



TRINITY BELLS SEPTEMBER 2012

My Dear Trinitarians,

This time of year many of us take great comfort from the changing of the seasons. It isn't just the sweetness of the last breath of Summer, or the beauty of the Fall, it is also the regular and predictable pattern of it all, the fact that we know what is coming next.

There are so many ways that the familiar everyday things sustain us, but we fool ourselves if we somehow decide that all of life is an interlocking set of predictable patterns. As last Winter showed, sometimes the seasons don't even seem to arrive at all! Perhaps right about now the old saw about nothing being certain besides death and taxes is occurring to some of you as you read this? And sadly there is some truth to that; life in all its glory and sorrow tends to not go exactly the way we planned or thought it would. When this happens it is possible to feel angry, let down, cheated, or that whatever didn't go "the way it was supposed to" is an anomaly or a problem that has to be solved by struggling mightily to get things back to the way they are supposed to be. That generally doesn't work, and no one ever promised that things would never change in unexpected ways.

I am so proud of the work Trinity has done in recent years coming to terms with where we are, and to accept that and to begin to move on by leaning into the vision that if we prayerfully strive to "really be the church" (instead of as someone wise recently said, "just trying to fill seats in the church") we will get to where we are called by God to be, and that will be different from where we have been before.

One of the reasons things like changes of season can be soothing is that it is a kind of change that seems familiar and even, in a way, easy. Most change is harder than watching the leaves fall, but in the power of Christ, we know that resurrection, new life, follows death—not from some automatic endlessly repeating cycle that is safe and familiar—but by the grace and power of the God who created, redeemed and sustains us, and who will never leave us on our walk through all the changes of this life and into God's eternal kingdom!

Much more beautiful and exciting if you ask me!

With love to you in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marg".

FROM THE WARDENS

As we returned to our regular Sunday schedule on September 9, it was exciting to see so many people in the pews – both long-time parishioners and newcomers, as well as a few visitors. While coming together to worship is an essential part of our Christian life, it's worth remembering that there are also many ways to serve God – and Trinity – on other days of the week.

Trinity has many ministries that can use your help. The Outreach team, led by Dawn Weill, has been increasingly active and creative in finding ways to help those in need. They have been placing children's books in area laundromats and collaborating with their counterparts at other churches in our North Shore cluster to collect food and funds for Long Island Cares.

The Building and Grounds committee, led by Karl Hansen, isn't afraid to get their hands dirty as stewards of our landmark sanctuary and beautiful property. Stay tuned for more St. Exertius Saturdays; we can always use more hands on deck doing the kind of maintenance that makes a difference.

The Altar Guild makes sure the flowers and altar linens are ready for the Sunday services. The Sunday school is undergoing a revival, thanks to Jeff Price and others. The Finance Committee, chaired by Ted Weill and Roger Gerber, has kept Trinity afloat financially by strategically overseeing our portfolio and finding ways to keep our expenses down.

Burning Books brings together both parishioners and non-parishioners every six weeks or so for a lively discussion about a recent novel or non-fiction book or literary classic. They meet either in the Fireplace Room or someone's home and always welcome new members, even on an occasional basis. And a small group meets with Mother Margo on Wednesday mornings at Mimi Henderson's house for stimulating Bible Study based on that week's readings.

Then there is the choir, which has become, dare I say, one of Trinity's treasures. You might think that we're all a bunch of trained singers, but with several exceptions, we're just dedicated amateurs whom Martha has molded into a solid ensemble. I'm a tenor who doesn't read music and has uncertain pitch, but working with Martha and my fellow choir members I've reached a level of proficiency and gratification I wouldn't have imagined 30 years ago.

Maybe that's a metaphor for what Trinity can accomplish. Working together with commitment and harmony we can create a community which draws on our individual talents and becomes something greater than the sum of our parts – a place that gives new meaning to our lives and those around us.

John Platt

JUST A REMINDER...



On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we recognize and celebrate parishioners' birthdays of that month. If you would like to remind us of an upcoming birthday in your family, please call the church office at 621-7925.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY CARE PROJECT UPDATE



As most of you know, last fall we were exploring a possible solution to our financial crisis: the creation of a Day Care at Trinity (see *From the Wardens* in the December 2011 issue of Trinity Bells). The following is a bit of an update on that situation from Margo:

We have formally hired Laurie Petroske to shepherd the licensing process, and when the time comes, for her to oversee the daycare for at least its first year of operation.

The NYS application process was begun with our initial filling this summer, which means if what we have been told is true, it will be between 18-24 months until we can even theoretically “open the doors.”

A local architect was retained and has made drawings of the entire “parish house,” there were no complete drawings in existence. This is primarily for the upgrade on the fire safety protections—which will now be on hold until we have an initial site visit from NYS and they let us know exactly what we need.

Our top priorities at this point are: 1. continuing to create or obtain and file additional documents necessary for the licensure process (Roslyn Village staff have been tremendously helpful with elements of this) and 2. continuing to vision and discuss with the Roslyn Trinity Co-Op so as to ensure that not only do our plans not negatively impact our sister entity, but to develop an exciting plan that can increase the strength and vitality of both Trinity and the Co-Op for many years to come! Jeff Price who is both a Trinity Vestry member/leader on Daycare project and Co-Op parent will be helping to expand this ongoing conversation.

We are very optimistic- please stay tuned for the next update!

BURNING BOOKS



Burning Books will meet on Monday, October 15 at 7:30 pm at the home of Barbara Holzkamp to discuss *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham, originally published in the 1940s, then rediscovered in 1983, when it became a bestseller.

Ann Mingorance writes, "Abandoned by her mother at age four, Markham was reared by the native Kipsigis on her father's farm in Kenya. She could hurl a spear before she could read and track lions before she could write. Her extraordinary effect on men made her notorious. Among her lovers were Edward Prince of Wales & his brother the Duke of Gloucester."

The next Burning Books selection following that will be *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks, to be discussed later in the fall at a time and place TBD.

John Platt

FREE CHAISE LOUNG CHAIRS!



For reasons we don't understand, 3 people have not picked up chaise lounges that were paid for at our Tag Sale in June, and we have been unsuccessful in our attempts to contact them.

Mike needs to clear them out of the shed, so if anyone is interested in picking them up, please let him know.

Helen Oehrlein

THE OMEGA ENSEMBLE



The Omega Ensemble is a nonprofit chamber music ensemble, in existence since 1973. Its mission is to introduce outstanding young artists to the public. So far, Omega has presented more than 161 artists. The Omega Ensemble is partially funded through grants from The New York State Council on the Arts, The Friars Foundation, the Frank and Helen Herman Foundation, and other foundations, as well as contributions from private donors.

They look forward to sharing their passion for the highest quality of music with an ever-expanding audience.

Benefit Concert:

Sat., Sept. 29, 2012:

Garden Party, 3:00 pm; Concert, 4:00 pm
Home of Sheryl & David Habor
68 Old East Neck Rd., Melville
\$60 for 1 ticket; \$100 for 2 tickets

LI Concert Series:

Sun., Nov. 4, 2012, 4:00 pm

Christ Church
55 East Main St., Oyster Bay
\$20 for 1 ticket; \$35 for 2 tickets

Sun., April 27, 2013, 7:00 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
1579 Northern Blvd., Roslyn
\$20 for 1 ticket; \$35 for 2 tickets

Make checks payable to Omega Ensemble
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Satya Abigail Finger, the daughter of Alan and Sarah Platt Finger, turns one year old on September 25. Because she's about the happiest baby you'll ever see, it's bound to be a Happy Birthday!

Sheila & John Platt

A NOTE FROM THE EVANS



Dearest Friends,

We just wanted to thank you for all the love and support given to Taylor as we sent her off to college. We always say how special Trinity is, but when everyone jumped up to pray and give blessings one recent Sunday, we knew the spirit of Trinity would follow her. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your continued love, blessings and friendship.

Mike and Barbara

ST. EXERTIUS SATURDAYS

Ready for Fall cleaning? Our St. Exertius days will be starting up again and will be the second Saturday of each month beginning on Saturday, October 13th from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. It takes place rain or shine as there are chores inside and outside of the church that need to be attended to. Please contact Karl Hansen if you have any questions or would like to help.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Do you like to plan events and entertain? If you do you might consider joining the Hospitality Committee. We are a small but mighty committee who takes care of organizing receptions and special dinners for various events at Trinity throughout the year. If you would like to join, we will be having our first meeting on Sunday, September 30th during Coffee Hour. If interested, please contact Maryellen Hansen.

ALL SAINTS DAY BRUNCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

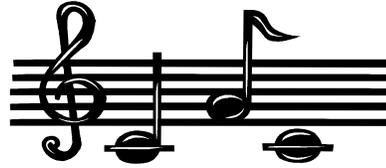


Please join us at the All Saints Day Brunch on Sunday, November 4 after the 10:00 service (one service only). Details to follow soon.

OUTREACH

Dawn Weill reports that our part of the Cluster Outreach program (food collection drive) raised \$2,046 in cash, and we collected 423 lbs of food for Long Island Cares. A Great Big Thank You to everyone who donated. We are happy to ensure that more LI children and families do not go hungry! Trinity Outreach also donated approx. 10 large bags of gently used baby clothes, shoes and toys to Guardian Angels in Sea Cliff, a non profit organization that provides shelter, clothing, education, and help for mothers and children.

MUSIC NOTES



Choir has moved to WEDNESDAY evenings. If you are interested in this important ministry, please let me know!

Handbells are SO much fun for all ages and musical abilities - look for projects to participate in this fall.

Children talk and color and read stories and SING - every Sunday morning 10:00-10:30. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends, and be part of the fun!

The SUMMER MUSIC SERIES was wonderful!!! Thanks to all the performers and audience that made the six concerts so lovely. Our efforts also supported the Harry Chapin Food Bank with concrete food and financial donations.

Our ORGAN was dedicated 30 years ago on October 24th. It is in great shape, and this milestone anniversary will be duly celebrated next month.

There is LOTS more room in the church as a result of the removal of one panel of wood (no pews were taken out!) The extra room has made the front of our sanctuary wheelchair and walker accessible. In addition, there is more space for negotiating pathways during communion, more space to accommodate musical performances, and - it seems to have opened up the acoustics to give a more resonant sound! Thanks so much to Mike Callahan, Don Krug, Ken Bongort, and Mike Evans for their work on this exciting step in Trinity's next phase of growth.

Martha Regelmann

PARAGLIDER NICK GREECE

Paraglider Nick Greece, son of parishioner Carolyn (Greece) Franks, recently broke the North American paragliding distance record in a trip from the Tetons to the Red Desert in Wyoming— 204.6 miles from where they had started! Greece's trip is also the fifth longest paragliding flight ever documented.

Greece is now competing in the 2012 Paragliding World Cup in Sun Valley, Idaho and was recently added to the U.S. National Paragliding Team. He is also editor of the United States Hang Gliding and Paragliding Magazine.

He moved to Jackson from New York State to join the paragliding community because he considers Jackson to be one of the best paragliding locales in the world.

On top of competing on an international level and editing a national publication, Greece is also part of three organizations that use paragliding to give back. They include Wheels Up, which teaches people who have lost the use of their legs how to paraglide, and the Cloudbase Foundation, which raises money for children in communities around the world.

"We have things pretty good here in Jackson," Greece said. "It's nice to find ways to use this self-indulgent sport to give back."



EPISCOPALIANS...

(Adapted from an essay by Garrison Keillor)

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

And finally, you know you are an Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "And also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

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~REMINDERS~

Every Sunday- One Service at **10:00** with choir

2ND Sunday of the month - Two services:

8:00 (without choir)

10:00 (with choir)

SAVE THE DATES:

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| October 13 & 27 | St. Exertius Days |
| October 15 | Burning Books (see info elsewhere in this newsletter) |
| November 4 | All Saints Day Brunch (after 10:00 service) |



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