



# 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.*

Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, Pennsylvania

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## The Guatemalan Experience

– Jean and Frank Evans

We completed our trip to Guatemala on a mission to look at two opportunities for international outreach – Mi Refugio, near San Pedro, and a church in Solola. Thank you for your prayers, support and donations of money, clothing and medical supplies. The trip was very enlightening and rewarding.

Mi Refugio is an elementary school that provides education and two meals a day for approximately 150 children living in and around San Pedro. Although the school is private, the children pay no tuition and the state oversees the curriculum. Three times a year groups of volunteers go to Mi Refugio to perform services that might include building classrooms, building playgrounds, mending fences and walkways, and teaching the children to play basketball or volleyball. Another group conducted a free eye clinic, provided eyeglasses to San Pedro residents, and put on a puppet and interpretive dance show at a local public school and at Mi Refugio.

Frank and I volunteered for three days to unpack and organize all of the clothing and medical supplies that you and others had donated to the school. We gave each student a bag that contained a toothbrush, a bar of soap, dental floss and band aids.

We went to Solola to attend services at the Episcopal Church of Santa Maria Madre de Dios with Padre Alberto Cuc and his congregation of local villagers who are of Mayan descent. Although Solola was only about 125 kilometers from San Pedro, the trip took almost three hours because of the road conditions. Even the Pan American Highway was, in places, a two-lane gravel road. Padre Alberto had not had any prior volunteer help and his needs, which include building a roof over the parking lot where the worship services are held, are still in the formative stage. Solola is a small non-touristy town in the Western Highlands overlooking Lake Atitlan. The Church service was beautiful and special because one baby was baptized and six youngsters received first communion. In our honor, the congregation served lunch afterwards; chicken and vegetable stew and tamales roasted in corn husks.

We will be meeting with the Outreach Committee and with Youth Group representatives to talk more about our experiences and the possibilities for further opportunities in the future. If you would like to know more about our experiences, please ask us.



Jean gets a hug from Mi Refugio student



Frank and Jean with First Holy Communion class at Episcopal Church of Santa Maria Madre de Dios

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# Kenya: Spiritual Journey of Renewal and Awakening

– Kyle Evans

You spend a year praying, planning and preparing for an experience. You think you are ready – attended the right meetings, read the books, and packed the appropriate things. After months of anticipation, you suddenly find yourself in a place and amongst a people more remarkable than you could possibly imagine – immersed in life changing experiences. Such was the case for me during my trip to Kenya.

The geography of the Kitale Diocese of Kenya was green and lush in certain areas and arid and sparse in others. Regardless of the decided difference in the various regions we visited, they each had their own indescribable beauty. We spent a lot of time traveling, for the Kitale Diocese is far reaching. Many in the group took advantage of the driving time to catch a nap. I never could. I didn't want to miss anything.

The people of the Kitale Diocese were incredibly warm and welcoming. Despite significant life sustaining challenges in their every day existence, everyone exuded a joy and deep commitment to their faith that certainly put the American way of life in perspective. Songs of praise and prayer are an integral part of their daily life.

So it was for us while in Kitale. We were always greeted with food and beverage and the deepest appreciation for our visit. We had a very ambitious itinerary. It was not unusual for us to run behind schedule. Regardless of the delays, we always found the members of a church or students at a school waiting patiently for us. They never complained about our tardiness. They rejoiced in our presence and celebrated the time we had together.

The final days in Kenya were spent in recreational activities on Lake Nakura, Masai Mara and Mombasa. I was glad

that I had a chance to visit those places and experience some other aspects of the culture and region of the country. Relationships forged with the Kitale Diocese community will last a lifetime. Partnerships in ministry have begun, beginning to bridge the gap between the continents and launch Trinity Church and the Kitale Diocese into a truly meaningful relationship.

The support that Trinity members have provided so far has sponsored girls in high school through Mwamba Ministries, the outreach effort of the Kitale Diocese. During this year's Vacation Bible School, children will be participating in a "Quarters for Kenya" drive. The monies raised will be matched to support a girl in high school. Parishioners interested in obtaining more information on Mwamba Ministries can obtain a brochure through the Church Office.

Trinity members can learn and hear more of my experience in Kenya in the coming months through pictures and narrative on the Trinity website and a Trinity Forum on October 10 with members of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas who joined me on the trip.

This trip to Kenya was a life-long dream and a more powerful experience than I could have ever imagined. It could not have happened without the love, prayers and support of my family and the Trinity community. I hope that when I return to Kitale, I will be joined by other Trinity members! Buana Asifiwe (Praise God)!

## Trinity Forum

September 26, 10:30 a.m.

**Dr. Caroll Anne Sheppard** of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will discuss how churches such as Trinity grow to mid-size while continuing to be Christ-centered. Dr. Sheppard has recently worked with the Church Staff and the Vestry to share insights around maintaining spirituality as the church continues to grow. Plan to join your fellow parishioners for Dr. Sheppard's forum presentation and discussion.



*Group photo in Lodwar with the Ven. Josiah Muga family and parishioners*



*Kyle helps to break ground at new Mt. Elgon Church*

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# From the American Revolution to Today

— Rev. Christine Ritter

For the past month or so as summer has moved along, I have been enthralled by the history of our country — specifically our Revolutionary War. So far I've read *George Washington's War* by Bruce Chadwick, Ph.D. and am now thoroughly immersed in *John Adams* by David McCullough. What is most fascinating to me about this period in our country's history is the enormous intellect and dedication of the men and women who were involved in the forming of our country and how they had to creatively improvise repeatedly. There was a zeal for independence that swelled in their hearts that caused them to ultimately risk all for what they believed in and thought was right.

I was so caught up with George Washington's challenges that one day I went to Valley Forge to drive through the ten miles of park there and to visit the farm where George Washington encamped for one winter. What a beautiful scenic adventure. It's easy to imagine troops living throughout the park and Washington riding throughout checking on his troops, surveying the multiple issues of encampment. There are frequent plaques with the names of the colonies — Maine, Virginia, New Jersey — throughout the park. The landscape is wondrously filled with rolling hills. There is a statue of Frederick Wilhelm Von Steuben presented to Valley Forge Park in 1913. I paused as I contemplated the two world wars that were fought after the giving of that gift. It's easy to see Von Steuben standing training the troops from his position on the knoll of one of the many hills. I visited the house where Washington lived during his time at Valley Forge. I was told that the house is still 90 percent of what was originally there when Washington stayed there. Clearly defined is the office where he worked and the bedroom / sitting room where he stayed and where Martha visited him. The rest of the house was where other military personnel and staff stayed and worked. They lived in very crowded quarters.

From a different perspective, John Adams and those charged with the duties of the infant Congress struggled over the issue of whether to adopt the newly written Declaration of Independence. Adams was also president of the newly crafted War Department. His verbal acuity on the floor of Congress and his multiple insights and skills, and those with whom he deliberated, were taxed severely as the war dragged on.



As I peruse our American Revolutionary history, I can't help but pause to think of our own young people in the current Iraq War. We pray for them every week — John Beaver, Matthew Brown, Paul Evans, Michael Imrich, Mark Plaushin, Brian Tinklepaugh, and Joseph Zyla. And two weeks ago several of us anointed and prayed for Chris Martini who is on his way to serve in Iraq. It's a different day. We are a far more sophisticated country with warfare technology which exceeds all other countries on this earth. But daily we hear of the war. We hear of the war from a Republican, an Independent, and a Democratic perspective. We're updated on all current events of the war.

It seems to me that in some ways the questions about war are still the same as when our country was first founded. Ultimately war is terrible and needs to be totally eradicated. But is there such a thing as being forced into war? And is there such a thing as a just war? Was this Iraq War the appropriate response? Certainly we don't want our own country attacked. Will this war resolve the issues that are before us? What would Jesus do? What does our Lord ask of us?

I don't have the answers today. In fact I have more questions than answers as the days go by, despite the efforts of the movie [Fahrenheit 9/11](#). In fact at any given point in the day I can sway to an answer on either side of the question.

All that I do know for sure is that we are deeply engaged in a struggle from which we will not easily extract ourselves. And I tremble knowing that our sons and daughters are part of it.

So we will continue to pray for those of this parish and all others who are involved in the Iraq War and those involved throughout the world in armed conflict, both civilian and military. We will pray, knowing that God, this God who loves us all, weeps and will stay with us always desiring for the conflict to end. Ultimately that would be the just response.



# - Trinity's Youth Page -



## Church School Calendar for Aug. - Oct.

Class dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Church School Chapel, occurs every Sunday that is Morning Prayer, and lasts approximately 20 minutes. It is located in the Trinity Chapel and includes Toddler through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Chapel is followed by a Regular Class lesson. Sermons will be taped and available to teachers during the following week. They can be picked up in the Church Office.

**Mon. Aug. 2-Fri. Aug. 6** Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-noon

**Monday, Aug. 23** Church School Advisory Board Meeting, McArthur Hall

**Thursday, Aug. 28** "Engaging Children in Worship" Workshop, 2-9 p.m., Philadelphia Cathedral (contact Kyle Evans if interested in attending; carpooling available from Trinity)

**Sunday, Sept. 12** **Welcome Back Sunday.** Morning Prayer and Church School Chapel followed by regular classes.

**Sunday, Sept. 19** Holy Eucharist followed by regular classes.  
Peacemeal, 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 26** Morning Prayer and Church School Chapel followed by regular classes.

**Monday, Sept. 27** Church School Advisory Board Meeting, McArthur Hall

**Saturday, Oct. 2** Sexual Boundaries & Sexual Harassment Training, 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m., St. Paul's Chestnut Hill (bring a bag lunch); *this is optional yet suggested training for Church School teachers.*

**Sunday, Oct. 3** Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 a.m. service, **No Classes**

**Sunday, Oct. 10** Church School Chapel provided by ARC and Regular Classes

**Sunday, Oct. 17** Youth Eucharist followed by Regular Classes; All Saints' Preparation 1:30 p.m. Crop Walk  
PeaceMeal, 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 24** Church School Chapel followed by Regular Classes; All Saints' Preparation

**Monday, Oct. 25** Church School Advisory Board Meeting, McArthur Hall

**Sunday, Oct. 31** Holy Eucharist followed by regular classes; All Saints' Preparation.  
Daylight Savings Ends

## Important TYG Dates for Sept. & Oct.

**Wednesday, Sept. 8** First TYG Mtg., 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 11** TYG Sponsor Retreat, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Cuttalossa Farm

**Wednesday, Sept. 15** **TYG Monthly Dinner, McArthur Hall,** 6:30 p.m. (all family members welcome)

**Sunday, Sept. 19** New Hope Aids Walk 10:00 a.m. (a hoagie lunch will follow the walk for all Trinity participants)  
Peacemeal, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 2** Sexual Boundaries & Sexual Harassment Training, 8:45-3:45 p.m., St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill (bring a bag lunch); *this is required training for all TYG sponsors*

**Monday, Oct. 4** Parent/ Sponsor Dinner & Orientation, 6:30-8:00 p.m., McArthur Hall

**Tuesday, Oct. 5** TYG Sponsor Mtg., 7:30 p.m., Rectory Conference Room

**Wednesday, Oct. 13** TYG at Phillip's Mill Art Show, Phillip's Mill, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 19** Youth Eucharist  
Philadelphia Aids Walk  
Crop Walk 1 p.m., Lambertville  
Peacemeal, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20** **TYG Monthly Dinner, McArthur Hall,** 6:30 p.m. (all family members welcome)

**Oct. 20-24** Fall Retreat

**Oct. 22-23** Seeking Servants (Diocesan Service Lock-in)

**Saturday, Oct. 23** Trinity Church clean up day, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## Church School Teachers needed

Please consider joining the wonderful ministry of Church School teaching. There are openings at every grade level. Contact any of the teachers listed below, Kyle Evans in the Church Office, or Kristen Steuber, Church School Vestry Liaison, at 215-766-0730.

# Parish News

## Births

**Wheeler John Padgett**, grandson of Betty Stagg and John Nordling

**Cecilia Kathleen**, daughter of Amy and Michael Schmidt

**Rowan Wells Fitzgerald**, grandson of Bob and Anita Howard

**Austin John Kendig**, grandson of Ron and Jackie Kavas

**Samantha Osher**, niece of Beryl Hirsch

## Deaths

**Paul Beiger**, husband of Dorothea Beiger

**Stephanie Quillin**, sister of Eric Muth

**Jake Tweer**, brother of Geraldine Broadbent

**Ellen Hilliard**, mother of Karen Beiger

**Katharine Weidemann**, wife of Walter Weidemann

**Marion Lowe**, sister-in-law of Henry and Bromley Lowe

**James Patterson**, grand-nephew of Mollie Hallowell

**Marvin Johnson, Sr.**, father of Marvin Johnson, Jr.

**George Shaw**, brother of Geraldine Shaw

**Hilary McNeill**, mother of Ian McNeill

**Anthony and Josephine**, parents of Anthony Lagana

## Marriages

**Cassandra Cooke**, daughter of Colin and Suzanne Cooke

## Address Updates

**George and Louann Plough**

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**Dorothea Beiger**

Pine Run

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**Arlene Rumbold**

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215-794-5753

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*Bob and Anita Howard and family celebrate the baptism of grandson Rowan Wells Fitzgerald*

We're snow-proofing the House Tour!



Save the date

October 16, 2004

Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury

"Autumn in Bucks County"

House Tour

More details to follow

[www.trinitysolebury.org](http://www.trinitysolebury.org)

## Finance Ministry Update

— Julie Loftus

Pledging lays the groundwork for budgetary planning and management. Talent and time donations supplement our budget, releasing funds to accomplish primary elements of our Christian mission. Income from fundraisers – especially House Tour and Lobsterfest – is linked to outreach in fulfilling our mission, not for daily operations. House Tour plus other fundraising income establishes the budget reality for Trinity's many varied outreach programs. Lobsterfest primarily funds Mission Philadelphia, but also other Youth Group outreach and spiritual development activities. Both of these fund-raisers require extensive talent and time commitments. Therefore your stewardship expressions of pledging coupled with sharing your talent and time energize Trinity's mission.

Trinity receives many gifts of time and talent, saving thousands of dollars. Some of the gifts received this year include consulting, graphic design and printing from VCG2, a marketing, advertising, internet and public relations firm. This parishioner-owned firm also manages our web site. We have received equipment rentals and grounds work from Leydon Landscaping and other individual parishioners. Gifts such as these support the operation of our mission-based programs and the facilities in which we worship and work to help others.

As of June 30, 2004, we are pleased to be able to report Trinity is financially strong. The vestry adopted a budget reducing our expected pledge income to \$500,000 from \$530,000. Because we are blessed with gifts beyond this year's committed pledges, and bolstered by catch-up payments for last year, revenues are up by \$22,000. Additionally, vestry members have carefully managed their ministry's spending, keeping total expenses under budget by \$4,000. Consequently, we have a positive \$26,000 budget status. This result is consistent with 2003 midyear income and gives us a buffer as we enter the summer months. Typically, income drops in the summer. Trinity still operates a full staff and has operating expenses during this time. Maintaining your pledges in the summer months can eliminate cash flow shortages.

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## Revitalization and Community Building in West Philadelphia

— Tara Stedman, Trinity Youth Group's Newest Member

My experience as a new member of Trinity Youth Group has been exciting. I started out by helping out at Lobsterfest this past June. Some of the girls that I met mentioned Mission Philadelphia. They described the different projects that they work on and also the fun things that they do in the evenings, like swimming, playing basketball, and South Street. Immediately I was thrilled!!



I asked my mother if I could go to Mission Philadelphia and she suggested that I go ask Kyle Evans. To my delight Kyle said yes. I was introduced to so many people who were really helpful. When I met everyone I didn't have a clue about what it was going to be like living with them. It was very nice feeling being part of the group immediately. Hearing Tim Silberg's sermon at the Sunday service at Trinity made me feel more comfortable, since I, too, am a Roman Catholic.

I also met a few choir members from St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. I was warned that the service was going to be very long, but it turned out to be quite an interesting experience. Some of the other people that I got to meet were the kids that lived in the Philadelphia neighborhood like Sean, Tyrell, Egardo and Dwayne who worked for Skip Weiner, who was head of the program down there.

My most memorable experience was at the Rose Garden, where I painted birdhouses and built the area where the roses were going to be planted. It was a wonderful feeling to know that the people in the neighborhood have a place to go and will enjoy looking at the garden. It made me feel good knowing that I contributed. I thought everything was so much fun and I'm looking forward to joining and becoming a youth member at Trinity Church. It has shown me how different religious groups of kids can work so well and be so similar. This has been a great experience for me.



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# Philadelphia 2004



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# Outreach and Service Ministry Update

– Rosemary Reshetar

**Update on International** – The International outreach efforts became prominent during the past year. The most recent activities have been Kyle Evans’ trip to the Kitale Diocese of Kenya and the recent trip that Frank and Jean Evans’ completed to Guatemala. We are very fortunate to have all three of these members contribute their resources and undertake these exploratory trips on behalf of Trinity. As the year progresses they will share their experiences with us and help Trinity discern the best ways to extend ourselves into the International community as we grow into International outreach.

While the Evans’ were funding some of their trip to Guatemala, they relied on the generosity of Trinity members to fund the remainder. I’m pleased to report that the Evans’ trip to Guatemala has been funded. We also received many contributions of clothing and supplies, which were delivered during their stay. Thanks to all who helped.

**Guatemalan Fair Trade Coffee** – Many of you have been purchasing the coffee and our shipments have been quickly selling out. Coffee will continue to be available for purchase at the Church Office, and self-serve purchasing is set up in McArthur hall on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$7.50 for a 17 oz. bag. If you pay by check please make it payable to Trinity church and write *Guatemalan Coffee* in the memo section. The purchase of the coffee enables farm families in San Lucas Toliman to buy and sustain their own land in an environmentally friendly way, and to receive a fair price for their goods. Contact Sue Scholer or Rosemary Reshetar for more details.

## Thanks from the Blaikie Family

We want to extend a long overdue and very heartfelt thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers over the past few months. We experienced health problems with three of our family members all at once. Each situation has been resolved for the time being and we feel very blessed and grateful for your love and support. We plan to see you soon with our newest family member, Gabriel.

*Fondly, Tim, Sarah, Sam, Wil and Gabe*

**Have you visited the Trinity web site lately? If not, log-on and check it out!**  
[www.trinitysolebury.org](http://www.trinitysolebury.org)

## Local Outreach Reminders

The needs for local outreach efforts continue during the summer, and here are a few ways you can help serve the basic needs of those less fortunate.

**Aid for Friends** – This is an important local ministry and our supply of meals to deliver is currently depleted. When you host summer parties, cook dinners, and have leftovers keep in mind our house-bound elderly and disabled people who depend on this service of food and companionship. It’s really simple – just fill the containers which are available at the welcome table, freeze, and drop off in the freezer at Trinity kitchen. Containers and instructions for labeling are available on the welcome table. Contact Allen Black, Cintra Browse or Rosemary Reshetar for more details.

**Lambertville Food Pantry** – Folks are just as hungry in the summer, so please keep your food donations coming. Each Sunday packaged and canned food is collected in the big basket in the Narthex.

**Habitat for Humanity** – Help one of our less fortunate neighbors build the home they’ve always dreamed of owning but could never afford. The next Habitat workday is scheduled for August 21. Contact Beryl Hirsch for more details.

## Trinity's Vacation Bible School Celebrates Third Year

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just around the corner! This third VBS will be held from August 2 through August 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with 97 children, ages 4 to 11 participating. All Trinity members are welcome to stop by anytime to experience the wonderful spirit of this program.

This year’s theme is “Son Games”, connecting the summer Olympics to our spirituality. The VBS leaders invite parish members to attend the performance on Friday, August 6, at 12:15 p.m. in the main Sanctuary. McArthur Hall and the Sanctuary will be filled with photographs and artistic renderings of the week’s activities. The children will have wonderful songs and sign language to share. Hope to see you there!!

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## Project Playground – A Dream Come True

—Cindy Bove, Day School Director

On Saturday, July 17, dreams really did come true as more than 50 volunteers erected new playground structures for the Trinity Day School and Church School playground. The exciting day was the culmination of many months of planning, fund-raising, hard work, and the grace of God.

Spearheading this initiative was Joanne Roberts as project planner and general foreman. Don Roberts took the lead in the demolition phase of the existing playground equipment. Brett Haddaway of Designing For Fun, Inc., designed the playground.

Project Playground, a joint partnership of the Trinity Day School and Church School for planning and fund raising, was joined by the Youth Group in the actual construction phase of the project. Under the guidance of John Allison and Kyle Evans, our Youth Group and sponsors were able to lend their experienced Mission Philadelphia outreach hands to help us build a playground right here at home.

The surrounding community also supported the construction phase of the project through reduced material costs and free services. We thank the R.C. Massimino Building Group, Tinsman Company, S&L Landscaping, and T&T Tree Service.



(l-r) Elizabeth Secrest, Joanne Roberts, Anne-Sofie Mortimer

Trinity Day School is grateful to all the members of the school, the parish, and the community who supported this project through their time, talent, and treasure. Be sure to stop by in the fall to see the looks on the children's faces when they return to the Trinity Day School and Church School.



Many hands helped make the dream come true

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## Search Committee Update

— James Wells, Search Committee

The Search Committee has discovered several very strong candidates for Trinity's Rector position. To get to know each candidate better and evaluate their capabilities, we have requested additional written information and tapes of sermons, are starting phone interviews, and making parish visits to observe their leadership of a Sunday service.

In the late summer / early fall, we will arrange for a couple of the candidates to visit our parish. During this visit, the full Committee will interview the candidates, meet with them in a social situation, and show them around our campus. They will also guest preach and provide liturgical leadership in a neighboring parish.

As we move forward with these candidates, we continue to receive resumes from additional candidates from both the deployment office and through individual referrals. If you have someone to recommend to the Committee or come across a candidate who interests you during your travels this summer, please contact any member of the Search Committee.

We continue to thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue your prayers for the Committee as we move forward with the search.

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

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## Trinity Friends on the Move ... The Subers

Bill and Virginia Suber are very pleased with their new home in Queensbury, New York. With the pleasure of family nearby, they have also met some very pleasant people and have become involved in local activities.

Virginia has been enjoying some of the activities while Bill has some of his paintings hanging in their living quarters and was asked to give a lecture on his interest in art.

Drop Bill and Virginia a note at:

The Landing of Queensbury  
24 Woodvale Road  
Queensbury, New York 12804

# Introducing . . .

## Valerie Crane and Gregg Ostrum

Valerie and Gregg both stared out in Pennsylvania. Their lives didn't cross until several years ago at "Tumbling Dice", but that's the beginning of a new story.

Before Valerie relocated to Solebury about eight years ago, she lived in Connecticut with her two daughters, Michelle (who has finished school and manages a "Jamba Juice" franchise in Los Angeles) and Joanna (who will be a senior at the New Hope/Solebury High School). A professional actress, Valerie's 25-year career included, among other jobs, the TV soap opera "One Life to Live" which may be familiar to some of you. You'll have to ask her if she was a nice or nasty girl. She also went to "dealer school" to learn the art of a fast shuffle and is a licensed dealer.

Marylou Lee steered Valerie to Trinity where she met with John Capellero; a very good day for her and all of us ever since. Valerie says she was "not churched" then but became a Sunday regular and was confirmed while we were still meeting in the gym across the street. Now we can wonder how we ever did without her. With patience and cheer she has directed the children's Christmas pageant for several years. She is now the head lector where her professional training shines through. Some of our children have become Valerie's fans from her drama classes at the Buckingham Friends School Summer Art Camp.

Gregg also started in Pennsylvania, but his high school years were in Woodstown, New Jersey. His real job is title search for real estate, but about twelve years ago he started working part time at casino Monte Carlo nights. Valerie's dealer lessons took her to the same part-time job where they met at "Tumbling Dice". The most successful and fun Casino Night at the Doylestown Country Club last February, a fund raiser for Trinity's new playground, was orchestrated by Valerie and Gregg.

Valerie and Gregg were married last November and there's the happy story. They are having so much fun with the casino nights that they are starting their own business called "OSTRUM'S". We know that it will be a winner just like their smiles.

— Helen Montgomery



## Memoir for Paul Beiger

— Cliff Nesbit



In May, we lost a dear friend and long-standing member of Trinity. You might have noticed a quiet older gentleman with a cane sitting in the pew on some Sunday. In his later years, with failing health, I had the joy of bringing Paul to church; as his death drew closer, the opportunity to bring him Communion. Paul was a member of the 12-step program with over 43 years of sobriety at his death and was active in Alcoholics Anonymous. Paul also believed in service to Trinity Church. He was on the vestry; he was a rector's warden, a faithful usher and a very influential speaker in parish meetings. He spoke out on behalf of the Christ of Openness and acceptance of all. He spoke with deep humility, but when he spoke here people listened for his was a voice of one whose 12-step journey fit into the footprints left by Jesus. Last, but not least, Paul was the founder here of the big "AMEN".

Paul was a devoted husband – married for 64 years. In his last weeks he spoke of that and he told Dottie that marrying her was the best decision of his life. Paul was the father of two remarkable sons, the grandfather of three and the great grandfather of five.

Paul's first thought each morning and his last thought before sleep was of his beloved "Nan." His deepest desire in his passing was that God protect her and keep her in God's love. To see Paul and Dottie in action was to see deep trust and even deeper love. Theirs was not a sappy love – but it seemed more a feisty, living, vital love and it modeled a unity that was inspirational to see.

For Trinity Church: Let's start with that big Amen. Paul got that from instructions left by Bishop Turner who told us that after the great thanksgiving (that is the part that happens just after the priest holds the chalice and the wafer in the air). Anyway, Bishop Turner said that after that in the Eucharist – "congregation supposed to say AMEN." Paul got it and he never forgot.

Amen is church talk for yes! Let's say a louder yes for Paul and what he lived as a follower of God in Christ – and even more important let us really listen to the words of the Great Thanksgiving and say YES to bringing those words into all that we do.

Paul stood for welcoming all people – baptized or not, believer or not. This is a place to come and stand with brothers and sisters – blood kin and adopted – who are unified in a desire to form and keep a community of love and trust. Paul wanted me to add: "Tell them all that it has been a wonderful trip!"

AMEN!

# Confirmation Classes Begin in October



— Kyle Evans & Christine Ritter

Bishop Bennison will visit Trinity on Sunday, November 28 for Confirmation, Reception and Baptism.

**Youth Class** – The youth Confirmation Preparation classes will occur on Fridays. The first class is scheduled for October 8, 2004, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Rectory Conference Room. There will be five classes ending on Friday, November 12, 2004.

The youth curriculum is divided into three parts:

- 1) Individual identity through the spiritual autobiographies of the class members;
- 2) Concentration on identity through communion in the corporate body of Christ; and
- 3) Discussions around and analysis of the Baptismal Covenant.

**Adult Class** – Our adult curriculum will include the movie *Passion of the Christ* interwoven with pertinent topics. Preparation classes will begin on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. for five consecutive Mondays ending on November 15.

**Youth and Adults** – A final session with dinner will be led by Rev. Ritter for all adult and youth confirmands and their families on Thursday, November 18, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Journaling will be an integral part of the learning and growth process during the preparation. There may also be an opportunity for the youth and adults to share in some common learning experiences as they prepare for confirmation. The curriculum format offers flexibility and opportunity for substantive discussion and exploration of spiritual issues.

**Historical Note to Parents** – At one time, young people in the Episcopal Church were automatically confirmed around the age of 13. In recent years the Church has realized that it is critical for a young person to make such an important decision on their own in their own time. We encourage all Trinity families to support their children and in this most crucial decision-making process.

**Sign Up Now** – Any young people or adults who feel ready to affirm their faith through Confirmation should contact Rev. Ritter or Kyle Evans. Also, anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal faith is welcome to join the class. Rev. Ritter and Kyle Evans look forward to the privilege of sharing another growth experience with the youth and adults of Trinity Church. Watch for more details in the September Tidings.

# Music News – New Cherub Choir Director



—Tim Harrell

The Cherub Choir will have a new director in the fall – **Jennifer Blumenstock**. When Jenn was asked to consider directing Cherub Choir she responded with immediate enthusiasm, “Music has been a huge part of my life for a very long time. It always makes me so happy. To be able to share my passion of music makes me even more excited. I want to show the children how we can celebrate with music and that it can be a way to talk to God about how we’re feeling.”

Jenn joined Trinity Church in 1993 and has been an acolyte, Trinity Youth Group member, Senior Choir member, and now serves as a TYG sponsor and member of the Stewardship Ministry. She graduated from Millersville University in May and was recently been hired as a Special Education teacher in the Central Bucks School District.

**Deadline for the September issue of  
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## ***FIRST CLASS MAIL***

### **Fall Service Schedule starts on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **New Editor for Tidings**

Treasure / Time / Talent: In the past, I've spent most of my time giving "treasure" to Trinity, opting to stay in the background and being too focused on my career. Caroline McCarthy mentioned to me one Sunday morning in April that Mollie Hollowell was retiring from the post and they were looking for someone to take on this ministry. Without thinking, I said, "If you can't find someone, I'll do it." So, here I am, humbly taking on editing a monthly newsletter that is one of the many ways we communicate and share information with each other.

Who am I and where do I come from? I'm a cradle Episcopalian and have lived in many areas of our country, from Michigan to Florida to Colorado to Iowa to Louisiana to Alabama to Pennsylvania. I'm married to a great person, Joe Zaroff. We share our day-to-day lives with our German shepherd, Alexandra, in the surrounding beauty of Jericho Mountain in Upper Makefield Township. I've worked as a piano tuner, secretary, and human resources professional. Education was an ongoing challenge and took me 10 years at night to complete a BA in business communications and a MS in human resources. Writing is a passion for me – I've written and edited several newsletters in the past, both for churches and for employee communications.

I look forward to learning more about all of the activities that touch our community, the comings and goings that impact our lives, and sharing the joy of Christ that brings us all together at a church called Trinity.  
—*Carlie Zaroff*

## **Mark your Calendar**

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|-----------------|------------|---|
| Aug. 23         |            | Tidings Deadline – September Issue  |
| Sept. 1         | 9:30 a.m.  | Tidings Mailing   |
| Sept. 11        |            | Church open for prayers and devotions for September 11                          |
| <b>Sept. 12</b> |            | <b>Church School Begins</b>   |
|                 | 10:45 a.m. | The Rev. James Van Dreele - Seaman's Institute Film & Discussion                |
|                 | 11:15 a.m. | Trinity Picnic  |
| <b>Sept. 19</b> |            | <b>Fall Service Schedule Begins</b>   |
|                 | 8:00 a.m.  |   |
|                 | 9:15 a.m.  | <b>No Youth Eucharist</b>   |
|                 | 11:15 a.m. |   |
| Sept. 20        |            | Tidings Deadline – October Issue  |
| Sept. 26        | 10:30 a.m. | Trinity Forum – <i>Keeping Christ Centered</i> led by Dr. Carroll Anne Sheppard |
|                 | 4:00 p.m.  | Organ Concert   |
| Sept. 29        | 9:30 a.m.  | Tidings Mailing   |