunday to follow. That’s regardless of the liturgical season. And there always is, no matter how long the Verger’s Customary gets with additional things to check on, the opportunity for something totally new and unanticipated happening to upset the most carefully laid plans and requiring an immediate fix. When you get it right, absolutely no one notices. That is what a verger strives for.

I am blessed with wonderful volunteers here at Trinity, both adults and young people. Preparing the rota (a bit of an exercise in faith at best) is now an area where virtually all are responsive to requests for forecasts of unavailability more than three months out, and for that I am very grateful. I am also especially grateful for our older young people, who now volunteer for and execute expertly tasks that I cannot imagine us even thinking of asking them to do only two or three years ago. I now have one understudy in the verger role, Eleanore Jenks. With her expansive knowledge and her coolness under fire she has progressed to the point where regardless of chronological age she is no longer a “Junior Verger”; she is now the real McCoy, a bona fide, full-fledged Verger.

If I were to prepare a wish list for 2016, I would include the following:

--Two or three more trained Ministers of Communion so I can schedule our most faithful MOCs just a trifle less frequently and not have to call on the same people week in and week out to substitute for someone who is missing.

--Another usher or two – and in that connection, improved lighting on the steps from the nave to the chancel to reduce the chance of a parishioner falling.

--One more young person interested in learning what vergers do so that Eleanore is not my only backup in this position. This would also provide Eleanore with the opportunity to train a new verger herself – a remarkable learning experience in itself in the model of the medical profession: “watch one, do one, teach one”.

In conclusion, thanks to all the staff and the volunteers of this parish. You make my burden light, and you make me look good.

Respectfully Submitted,

Geoff Brown

Verger



E-COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Highlights of 2015: (1) Trinity now accepts online donations, something we have needed for many years, using PayPal. It was gratifying not only to get it done, but to implement it with significant choices for allocation of donations. Thanks to Treasurer John Oler and the Vestry for getting us going in this area. (2) The Trinity Update continues to evolve into a vehicle that is readable on both mobile and desktop/laptop devices. (3) Our audiences continue to grow (see below) as people more and more understand technology as part of church life as well as ordinary existence. (4) We need to replace the website.

Trinity Update: Weekly circulation of this e-newsletter has grown slightly to between 275 – 285 per week, up from around 270, an increase of around 3%. Keeping repetitious and wordy material out – both are incredibly counterproductive – remains a challenge. We need to remember that “reminding people via the TU” has a net negative effect both on the subject and on readership in general.

Facebook pages (and group): We continue to maintain three Facebook pages, although the sports page receives very limited attention. The main page has now has 215 likes, up from 155 last year (around 39% better) and 120 two years ago. The Gallery page, now tended mainly by the art show committees themselves, now has 137 likes, up from 77 last year (a whopping 78% better) and 27 the year before. The real function of Facebook groups (as opposed to pages) is still ambivalent. The Trinity Lime Rock group is flat with 42 members. We have previously noted that the Facebook audience is aging and not being replaced with younger users (none our current young people is a Facebook user to the best of our knowledge) and we need to be flexible in how we communicate with that group, which appears to prefer one-to-one digital communications like text messaging as a communications style.

YouTube channel and video in general: Only four new videos were added to our You Tube channel this year, down from seven the previous year. On the positive side, last year’s Christmas Pageant has now had 212 views, and the 2015 pageant, up only six days at this writing, already has 64. With the exception of the Christmas Pageant, the young people did not contribute any videos this year, no doubt due to the lack of a regular youth leader to channel their energies. This should improve in 2016. The divergence, noted last year, between longer, higher production-value video (not achievable by us at present mostly due to inadequate lighting in the chancel and crossing) and short (20 seconds or less) video clips on Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, and other social media vehicles still holds true. Can we produce some of these in 2016? It would be a laudable objective. If wifi bandwidth in the nave increases, we could also try some live streaming via one of those new services, subject, of course, to the limitations imposed by insufficient lighting.

Twitter presence: We now have 483 followers here, up from 436 last year (an increase of around 10%) and 369 the previous year. Our curated feed continues to appear on the website, but most activity comes from Twitter itself. Twitter, the vehicle itself, is in the process of redefinition, and how we use Twitter will no doubt change as the redefinition process continues. That Twitter has largely escaped the fate of Facebook in terms of being abandoned by younger users deserves more attention.

Instagram accounts: We now have two Instagram accounts, the main one with 221 followers, up from 154 last year (up 43%) and 39 the previous year. The second one, purposed toward Outreach, has 31 followers but is not in current use. This vehicle continues to be popular with the audience that has abandoned Facebook and deserves more attention for that reason. For a church, we’re doing pretty well here.

Website: Activity on the website continues to trend downward with only 25 sessions on the average day this year. More than 80% of our visitors still access the site using a desktop or laptop computer, which is seriously at variance with industry behavior which reports more than 50% of website accesses now coming via mobile devices. This is unsurprising since our site was built before the smartphone was commonly available technology, and while we have made efforts to make the site more useful on mobile, they have not been particularly successful. It’s worth noting that Google severely punishes nonmobile friendly sites in their ranking algorithm. A re-write is badly needed, and we hope to do one this summer. The new site, for which idea-harvesting studies have already begun, will be based on the (mobile-compatible) WordPress platform

The addition of the online contributions feature, noted above, has attracted little volume, largely, we think, because likely online donors are also heavy smartphone users. The new website will remedy this deficit and hopefully produce more online donations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Geoffrey Brown
Webmaster

DIOCESAN CONVENTION REPORT

This year the convention was held on November 13th and 14th. Three of the most important issues were as follows:

- There was a vote to take gender related words out of our common life. "The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) acknowledge that the use of solely male language for God needlessly distorts and impoverishes a theological vision; and be it further resolved that parental titles for clergy ("Father and Mother") trade on gendered notions of authority that may be unhelpful for many."
- There was also vote to limit the amount of money that a church could take from its endowments over 3 years. "Charge the Executive Council to work with parishes and Worshiping communities whose cumulative endowments draws to support operations in a consecutive 3 year period exceeds 25% of the average net asset value of its endowment during the withdrawal period"..... If this resolution had been passed prior to the closing of Christ Church, Canaan we would not have been allowed to spend the entire endowment over the last five years we were open.
- A Taskforce for reimagining the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (TREC-CT). There will be the phasing out of the Deaneries and the implementation of Ministry Networks. (A ministry network is defined as more than one individual or groups who are (1) engaged in God's mission (2) collaborating (3) from more than one parent or worshiping community within the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (and may additionally extend to ecumenical interface and service sector organizations.) There are six proposed regions and each will establish its own leadership structure and have a regional Missionary.

This is my second year going to the convention and I have learned so much every single time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Becker
Convention Delegate



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