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Church School 10am

TRUMPET

October 2011

The Vicar's Voice

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Romans 1:11

What a wonderful time we have had this September. We had a great time of fun and fellowship at our Annual Craft Fair. The good food, beautiful day and LOTS of vendors helped make the day a phenomenal success! Then on Saturday the 24th, we had such a grand time at our first Tailgate Party! Everyone had such a good time, it was a real blessing! (Check out the photos on our new face book page!)

These events were great fun and were a wonderful part of our "Super September!" I say that because we indeed had an exceptional month, not only in fellowship, but in faith! We embarked on the scary thing, **trying something new**, and it worked!! Six people agreed to share "their story" of faith, ways in which God blessed them or how they saw God at work in their lives. Each Sunday people were brave enough to "step up to the plate" (or pulpit as it happened) and shared a story of faith. What a blessing!! Not only did we learn more about each person's walk of faith, and how God was active in their life, but we had many who related to the stories and were blessed by them.

I am fortunate to have people come and tell me how wonderful these presentations were and how they were blessed. SO, without telling names, I will share some of what was told to me, so that you may be as encouraged by them as I am.

Several visitors at last Sunday's service said to me what a wonderful "thing" this was, having people tell their story. "You don't do this all the time?" they said, "this is something new, right?" Yes I said, "it is new". One gentleman replied that his wife was on the vestry of an Episcopal church (in another state) and they were going to tell their vestry that they should do this too! "It was really great!" they said, (with great enthusiasm I might add!)

Another person remarked that one story was very much like what they had experienced, and was moved and strengthened just knowing that others have overcome such difficulty.

In these times of sharing, people spoke about the good things and the painful things of their lives, and how God provided for them. It is really important that we share these stories of our

lives in order “to make you strong... and be mutually encouraged” as St. Paul states in his letter to the Romans.

I must remind those of us who were so fortunate to hear these stories, that it was a very scary thing to do, and I am extremely grateful to each person who had the courage to share their story. To Kathleen Miranti, Dale La Prade, Christian Medina, Martha Fernald, Jerry Pellegrino and Simon Howes THANK YOU, THANK YOU and THANK YOU AGAIN!! Each of you shared something different, and each story impacted people in many different ways. It has been a wonderfully, Biblically based “experiment” that has made a big differences in our lives! I also have heard that some others may wish to do this at another time, and I know that God will make that time known to us and we will do this again. In the meantime, I encourage each of you to remember the words we pray each week, “Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord” Amen (BCP 365) May we share OUR stories with those God places before us, reminding us that OTHER people’s lives may be changed too!

Gratefully, Rev. Ellen

Inspirational Quote of the Month

“We are never defeated unless we give up on God.” Ronald Regan 1984

A Word to the Wise

Aumbry is a recessed compartment on the east wall of the sanctuary near the altar that is used to store the reserved sacrament and sometimes the Chrism. (The Chrism is oil that has been blessed by the bishop for use

in services of baptism, confirmation and ordination. It is different from oil used for unction which may be blessed by a priest or a bishop) and used for ministration for healing.

From The Deacon’s Desk

It is not easy to say “So Long its Been Good to Know You”, but is time for me to leave Trinity and to return to my home parish. I have been at Trinity for three years, (would you believe). As a Deacon you are moved every three to four years by the Bishop and I was scheduled to be moved. When I talked with the Bishop about being moved, I elected to retire and be with my wife. I will be Deacon Emeritus at St. Paul’s, Huntington.

I have enjoyed my time at Trinity and will miss you. From the first day at Trinity I have felt welcome by all. I have enjoyed starting the men’s Food, Fellowship and Study group. The men meet once a month on the last Saturday of the month with

seven to nine meeting most times. A strong fellowship has developed between the men, with some deep discussion on what it means to be a Christian. I do pray that the men’s group continues to meet.

I have also enjoyed visiting shut-ins and those in the Hospital along with lay volunteers who also visit. This is an important ministry; those who are shut-ins or are in the hospital where they are lonely and need the support from the church.

I will miss you all and will continue to pray for you.

Peace, Deacon Knute

Stewardship

This article was in the CT Post and we felt it was worthy of sharing especially as we approach our Stewardship campaign. (Please remember as briefly mentioned in this article that stewardship does not only refer to money – but the sharing of our time and talents as well).

MY ANSWER Billy Graham

Dear Dr. Graham: I didn't grow up in a religious family, so a lot of what goes on in the church my wife and I are attending is kind of mysterious to me. For example, recently the pastor has been talking about tithing. I gather this has something to do with money, but what is it exactly? - D.T.

ANSWER: *The word "tithe" simply means "a tenth" – and it refers to the Old Testament's teaching that we should give back to God at least a tenth of our income.*

Why is this? One reason is very practical: God's work requires money – just like every other enterprise. Even Jesus' little band of 12 disciples had a treasurer.

Many churches and ministries are facing hard times today because of the difficult economy.

But the Bible teaches us another important truth that's easy to overlook: All that we have – not only our money, but everything else – comes from God. We think that because we worked for it, our money is ours, and we can use it any way we want to.

But that is wrong.. Everything – including our ability to work, and everything else – comes from God's gracious hand. Why shouldn't we give some of it back to Him?

Church School

Church school is off to a wonderful start. The Upper Classroom will be participating in an Instructed Eucharist on October 23; therefore, on that day the Upper Classroom will not have church school. The lower

Why shouldn't we seek His will about everything that remains?

As a footnote, don't be embarrassed to ask questions of your pastor or of others who can help you. God loves you, and He wants you to grow in your faith.

Commit your life to Christ, and then make it your goal to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18)

Rev. Ellen's Comments:

Additionally, I would like to share the word on tithing as given to us in *Malachi 3:10-12* "Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts".

God says to "test him" in this and see how he will bless you and provide for you if you take that step of faith and tithe! It may seem scary at first, but when you see all the ways God will provide for you – you will be amazed and delighted!

Any questions? -- Ask us anytime!

Gratefully,
Rev. Ellen &
Arlene Stalvey, Treasurer

class will meet as usual. On October 30, **both** classrooms will meet in the Parish Hall for a special activity.

On Sunday, November 20, join us for an extended coffee hour to celebrate

Thanksgiving. If you have a special brunch or seasonal item that you would like to share, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Suggested items are baked goods such as pumpkin muffins, pumpkin bread, apple cider, bagels with pumpkin butter or cream cheese, apple cider doughnuts, cheese and crackers, or finger sandwiches. Craft stations will be set-up to make turkey decorations, placemats, and coloring sheets to share with families and friends on Thanksgiving Day.

I know it's early but it's time to start organizing the Christmas Pageant. The date this year is December 18 and will be held during the 10am service. I will need volunteers to help with costumes, helping children during practice and the day of the Pageant, and organizing the reception. Let me know if you have any questions. Look for details in upcoming announcements.

Altar Guild

Last month hurricane Irene roared up the east coast leaving many of us in darkness for days. In the wake of the storm we are reminded how lucky we are to have electricity and the tools we use every day to make our lives easier. Many of us lived by flash light and candle light in the evening. We had no electricity, no telephone, no TV, no stove and no running water! Out of habit, we tried to turn on the lights as we entered a room. I found myself laughing as I did this time and time again. This is something I took for granted and hardly gave it a second thought. The need for light is fundamental. Living in darkness, is a reminder of the gratitude we have every day for God providing us with what we need. When the lights did come on we rejoiced. This month I will touch on the significance of candles & light and the symbolism of the use of candles in the church.

For this month's Trumpet I want to speak about the candles used on the altar each week as well as for baptisms and funerals.

The church candle is a sign of illumination of the light of Christ. Jesus Christ, said of

Teacher volunteers are needed! All supplies and teaching materials will be prepared and ready each Sunday. We have two classrooms, lower elementary for children ages two to eight and the upper classroom for children nine years and older. You may teach once a month, once a quarter or once a year! Let me know if this ministry is something you are interested in.

Our Church School is blessed to have the classrooms filled with children and teachers who are gathered together to live healthy, active lives and to grow in the love and faith of Jesus Christ. I'm always available should you have any questions or concerns. And please keep Trinity Church and our Church School in your prayers.

Brenda Stapleton

himself, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." *Jn 8:12* Light has a special meaning in the Christian tradition because Jesus was seen as bringing light into the world with his message of God's grace and salvation. He came to save us from the darkness of sin.

Altar candles

Two candles are used on the altar (except on Good Friday) one for the Epistle and one for the Gospel side. Before electricity, the original purpose of candles was very functional, they were for illumination. This would allow the clergy to see the gifts, missal, lectionary, chalice & paten, etc. during the liturgy. Often services took place in early morning in buildings without much light coming in from the outside.

Pascal candle

During the first Eucharist service at the Easter Vigil, the Pascal candle is blessed and carried thru the church in darkness with the proclamation "The light of Christ". The Pascal candle holds the mysteries of creation and redemption and represents the light of Jesus Christ. The Paschal candle

symbolizing the Resurrection and Christ's presence, it is lit during the 50 days of the Easter season, at baptisms, and at funerals.

At Funerals

The Pascal candle is lit during funerals and placed near the casket or remains during worship services. The candle is lit as a sign of the hope of the resurrection.

Baptism candle

Prior to a Baptism, the Pascal candle is lit, and during the Baptism ceremony the baptism candle is lit from the Pascal candle. The symbolism of the baptism candle demonstrates that, through the Rite of Baptism, the newly baptized person shares

in the life of Christ, which is represented by the Pascal Candle. When a child is baptized, the candle is a symbol of faith, light, truth and new life in Christ.

In the November/December Trumpet I will speak about the Advent candles, the Advent wreath, as well as the candle regarding reserve sacrament.

Martha

Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Craft Fair Wrap Up

It was another wonderful day for a craft fair! Hurricane Irene was well offshore so we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. We had a record number of vendors (58) attending the fair this year so our grounds were packed to the gills. While foot traffic was down slightly from previous years (despite a beautiful new sign), the grounds were busy with customers all day. As has become the custom, the bake table, food tent and book table were the most popular venues with customers. The fair resulted in approximately \$4,000 for Trinity that will be shared by the church and several local charities. We also received numerous

comments from vendors thanking us for our friendliness and hospitality.

The best part of the day, however, was the effort put in by the Trinity family before, during, and after the fair. Without everyone's assistance, the fair could not have succeeded. We appreciated all the helpful hands with setup, cleanup, baking, and manning of the booths.

So thank you all again for showing the community that Trinity Church is alive and well!

Gary Ostrowski and Russ Battista

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday Oct. 2nd at 3pm we will hold our St. Francis Blessing of the Animals service outside near the memorial garden. Please bring your animals – large and small. Invite your neighbors and friends – all are welcome!

Family Night

Our next Family night will be Friday, October 28th. We invite all families with young children (ages 1 – 18) to come and have fun! We will cook a family meal together followed by a fun time of Christian Education.

NEW - Evening Bible Study

Evening Bible Study begins on Wed. October 19th at 7pm. We have had requests for evening bible study, and are beginning with one session per month. All are welcome, please come, bring your bible and join us in the St. Francis office downstairs!

UTO Ingathering

Fall Ingathering and Service of Thanksgiving will take place Thurs. Nov. 3rd at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Enfield, CT. A luncheon will follow in the parish hall. Please let the

office know if you are interested in carpooling.

Did You Know?

Bell Choir Rehearsals have begun

Please join our bell choir every "other" Thursday night beginning on Sept. 29th at 7:30pm for rehearsals. No musical ability is required! A fun time is had by all!

We are now on Facebook

Please check us out! Have your friends look too! We heartfully thank Molly & Jerry Pellegrino for getting our page up and running!

Craft Fair

Two of our vendors gave all of their proceeds to outreach. One group gave all their proceeds last year to the oil spill victims in the South. This year these young girls (ages 11 & 12) worked for months making fragranced soaps so that they could give money to victims of natural disasters this year.

Also, Dawn Hurley gave her time and effort in order to help women of the Congo (all the proceeds went to them.) The items she had for sale were sewn by women of the Congo, and if you bought an item you received a card with a picture of the woman who made the article. On that card it has a picture of the woman and a web address for you to see this woman at work. Check out one of the ladies at www.SHONACONGO.com

Infant Information

We have a new changing table in the Parish Hall with a privacy screen for families with young children. A big thank you to the Russell family for the donation of the changing table.

Seeking New Ministers of Communion

We are very pleased to welcome our newest Ministers of Communion, Bill DeFranco and Molly Pellegrino, serving at our 10am services. We would really like to have an additional Minister of Communion for our 8am services. If you would like to join in this important ministry, please speak with Rev. Ellen

Men's Food, Fellowship and Study

All men are invited to the Men's Food, Fellowship and Study which is held once a month. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. Breakfast will be served.

There is time for fellowship and breakfast from 7:30 to 8:00 am and study from 8:00 to 9:00 am. We are using a new study based on James W. Moore's book "God Was Here and I Was Out to Lunch". The Bible study is open to all members of Trinity and friends. Please come and invite a friend!

Bible Study Group

The 10am bible study group is now back in session. Please join us each Wed. morning as we begin with a study of CS Lewis' book the Screwtape letters.

2011 Altar Flowers

2011 Altar Flower schedule is posted! Please sign up for the date you desire. Any questions? Please contact Louise Caterson.

Our Condolences go to

The Robison Family on the loss of Dave's mother, Jean Kathleen Robison.

Carol & John Dunn on the loss of Carol's sister, Elynor "Bonnie" Lorusso.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Our Congratulations go to...

Baptisms

Congratulations to the Deacon Lee Forshaw's family on the baptism of Mercer Elle on June 26th.

Congratulations also to the Staffaroni family on the baptism of Sean Mason on September 25th.

St. John's Supper

Our next dates to volunteer are Oct..25th and Nov. 22nd. For more information please contact the office.

Help Starts Here

Call 211 for your connection to: Alzheimer's resources, child care services, and many more. 211 is a partnership of Connecticut United Way and the State of Connecticut. *Please see posted brochures!*

People in the Hospital

If you know of anyone who is in the hospital and would like a visit from clergy please call the office. *Thank You!*

Prayer Chain Ministry

Anyone with prayers of an emergency nature should call Jocelyn Russell at 445-1323 or Louise Caterson at 378-8770. All requests are kept in confidence.

Wish List

Our current wish list includes:

- Donations of any paper products are always welcome.

Thank You From...

Dear Rev. Ellen & Sharon,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for allowing volunteers of America to use the church hall for our ice cream social. And boy! What a day for ice cream! Everyone had a blast making their own sundaes. Having a big cool place to mingle with friends afterward was especially nice. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity in helping us provide our clients with some much needed summertime fun!

*Thanks again, Your sincerely,
Elizabeth and everyone at Volunteers of America*

Calendar – November - December: Upcoming Events

Intergenerational Coffee Hour

Join us after church on Sunday, Nov. 20th for an extended coffee hour as we give thanks for all our blessings.

St. Nicholas Fair

On Sat. Dec. 3rd we will hold our annual St. Nicholas Fair in the Parish Hall. Please drop off items for our Antique Treasures table. Also books of Christmas crafts, recipes, etc., are most welcome.

Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 18th we will have our annual Christmas pageant at our 10am service. Please see Miss. Brenda for more details.

Christmas Eve Service

Our family Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sat. Dec 24th at 5pm.

Christmas Day Service

We are hold one 9am service on Sunday, Christmas Day.

Meeting Schedule

October meeting schedule:

- Wardens: NO MEETING
- Finance: Wed., Oct 12th at 7 pm
- Vestry: MONDAY, Oct 17th at 7 pm

November meeting schedule:

- Wardens: TBA
- Finance: Wed., Nov. 9th at 7 pm
- Vestry: Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 7pm.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



October Birthdays

Regina Kuhnen 10/3; Austin Brixey 10/5; Al Aiello 10/7; Beth Detuzzi 10/13.



October Anniversaries

Sara & Russ Battista 10/5;. Cindy & Ron Stevenson 10/19; Michelle & Anthony Legg 10/21.

** Please call the Parish Office if someone's birthday or anniversary has been omitted. Thank you!*

We are always happy to welcome visitors. Please remember to invite your neighbors and friends to our services and programs!

Trinity Staff

Rev. Ellen Kennedy, Vicar ~ Sharon Buzzeo, Parish Administrator ~ Jeff Stokely, Organist
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