



TRINITY BELLS / SEPTEMBER 2016

My Dear Trinitarians,

A number of years now, we have been examining as a parish the shape and meaning of God's mission and our part of it in this portion of God's dominion. We have talked and prayed a lot about, among other things, what it means to: proclaim the good news of the kingdom, to teach, baptize and nurture new believers, to respond to human need by loving service, to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to pursue peace and reconciliation and to strive to safeguard the integrity of all creation. This has led us down many paths of conversation and endeavor: supporting literacy by collecting and distributing over 10,000 books for children, raising money for Camp DeWolfe, advocating for a wonderful young man, who had been threatened by gangs in El Salvador, to be granted asylum and released from federal detention--among other wonderful and life-giving things. Also, thanks be to God by serving the needs of families with children with the opening (soon and very soon) of our Child Care Center as well as all our other existing and expanding formation activities and programs designed to foster spirited (we could also say Christ- filled) children.

So what are the foundations of a Christian Community that does all that? What practices, skills and tools do we need as Trinity Roslyn to fully embrace this vision and make it, by God's grace, come alive? I read recently that one way to discern such things is to meditate or pray on just one word for a month. We have done things related to this; for example, the way we focused on the "go deeper, move forward" theme for much of the last program year. I would now suggest that we meditate individually and collectively on "hospital" and "hospitality." True Christian hospitality is the essential practice and tool needed, and that generates all the other ones needed.

The roots of both of these words connect actually to the idea of shelter, a place of rest, or offering/providing shelter and rest. Many (perhaps even most) human cultures have hospitality as a central value and core practice--something I fear gets lost in our modern western world. As Christians we are called, following Christ, to live and model another way. After all, it is both Christ's unique and all-changing hospitality (and willingness to be guest) that makes our hospitality have meaning. Hospitality, being a place of shelter and rest is, I would suggest, the practice and tool that makes us a vibrant church community, and the one that will most help us to live into our vision of being a spirited place for all God's children.

Anyone who has ever been at one of our meals, or concerts and many other things will know we are already good at this. The challenge here is how to expand and deepen it, so that someone, anyone, feels a sense of radical welcome and belonging from the moment they walk in the door. This isn't the same thing as being nice, or that isn't all of it by any stretch. It is seeking and serving Christ in all persons and respecting the dignity of all persons (as we have promised in the baptismal vows) in such a complete way, that it is the motivation in all we do, even the very littlest things.

Doing that can be challenging in the hubbub of daily life, even when not confronted and distracted by big change. As I said in my June column, we will be dealing with lots of change. Meditating on hospitality deliberately and with patience can, and I hope will be, an invitation to move forward and evermore fully into the sheltering rest of the arms of our God, and to become and embody that essence of God and God's kingdom.

With love to you in Christ,



SAVE THE DATES:

Sept 4 Last summer service at **9:30**

Sept 11 Return to “Winter” schedule: **but today there is no 8:00 service**

**WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 TO COMMEMORATE
THE EVENTS OF FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (9/11)**

Sept 27 Burning Books, 7:30 pm at home of John & Sheila Platt- all welcome! (see more info elsewhere in this newsletter)

Nov 6 All Saints Day Brunch- all welcome!



REMINDERS:

- If you would like to receive Trinity Bells via email rather than “snail mail”, please contact Kathy Mendall at: kat1228@verizon.net OR Ruth Fick at: ruthafick@hotmail.com.
- You can view the current Trinity Bells, as well as past issues, in gorgeous color on our website at **trinityroslyn.org**!
- Trinity Church is on Facebook- please “like” us!
- Also, @MotherMAPClark on Twitter!

FROM THE WARDENS

Things have definitely not slowed down at Trinity this summer, driven in large part by our efforts to secure the license to open Trinity Episcopal Church Roslyn Child Care Center. Margo and the wardens met once or twice a week to move the process forward. A working group led by Sheila Platt and Laura Kavanagh helped interview a large number of applicants for teaching positions. While a crash of the New York State database lent uncertainty about the status of some of the names we submitted in our application, we're confident we'll have a roster of well-qualified teachers.

At a meeting in July the Vestry authorized the hiring of a full-time director for the day care. Margo, with the support of the wardens, subsequently offered the position to Marie Catalano-Gruen, a local resident with experience in running a day care with her sister. (See elsewhere in this issue for more details.) Marie has been working on a half-time basis while finishing up another obligation, but has already proved to be a great resource with a grasp of details as well as the big picture. She will go full-time once we open.

We had a visit on August 25 from our New York State licensor, who met with Margo, Marie, and our consultant, Laurie Petroske. It's apparent from that meeting that we're truly in the home stretch, with just a few minor technicalities to address. That's given us the impetus to ramp up our website development and marketing plans, in anticipation of a grand opening within a month. Stay tuned for more details on that!

Thanks to the many people who have stepped up to help us to the finish line. In addition to Sheila, Laura, and the working group, we're grateful to Ruth Fick for pitching in all around and to our employees, Ronit Myers and Mike Callahan, for their yeoman service – Ronit for

help in scheduling interviews and troubleshooting with Verizon; and Mike for work with vendors and fire marshals.

Finally, we're very pleased to report that Trinity will be receiving a generous bequest from the estate of the late, beloved Isabel Glomb that will help stabilize our finances in the short term and establish a genuine endowment in the long term. We should also acknowledge another generous donation from a Trinity couple that will help cover day care operating expenses before we have revenue.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and support!

John Platt and Tom Cammisa



Terry Hunt (& Linda Hunt) speak about Cedarmere at book signing this Spring

TRINITY OUTING ON THE CIRCLE LINE CRUISE!

On Saturday, August 20th a group of Trinity Parishioners organized by Karl Hansen took a trip to NYC and enjoyed a cruise around Manhattan to see all of the sights including the Freedom Tower, FDNY Fireboat, Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges, Roosevelt and Governor's Island, the Little Red Lighthouse, Riverside Church and the West side of Manhattan before docking back at Pier 83. We enjoyed our time together and experienced several weather changes going from sun to rain to sun and rain and back to sun!

While most of the group focused on seeing the sights of Manhattan, some were also enjoying seeing Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx from a different perspective. We all know Manhattan has skyscrapers, but it was interesting to see the diversity of the other boroughs with parks, industrial sites and warehouses, the old Domino sugar factory in Brooklyn being converted to apartments, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and under the Brooklyn Bridge we saw people riding the carousel.

Traveling north on the East River the river narrowed, and as we came to the Harlem River the scenery changed again and became more natural with trees and parks dotted with apartment buildings and other waterfront shopping centers.

Then as we turned to go through the Devil's Spiral (Spuyten Duyvil), the water opened up and we turned back into the Hudson River to head south again and enjoyed the beauty of the upper West side. Our view included Riverside Church and the beautiful apartment buildings along Riverside Park before we came back to the more populated and congested Midtown area and docked back at Pier 83 next to the USS Intrepid.

We highly recommend this 2½ hour cruise for anyone who would like to see all of the sights we saw; from Manhattan, Brooklyn and

Queens to the Bronx and Harlem, this cruise is spectacular! A big thank you to Karl...stay tuned for our next outing!

Kathy Mendall



The group (Karl took the photo)



Statue of Liberty



Brooklyn Bridge



Williamsburg Bridge



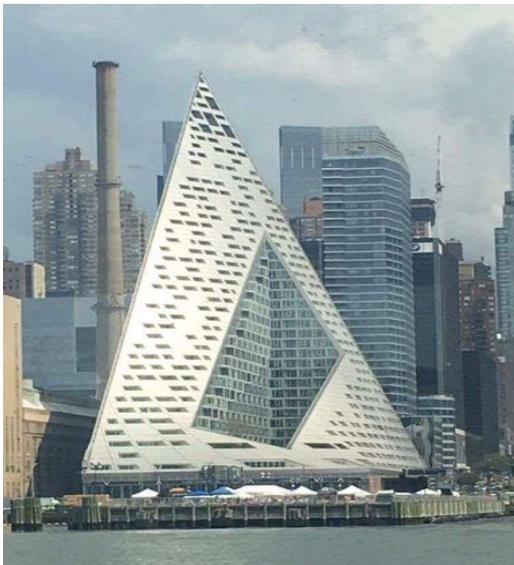
Riverside Church



Downtown NY Skyline
(Freedom Tower to the left)



The Little Red Lighthouse



“Great Pyramid of Manhattan”
(new high-rise apartment bldg. on W 57th St)



The UN with Empire State Bldg behind it

ALL SAINTS DAY BRUNCH



Please plan to join us on Sunday, **November 6** after the 10:00 service for our annual All Saints Day Brunch. Chaired by Ruth Fick & Liz Kaye. More info to follow.

BURNING BOOKS

The next Burning Books meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 pm at the home of John & Sheila Platt (20 Salem Way in Glen Head). We'll be discussing John Steinbeck's 1952 classic, *East of Eden*, filled with vivid characters, humor, and Biblical allusions. We'll also be choosing our selections for the coming year. As always, all are welcome, even if you haven't read (or reread) the book.

Jean Henning

SPECIAL SERVICE ON 9/11



There will be only 1 service on Sun., 9/11 at 10:00 am to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001. Margo and Martha will make it a special day of remembrance...

MUSIC NOTES



Another Trinity fall season is upon us, full of worship and fellowship and music.

The Adult Choir will be back to Wednesday evening rehearsals (8:00-9:30pm) and singing on Sundays in the Sanctuary (9:10 call for 10:00 service) starting on September 11th. The 9/11 service is designed to help us gain perspective on the events of 15 years ago and inspire faith and hope in this troubled world.

The Church School children will be back to Sunday morning instruction (including music making and other projects), and there are exciting plans afoot for expanding the program including acolyte preparation training.

Keep tuned for other activities and musical opportunities that will unfold as the fall progresses and we move into full swing. Meanwhile, enjoy the return to our beautiful sanctuary and feel your heart uplifted by the inspiring tones of our lovely organ as we worship together.

Reserve the date: December 7th - we have been invited to sing at the ROSLYN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. This Inter-generational Singing opportunity is open to everyone and is a delightfully festive event that is also wonderful community service!

If you are interested in singing or contributing your musical skills in any way at Trinity, please speak with me, Margo, an usher, or any choir member.

See you soon!

Martha Regelmann, Organist/Choir Director

PARISH HAPPENINGS...



"Let There Be Light" Concert, April



Harry Clark & Julia Price sing duet, end of Church School year



Interfaith Community Bell Ringing after Orlando Massacre



Harry Clark's graduation, Glenwood Landing, with proud Mon



Margo & others in support of Farmworkers Justice



Brian & Holly Barry's Wedding



Celebrating Valerie Luty's birthday



Annabelle Luty, Harry Clark & Kendall Andersen



Holzkamp granddaughter Julia, age 12 (fourth from left) wearing Grandma Barbara's blue High School graduation dress in production of "Hairspray"



Julia with proud Grandpa Bill

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