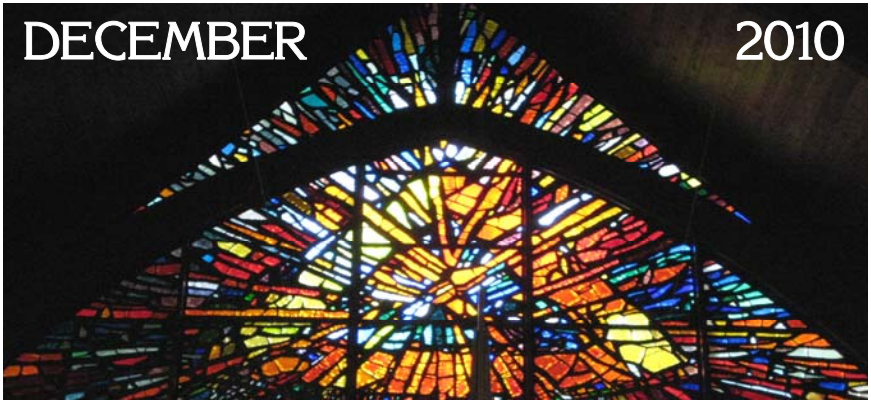


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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Expressions of thanks are in order with this Window edition.

First, I want to thank all those who worked so hard to produce a spectacular cookbook to commemorate our 125th Anniversary, and the Kitchen Tour that supported its publication. I cannot begin to name everyone involved because I would surely leave someone out, but I will mention the superb leadership provided to this entire effort by Cinda Nimmer. I know it was a labor of love, but also a very daunting task to pull all of it together and finally produce such an extraordinary cookbook. If you have not purchased one yet, do so; you will be delighted when you see it.

Second, I want to thank Win Wilbur and Linda LaTores for their leadership resulting in a very successful Harvest Fayre. Once again, many hands made for lighter work, but without the leadership provided by Win and Linda, the Fayre would not have happened, given all the other activities we were engaged in this Fall. Thanks to both of you and to all those who pitched in so willingly once again to make the Harvest Fayre such a success.

Finally, I want to thank April Prewitt for her initiative and leadership in getting Journey to Adulthood (J2A) launched and wonderfully supported at Trinity. As the J2A Coordinator, April worked endless hours to keep the many moving parts of the program coordinated and headed in the right direction. Beginning with Advent I, April is stepping down from those responsibilities and will be devoting her energy to the leadership of the Altar Guild. Thank you, April, for all you have done.

We have much for which to be thankful this Thanksgiving season, and we enter the season of Advent with great expectation of the coming of Emmanuel – God With Us. May God bless all of you as we approach the celebration of the Nativity.

Yours in Christ, Tony

UNDERCROFT LEADERSHIP

From the Interim Church School Director...

The solid and promising state of our children and youth programs beckons us to solidify the sturdy foundation put in place by countless volunteer hours. A skilled Church School Director, perhaps with hours also apportioned to oversee youth programs, would be a prudent response to the steady stream of new and continuing families who look to Trinity for help in nurturing a consequential faith in our young people. Families can't do this alone.

We need a skilled professional for the particular work of supporting the sacred task of nurturing Christian faith in our children and young people. The whole parish benefits from this faith, as does a world hungry for joy and hope.



~ Nick Morris-Kliment

A note from the Stewardship Chair...

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge for 2011. Many of you also increased your pledge, and we are very grateful. We are on track to meet our goal of hiring a Church School Director, while still maintaining all of our current programs. To reach that point, we need everyone's help. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so, and consider an increase over last year. Keep our light shining!

~ John Lewis

CHILDREN IN THE UNDERCROFT

Greetings from the Undercroft, where the church school and youth programs continue their steady growth under the leadership of ASC, the J2A Coordinator, and the dedication of our faithful church school teachers/mentors. Registration topped 130, and our attendance has held steady at about 75 children/youth per Sunday. Numbers do not tell the whole story, but they are an indication of the robustness of our program. Many parishioners have commented with joy on the seemingly endless stream of youngsters that flows into Church from behind the altar at the offertory.

On November 13, Trinity sponsored a successful continuing training event for our Godly Play teachers and those interested in learning more about this method of faith formation. In addition to Trinity teachers, we hosted a group from St. Paul's, Lynnfield which is exploring the possibility of adopting Godly Play in their parish. The presenter was Carol Brady, a trained Godly Play teacher who implemented Godly Play at Church of the Good Shepherd in Acton when she was Church School director there.

Beginning in Advent, we will pilot a new feature in our Godly Play program. Each child in the preK/K room will bring upstairs to their caregivers a Parents' Page. This full color, double-sided sheet provides notes on that day's story and strategies for parents and caregivers to extend the Spirit of the Story throughout the week. The cost of these Parents' Page booklets is \$3 per booklet per child per season. We will see what the response is before we ask families to consider chipping in for the cost of the resource.

**Pageant Rehearsals
Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 11.30 am
in the Main Church**



YOUTH IN THE UNDERCROFT

Trinity Teens in Action...

You may have noticed teenagers participating in our First Sunday worship together, for example, as they hand you bulletins, read the lessons, sing in the choir, acolyte, or usher you to your pew. Others are busy downstairs helping in the classrooms in various ways. They are also becoming more visible in service activities within the larger community, most notably regularly helping out with Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts, an organization which distributes used furniture and household items to those in need.

Final note from the outgoing J2A coordinator...

As I prepare to hand the baton of J2A Coordinator to Nick Morris-Kliment and our wonderful volunteer group of adult mentors, I am struck anew by the powerful effect that love and commitment of a community can have on young people who are forging their paths to adulthood. It is a confusing world out there, but the Trinity Parish is full of members who help each other navigate its ups and downs. A special thank you goes to the J2A families for continuing to support this program in spite of dealing with life's most hectic schedules! ~ April Prewitt

The Rite-13 Group (7th & 8th graders)

On November 5/6, this group participated in the fourth annual "Lock-In" at Trinity. A scavenger hunt, pizza, *The Princess Bride*, late night organ music and clambering about among the organ pipes, a service of Compline, and Saturday morning pancakes were among the elements of the event. Thanks to music director Robert Barney, and mentors Tom Beale, Mike Quayle, and Patricia Kent for their leadership. Rebecca Wertz, Christina Vialle, and Julia Coleman attended, along with two friends.

The Pilgrim Group (mostly 9th graders)

These newest Pilgrims are starting to prepare for their holy pilgrimage in summer 2012, both in spiritual conversation and in fundraising. Chas Hovath and Sandra Henderson are their mentors. Their inaugural effort was to decorate and staff the Haunted House which ran as part of Trinity's Fall Fayre. Thank you to the many parents who pitched in with decorations, to the parishioners who were brave enough to come through, and to the kids for throwing themselves into the storyline! (See pictures.) A portion of this, and subsequent fundraising will be marked for outreach. This group has also been taking part in the 2nd Sunday service opportunity at Household Goods Recycling of MA. on November 14th, Calvin Coffin, Emma Schmidt, Sarah Stone, Meg Teitleman, Abby Newell, Evan and Ryan Bunis participated, under the supervision of mentor Chas Horvath and parent Dianne Bunis.

The Young Adults in Church (Y.A.C.) Group (10th & 11th graders)

Now that this group has completed *their* pilgrimage (last summer), they are meeting regularly for Sunday morning discussions, participating in service projects, taking on more adult roles of helping in the classrooms, and discussing options for a mission trip sometime this year. Caroline St. Francis, Alex Doig, and Clara Berger ran a children's game room at the Fayre. On November 7th, Alex Doig, Skyler Van Arsdell, Rachel Yamron, Will Carlough, and Danny Horvath, helped as Doorkeepers in the Godly Play classrooms. Bob Penfield and Holly Steward are the mentors for this group.



If you are new to Trinity and want to hear more about our youth program, please feel free to contact Nick Morris-Kliment through the parish office at 978-369-3715, ext. 14, or any of our J2A Mentors.

MUSIC NOTES

Concordia Consort on December 5 at 10 am

Our “Ensemble in Residence” will be sharing special music for recorders, along with our youth and junior choirs, at our 10 am Eucharist. The group under the direction of Sheila Beardslee is based at Trinity but plays in churches all around the Boston area.

Advent Evensong on December 5 at 5 pm

Come for a brief diversion from the rush of holiday commotion and spend 45 minutes hearing the sung prayers of our Youth Choir in the Trinity Chapel. The service of Choral Evensong is as old as the Book of Common Prayer and is beautiful and meditative. Our Youth Choir learns about the traditions of our church and sings Choral Evensong twice each year. Joining with our Youth Choir is violinist, Peter Dabos, who will play with them on the anthem and also as a soloist. There will be musical settings in the service by Herbert Howells, Ronald Arnatt, and responses that I set for them, as well as an anthem by Johann Sebastian Bach. The service is free and open to the public so please invite your friends and neighbors to come.

Lessons and Carols on January 2 at 5 pm

Traditionally, the celebration of Christmas lasts for 12 days. In some places, January 6 (Epiphany), is known as Little Christmas, and is almost more important than December 25. Here at Trinity, we have celebrated the Christmas Season with a traditional service of Lessons and Carols, as it has been done at King’s College in Cambridge, England since 1911. This service includes carols for the congregation and carols sung by all three choirs, blended with a set of nine lessons telling the story of salvation and the Christmas message. Come join us for this service, and bring your family and friends to this popular event. There will be a dinner following the service.

Christmas Eve 3:30 PM

The Youth and Junior Choirs will sing for the Holy Eucharist Service with Church School Pageant, which includes our Cherub Choir.

Christmas Eve 5:30 PM

Sally Sanford, soprano and Nathaniel Farny, violinist will provide music of the German Baroque for the Holy Eucharist Service, including a cantata by Dietrich Buxtehude.

Christmas Eve 10:30 PM

Our Parish Choir and Instruments will provide music for 30 minutes of Prelude, including familiar carols to begin our special Midnight Eucharist.

Christmas Day

10:00 AM

*Holy Eucharist
in the Chapel
We will sing
familiar Carols in
an intimate setting.*



ADULT FORUMS

**WORD
WORSHIP
WONDER
WORLD
WITNESS**

Our Forum program has a new organizing principle. Each speaker will connect with one of **five themes—word, worship, wonder, world, witness**—each being an important aspect of our Christian life. This scheme was proposed by The Rev. Dr. Maureen Kemeza, one of Trinity’s Priest Associates, who is working with Nick in shaping our Adult Forum program.

Professional Childcare is available in the nursery beginning at 9am all year long. Emily Hansen is employed full-time at the Acton Infant-Toddler Center. On Sundays, she leads the care of children to age 4 with the help of parent volunteers.

***December 5 (Wonder)
Holy Emptiness: Pietro
Belluschi’s design for Trinity
The Rev. Dr. Maureen Kemeza***

If Trinity had a traditionalist sensibility at mid-twentieth century, it may seem surprising that in 1959 the parish retained renowned modern architect Pietro Belluschi to oversee the design of the new worship space.

Profoundly influenced by the glorious cathedrals of the Rome of his upbringing, as a mature artist his work incorporated many global religious influences, from the



austerity of Japanese religious architecture to the quintessentially modern theology of Paul Tillich. Belluschi's life and work illustrates the spirit of that time, when all around the Christian world—and at Trinity, too—art and theology together pushed open the windows and doors of the church to the modern world. In this forum, the Rev. Dr. Maureen Kemeza, with the help of folks who were in the parish when the new sanctuary—characterized by Belluschi as expressing *HOLY EMPTINESS*--was dedicated, we will continue to explore Trinity's fascinating history of continuity and change.

December 12 and 19 (Word)
Praying the Psalms of Advent
The Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel

Widely renowned for his preaching, the Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel was for over three decades senior minister at King's Chapel, the Unitarian Universalist Christian church in downtown Boston. He was named minister emeritus at his retirement in 1999. His book, *Never Far from Home: Stories from the Radio Pulpit*, collects 100 of the five-minute sermons he recorded for a weekly radio program between 1979 and 1999. He will explore with Trinity the Psalms that we pray on these Advent Sundays.

December 26 (Worship): Christmas Hymn Sing

Come sing your favorite Christmas hymns before Epiphany comes and it is no longer liturgically correct to sing them! Lou Buquor will accompany us on the piano in the Parish Hall.

And while you are in the mood for music...

Start practicing! Because the All-Parish Recital will take place on **Sunday, January 30 at 4 pm**. All musicians of any age are invited to participate. After the New Year, watch for the sign-up sheet in the Window of Opportunity in the Link!



WINTER DELIGHTS



Native American Story

Many hearts both here in Concord, MA and in Alliance, Nebraska, were touched when Charlie Reichle, who turned 8 on September 22, asked his guests to bring birthday presents that he would send to other, less fortunate children in Nebraska. His gifts filled three large postal boxes.

My friend, Jenn Little Hoop, is in charge of a Native American youth group in Alliance. Charlie's gift will ensure that these children have a new Christmas present. The head of Caring Alliance People asked Jenn about the presents, and Jenn told her Charlie's story. The head of Caring Alliance People said they are really hurting this year for donations for their children's Christmas party. Their grants have been cut and there have not been any toy donations. If you would like to help needy children of all races, living in a poor town in Nebraska, please send toys or donations to Jenn Little Hoop, 1441 Boise Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska 69301. Questions? Call Linda LaTores at 978-369-7974.

The Fenn School: Meet The Experts

Roundtable discussions about the unique needs of boys, at Fenn School, 516 Monument Street, Concord. Boy Athletes: Why Sports Matter—**December 7 at 9:30 am**. Boy Writers: What Works for Boys—**January 11 at 9:30 am**

Coffee Hour Sales on December 12

Bread will be sold during coffee hour, including deep dark gingerbread cake, holiday stollen bread, and chocolate espresso cake for \$12 each. Bread sales support the homeless. Also mugs, tote bags, calendars, Henry Nouwen books, and more for sale.



St. Stephen's "Honor Gifts"

Do you have someone on your Christmas gift list that you never can think of what to give them? Someone who does not want or need any more "stuff?" Someone you would like to honor at Christmas time? Again this year, Trinity Church is sponsoring their "Honor Gifts" to support St. Stephen's after school program. At the

after school program, children learn cooking, computer skills, take swimming lessons, have art instruction in a safe, enriching environment. Donate \$10, \$15, \$25 or \$50 and you will receive a special card. You in turn can give that card to a friend, a grandchild, a niece, a teacher, to let them know you are honoring them with your donation to St. Stephen's. You may purchase your "Honor Gifts" at the church office or after church every Sunday in December.

Book Study: An Altar in the World

Come join other parishioners and friends as we linger over the pages of Episcopal priest, Barbara Brown Taylor's bestselling book, *An Altar in the World*, during this weekly book group on Monday evenings at 7-8:30 pm from Jan. 10 through Feb. 14. This series is open to all, and especially appropriate for newcomers interested in meeting new friends, busy people who want to reach out without signing up for a lifetime of responsibilities, or anyone who likes to read or has a longing to make a spiritual connection with others. Register in advance by e-mail to dickinsonmeltz@yahoo.com, or just show up on week one! Participants are expected to read the first two chapters before January 10 and then two chapters per week through February 14.

About the facilitator: Sharon Dickinson lives in Bedford with her husband, Ken Meltz, and their three teenage children. She has been an active and enthusiastic leader and member of small faith groups for sixteen years. Having just arrived at Trinity in September, Sharon is grateful to be here and hopes to meet new friends through this book study, and other venues.

CARING CONNECTION

As 2010 is winding down, here are some ups to remember!

Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day.

*"Today is the day the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it."* PSALM 118:24

Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

*"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at.
Man looks at outward appearance;
but the Lord looks at the heart."* I SAMUEL 16:7

Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen.

God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.

"He who guards his lips guards his soul." PROVERBS 13:3

Stand Up!! For what you believe in.

Stand for something or you will fall for anything.

*"Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time,
we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us do good."* GALATIANS 6:9-10

Look Up!! To the Lord.

"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me."
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Reach Up!! For something higher.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your
own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him,
and He will direct your path."* PROVERBS 3:5-6

Lift Up!! Your Prayers.

*"Do not worry about anything; instead pray about
everything."* PHILIPPIANS 4:6

~Author unknown

Flowers for our Friends

Do you appreciate the flowers that add to the beauty of the altar? Would you like to help share that enjoyment with others? We are launching an initiative to distribute altar flowers to parishioners who can't be present on Sunday morning. Volunteers are needed to take a bouquet (prepared by the altar guild) to parishioner's homes after the 8 or 10 am service on Sunday. The flowers—and your personal delivery of them—will help us maintain the bonds of community with Trinity parishioners even when they can't attend weekly services. If you are interested, or know of someone who should receive flowers, please speak to Anne Lynch (978-369-3715), alynch@trinityconcord.org, Gaylord Brynolfson (879-371-1813), g.brynolfson@gmail.com, or April Prewitt.

Caring Connection Cook-In

On Saturday, January 22, the Caring Connection will be sponsoring our annual Cook-In. You're invited to join us in preparing meals to restock our freezer. Throughout the year these meals are delivered to those in need. This important ministry is much appreciated (and also a lot of fun!). Please come help us slice, dice and cook from 9:00a.m. till noon and then join us for lunch. No experience is necessary, we will provide everything; you need only bring your smiling face! Please sign up on the Window of Opportunity in the link. Call Anne in the church office with any questions. Thank you!

Homemade Christmas cards



How would you and/or your kids like to spread a little cheer? You could do so by making some Christmas cards which will be given to shut-ins. And/or if you are interested in making some cookies for them, that would be a bonus. So would going to visit them! Please let Anne know if you might be willing to do any of these things by calling 978-369-3715 or caring@trinityconcord.org

TRINITY FAYRE RECAP

This year's Harvest Fayre was a long time a-borning, but once we got going, it was fun and very successful. On October 2, we gathered former wise and knowing ones, and some wonderful, energetic new leaders, and everyone pitched in to fill all the Fayre rooms with great "stuff." *Enticing* foods and White Elephant goodies, *engrossing* books, toys and games, *enchanted* treasures and linens, Christmas trimmings, and jewelry, and just



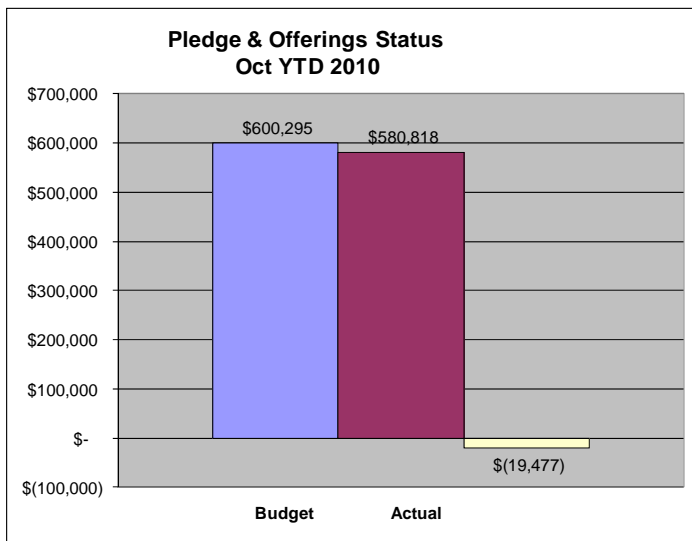
plain *gross* – the Haunted House, painted pumpkins and little ones' faces, and fabulous luncheon soups, chili, and hot dogs!

We were all a bit amazed at how quickly it all came together – and with great help from publicity in newspapers and on signs along the roads (and lovely weather), we had a large and generous turnout. Our semi-final total was \$10,930! Even with a few bills to cover expenses, the Fayre generated more than \$10,500. Half will go towards Trinity's needs, and half will support the many needs in our larger community.

One booth chair said it best, saying what we all felt, "*We had a lot of fun together, and I got to meet people I had only known by name before Saturday. Much more comes out of this than just money in the coffers.*" Thank you to everyone who took part in any way!

Linda LaTores and Win Wilbur, Co-Chairs

TRINITY'S FINANCES



Thanksgiving & Christmas Offering Envelopes are special offerings. Your current year pledge **WILL NOT** be credited for these special offerings, but will be recorded as special gifts.

The 2011 pledge envelopes will be available for pickup in late December in the back of the church. Please consider using envelopes, because it helps minimize errors during the financial postings. Additionally, the Internal Revenue Service no longer accepts charitable-donation income tax deductions without some written documentation. This has caused the loss of deductions for some of you who make cash donations to Trinity in the plate or otherwise. However, you can still make cash donations and receive written documentation if you fill out a pledge card and request pledge envelopes on the card. Nancy Marshall will see that your cash donation is recorded and it will be included on your quarterly donation report from the church. Questions? Call Nancy Marshall at 978- 369-3715 (Ext.15).



The Altar Guild Flower Committee

*is planning flowers
for the Christmas season*

A contribution to the
Trinity Christmas Flower
Fund helps with the purchase
of Poinsettias and greens. Your
remembrance will be listed in
the Christmas bulletins.

DEADLINE FOR FORMS IS 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate
along with your check, return it to the church office, or mail it to:
Trinity Episcopal Church, Attn: Altar Flowers, 81 Elm Street,
Concord, MA 01742.

Forms & special envelopes are available at the Welcome Table



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY



Next Trinity Luncheon

December 9

Holy Eucharist at
11:30 am in the Chapel
Lunch at noon—\$5 donation
Menu: Spiral Ham in Raisin
Sauce, Cheesy Potatoes, Jellied
Cranberry Salad, Green Beans,
Rolls, Pecan Pie



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND

CAROLS FOLLOWED BY

EPIPHANY DINNER

JANUARY 2, 2011 at 5pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 13
following

**ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE @ 9:00 AM**

**Annual Reports
due January 24**

**The church office will
be closed on:**

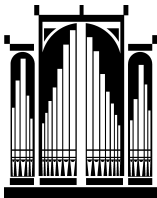
Friday, December 24

Friday, December 31

**The next Window
deadline is:**

JANUARY 15

for a combined Jan/Feb
edition of the Window



Introduction to the Organ

On Sunday, February 13 at 4 pm there will be a session to introduce people to the organ. This event has been done several times in the past, and it is suitable for all ages.

Robert will demonstrate how the organ works, and also give a brief history of organs. We will then trek up into the organ chambers for a tour of the pipes. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes!



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