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Letter to the Parish

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To my Trinity family,

I have been a member of this church for 19 years, since my son, Kevin, was born. Kevin and Amy were both baptized here and "grew up" at Trinity Church; from the days of being sheep & angels in the Christmas pageant, to acolyting and carrying the cross at Audrey's ordination ceremony.....Kevin was confirmed here 2 years ago and Amy will be confirmed later this month. Both Kevin and Amy have been active members of the Rite 13, J2A and YAC groups and I have thus, spent many a day in the past 6 years involved in fundraising projects. I have served as clerk for the vestry and am currently part of the new bookkeeping "duo". Amy & I are also part of one of Trinity's soup kitchen teams. Throughout the years, I have met many people here and developed some close friendships. There have been bumps in the road of my life, as all of us encounter, and Trinity has provided a place for me to laugh, cry, talk and just "be" when I needed to.

I never could have imagined the turn my life would take in the wee hours of Easter Sunday morning just a few short weeks ago. Although every parent fears this and has imagined the scenario, I am now living the nightmare. I didn't think I could ever be strong enough to survive the death of a child, but somehow, I can feel the love, comfort and strength that I am drawing from all of you here around me. Ellen's sermon today talked about this very topic. I don't know why God would take Kevin from me, but I know he has surrounded me with an incredible support system to guide me through it.

To each of you who have offered a prayer, a thought or a hug....to everyone who stopped by to check on me or sent flowers or brought food to my house....to each of you who baked or provided food for the reception after the memorial service....to those of you who helped to set up and clean up after the reception....to Ellen and Audrey for two beautifully personalized, dignified and heartfelt services....to the members of Kevin's J2A youth group for their participation in the memorial service.....to the members of Amy's YAC group for their support of her in her time of sorrow & need....to those of you who have also suffered the loss of a child and have been kind enough to share your stories and offer your comfort..... to those of you who have made contributions in Kevin's memory.....and to anyone that I may have forgotten.....you have all been amazing.....

I do not know how to say thank you. I know it will take many weeks, months and even years for Amy & my hearts to heal, but I also know that our Trinity family will be there with us every step of the way. I hope that somehow, and in some way, over the course of those years, that we will be able to be there for each of you too, in your times of need. From the bottom of my broken heart, I thank you all for everything. I am blessed to be a member of this parish family and because of all of you, I am proud to be a member of this church.

In peace, love and friendship,

Lori Curtiss

Financial Health of Trinity
as of April 30, 2006

Income	Actual	Budgeted
Difference		
Pledge moneys received	\$95,671 4,462 under	100,133
Gifts, endowment, rent, etc	43,000 550 under	43,550
Total income	\$138,671 5,013 under	143,683
Expenses		
Salaries	\$91,982 5,511 under	97,493
Ministry: education, music, worship, youth	\$14,075 683 over	14,758
Building, property, insurance, utilities	\$38,947 6,957 over	31,990
Administration	\$6,079 84 under	7,267
Total Expenses	\$151,658 99 under	152,136
Deficit		12,987

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Church School All church school classes are busy learning in their specific topics in the last unit of our curriculum. They are: Kindergarten and First: The Church Sings, Second and Third: Saints of the Church, and Fourth and Fifth: Christian Symbolism. We will have a great "Birthday Celebration" on Sunday June 4 for Pentecost (remember to wear red!). Our last day of Church School was Sunday June 11th when we honored our teachers for their steadfast ministry with our children. Please continue to join us for worship during the summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in

the fall.

Nursery and Chapel Time Our chapel program for children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30AM service will continue through the month of June. Nursery care will continue at both services through the end of June and will continue throughout the summer at the 10:30 AM service only.

Church School Ton of Food Drive The church school joined the whole parish during Lent to raise the Ton of Food. This was done by participating in a once a week meatless or inexpensive meal and then taking that money and buying can goods for the drive. Our church school donated 118 pounds of food and close to \$100.00 in money for this outreach project. Great Job!!!

Church School Teachers A few of our teachers who have been ministering to our children for many years are retiring this year to pursue other areas of ministry within the parish. This leads me to the questions: Do you want to share your faith~ Do you lack excitement and joy in your life~Do you want to deepen your faith? This might be the answer to these questions. I know there are many real reasons not to try teaching~ "I'm too busy", "I'm too shy", "I can't make any long-term commitments", I don't have any experience", or "I won't have enough help." All of these are very valid reasons but know that all of these concerns can be addressed and dealt with on an individual basis and the rewards far outweigh the concerns. If this is something you might be interested in please speak to Linda Snyder (you are not obligated to teach if you ask) to hear more about this ministry.

Journey to Adulthood Youth Program J2A Pilgrims are completing their first year of study having focused on the themes of "Self" and "Society". They after being challenged by an anonymous parishioner to raise as much money as they could spent an afternoon at Stop and Shop raising money for the Ton of Food drive. They raised, \$186. which they then took and purchased canned goods weighing 480 pounds, the balance needed to reach the parish goal of a ton of food. Great job Pilgrims!

Fundraising for Pilgrimage: Look for information about our rescheduled car wash in the bulletins and next messenger.

YACs: Our older teen group while continuing their active participation in their chosen adult ministry also completed their confirmation course and held their Confirmation

Service here at Trinity on Sat. May 27th.

Congratulation Graduates: A great *'Well Done'* to all our High School Seniors and College Seniors. From our YAC group those graduating are: Chris Allen, Jacob Capitanio, Margaret Coe, Gabe Grant, Sean Greenlaw, Chrissie Hart, Ryan Perry, Stephen Randall, Laurel Symonds, Henry Tirrell, and our Organ Scholar, Stephen Fraser. And those from college/graduate school are: Rachel Grant and Vanessa Halley. If you know of a senior that we have missed please let us know so we can congratulate them next month.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Book Discussion Group The following books have been chosen for discussion during the next several 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 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.

New selections to take you into the Fall

Wed. July 5th:

Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is set in small town Iowa in the 1950's. It takes the form of a letter written by an elderly pastor to his son. John Wood of the N.Y. Times wrote "Gilead is a beautiful work-demanding, grave, lucid."

Thurs. Aug. 31

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro, author of *Remains of the Day*. This was a finalist for the Man Booker Prize. It concerns cloning for body parts taken to a science fiction level.

Tues. October 17

March by E.L. Doctorow. The reader follows this novel of Sherman's Civil War march to the sea through the eyes of several characters who become transformed by its savagery and destruction.

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE

Stephen Ministry Supervision and Continuing Education Program will meet on Tuesday evenings June 13, July 11 and August 15 from 7 to 9pm.

Souper Seniors Wednesday, June 21 gathering in the Parish Hall following the 12:10pm service. Next month's gathering is Wed, July 19.

The 2006 Hastings Open Golf Tournament

The Hastings Open, which benefits Camp Washington, is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2006 at Tunxis Plantation in Farmington.

Contact Tom Bott at 485 0211 if you wish to provide a tournament prize or play in the tournament.

Vestry Meeting, Monday, June 26 at 7:30pm in Parish Hall.

Questions in Theology group plan to meet Wednesday, June 28 at 7 pm to discuss "Called to Question: A Spiritual Memoir" by Joan D. Chittister, O.S.B.

Grief and Spirituality: on the first Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., Trinity's ongoing grief and bereavement group meets. It's a group with a flexible agenda and flexible membership—feel free to come one time or fifty as you may have need. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office by 3:00 that day to let us know you are coming. Next meeting Wednesday, July 5.

Women's 'EVE-ning' Summer Potluck Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30pm at the home of Nancy and Mary Skilton.

Rhythms of Grace will resume Sunday, October 1.

Vespers Service will resume in the Fall

Trinity Knitters will resume Wednesday, October 4.

Men's Breakfast Group will resume in the Fall.

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.parish.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.

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.

Don't forget to wear your name button on Sunday, and leave it in the church for the next week!

Ushers and Altar Guild: these two ministries at Trinity need some new people to share in them. If you think you might be interested or called to one of these ministries, please speak to Ellen or Audrey. We can help you determine if God might use your gifts in one of these areas. Help to make our worship beautiful and friendly.

Altar Flowers Please consider giving altar flowers! 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.

Trinity Fundraiser Scrip Pre-Paid Cards.. *NOTE:* Scrip cards will be sold through the end of June, as we take a hiatus for July and August. **So now is the time to stock up on your scrip cards.** Order your cards BETWEEN worship services in the Upper Parish Hall, or DURING THE WEEK by visiting the Parish Office.

TRINITY ARTS SERIES Organ music lovers have a treat in store for them when Stephen Fraser, Trinity's organ scholar presents a Midsummer's Night Organ Concert on Friday evening, June 23, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Through the generosity of one of our parishioners, this will be a free concert. Parishioners may make a gift in memory of a loved one as a Memorial Remembrance in Music, or make a gift in honor of someone, or as a thanksgiving offering.

Stephen Fraser received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Toronto, a Master of Music in Organ Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, and is currently completing his Master of Musical Arts at Yale University.

He has received many awards including 1st place at the Fort Wayne National Organ competition, 1st place at the RCCO Toronto Centre Competition, 2nd place in the National Organ Playing Competition in San Marino, California in March 2006, and will compete in the prestigious International Organ Competition in Chartres Cathedral, France this summer. He will be moving to Paris to continue his studies in organ performance and improvisation.

Parish News

Births

Caroline Sarah Babbitt-Sienkiewicz

Baptisms

Kayla Ann Garceau

Deaths

Kevin Pollock, Marilyn Rogers, Aurelia "Renee" Haag, Evelyn Chiswell, Frederick J. Cable, Jr.

"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them."