

TRINITY TIDINGS



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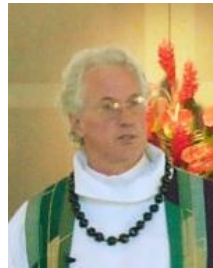
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February 2012

Reflections from Trinity's New Rector



Dear people of Trinity:

I am writing to you from 36,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean, as Ellen and I (and 2 dogs and a cat) wing our way to begin our new life and ministry among you. By the time you read this we will be settling into our new home in Solebury. At this moment, as we leave behind the Hawaiian Islands, our home for seven years, I am aware that my thoughts and feelings, hopes and dreams are quickly shifting with each accumulated sky mile. It is natural to wonder what the future will hold and although I cannot know exactly what any of our lives will look like in the months and years to come, I know deep within my being that it will be glorious. Never in my life or at any time in my ministry have I felt such a profound sense of God's working as through this call to serve as your pastor and priest. At each and every step along the way this has been confirmed through my interactions with those individuals from Trinity with whom I have had contact. No less incredible are those experiences and events during this transition in which God's working has been clear. I feel lifted up as on wings of God's providence, guided to that place for which I was ordained and you were equipped to serve.

Trinity is a most amazing place and I am so very honored to be your new Rector. The excitement I feel at this moment can barely be contained. Fortunately the captain has the seat belt sign turned on or else I would be dancing in the aisles the entire way. God is going to do amazing things with us and through us. That Trinity Spirit of which I have heard so much, and which has already blown in my direction, will lift us all to new places in our loving service of God and His people. We are called to be Christ in this world, which has been given into our care, reconciling the world to Him and, in so doing, to minister His love to a world that has so easily forgotten His love for it.

I am praying for us all that God will be pleased with the things we will do and the people we will be. A good work has already begun in you and in me and now we are being brought together on the wings of God (with a little help from Delta).

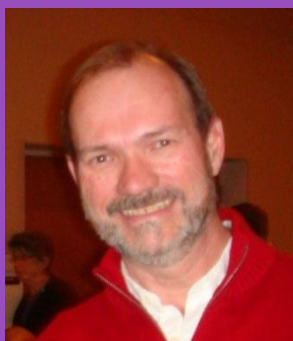
God bless us in our ministry together.

Rev. Rick +

Vestry Nominees



Inez Bing
Spiritual Formation



Jon Hayward
Property

Kristen Steuber
Day School

Vestry Nominations for 2012

By Dave Griffith, Sr. Warden

As we look towards 2012, we have several positions on Vestry that are open. As of the time of writing this article, the following are the current open positions, followed by the nominees slated to fill these positions. Photos are included with this issue of Tidings and bios will available on the narthex table.

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Day School	Kristen Steuber
Stewardship	Open
Property	Jon Hayward
Spiritual Formation	Inez Bing
Pastoral Care	Will run as Standing committee with help from Earlene Austin
Parish Life	Open

Lorri Perkins and Dave Griffith will remain on as Jr. and Senior Wardens for the next 6 months or until our new Rector selects new appointments for these positions.

Trinity Youth Group Invites all to "Tales of a Holocaust Survivor"

On February 1, 2012, TYG will welcome Ernest Gross, an 83-year-old survivor of the Holocaust and current resident of Philadelphia. Mr. Gross was only 15 when he saw his parents and most of his siblings ripped from him forever. Today he eagerly shares his moving story of survival with frankness and a bit of humor, so that his experiences aren't forgotten.

Please join TYG in welcoming Mr. Gross at 7:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary on Wednesday February 1st for a lively discussion followed by a brief question and answer period. We will conclude at 8:00 PM.

Annual Meeting

Trinity's annual meeting will take place this year in McArthur Hall on **Sunday, February 12** following the 9:30 service. This will be a time when we review the past year and see where we stand with regard to our budget, outreach, election of new Vestry members and answer any questions you have for leadership. Mark your calendar to be a part of this important parish meeting.



Vestry

Dave Griffith - Senior Warden
Lorri Perkins - Junior Warden
Jenn Summers , Church School
Megg King - Clerk of Vestry
Gary Wilmore-
Communications and
Technology
Reid McCarthy - Finance
Deborah Faust - Outreach
Parish Life
Pending Nomination
Spiritual Formation
Pending Nomination
Stewardship
Pending Nomination
Doug McArthur - Treasurer
Trinity Day School
Pending Nomination
Whitney Chandor
Worship & Music
Kim Laughlin - Youth
Ministries
Property
Pending Nomination
Emily Wolf - Deanery
Representative
Mary Miller,
Joe Thomas
Diocesan Delegates

Standing Committee

Strategic Planning
Pastoral Care

WE WELCOME OUR NEW RECTOR

Come for worship on
Sunday, February 5th

The Rev. Richard Lee Vinson
joins us for his first Sunday
worship at Trinity!!!

Trinity Church School - Save the Dates!



Sunday, February 26, 2012 - Bury the Alleluia!

There will be a special program for children Pre-K - 3rd grade at the beginning of church school to talk about the beginning of Lent and the meaning of "Alleluia!" This special program will take place in McArthur Hall. Please have your child(ren) report to his/her church school classroom and then the church school teacher will bring the children to the special program. At the conclusion of the church service, the children will help bury the Alleluia banner outside the church. We will then dig up the Alleluia banner just in time for the arrival of Easter!!

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - Celebration of the New Ministry of Rev. Richard Vinson and Confirmation! More information to come about this exciting day! Confirmation will be taking place at 4:00pm at Trinity.

Sunday, April 1, 2012 - Palm Sunday Service

Church school will be occurring on Palm Sunday! Come meet your teachers in their classroom at your normal time and then come outside with your class to watch a special procession into the church (with palms and a donkey!)



Sunday, April 8, 2012 - Easter Egg Hunt!

There will be no church school on Easter. Families are encouraged to attend the 9:30 service! Immediately following the 9:30 service, there will be two Easter Egg hunts for children up through 5th grade! More information to come! Be sure to bring your baskets!

Parish Life by Jane McNeill

We've had a wonderful year. With many thanks to Emory, he set the tone for all of us to follow. We've had Pot Luck dinners with great entertainment. We've made many meals for Aid For Friends under the enthusiastic leadership of Robert DePrisco. Men's Breakfast continues to flourish under the direction of Roger Stikeleather, with excellent food and speakers. House Tour this year was inspirational under the leadership of Charlotte de Jesus. We had more than 700 guests! Cookie Bake was "More fun than Ever" as promised by Megg King and Betty Stagg making more than 17,000 delicious and beautiful cookies. Coffee Hour has been well attended and enjoyed by one and all. Because of our change to a cleaning service, volunteers have stepped up to make the coffee and clean up and everyone has done a superb job. Thank You. I have felt privileged to serve on the Vestry at this time and have been rewarded greatly by watching our congregation return to greatness.



Early Communion



On Sunday, January 8, the following young people received Early Communion

Gavin Balog, Ryan Balog, Brynn Corey, Lila Datz, Anna Schmidt, Cecilia Schmidt, Jacob Schroeder & Morgan Schroeder.



Thank to their sponsors: Ryan Sager, Alec Sager, Morgan Graybarz, Lori Obriski, Lisa Clayton, Christine Angulo & Caroline Whinney.

March Tidings

Deadline

Friday, February 24th.

email articles to jenugent@trinitysolebury.org

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Saturday February 4th: Wil Rivinus will speak on "We live in a National Park . . . sort of" We do live in the Delaware and Lehigh National and State Heritage Corridor, a new form of affiliate of the National Park system and we will learn more about it from Wil.



St. Thomas' Gospel Choir Visit and Welcome Brunch February 19th, 2012

All are invited!

Trinity is pleased to welcome back the Gospel Choir of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, from the Overbrook section of West Philadelphia. Walter Blocke and the Gospel Choir will sing for us on February 19th, during the 9:30 service. Following Coffee hour, the congregation is invited to join us in a welcome brunch in McArthur Hall. Please RSVP to the church office. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Kim Laughlin (215-718-3973).



Trinity Day School's Annual Wine & Beer Tasting



"When it comes to wine, I tell people to throw away vintage charts out the window and invest in a corkscrew. The best way to learn about wine is in the drinking - Alexis Lichine (Wine Critic and Writer- New York Times)

Trinity Day School wishes to invite all parish members, Day School parents, friends, families and neighbors to a wine and beer tasting Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Yes, that's right...this year we will be adding beer tasting to the evening's festivities. Attendees will be treated to a casual, but elegant evening of fine wines and beers provided by the vendors of our very own parishioners Jeff and Beth Schermerhorn of Wonderful World of Wines (8 Union Street, Lambertville, NJ). As always, our outstanding decorating committee will transform the space into an atmosphere of quiet elegance.

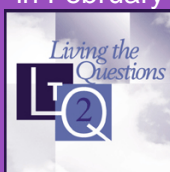
But it is not only the varieties of wine and beer that will be abundant. We also have a terrific line up of Silent and Live Auction items! Bidders will be presented an array of vacation destinations such as Marco Island, St. Lucia, Antigua, and Grenadines. Other exciting items are A Night of Beauty for 15 ladies at Nieman Marcus, a Clambake Party for 8, and many local salon services, yoga services, and lovely items and theme baskets. Tons of auction items for every budget, large and small. And don't forget that much coveted parking spot for church services for the whole year!

Souper Bowl is coming February 5th



Trinity Youth Group, in collaboration with the Outreach Committee, will be collecting extra change (and bills) in the Soup Pots on February 5th. The collection, taken after both services, will go to the Del Val Interfaith Council Food Pantry in Lambertville. Please be generous when thinking about those in need.

Adult Education in February



"First Light" video series continues on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Join us as we continue this study of Jesus' life and ministry.



**CHURCH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED**
Monday, Feb. 20th
in observance of
President's Day

Please show your support and enthusiasm by inviting family and friends and joining us for this very special evening. The March 3 event will be held at the Social Hall at St. John's Evangelist Parish in Lambertville, NJ at 7:00 p.m. Ticket price is 40.00 per person, or 50.00 for patron tickets. Contact the Day School office to purchase tickets at 215-297-5510 or cbove@trinitysolebury.org.

If you already know that you cannot attend but would like to contribute in some way, you may show your support with any donation. Silent auction items are still being accepted, and Sponsorships are available at the White, Red, and Champagne levels. You may also support us by dropping off finger food appetizers or desserts on the day of the event.

For more information, please contact Cindy Bove, Day School Director, at 215-297-5510 or cbove@trinitysolebury.org.

Financial Update



Income Statement	2011	2011	
Revenue	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledge and Plate Revenue	\$466,196	\$483,500	(\$ 17,304)
Fundraising Revenue	\$ 89,647	\$ 59,180	\$ 30,467
Other Income	\$ 57,784	\$ 37,499	\$ 20,285
Total Income	\$613,627	\$580,179	\$ 33,448
Expenses			
Personnel Expense	\$352,006	\$339,471	\$ 12,535
Utilities and Physical Plant	\$125,363	\$115,572	\$ 9,791
Mortgage	\$ 40,620	\$ 40,620	\$ 0
Fundraising Expense	\$ 24,134	\$ 17,961	\$ 6,173
Ministries	\$110,057	\$ 96,901	\$ 13,156
Total Expenses	\$652,180	\$610,525	\$41,655
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,346)	(\$38,552)	(\$8,207)
Cash Reserves			
	Dec. 31	2011	
Operating and Money Market Accounts	\$222,922		
Less: 2012 Prepaid Pledges	(\$ 83,524)		
Net Cash Reserves going in to 2012	\$139,398		
Est. Pledge Income for 2012	\$470,000		



UPCOMING LENTEN WORSHIP

February 22

Ash Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

February 26 - Lent 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

March 4 - Lent 2

8 am Holy Eucharist/Healing

9:30 am Holy
Eucharist/Healing

March 11 - Lent 3

8 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Holy Eucharist

March 18 - Lent 4

8 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. Youth Eucharist

March 25 - Lent 5

8 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 Holy Eucharist

Celebration of Ministry

4:00 pm Confirmation
& Bishop Visit

Lenten Reflection Day

by Rev. Ginny Sheay

Lenten Reflection Day: Lent with John Donne, Saturday, March 17, 2012, 9 AM to Noon, held in the Chapel and led by Ginny Sheay. While not actually referred to as an Anglican mystic like Evelyn Underhill or Julian of Norwich, the poetry, prose, and sermons of the Rev. Dr. John Donne, have found their rightful place in Anglican devotional literature. In our time together we shall be looking at one of his poems, the cycle of seven La Corona sonnets. La Corona is ingenious. It is a remarkable formalized prayer inching forward with subtle shifts of meaning. The last line of each sonnet is the first line of the following sonnet. The last line of the seventh and final sonnet is also the first line of the first sonnet. Thus each poem is related to the sonnets which precede and follow it. La Corona becomes an endless circle of prayer and praise, its form being that of a circle or crown, like a string of seven poetic beads. The circle as shape and as motion is an emblem of the paradoxes of Christianity. This poem is complex, has many layers of meaning and celebrates not so much the events in the life of Christ but as a mystery of faith. Prior to the Lenten Reflection Day, copies of La Corona will be available in the Narthex on the table.



Thank You to Matt Summers, Director of the TYG Band!

For the past six years we have enjoyed magnificent music at Youth Eucharist due to the amazing leadership of Matt Summers. He will be taking a much-needed sabbatical for the next year as he and Jenn welcome their first child in March. We give a heartfelt THANK YOU to Matt for his faithful dedication to this ministry, and encourage you all when you see him to thank him personally. His joyful leadership will be missed during his absence.



So now the TYG Band is looking for new leadership! This provides us with the exciting opportunity for another musically inspired individual (or individuals) to share their talents with the Youth Eucharist congregation. If you play guitar or keyboard and would like to help with the music on the third Sunday of the month, we will supply the support needed for you to shine in this ministry. Please contact Steve Wilson in the Church Office to discuss.

Emory Farewell Pot Luck Dinner



Sunday, March 25

Celebration of New
Ministry- 9:30 a.m.

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Bishop Visit &
Confirmation

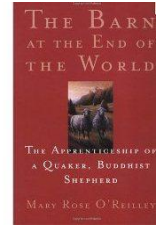
The Rt. Rev.

Charles Bennison

4:00 p.m.

Book Review

The Barn at the End of the World : The Apprenticeship of a Quaker Buddhist Shepherd. Humorous, lively, down-to-earth, Mary O'Reilley has a light hand writing about profound issues. She writes with honesty and clarity of her struggles and successes with sheep and the Spirit. Like most of us, she craves answers, has bouts of exultation and guilt, frets, asks the "Big Questions," laughs at herself, worries about her children and friends and is eternally curious. A Quaker with a Catholic background, she practices mindfulness and spent a year at Plum Village, a Buddhist monastery "led" by Thich N'hat Hanh.



The Barn at The End of the World is actually a hundred short essays which seem like short stories: each is from her experiences as a professor become shepherd and she weaves them together in her search for meaning, community and greater spiritual depth. Although her humor, stories and the folks we meet drive the reader forward, each chapter could easily be read as a daily meditation. Her humor and joy illuminate the challenges and the truths she explores or discovers, and by her skillful prose, the reader too is engaged and maybe, a bit wiser.

Stewardship Update by Dave Griffith, Sr. Warden

I am pleased to report that we expect to exceed our stewardship goal this year and will reach \$470,000 in pledging which is what we will plug into the budget for 2012. As of press time we are at \$466,000 with some sixty individuals or families that we expect to hear from. The \$470,000 lets us present essentially a balanced budget at the annual meeting, but one that is much tighter than we would like. Additional funding will allow us to grow our outreach budget, not be as reliant on house tour as we are currently, and provide some additional buffer of plant maintenance and repair. We could look at a Sunday sexton with additional funding, as well as some additional staff funding and hours. Clearly with pledges from the 60 folks who have not yet pledged we have the opportunity to significantly pass the \$470,000 mark. We will discuss this in detail at the annual meeting, as well as the challenges we face this year with expenses from medical and fuel increases. We continue to have reserves and this provides some buffer for the unforeseen. Reid and I will lay out our financial picture, the challenges, and some of the trade offs that we have as a parish given all that we want to accomplish and support. I am confident that we will continue to grow and meet the requirements that we have now and in the future.

Thank you to all who contribute both pledge and plate. By pledging you make it possible to plan our budget and fund the work that we have to do. I continue to marvel at the generosity of our parish with time, talent and treasure.

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First Class

PARISH CALENDAR

February 1

Holocaust Survivor Speaker
7:00 p.m. Church

Sunday, February 12

Annual Meeting
follows 9:30 Worship

Sunday, February 19

St. Thomas Choir
9:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Peacemeal

February 20

President's Day
Church office Closed

February 22

Ash Wednesday
Worship 1:00 & 7:30 p.m.

TYG Spring Retreat



Spring Retreat is right around the corner, March 9th through the 12th. We take off for this wonderful weekend to the TYG Holy Ground, Mensch Mill in Alburtis Pa. that is where we had 12 inches of snow during the Fall Retreat in October. Spring Retreat is when we

honor our High School Seniors as they prepare to head off to college. The sponsors and peers give them a gentle loving roasting, reminding them of the foibles in their past. This roasting is concluded with us all reminding them why they are so special and loved!!! We also kickoff the Lobsterfest

season by awarding the TYG members with their own personalized Golden Claw award, each is given in honor of members special gifts or talents. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers so we will have another safe, spirit filled Christian weekend.



MWAMBA TRIP TO KENYA! By Kyle Evans

July 31-August 14 marks the 8th annual trip to Kenya sponsored by Mwamba Church Ministries International. The cost for the two-week experience is \$3,200. If you are not able to participate in the trip, but wish to offer assistance, funds are going to be needed to cover the general expenses and necessary supplies for the three-day retreat and various projects. Please contact Kyle Evans at kyle.evans55@gmail.com or 267-221-9239 for further information.