

THE CHRONICLE

SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS JUNE 15

- 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M. SERVICES

ANNUAL MEETING—MAY 4, 2008

On May 4th, members of the parish elected to Vestry service for the next three years: Bella Englebach, Steve Laxton, Ashley Nagle, and Peter Weber. Additionally, Ann Hubben, Ann Kane, and George Whitfield were elected to represent the congregation at the annual Diocesan Convention and Convocations of the Delaware Deanery.

Treasurer's Report for 2007 showed \$459,000 in revenues and \$415,000 in expenditures. The surplus of \$44,000 was applied to renovations in the Rectory. Additional funds were taken from investments to complete the \$70,000 Rectory project and to fund the Rector search. In 2008, our financial progress has continued in a positive way.

Trinity – Swarthmore is classified in Diocesan terms as a "Program Parish". Church School and Youth Activities were strong programs during the 2007-08 school year. Adult Forums offered a wide variety of programs during the year including talks by several guest speakers as well as presentations by Trinity parishioners. The Fellowship program, with more than 25 events over the past year, has helped us become a more inter-related faith community. The Music program continued to be one of the hallmarks of Trinity. Partners in Ministry, which sponsors the Protestant campus ministry at Swarthmore College, continued to grow on campus. Many of the students participated regularly in the

life of this parish. Pastoral Care group reached out to many homebound congregants with the theme of "Serving God through serving others". Trinity continues to be a vital Christian community thanks to many ministries: Altar Guild, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministries, Intercessors, Lectors, and Ushers. We also appreciate the stewards of the parish for their many contributions of time, talent and treasure during the past year.

Our church continues to welcome new members. With our new Rector, Thomas Cook in place, a renewed excitement is being felt by many. As we move forward, please consider how you can become more involved in our church's programs.

THANK YOU FROM DICK KOELLE

Many Thanks to all who contributed to the food component of the annual Parish Meeting held Sunday May 4 in the Parish Hall: To Organizer Jean Arnold, Ginny Davis, Rose McCarthy, Letitia Jeavons, Anne Harris, Ann Hubben, Anne Marten-

son, Sue Warren, Lois Johnston, Mary Anderson, Doris Condren, Sophie Martinson, Jay Gillespie, Michael Homans, Gale Donoghue and to Suzanne West, who provided the impressive seasonal decorations; and to whom ever else contributed and we

inadvertently omitted. It was a classic Trinity example of how the loaves and fishes somehow provided a feast for those who attended the meeting.



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Vestry

On April 21, 2008, a representative from DELCO Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), Susan Fromhold, made a presentation about the work of this organization providing temporary accommodations for homeless families. Currently, seven other churches are involved as host for overnight stays. IHN needs additional host organizations. The Vestry will study this request further.

Joyce Tompkins thanked the Vestry for the donation to help support the trip to Nicaragua for Swarthmore College students involved in the Campus Partners in Ministry.

Vestry discussed the need to expand committees to a wider range of parishioners in order to develop leadership to fill future vestry needs. The SWEEPS model of organization was

also discussed to focus on Service, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral Care and Stewardship. A Vestry Retreat is being planned for the first weekend in June to further develop this model.

During the May 19th meeting, the Vestry re-elected Suzanne West as Secretary and Andrejs Penikis as Treasurer for another year. Election of People's Warden and Open Vestry Position (to replace Mary Laxton, who resigned) were tabled pending further discussion at the impending Vestry Retreat. Nominations for Eucharistic Minister were put forward for Joseph German and Rose McCarthy.

During April, pledge income was behind budget. Expenditures increased due to the following capital

improvements: Wood floor refinishing in the chancel, new carpet in the church, and repaving the circle driveway. As result, expenditures were higher than revenues. Parishioners are encouraged to maintain their pledges and donations during the summer months in order to reduce the budget deficit.

Trinity Cooperative Day Nursery (TCDN) invited a Trinity member to serve on its Board of Directors. Please contact Ginny Davis (current Co-People's Warden) if you are interested in this position.

Vestry passed a resolution to provide support to Mary DeBoer as she embarks on her World Mission trip to Africa. She is taking leave from her position at Swarthmore College for this one-year ministry.

TREASURERS REPORT



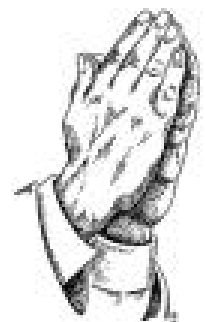
	Year to Date		April	
RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total Income	148,092	147,492	34,251	41,620
EXPENSES				
Total Expenses	159,990	184,799	55,210	60,194

Prayer List

We remember the sick, suffering and ask for healing for those on our parish list.

Bob, Jack DuPrau, Virginia Lang, Ann and Chuck, Feeny, Janet Watkins, Cynthia Houpt, Len Lannon, Hubert Frings, Carl Frings, Eileen Shaunis, Harry Toland, Erik Sauer, Donald Cornell, Tim Westbrook and Mel

For healing for families living with substance abuse issues.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Well, this is it for another wonderful Trinity Church School year. We have had a very busy spring and have many people to thank.

During the Annual Meeting on May 4, the older youth very graciously provided child care for the younger ones, thank you for your help. The children enjoyed the talents of Vicky Town, a wonderful storyteller who told Bible stories and made them 'come alive' for the children.

May 18th was the final day of Sunday school. The Sunday school teachers were honored at the 9:00am service. A load of gratitude goes out to all the dedicated teachers: Leslie Dawson, Sharan McCue, LeeAnn Seaman, Katie Crawford, June Clifford, Judy Nieman, Suzanne Ortoleva, Agnes Wozniak, Cathy and Kurt Gardner, Gale Donoghue, Sheri Carney and Lance and Mary Donaldson-Evans. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, we were able to offer a great Sunday school program to our children this past year.

We hosted an all parish cookout (held indoors because of rain!!) that evening. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success,



particularly our grillers, Jay Gillespie, Dick Koelle and David Clemmer and our games coordinator, Jennifer Donlevie, who creatively coordinated some 'indoor' fun for the children.

We would also like to thank Beth Beck who spearheaded the Sunday School outreach efforts this past year. Heather Koelle worked with the little ones with an adorable tot choir. Merle Manwaring was our very own artist- in -residence and helped with several art projects with the children and created wonderful Church School bulletin boards. Thank you to Father Tom, Joyce and Deirdre Whitfield and who helped teach Episcopalian Fundamentals to the classes; your

experience and expertise added a deeper level of knowledge to our children's curriculum. Thank you to Greg Piscorik for always so cheerfully helping us with the logistics of tables and equipment for our events. And thanks to Nancy Holstein who always keeps us organized and has the ready answer to all our questions.

Robin and I have offered to co-chair the Sunday school committee for another year, but we know that you realize we can't do it alone. It takes a village of dedicated volunteers to make our Sunday school program viable. We need parents to help teach, coordinate outreach projects, and organize special events. The strength of our program can be attributed to having many helpers. The Church and Church School needs you to be involved! Please contact Anne Hollyer (610) 891-0291, abhjwh@comcast.net or Robin Shields (610)565-5414, rshields55@yahoo.com to let us know how you can contribute your talents to the children of our parish.

Have a wonderful summer!!

MOVEABLE FEAST



Many Thanks to Barb Birney and Fran Vartanian, who again organized the Moveable Feast held on Saturday, April 26, and to Hosts Bill and Robin Shields (Appetizers), Father Tom and Britton Cook (Dessert), and Dinner

hosts Don and Carol Hann, Gene and Anne Martenson, Rich and Bella Engelbach, Sue Warren, Tom and Helen Mashek, and Heather and Dick Koelle. Special thanks to Gene Martenson, who sponsored musical entertainment dur-

ing the Appetizer segment by The Classical Instrumentalists (Kathryn Nagel and her friends Natasha Carlin and Jeremy Enata) – they were excellent! The event was attended by 53 persons and netted \$218 for the Church.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved.

In Father Tom's opening remarks, he mentioned that he would like to maintain three services through June 8. Then, starting June 15, we would start the two service summer schedule. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Heather Koelle about using the tot choir in the 9:00 service.

There was discussion about the 10:00 summer service. We talked about the use of Enriching our Worship for the order of service

with the possibility of drawing material from the New Zealand Prayer Book. The music for the summer service will be based on the lectionary but the committee would also

***NEXT WORSHIP
COMMITTEE
MEETING
JUNE 3, 2008***

like to have some folk music included. We discussed doing communion in the round at some of the services and the use of a flyer for the summer services. Also, we

should communicate to the congregation what the 10:00 service is going to be like.

We need to encourage more families to agree to become families of the week. Carol will go through the directory and try to pick the names of some potential candidates. The worship committee will also try to communicate our need for lay ministers and families of the week at all of the services.

The meeting was closed with the New Zealand evening prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2008.



GROUNDS REPORT

All of the mulch has been spread. The old trash can shed behind the education wing has been dismantled and some of the pieces have been placed in the dumpster. There is additional material that needs to be removed. There are also some branches that need to be removed.

MILESTONES

Linda Sauer is happy to announce the birth of another grandson. Red-haired Joseph Bradley was born May 20th in Bel Air, Maryland. He is the second child of Erik and Lisa Sauer and little brother of Ian, age 4



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

On June first the Thrift Shop closes its doors on a season of hard work having recycled the good usable items you continue to bring us. The saving grace to our efforts is the fun and fellowship of a devoted corps of volunteers (see Annual Report). Also, Greg Piscorik who is our go to guy.

The money generated by the Thrift Shop are disbursed in the following manner:

Pledge to Church: \$600 a month

Outreach: Chester Children's Choir, Episcopal Community Services, All Souls Church for Deaf, Seamen's Institute. St. Mary's Food Cupboard, Fish, Christmas gifts for church staff, local emergencies (fire, flood).

As of May 15th we have made approximately, \$11,000 with 3 “give-away” sales remaining.

With the closing of a Thrift Shop in Chester we hit the volunteer jackpot this year! Two very experienced Thrift shop “junkees” have joined us

and together with Barb Birney's 3 friends who joined us last year our volunteer staff is outstanding.

(But, don't let that stop you from checking us out if you like to “play store”.)

I must single out our cashiers. Dependable Don (Custer) and Reliable Rich (Englebach) help us so much on Friday sale days. Many thanks you guys. And our dear Alice Chambers (age 98) who is one of the cashiers for Treasures – and works on her cross-words between customers. We love you—and so do our customers!

Please continue to save your donations for us over the summer. Collect your neighbors garage sale left-overs (if you think they are appropriate). We'll begin getting the shop ready in mid-August for a September re-opening. (Special arrangements may be made if, because of a move, you need to bring us things before August. Please call Church office.)

JUNE 1 8:30 TO 12

BLOW OUT

SALE

A reminder. We do not accept electronics, computers, etc. also, no shoes unless they are new. Seasonal clothing preferred.

Again, thanks to all who make this ministry possible. -- Sophia Martinson

P.S. NEW THIS YEAR – A FINAL BLOW-OUT SALE for parishioners, Sunday, June 1st , 8:30 to noon.



Beads for Life Update

Thanks to everyone who supported the Beads For Life outreach project. We raised \$1,060. I hope that we can make this an annual event.

Carol Hann



Parish Picnic

Cookout—Eat In!



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VESTRY

Term Expires 2009

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Term Expires 2011

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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?