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## Vestry Notes- June Meeting 2005

**Treasurer's Report** Contribution to diocese is behind. January draw will go towards diocesan pledge. Capital loan not in report, which puts the deficit not at \$36,775, but at \$54,130. Motion to receive report seconded and passed all in favor.

**Fundraising** Tammy Randall reported on the Script gift cards. Separate checking account would be required. Promote during the summer and start up in September. Funds from this could cover the \$5000 for the J2A. Looking for fundraising to do now. May sell water, etc. at Heritage Day, 4H Fair, Agricultural Fair, etc. Schedule of all church related fundraising events needed. Ongoing Stewardship committee will also help with fundraising.

**Building** Soup kitchen contract ready to be signed. Torrington Affordable Housing has moved in. Daline Dudley moved out. Listing three rooms for rent with Coldwell Banker. Joyful Noise wants to rent more space. YMCA cannot use nursery space, but may use another classroom area for tutoring.

**Signatories** Resolution needed authoring Kathy Kruse, the TAS director, to sign contracts and grant agreements. Decided Rector also be able to sign. Motion made to authorize the Rector and the TAS Director to sign contracts and grant agreements for TAS, seconded, passed all in favor. Blanket resolution for rector, wardens and treasurer at next year's annual meeting.

**Garden-Landscaping Committee** Landscape plan developed. Cost about \$20,000 with volunteer help. Memorial gifts would be used and plan would be done in phases. May do a garden event next spring as a fundraiser.

**Youth Groups** YAC will do a mission trip to West Virginia with other churches. There will be five youths

and Linda Snyder on this trip. Motion made that Linda Snyder be the chaperone for the trip, seconded and passed all in favor. J2A Pilgrimage Chaperones on the J2A trip to Nova Scotia are Roger Coutant, Rev. Audrey Scanlan, Mary Hart and Jim Allen. Motion made for Chaperone approval, seconded and passed all in favor.

**Boiler** Furnace must be repaired or replaced. Bids are being sent out. Scoville Plumbing has a bid to repair of \$15,900. Looking into bids for a new furnace. May do a fundraiser for boiler. Discussion on students from Oliver Wolcott doing it as a project.

**Worship Service** time changed on July 3 from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

**Discussion** of a future tours of the stained glass windows.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

In July and August at the 10:30am Sunday Service we offer infant to toddler Child Care in the Nursery which is located downstairs in the Church School area.

### Children's & Youth Ministries

#### Church School

Church School registration will take place on Sunday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> during Church School (from 9:15-10:15AM). Registration forms will be available to be filled out that day. There will be additional information in the September Messenger but mark this date on your calendars.

**Church School Teachers**~ We are looking for two new co-teachers for the church school program this year. The positions are one in K-1 and one in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each grade has one experienced teacher already on board plus there

are training meetings prior to the beginning of church school and teacher's meetings every six weeks. If you are interested please call the Office.

**ITEMS TO SAVE:** As you drink your coffee with cream please save your **half and half cartons** (any size) for the church school as we have a project that will need at least three of these per child. Also any **flat piece of cardboard** (we will need one per child), **linen type pieces of material in neutral colors**, and **small square tissue boxes**. Items can be brought in and left in the Church School area.

#### Parents of Preschoolers and Young Children

We will be holding another get together in late Sept. early Oct. If you would like to be part of the planning or have an idea for the event please contact the Office. Also call the Office if you can think of a catchy name for this group (this is awfully long).

#### Journey to Adulthood Youth Program

As I write, our J2A pilgrims are in the midst of their pilgrimage to Nova Scotia and our YACs are preparing to leave on their mission trip to W. Virginia Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to hearing about both group's experiences this Fall.

**YOU ARE NEEDED:** We have a very active, meaningful, and effective youth program here at Trinity but this only happens when adults are willing to share their time with our young people. You have been hearing a lot from Ellen, Audrey, and myself last spring about the need for leaders this fall. To date, only one person has come forward and agreed to serve in this very meaningful ministry. One person out of the ten that Ellen has mentioned that we need from our whole congregation. Many of you probably think that "you are too old, don't have the energy, don't have the time, or, don't know enough". All of these are fears that are real but not true. I can guarantee you YOU will get more out of this experience than you think. I am again asking all of you to consider this ministry for the next two years and speak with Ellen about this call. I promise you, you will not regret it. *Linda Snyder, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries*

#### Adult Spiritual Formation

**Book Discussion Group** The following books have been chosen for discussion during the next 6 months. There is plenty of time to join the bandwagon. Many of our new dates fall on Tues. or Wed. in the hope that choir members might be tempted to join us. The PDF created with pdfFactory trial version [www.pdffactory.com](http://www.pdffactory.com)

discussions are fun. We serve tea and meet at 7:30pm at church. All of these books have been extremely well reviewed in the press. They are out in paperback and available at your local library.

#### Our new lineup!

**Wed Sept. 21:** The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. This story, set in Kabul Afghanistan, and later California, follows the fortunes of two friends, boys from contrasting levels of society, over many decades. Despite the specific location, this book deals with universal themes.

**Tues Nov. 15:** Krakatoa; The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883 by Simon Winchester. A dramatic natural disaster, the eruption of a volcano near Sumatra, eradicates an entire island and sends tsunamis in all directions. More than 36,000 people were killed. One reviewer said the book "like its subject (is) deserving of superlatives"!

**Jan. :** The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. A 15 yearold detective, who idolizes Sherlock Holmes, tries to solve the mystery of the killing of a neighbor's dog. This is extremely difficult, as the hero is an autistic savant and has trouble relating to other people.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE

**Sat 9:00am Men's Breakfast**  
On Summer Break plan to resume in September.

**Wed Aug 17** following 12:10srvc **Souper Seniors**  
\*\*\*Picnic\*\*\* at the home of Jack and Bobbie Miller.  
Call the Parish Office to sign-up and for directions, 482-6027.

**Women's EVE-ning** will resume meeting on Friday, September 16 from 7 to 9pm and plans to meet the third Friday in coming months. This year the group will focus on the history of the Old Testament. All women and their friends are invited to come and learn about the bible.

#### HERE AT TRINITY

**Family News:** Do you have some that you would like to share in the Messenger with the Parish?? If so, please submit in written form to the Parish Office or via email to [trinity.pariah.house@snet.net](mailto:trinity.pariah.house@snet.net).

**Professional office space available for rent** here at Trinity. The space is located on the second floor above the Parish Office. Call the Parish office, 482-6027, for more information.

### Graduation News

*Wendy Miller* has received a degree of Applied Sciences in the field of paralegal. From Briarwood College in Southington, Ct.

**Pick a date for Altar Flowers** Please consider giving altar flowers! It is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or simply to thank God for his many blessings. The donation is \$25 per Sunday and sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please contact the office for available dates. Your gifts of flowers will keep the altar looking beautiful throughout the year.

**Recipe ALERT!!!** *Trinity Cookbook Project Underway* We are still collecting recipes. Please email them to Susan at [sdjones@sdjones.net](mailto:sdjones@sdjones.net) or drop off/mail to the Parish Office.

### The Outreach Committee

Dear Trinity Family, As you know, Outreach money was eliminated from this year's budget, but, thanks to our extremely generous congregation, so far this year we have been able to contribute to 4 local organizations: FISH Fuel Assistance (\$177.), The Summer Fun Club (\$480.), Susan B. Anthony (\$225.), and The Torrington Community Kitchen (\$229.56). The Outreach Committee is deeply grateful for your constant support and concern. We would like to offer more than money to these charities, and have compiled a list of organizations that would benefit from either donated goods or 'manpower'. If you would like to help these organizations in non-monetary ways, and are interested in receiving (via email) the list of organizations and ways to help them, please submit your email address to either Sarah Garrison or Beth Steinberg. Thank you very much!

**Covenant to Care Backpack Program** Trinity Church again will participate in this program. Your generous and much appreciated gift of a new backpack and/or school supplies will help a child in need to start the school year in a positive way. This year the children whom we are helping include 10 boys and 16 girls, ages 4-15.

Some supplies which you might wish to donate include: pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, hi-liters, erasers, rulers, spiral notebooks, 3 ring binders, loose-leaf paper (both college and wide  
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ruled), and inexpensive calculators. **All donations** may be left in the Library office **by August 14**. Many thanks for your donations.

**Outreach Appeal** During the month of July and August, the Outreach Committee is collecting donations to benefit Northwestern Connecticut YMCA. The YMCA helps young people develop values in this complex, changing world. Our donations help the YMCA offer aid to individuals and families for childcare, summer camps, and memberships. Thank you!

**Time & Talent** — Every Year six adults give of their time and talent to lead and guide our young people, aged 11 to 18, on their journey to adulthood. We are blessed to have one of the best possible programs for spiritual formation for young people in the country. The program's two guiding principles are:

Manhood and Womanhood are free gifts from God.  
Adulthood must be earned.

Titled *The Journey to Adulthood*, the program is designed to support our youth as they struggle through the physical and emotional turmoil of adolescence into adulthood, to let them know that we understand the changes that their bodies are undergoing, and to help them focus on their own spiritual development. The program allows them the opportunity to build a strong peer community within the Church in addition to peers in the secular world.

Graduates and current participants speak glowingly about the friends they made/are making and of being made aware of their spiritual development. Adult leaders say: "It was a blast!" "It is astonishing to watch them mature as they go through the program and take up their positions as adults in the Church." "In guiding them in their spiritual development, I became more deeply focused on my own."

So give a prayer of thanksgiving for past and present adult leaders: **Jim Allen, Marcie Allen, Jim Bagnaschi, Roger Coutant, Alex DeVore, Vinnie Doll, Gary Grant, Mary Hart, Debbie Reardon, Audrey Scanlan, Maria Skinner, Beth Steinberg and Bea Tirrell** Future leaders are needed, so if you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please speak to the Clergy or Linda Snyder.

**Wood carvings** by the "Cat's Meow" of our beautiful church on sale for \$ 16.00. They can be purchased by calling the Parish Office, 482-6027. All proceeds - Flag Pole project.

**Communion at Worship** Celiac disease affects as many as 1 in 133 people. At Trinity we have been happy to consecrate rice wafers for communion for persons who

suffer from this genetic intolerance and offer our own wheat-free wafers on request. We welcome everyone to the Lord's table. If you need communion in this form, please speak with our clergy.

### Letter from Operation Overflow

Dear Trinity Parishioners,

While the warm weather is here and you are all making plans to stay cool, the Operation Overflow Steering Committee is making plans for next fall in order to keep people warm.

The first two years of Operation Overflow have been a huge success. Operating for 5 months during the winter, from Thanksgiving to early April, we have housed over 75 people each season. We can do this because of people in the community just like you volunteering their time and talent in order to open the shelter. It is a rewarding and humbling experience, and a simple way to give a homeless person the opportunity to sleep in a safe and warm environment.

This upcoming year, Operation Overflow will be utilizing its volunteers a little differently, and we hope you will consider becoming a part of this incredible outreach ministry.

Volunteers will be assigned to a specific parish (in Trinity's case, your home parish) unless you also want to go elsewhere. The month that Trinity is hosting the shelter will be the month that you will be assigned to do your overnight volunteering. You will not be called throughout the season unless you want to be on a call list, and we hope by structuring things in this way to make it easier for you to commit to volunteering without committing to 5 months, and minimize volunteer burnout.

As we did last year, we will be holding informational meetings and training sessions in the early fall for anyone interested in this ministry. If you would like more information or would like join us for training, please sign up in the parish hall or speak to either The Reverend Audrey Scanlan or Melinda Harvey.

### A Note from Kathy Kruse, Managing Director of the Trinity Arts Series.

The Trinity Art Series eliminated its program deficit this year. So many wonderful individuals stepped forward and we brought the Art Series into the black. Now, what exactly does that mean? It means the Art Series can now be an asset in Trinity's parish life. Our Medieval Banquet in January netted over 5,000.00 and

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received another 900.00 from Wal-Mart to support our mission. We tried something new and hosted our first wine tasting in February-'A Taste of Wine and Roses', another event with rave reviews and a lot of fun. Another first, the opening of the Trinity Gallery, hosted Pat Keegans, Celtic Pathways and we turned the parish hall into a place of beauty. In April, with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts we brought Shakespeare to the Torrington High School. The students benefited from a workshop provided by Shakespeare & Company and then returned a few weeks later to see *Julius Caesar* performed here in our sanctuary. Another wonderful gallery exhibit by Fiber Revolution brought a whole new crowd to Torrington and we marveled at seeing an American craft transformed into an art. The quilt exhibition enhanced the setting for our Victorian Tea another sold out event! We completed our season by hosting the African Children's Choir. Their beautiful faces filled our parish with hope and their music lifted our spirits. We were doing what we set out to do: bring quality performances to Torrington (a city with a diverse population) at reasonable ticket prices, so more individuals could enjoy the arts:

The Trinity Arts Series is a partner in the renaissance and renewal of downtown Torrington. We believe the arts can play an important part in the revitalization of the city of Torrington. We make an effort to make our events educational and our ticket costs low to make our productions affordable to all who are interested.

In August our annual appeal will go out and once again we will plead with you to support the Art Series, please consider the difference it has made at Trinity. We will continue to host quality performances and visual artists exhibitions. We have already received financial backing from the Connecticut Culture and Tourism bureau and have partnered with the University of Connecticut, the Litchfield County Writers Project and Zeeland Productions and now we need you to support us too. Please consider making a donation to the Art Series, where every penny goes to improve the quality of life in Litchfield County.

Thanking you in advance, Kathy Kruse, Managing Director

### Trinity Arts Series

Upcoming events

visit their website @

[www.trinityartseries.org](http://www.trinityartseries.org) or call 860-482-4411

To perform at Trinity September 24<sup>th</sup> ...

Tierney Sutton, *Jazz Vocalist of the Year!* [Jazz week Magazine](#).

Tickets will be available August 1 by calling the Trinity Arts Series or via online.