

# TRINITY TIDINGS

*The mission of Trinity Church is to Worship God in Christ, Welcome all people, Rejoice in fellowship, Grow in knowledge, Give of ourselves, Care for one another, Serve the world, and Proclaim the good news of God in Christ.*

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## Countdown to Mission Philadelphia

Two and a half weeks from now, Trinity Youth Group goes forth on its annual outreach project in Philadelphia. Following a send-off at Trinity's 9:30 service on June 20<sup>th</sup>, about 30 TYG members and their adult sponsors head for a hot and busy week of service work, highlighted by fun, fellowship and making new friends. This is the eighth year for Mission Philadelphia, and each year the projects have grown and expanded.

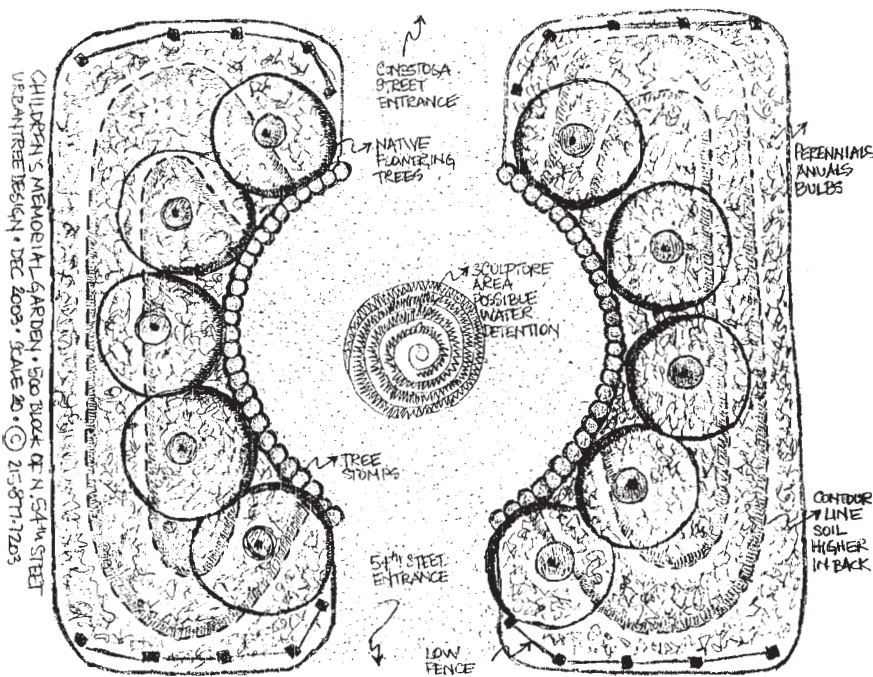
This time, TYG has a very special mission: the group will spend three days at 54<sup>th</sup> and Conestoga Streets in West Philadelphia revitalizing a large abandoned property to become a memorial garden for children who lost their lives through acts of violence. Some TYG members did preliminary work

on this project back in April, and now all will help in completing the garden as shown in the plan below. The remainder of the week will be spent in North Philadelphia assisting with summer programs. They return home Sunday afternoon, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Housed at St. Joseph's University, the TYG group not only reaches out to the Philadelphia community but also learns to live with each other. Several adult sponsors will reside with them, but additional help is always needed for transporting youth to the sites, assisting with the work projects and a host of other things. Please use an Adult Volunteer Form to indicate what you can offer toward making this the best Mission Philadelphia ever.



*Our youth working at last year's Mission Philadelphia.*



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# Annual Parish Meeting Well Attended

## *New Vestry Members Elected*

Gearing up to face the 2004-2005 year ahead, on May 16<sup>th</sup> 100 parish members unanimously elected a slate of six new Vestry members, applauded those who were retiring, and received encouraging reports from Wardens, Search and Financial Committee chairs and Interim Rector Christine Ritter. Enjoying a brunch provided by the Hospitality Committee, parishioners gave a standing ovation to Don Eavenson, retiring Sr. Warden, who has led Trinity through a vigorous year of transition. New Rector's Warden Jim Jones underscored the strengths that continue to support us.

In addition to Jim Jones, newly elected Vestry members are: Cara Coreale (Parish Life), Jerry Harbaugh (Property), Julie Loftus (Finance), Patrick Summers (Stewardship) and Rosemary Reshetar (Service/Outreach). Elected as Diocese/Deanery delegates are Jean Evans and Barbara Slack. To represent the parish on the Day School Board is Joanne Roberts. New and ongoing Vestry members met for a Vestry/Staff Conference on May 21-22.

### Trinity's 2004-2005 Vestry and their ministries:

Jim Jones, Rector's Warden  
Bill Seranni, People's Warden  
Randy Apgar, Strategic Planning Ministry  
Cara Coreale, Parish Life Ministry  
Rich Fox, Youth Ministry  
Jerry Harbaugh, Property Ministry  
Laura Huestis, Day School Ministry  
Amy Glascott, Worship & Spiritual Life Ministry  
Julie Loftus, Finance Ministry  
Rosemary Reshetar, Service/Outreach Ministry  
Kristen Steuber, Church School Ministry  
Patrick Summers, Stewardship Ministry  
Gene Underwood, Clerk of the Vestry

# Search Committee Reviewing Resumes

— Kristen Steuber

The Search Committee continues to accept and evaluate resumes. Thus far, we have received over 35 resumes and anticipate more in the coming weeks. The committee has established criteria by which to evaluate the resumes based on your input from our written survey and face-to-face interviews. We are prioritizing the resumes and contacting the most attractive candidates by mail to seek additional information in order to get to know them better.

The process we've established involves ascertaining 20 possible candidates and reducing them to 10 semifinalists. Then we will begin the hard work of visiting and interviewing our candidates to get to know them personally. This will help narrow our search to the five strongest finalists. From these, we will depend on God in prayer to discern the best match for Trinity and thus, the person we will propose to the Bishop and the Vestry.

With our plan in place, we seek more resumes and your help. At this time, if you have the name of a potential rector that you would like us to consider, please submit that name to any member of the Search Committee. In addition, please consider providing us with the names of rectors whom you feel might be a good fit for Trinity but who may not be looking for a new position at this time. As you travel this summer, take notice of other Rectors and Assistant Rectors at the churches you visit. Tell us about a wonderful parish in which you spent time, a great sermon that you heard, or a warm friendly person you think might fit into the Trinity family.

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support, and we ask you to continue as we begin receiving and evaluating resumes.

Search Committee: Co-chairs James Wells and Rick Lansill; Gerry Broadbent, Peg Clark, Prue Day, Laura Huestis, Kim Sager, Naudain Sellers, Bill Serrani, Kristen Steuber and Steve Wilson.

# Reaching Out to Guatemala

— Jean Evans

While Kyle is experiencing Kenya in Africa, Frank and I are busy preparing for a trip to Guatemala, that small, poor country in Central America which is also under consideration for international outreach by our church. We leave June 15th and will spend the first few days at Mi Refugio, a non-denominational Christian ministry which provides education, food, clothing and medical assistance to children and their families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.



Jean & Frank Evans

It is estimated that 10,000 Guatemalans (6,000 children) live in this dump and survive by groveling through the refuse of the dump to find things to sell, wear and eat. While at Mi Refugio we will live in a dormitory, eat our meals with the children and participate in an ongoing construction project at their San Pedro school property. Kari Engen, Mark Glidden's cousin, is the founder of the school, which she started in 1987 in rented quarters at the dump. The current property is several miles away from the dump and the children are bussed there each day.



Before returning home, we will travel to Solola to meet Padre Alberto Cuc, who ministers to Indians in several communities in the Western Highlands. Santa Maria Church in Solola is actually just a parking lot where Padre Cuc conducts services on Saturdays. The needs in Solola include building a roof over the parking lot and providing food, clothing and medical and educational assistance to the children of the Parish. We are grateful to the Rev. Frank Toia, chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, for helping arrange this part of the trip.

Our goal for this mission is to investigate the physical and spiritual conditions at each site including sleeping arrangements, eating facilities, worship opportunities and cultural immersion. Please keep us in your prayers as we undertake this important journey.



## *In Memory of a Remarkable Life*

Trinity's oldest member passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 100. **Grace Hope Stevenson** had been part of our parish for nearly 40 years, and her memorial service was held in the Chapel the following week with daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren all taking part. A number of her delightful watercolor paintings decorated McArthur Hall, highlighting the many places she had traveled: China, Russia, the Middle East, Africa and South America.



Grace was born in England in 1904 and grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia, attended college in Canada and later received a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She was a social worker in New Jersey for many years, living much of that time in a charming little schoolhouse not far from Trinity. Actively interested in current events, she was noted for writing letters to newspapers, her congressmen and other officials. Fascinating to talk to, she was full of stories about her travels and experiences.

During Grace's later years, Trinity parishioners helped with shopping, chauffeuring, visiting and bringing her communion. They, and all of us, will remember her as a most remarkable lady. May she rest peacefully in God's embrace.



## Church School Calendar for June

**Sunday, June 6** Holy Communion and Regular Classes

**Sunday, June 13** **Summer Schedule begins**  
Church School-led Service and Church School Teacher Recognition, 9:30 a.m.; Move-Up Day

**Sunday, June 20** **Mission Philadelphia Youth Eucharist**, main sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.

## Important TYG Dates for June

**Friday, June 4** TYG Lobsterfest preparation, 6-9 p.m. (pizza dinner included)  
- corn shucking & packing of coleslaw

**Saturday, June 5** Lobsterfest, 4-8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 6** Senior Send-Off, 9:15 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 9** "Mission Philadelphia" Orientation, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 16** End of Year Party & Welcoming of New Members, 6-9 p.m.

**Sunday, June 20** "Mission Philadelphia" Commissioning & Departure

**June 20-27** "Mission Philadelphia"

## Vacation Bible School, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

Happy days are here again as kids 4 to 11 come together in August for Trinity's third annual Vacation Bible School. Under direction of Kim Sager, this year's theme is "Son Games", with Olympic-size games, crafts and music. Cost is \$15 per child. Still time to register by calling Kim at 215-794-3855, and still time to offer volunteer help, too.

## Church School Class to Lead June 13<sup>th</sup> Service

Church School's 4th and 5th grade class has been honored with the responsibility for Move-up Day service on June 13<sup>th</sup>. According to their teachers, the students will participate in all aspects of the service including writing and reading the prayers, giving the sermon, scripture readings, ushering and decorations. Fifth grader Stephanie Sager has been chosen to preach.

Teachers Trey Wilson and Otho Kerr have led the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders through a busy and inspiring year, with focus on developing a servant's heart through active participation in Trinity's service projects as well as studying the prophets, creating their very own newspaper "Trinity Treasures", learning to understand the Eucharist, and instilling the gift of empathy through exploring different world faiths. Now responsibility for this end-of-the-year service seems a fine and appropriate way for these young people to express all they have learned. It's a service you won't want to miss!



*Fourth and fifth grade children help at Peacemeal*

(This piece is from "Trinity Treasures", the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders' newsletter)

## We Are All Equal under the Eyes of God

— Megan Piette

Have you ever felt you didn't fit in because you have learning disabilities or you aren't very good at something? A kid in my fifth grade class has learning disabilities and didn't fit in at the beginning of the year, but towards the middle made lots of friends.

Before, kids didn't know he was good at anything, but they soon found out that he was good at kickball and a very good friend.

This year, I hope he feels accepted and that he fits in because he was created equal with people who are smarter than he is and because we are all equal under the eyes of God.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe year, especially the people who are less fortunate than we are.

**Deadline for the July/August issue of Tidings is Tuesday, July 20.**

## Parish News

### Births

**Gabriel Thomas**, son of Sarah & Tim Blaikie

### Deaths

**Grace Hope Stevenson**

**Mary C. Bradby**, mother of Dan Donahue

**Florence Burke**, mother of Bill Burke

**William S. Taylor, Jr.**, brother of Phyllis Euler and former member of Trinity

**William Matiejunas**, father of Claire Lancas

## Newcomers Dinner on June 13<sup>th</sup>

This is your chance, all of you who are new at Trinity! You are invited to a barbeque and orientation on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 p.m. Come and get better acquainted, find out more about our church and enjoy a good meal. Childcare will be provided. Just let the Church Office (215-297-5135) know you're coming.

There will be a special welcome for new members at both the 8 o'clock and 9:30 services on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Quick Read . . . .

Hope everyone is planning to attend **Lobsterfest this Saturday**, June 5<sup>th</sup>! Come to eat, come to help, come to browse at the Silent Auction. . . . Congratulations to members of the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Church School class** who recently produced their own newsletter *Trinity Treasures* and to their teachers, **Trey Wilson and Otho Kerr**. We're looking forward to that class's participation on Move-Up Day, June 13<sup>th</sup>. . . . Trinity's **summer schedule begins on the 13<sup>th</sup>**—only two services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. . . . Best wishes to Trinity-associated **high school graduates** and to **those graduating from college**. There's a Big World ahead!

## Summer Schedule Begins June 13<sup>th</sup>

During the summer, Trinity has two Sunday morning services only: 8:00 and 9:30. We return to three services on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Introducing . . .

### Anna and Bill Wyman

There are some people who make an impact wherever they land. Such is our friend Anna Wyman, who has only lived in this area for three years. Bill and Anna moved to Bucks



County from the Boston area to be near their son. She is filled with energy and enthusiasm, and we can only imagine what a fabulous member she was with the USO traveling show for our armed forces in 1953.

Anna was in Hollywood in 1952 just starting her professional singing career as “Pat Rica” when she joined the USO troop. She spent a year traveling, cheering up the soldiers, and was awarded a medal by the commanding general of the Far East Command. In recognition of her time spent there, Anna’s name will be on the National Monument of Korea in Washington, DC.

Returning home, she pursued her career for another ten years before meeting and marrying Bill Wyman in 1963. “The best thing I’ve ever done,” she says. Bill had his own insurance agency in Concord, MA, for 35 years and was also a long-time director of the Concord Cooperative Bank. At the same time, the Wymans owned a travel agency and traveled extensively.

Anna’s abundant energy has never been wasted: she gets involved wherever she is. She has recorded books for the blind, is a recognized teacher/artist and is now a docent and children’s story-teller at Prallsville Mill in Stockton. Space prevents me from listing all of her giving, sharing and caring.

Finally I asked Anna how she heard about Trinity. She replied that their son William told her he had heard Trinity Solebury was filled with elegant, fine people, and he thought it would be the right place for them. Thank you, William! We are delighted to have Anna and Bill with us! If you haven’t already, be sure to say hello—and you’ll be touched by their kindness, good humor and enthusiasm.

— Helen Montgomery

## Dates to Remember

- Saturday, June 5      Lobsterfest, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 13      **Summer Schedule begins: 8:00 and 9:30 services**  
Church School Move-up Day,  
9:30 a.m. Service led by Church School  
Newcomers Dinner/Orientation,  
4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 20      Send-off for Mission Philadelphia,  
9:30 a.m.  
Welcome New Members  
(at both services)
- June 20-27      Mission Philadelphia

## Another reason to come to Church!

### For Safety’s Sake:

Do not ride in automobiles — they cause 20% of all accidents.

Do not stay home – 17% of all accidents occur in the home.

Do not walk on streets or sidewalks –14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Do not travel by air, rail or water – 16% of all accidents happen on these.

Only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are related to previous physical disorders. Hence, the safest place for you to be at any time is Church.

Bible Study is safe, too—the percentage is even less there.

So come to Church! It could save your life!

*Anonymous*

## Aid For Friends

### Frozen Meals for the Elderly and Shut Ins

Here's a ministry that's just as important in the summer as in the winter—an easy way to help others:

1. Pick up a package of aluminum trays from the Welcome Table and take it home with you.
2. Make an extra portion for one of your evening meals.
3. Put the extra portion in one of the aluminum trays; cover it with a sheet of aluminum foil; fill in the menu sheet; and put everything in one of the plastic bags provided.
4. Stick the meal in your freezer.
5. Bring the meal to church on Sunday and put it in the freezer located in the kitchen.

Our volunteers deliver the collected meals to Doylestown where they are distributed to sick and elderly shut ins, who really need both the food and a visit from a friendly neighbor. It's as simple as that! But if you have any questions, please call Allen Black .



## Sing to the Lord

Throughout the summer, beginning on Sunday, June 13 (with the exception of June 20), a choir of volunteers will meet in the choir loft at 8:45 to rehearse music for the 9:30 a.m. service. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who can't commit to the Senior Choir's weekly rehearsal schedule but would like to sing on a more casual basis. The choir does not robe or process.

## Vacation-time for Ginny Sheay

The Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay, who has been serving as Clergy Assistant to our Interim Rector, is off to Maine for the summer months. We look forward to having her with us again in the fall.

### Thank you



We would like to thank Lisa Landley for her time and service as the Cherub Choir Director for the past 5 years. Lisa will continue to sing in the Senior Choir, but will not be directing the Cherubs. We wish her all the best.

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## Special Thanks from *Tidings* Editor



As this issue of *Tidings* goes to press, we still do not know who will be the next editor, but as I retire from the job, I look back with gratitude to the many helpers I've had during the past 10 ½ years. Most essential, of course, have been the Parish Administrators, Anne Rivinus and more recently, Debbie Stedman. Then come my assistants, especially Jacqui Griffith who has served as assistant editor for nearly five years. Many thanks to her and to other assistants along the way: Mary Warren, Kathleen Muth, Megg King, Susie Rorer and Louann Plough—and to Helen Montgomery who has faithfully produced “Introducing”. Much appreciation also goes to Elaine Crooks for her lovely layouts as well as helpful suggestions.

As you can see, being editor is not a one-person job, and I'm deeply grateful for the help I have received—not just from those mentioned but from many others, too. To whomever follows me: I hope you will enjoy the work as much as I have.

As always, Trinity is an inspiring place in which to be involved and its people a joy to know.

— Mollie Hollowell