

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2008

THE CHRONICLE



FALL SCHEDULE

8:00AM—Holy Eucharist

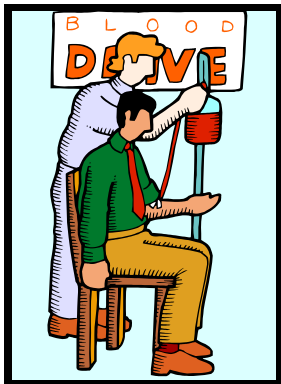
9:00 AM—Family Eucharist

9:45 AM—Education Hour—Church School and Adult Forum

11:00 AM—Holy Eucharist with Choir

TRINITY CHURCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH



As the parents of Janet and Jared, healthy 13-year-old twins who were both blood recipients several times in their first few weeks of life, we can tell you how great a difference a blood donation makes in the lives of many people.

Your chance to be a life-saver is coming up soon.

It is time once again for Trinity's Annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, November 11th from 2PM to 8PM in the Church Hall. The donation process takes about 1 hour from arrival to departure and your gift of life can help up to 3 people! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Larry Ehmer at ehmer@painlesstechnology.com.

You can sign-up for the donation appointment time that works best for you in 2 different ways:

- 1) Sign-Up sheets are at the back of Church each Sunday
- 2) Call the Trinity office (610-544-2297)
- 3) Register online at <http://pleasegiveblood.org> (click on 'Give Blood')

You can also go directly to the Trinity Blood Drive page:

<http://www.membersforlife.org/pennj/schedule/login.php?sponsorcode=6643>

On behalf of the many people who's lives depend on the generous donation of blood every day, we thank-you for stepping up, lying down and making tomorrow a possibility for someone in need.

—Larry Ehmer & Kristen Goldbach

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

During October's meeting, the Vestry received an update on Trinity Church Day Nursery (TCDN) from Megan Sloomaker, who now serves on the TCDN board of directors as our church's representative. We are looking to expand our landlord-tenant relationship to include more mutual outreach projects.



There was discussion about both the youth pilgrimage and the mission outreach trip next year. Funds from various service events have accumulated in designated Youth Program accounts. Some of these funds will help defray proposed travel expenses.

A timeline for the Stewardship Campaign was presented. The theme for 2008-2009 is "Stewardship – Your Opportunity for Outreach". Pledge gathering will be November 9th. The revised pledge card will have a list of ministries on the back for members to indicate their donation of talent and time, as an

outward sign of inner faith. On the front of the card will be the

usual designation of money pledged. It is important to submit a pledge by December 1st, so the Vestry can plan its budget and programs for next year. A draft budget for 2009 prepared by the Finance Committee shows a deficit due to necessary maintenance of our buildings and grounds,

and to increased staff and operating costs from inflationary pressures. Vestry is reviewing all programs in order to contain expenses. Nevertheless, more contribution income is needed to maintain the status quo. A 10% increase in giving by all members would bring our conservative budget to a break-even point. A letter with more details will be sent shortly.

Finally, the Vestry encourages you to attend the Parish Retreat on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the church. This is designed to promote spiritual renewal to help us with our outreach ministries.

—Jay Gillespie

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES ANNUAL CRAFT DISPLAY AND SALE TWO SUNDAYS—NOVEMBER 2ND AND 9TH

On the **first** and **second** Sundays of November, Trinity will again sponsor the sale of jewelry, handbags, and other items crafted by villagers in Africa, who will, in turn, directly benefit from the proceeds. Trinity parishioners have traditionally given this project enthusiastic support as a timely (and guilt-free) start on Holiday giving.

ATM is an intermediary ministry between African and American churches of the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Anglican denominations, providing funds



for orphan and refugee relief, missions, and evangelism in East

Africa. Children are registered for sponsorship in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda. Support is sent directly to each bishop to provide them school fees, tuition, books, and uniforms.

Display tables of goods for perusal and purchase will be set up in the Parish Hall all morning before and after services. **Come browse and buy!**

—Ann Hubben

BISHOP'S RECEPTION

The Bishop is Coming and we are hosting a reception in his honor! The Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner, retired Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will be our special guest and celebrant on Sunday, November 16th. Only two services will be held on that Sunday, one at 8 am and the other at 9 am. Following the 9 am service, a reception will be held in Parish Hall. Donations of finger food to serve at the reception will be needed and appreciated. Contact Ginny Davis at 544-2007 or davis3122@comcast.net for more information.

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

Calling hearty diners and excellent cooks! On Sunday evening, November 23rd, Trinity will host its annual potluck dinner to benefit the St. Mary's Food Cupboard in Chester. St. Mary's needs our help to continue its mission of serving families and individuals in need of food. The dinner will be held from 5:30-7 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5/person, \$15 for a family. This year we are expanding the dinner's menu and inviting entrees from all cuisines as well as traditional fall fare. Please bring an ample sized dinner entry or side dish to share with your fellow diners. For more information, contact Ginny Davis at 544-2007 or davis3122@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE: The Thanksgiving Brunch Event has been cancelled.



WINE TASTING EVENT

No time to head to the Napa Valley? The Finger Lakes Region just a bit too nippy this time of year? Europe just too pricey? This year Trinity is planning a pre-holiday Wine Tasting Event on Friday evening, December 5th starting at 7:30pm in Parish Hall. One of Trinity's 8:00am service attendees, Leo Fox (who has a wine importing business) has graciously and generously offered to organize and host a wine tasting "tour." Wines from France and Spain will be on the tasting menu. Space will be limited to 40 guests, so look at your calendars, get a group of friends together, and plan ahead. There is no charge, but we will be taking a free-will donation to benefit the Trinity Youth J2A Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland. Starting in November, there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church or you can call the church office (610-544-2297) and give Nancy your name and the number in your party. Once we hit the magic number of 40 wine tasters, we will have to close the sign-up sheets. Any questions, please call Susan Warren (610-328-3085). This will be a great opportunity to socialize with friends, taste and learn about wines just in time for Christmas and New Year's Day, and support the young people of Trinity.

TAIZE' DATE CHANGED FOR NOVEMBER

The Taize service in November will not be on November 2, but on Saturday, November 8. For this one month the worship itself will take place at Trinity, not at the College. A supper following and a concert with Christian musician Fran McKen-

dree will be held in Bond Hall on the same night. College student musicians along with our choir director Jim Smith will be leading the music. Please join us!

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The rhythm of the Sunday school program is well established by now. The young children are settled into their classes and are enjoying getting to know their teachers. We have had great attendance in our classes and there is a lot going on with the lower Sunday school which encompasses pre-K thru 5th grade.

Merle Manwaring spearheaded a group art project and produced a terrific bulletin board showcasing all our young artists. It is located in the upstairs hallway near the office; take a minute to check out your child's contribution.

Our outreach committee has jumped right into teaching our children the benefits of giving this year. Beth Beck has coordinated a food drive for City Team Ministries in Chester. Please place your non-perishable contribution in the barrel at the rear of the church by November 9th. We are also planning a Christmas related outreach project for the children. Stay tuned....

Thank you to Heather Koelle who has been dedicating her time to work with the K/1/2/3 classes to learn songs for the tot choir.

Thanks also to the energetic YACs. The Young Adults in the Church group of 10/11/12th graders are well on their way to showing leadership by helping with and/or teaching Sunday school classes for the younger children.

Mark your calendars; there will be no Sunday school on Sunday November 23 because of the Thanksgiving weekend. We will hold our annual family Advent wreath making workshop on Sunday December 7, please plan to attend.

Did you know that:

-We have approximately 75 children participating in the lower Sunday school (preK-5th grade)? WOW!!

-There is a nursery available for the children too young to attend Sunday school class? Every week while the older children are in class, you can drop your little one in the nursery, which is located downstairs across from the K/1 classroom. There is an experienced child care provider there ready to give you a break so you can attend the adult forum or help with your older children's Sunday school class.

-Trinity church has a great website? Are you signed up for the Trinity friends emailing list? It's a great way to keep up with church information. Register on www.trinityswarthmore.net

As always, we are grateful for the many contributions of all families to help make our Sunday school a vibrant program for our children. Please continue to reach out to the teachers to support them in their selfless efforts.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH

The Sunday School Outreach Program is sponsoring a Food Drive to benefit City Team Ministries from Sunday October 26, 2008 through November 9, 2008. Non-perishable food is needed including holiday food items such as stuffing mix, yams and gravy in addition to canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish, pasta and rice. Please bring these items to the Sunday School classrooms or deposit in the City Teams receptacle located in the rear of the Church.

—Beth Beck

NOVEMBER YOUTH NEWS AND CALENDAR

Trinity Youth had a busy month in October! Activities included:

- Wednesday night youth group
- CROP Walk
- Formation of Iona pilgrimage group (10th & 11th graders)
- J2A overnight retreat at Camp Innabah –“Becoming the Body of Christ”
- Serving at the Pasta Dinner
- Rite 13 overnight lock-in at Trinity – “Celebrating our Gifts”
- YACs continuing development of personal and group ministries.

Coming up in November:

- Youth Group meeting Wednesday, Nov. 5
- Musical concert with Christian musician Fran McKendree Nov. 7
- Orders taken for Christmas wreaths beginning Nov. 16
- Preparing Thanksgiving food baskets in Chester on Nov. 22
- Advent Wreath-making workshop on Nov. 30

During the later part of November youth group members will begin taking orders for Christmas wreaths, which will be decorated and available for pick-up in early December. This

is a fundraiser that supports the youth pilgrimage and mission trip. We hope many Trinity families will decorate their homes for Christmas with our wreaths.

The youth will also begin working on a sustainability project in November. Several adult members of the parish will assist the youth in learning about Christian responses to environmental issues and planning a project for Trinity. The youth will then teach our entire congregation what they have learned about this important aspect of Christian discipleship, and will lead us in this project. Stay tuned!

Our 10th and 11th graders (last year's J2A group) will be going on pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland next June. Iona, a tiny island where Saint Columba founded his Abbey in the 6th century, is the heart of Celtic and Anglican spirituality. You will be hearing more about Iona, about our pilgrimage and ways you can support us our young people in the coming months.



HIRE A YOUTH PILGRIM!

Our youth pilgrims are already busy raising money for their pilgrimage to Iona next June. You can help by hiring them to do babysitting, yard work, pet sitting, or other jobs. The pilgrims are: Caitlin Gardner, Kipa Sharpfish, Paul Manwaring, Matt Leonard, Johanna Laxton, Jon German, Michael Whitfield, and Max Reiger. You can look them up in the parish directory, or pick up a "Hire a Pilgrim!" list from the back of church.

The list will include email and other contact information. Thanks to all who are supporting our pilgrims!

Advent Wreath Workshop December 7 at 9:45



COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE ADVENT WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP!

This is a fun intergenerational event for all three services! We will make wreaths at 9:45 in the Parish Hall downstairs on Sunday December 7th (there is no Sunday School this day). We have wreath frames (\$3), candles (\$4) available for purchase and ribbons, but we need your help too! If you already have a wreath frame, feel free to bring it and use it again. Take your wreath home after the workshop. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Please Bring:

Evergreen boughs and branches to share

Pruning clippers

Scissors

Additional supplies you would like for your wreath

A snack or breakfast-type item to share

PRAYER LIST

For Healing: Bob, Erik Sauer, Warren Skipp, Kathryn Rosse', Anita Sompasky, Jane George, Willem Sloomaker, Alice Spicer, David Levine, Ben Willsey and William James.

For healing for families living with substance abuse issues.

For Mary deBoer on mission for healing and service in Africa.

For Deirdre Whitfield, deacon and seminarian of Trinity Church, and for her family while she studies for the priesthood at General Theological Seminary in New York City.

For those in Military Service to the nation, and for our Allies, that they may be sustained in time of trial. And for our enemies, that they, with us, may come to know peace.



COLLECTION COUNTING

This easily-overlooked ministry needs one or two more volunteers: are you ready to join us? Every Sunday, as the latest service is coming to an end, two people meet in the church office, sort and count the collection from all the services and take it down

to the bank. It's not arduous, it doesn't take long, but without us Trinity's cash flow would stop flowing.

To learn more, please call me (home: 610-544-3565; cell: 610-608-5288).

—Judith Cadigan, Assistant Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT

Year to Date

SEPTEMBER

RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total Income	343,767	365,890	43,510	42,635
EXPENSES				
Total Expenses	379,923	411,423	29,707	49,500

*Copies of the complete treasurer's report are available through the office.



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TRINITY'S MISSION

To be a vital Christian community called by God to support each other in our faith, as we pray, worship, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love. By these means we seek to restore all to unity with God and each other in Christ.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TRINITY CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?