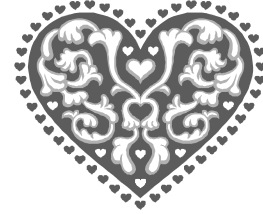


THE CHRONICLE

FEBRUARY, 2007



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 TH
(Put \$1 in Soup Bowl as you leave church)

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

will meet on Sunday, February 11th, in the Cleaves Room
immediately following the 11 o'clock service



SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 5-7 PM



**February 21st Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of
Ashes and Holy Eucharist: 12 noon & 7:30 PM**

INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friends:

The cold winds of winter remind us that in our locale winter is a time when the natural world takes a break and slumbers for a season. The trees of our community are bare, the evergreens seem static, and the grass looks drab under the frequently gray sky. The land slumbers waiting for the warmth of the sun and lengthening days to spark a new season of growth and blooming.

Life in an organization such as a parish church can also seem to take a similar cyclical pause from its forward movement. When this occurs, the parish is given the opportunity to recoup, to listen again to its call to mission, and to restate its purpose in the community. Then with the warmth that comes from greater clarity, it starts to move once again redefining how to use its resources of time, talents and treasure.

Trinity is living through this natural organizational cycle now as it tries to discern who shall be the next rector to lead the congregation and refine and reshape its ministries. The Search Committee has moved from reading about candidates to speaking directly with them. The vestry meanwhile is attending to all aspects of the parish's life and health and is carefully stewarding the resources of the parish. Changes are slowly occurring in the worship, music, education, pastoral care, finances, staff, and administration of the parish. Increasingly, many decisions and aspects of our corporate life are being influenced by the awareness that by this time next year a new rector along with a different mix of lay leaders will be charting a new chapter in the parish's history.

Just as winter is an interim between seasons of growth, so this time in the life of this parish offers a wonderful season to rest up, to repair and adjust, and to dream about all the possible futures this parish might pursue. Then when a new rector arrives, people will be ready and energized to walk with and grow with that new leader.

Lou Temme, Interim Rector



PRAYERS: Bob, LuAnn Fitz, Jeremy Wilson, Libby Ballinger, Brownie Ulrich, Jack DuPrau, Harry Toland, Danny.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	YEAR TO DATE		DECEMBER 2006	
RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total Income	416,019	440,109	56,455	58,976
EXPENSES				
Total Expenses	454,690	474,806	35,027	35,145

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

BISHOP LEE IS COMING - JUNE 10

The visit of a bishop marks a time when those who feel they would like to become full-fledged Episcopalians may do so. **Bishop Lee** will confirm and/or receive persons into the Episcopal household of faith at the 10 am service on June 10. In order to be prepared for this step, adults and young people should make their wishes known to the rector.

For adults the Lenten Wednesday evenings will begin a series of dialogue sessions to learn more about the Episcopal Church's way of understanding and practicing Christianity. For our young people sessions will be held beginning March 4 on Sunday morning during the education hour in coordination with the youth group leaders.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS (DEC. & JAN.)

George Whitfield and Sue Warren, Search Committee Co-Chairs, gave an extensive report on the procedures and process of the Search Committee. They sketched a timetable that included telephone interviews beginning in January and visits to candidates beginning in February. There was agreement with the idea that the committee would take time to do a careful job of identifying a candidate to recommend to the vestry. The vestry will have the opportunity to meet with the final candidates before a decision needs to be made. Approximately 75 applicants were a part of the pool of candidates and that number has been screened down to the 18 who are presently under consideration.

The 2006 budget ended the year with income of \$ 416,019, and expenses of \$ 454,839, for a net deficit of \$ 38,820.

The 2007 Stewardship Campaign produced the following results - \$ 309,225 was pledged by 133 households for 2007. For 2006 we had a total pledged of \$ 310,000 from 135 households.

As a result of the campaign and other income and expense changes, the vestry strived hard to produce a budget that was closer to being balanced than the 2006 budget. The new operating budget for 2007 has been approved, and it shows a deficit of approximately \$15,000. The financial assets of the parish in 2006 grew by about 3.5%, mostly as a result of investment results. The new total is \$ 1,143,000. This does not include the value of real estate.

Other vestry actions including approving parish sponsorship of **Deirdre Whitfield** to prepare for the priesthood, learning that the bookkeeper will be reducing hours with us from 15 to 5 hours per week, and receiving reports and updates from all vestry committees. Copies of the approved minutes are available in the back of the church.

Office hours change: As a result of **Bill Mullen's** hour change, the office will only be open when Nancy is on site. This means it will be open each day Monday through Friday from 9 am to 12:30 pm, and again from 1:30 to 4 pm. (It will be closed each day from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.) At other times, you can leave messages on Nancy's voicemail or email her at nancy@trinityswarthmore.org

Thinking about the Vestry...

It's not too early to start looking around to your fellow members of the parish and begin to ask the question: "Who do I see who would be a good leader to serve on the vestry?" Suggested names can be given to one of the wardens – **Bill Scarborough, Mary Anderson, or John Hollyer** – for consideration by the nominating committee. The election will be at the annual meeting on May 6.

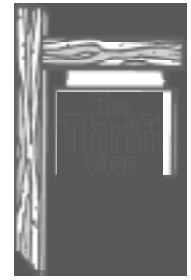
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

This traditional Trinity event will be held Tuesday, February 20 from 5 to 7PM, the evening before Ash Wednesday when we "feast before we fast". Besides alternate flavor pancakes and other tasty treats, there will be musical entertainment, shopping at the Thrift Shop and an evening of fellowship. All men of the parish are encouraged to help put on this event, assisted by the Youth Group. Tickets will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for youth/children, or \$15 for families. Proceeds from the event will support a Youth Group Outreach Mission this summer. Community members and College students are welcome as well. Purchase tickets and sign up to help at the event at the back of the church after each service or at the church office. Call Executive Chef **Bill Shields** (610-565-5414) or Fellowship Chairman **Dick Koelle** (610-566-4087) if you have any questions. Please be part of this enjoyable evening



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

You have done it again! Your very generous donations of recyclable items stocked the Thrift Shop shelves so fully that we worked four extra days to prepare for the December sales.



Those extra hours really paid off. Our sales of December 1st and 8th plus the Sunday morning, December 3rd, opening brought in close to \$2,000 !!

It's always fun to be open for the parish on Sunday morning and other special times (Turkey dinner, Shrove Tuesday). We are discussing possibilities of more opportunities for you to buy your stuff back!

Meanwhile, we prepare for your post-Christmas cleanout as you make room for newly received gifts. Remember, please recycle computers, electronics, etc., elsewhere. Also, unless they are new, no shoes, please. We do have a way to store holiday items, so Christmas items are acceptable now.

We are all so blessed in our abundance... Thank you for sharing yours. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.
Sophia Martinson

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK....

Neighboring Chester City is gearing up for the year-long celebration of William Penn's landing in Chester 300 years ago. The Delaware County Historical Society will be hosting big events commemorating Penn's arrival and his influence in the colonies. Individual towns are collecting data and information about this early history of Pennsylvania. Look for some of the events celebrating this big anniversary party.



There are lots of older Episcopal churches in the greater Philadelphia area, Trinity Church built in 1895 is one the newer churches. Some of the Friends Meeting Houses were built much earlier with out buildings for horses and carriages.

Chester and Philadelphia were busy, bustling ports bringing supplies (even crated furniture and animals) to these new cities. Philadelphia and Camden, New Jersey, are still busy ports and that is why the Episcopal Seaman's Institute is collecting warm clothing for the sailors from southern climates who dock in Philadelphia and Camden during the winter months. Trinity's contribution of jackets, coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves have been delivered to this project.



The city of Corinth mentioned in the New Testament was one of the port cities the Apostle Paul visited. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians in Chapter 13 he called the Christians to love one another – not just in February on Saint Valentine's Day.

TAIZE SERVICES AT THE COLLEGE

Sundays, Feb. 11, March 4, April 22

Look for information in the service leaflets

SAVE THE DATES !!

.... **for March**: the **Youth Auction** and the **Ukrainian Dinner** will both be on March 11th and the **Passover Seder** on Wednesday, March 14th.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

After a very busy Advent and Christmas season, it feels good to get back to a routine and back on track with Sunday school.

The church school hosted a very successful Advent Festival to kick off the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success. Next, the children practiced and worked hard on the lovely annual Christmas Pageants, including one especially for the pre-K kids, coordinated by their dedicated teachers. Thanks to the YAC's for your help with the little ones during their pageant. And a big thank you to the Pageant directors **Bill Shields, Larry Ehmer and Paul Oestreich**.

Did you know that we have over 60 children enrolled in the lower Church School (pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade)? It is a vibrant group of children led by a dedicated staff of volunteer teachers, thank you for all your contributions. The teachers have been using the lectionary based curriculum supplemented by lessons in fundamentals by **Joyce, Lou and Mimi**.



Looking forward, we have a busy semester planned. The children will be learning about the Eucharist in their classes and there will be an Instructed Eucharist on February 25 at the 9:00 service. During Lent, the children will learn about the Stations of the Cross and we will sponsor another outreach project (details to follow). Then of course, we will have the Liturgical Breakfast on April 29.

Thank you to **Merle Manwaring** for decorating our beautiful bulletin board in the upstairs hallway. She has been coordinating a craft with the children to enhance the display.



It certainly takes a village to make a great Sunday School program. Parents, please help your child's Sunday school teacher by offering to bring in snacks for the children or helping with the supplemental programs. Thank you to all the people who help make our Sunday School so wonderful for our children.

To volunteer please contact **Anne Hollyer** 610.891.0291 abhjwh@comcast.net or **Robin Shields** 610.565.5414 rshields55@yahoo.com.

PRE COMMUNION INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

As a part of the 9 am service on four Sundays (Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, and Feb 18), the children's homily will focus on those children who have not yet begun to receive communion. The instruction that will be offered hopefully will inform all of our children (and remind parents and other adults) of the meaning and importance of communion and receiving it as a part of being a baptized member of God's family. On Sunday – Lent 1 – Feb 25, at the 9 am Service, children who have not yet begun to receive may be admitted to their first communion.

Lou Temme

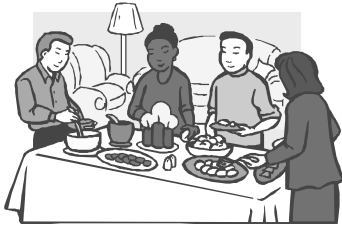
BEAUTIFUL ADVENT SERVICE CD AVAILABLE



If you attended our Choral Evensong on the Third Sunday of Advent you experienced the deeply prayerful and contemplative mood created in our candle-lit sanctuary by the chanting of advent prose, prayers and psalms. The choir presented the exquisite polyphonic magnificat of the 16th C. Spanish composer Tomas Luis Victoria, and his motet "Ne Timeas Maria", "Do not fear Mary." Also sung was the beautiful new advent piece by our own choir member **Adrienne Caddell-Hopkins. Jim Smith**

The profession quality CD is available for \$10.00 at back of church or contact parish office. Also available CD's from the 2005 service.

Let's Give Thanks for our Ministries...



THE NEWCOMERS' BRUNCH

... was held at the Rectory on Sunday, January 21. The event was hosted by the Vestry and attended by **Mary Cahill, David and Jessica Hadley, Amy Banks-Kayla, Anjala Kayla, Randy and Pam Poe, George and Marybeth Smith, and Ann Woolford-Singh**, as well as the Clergy and several other parishoners. Special thanks to **Fran Vartanian and Barb Birney** for organizing the food, set-up and clean-up. Look for photos of the newcomers on the Bulletin board at the back of the church and welcome them to our faith community.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING

... were enjoyed on Friday evening, December 22nd. Many thanks to organizers **Gale Donoghue, Robin Shields** (food), **Rich and Bella Engelbach** (lead greeners), and **Heather Koelle** (carol leader) for being part of this event. Due to rain, the carols were sung in the church.



ST. MARY'S FOOD CUPBOARD ANNUAL REPORT

St. Mary's Food Cupboard Annual Report During the Year 2006

Number of Families	1749
Family members Served	4890
Seniors	1042
Adults	1844
Children	1915

Meals	44,598
Referrals to Cupboard	84
Referrals by Cupboard	0
Pounds of food given	72,047
Average lbs/bag	38
Number of volunteers	45
Total volunteer hours	3,130

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

- January 25 Helen North, Religion Professor Emeritus from Swarthmore College speaking on past influences on current Christianity: "Vesta-cult, power, priestesses"
- February 4 Episcopal Relief and Development presented by **Barbara Abbott**, Church of the Redeemer
- February 11 Darfur... **Amelia Siznore**, a member of Swat Sudan from Swarthmore College will speak
- February 18 What Lent is about? ...a bible study led by **Lou Temme**
- February 25 Partners in Ministry... **Lin Urban, Joyce Tompkins** and Swarthmore College students
- March 4 Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction... **Randy Williamson**

SUPPER, WORSHIP, ENQUIRER CLASS/LENTEN PROGRAM

The mid-week Lenten Program will be held on Wednesday nights beginning February 28. Topics will be chosen based on the needs and interests of those attending. Participants will take turns providing supper. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Feb. 28 6-7 pm Light Supper, Evening Worship
7-8 pm Discussion Group

Mar 7 6-7 pm Light Supper, Evening Worship
7-8 pm Discussion Group

Mar 14 6-8 pm Seder supper. Dialogue by the Cantor

Mar 21 6-7 pm Light Supper, Evening Worship
7-8 pm Discussion Group

Mar 28 6-7 pm Light Supper and dialogue
7-8 pm Stations of the Cross

Apr 4 7:30 pm Tenebrae – Service of Shadows

Trinity Youth Rite-13

On January 7th, four of our youth participated in a Rite-13 Liturgy; **Alex Donoghue, Jack Donoghue, Nick Shields and Kyle Leigh Carney**. Kyle Leigh read from Isaiah 60:1-6,9. She reminded us that we are all asked to be a light in the world. Alex read Psalm 72:1-2,10-17. He spoke of Jesus as the King who asks us to care for the poor. Jack read Ephesians 3:1-12. He explained that the word of God is not just for a select group, but is for all humankind. Nick read The Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. He made the point that as humans, we all contain both evil, as exemplified by Herod and good as exemplified by the Wise men, and that we should strive to become like the wise men. The whole congregation enjoyed Epiphany cake following the service and celebrated out fine teenagers who are indeed the light in our world.

Amy Sisson

2007 Youth Calendar

Sunday Jan 7 2007 10am Rite 13

11:15am Epiphany Celebration

Sunday Jan 14 2007 Church School resumes

Monday Jan 15 2007 MLK day of service in Chester - Chester

Saturday Jan 27 2007 Youth Ski Trip?

Sunday Feb. 25 Instructed Eucharist during 9:00

Tuesday Feb. 20 Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper

Sunday Mar 4 2007 9:45am Confirmation classes begin

Sunday Mar 11 2007 5pm Ukrainian dinner

Sunday March 18 Stations of the cross after 9:00

Wednesday Mar 14 2007 6pm Seder

Sunday Apr 1 2007 Palm Sunday-No Church School

Sunday Apr 8 2007 Easter-No Church School

Sunday Apr 29 2007 9am Liturgical Breakfast-No Church School

Sunday May 6 2007 Annual Meeting-Youth group does childcare, no church school

Friday May 18 Blue Rocks Baseball Game

Sunday May 20 2007 9am Teacher Recognition

9:45am Last day of church school

5pm Parish cookout

Sunday Jun 3 2007 Rite 13 Celebration

Sunday Jun 10 2007 Bishop Lee's visitation, confirmation

Saturday Jun 16 2007 Canoe trip?

Report for Youth Work Camp in Coastal South Carolina