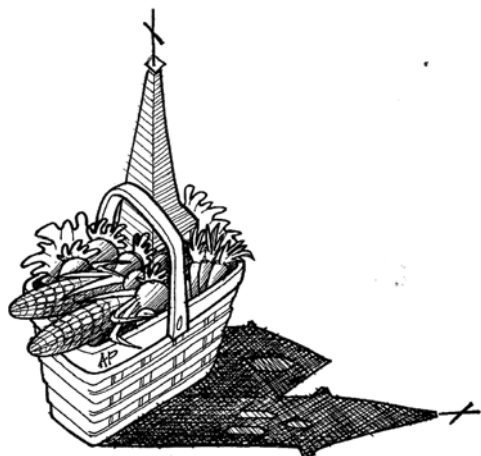


Trinity Episcopal Church

# The Trinitarian

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## Bring the "First Fruits" to God



### GIVING OUR FIRST FRUITS

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This season of the year the Church focuses on stewardship. Often we think of this as a fundraising effort to "make budget" or pay the bills. When stewardship is understood in this consumerist way we are asking people to leave a tip to the church for services rendered. This season I encourage you to think of stewardship not as fundraising but as an expression of discipleship. That is, stewardship of our resources of money and time and talents is one important way to develop and deepen our spiritual journey with the Lord.

Jesus spoke about money and possessions in the Gospels more than any topic other than the Kingdom of God. He did so because material possessions are so closely related to our spiritual lives. He observed, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). A helpful exercise is to examine your checkbook and see where the money goes. This is not meant to be a guilt inducing exercise but an opportunity to take stock of what we value and how those values relate to God's Kingdom. This is real stewardship as part of discipleship by aligning our resources and values with those of our Lord.

Soon pledge/commitment cards will be sent out by mail. I encourage you to pray and make your act of discipleship by completing the commitment and dropping it in the offertory plate during worship or mailing it to the church office. The pledge is between you and God. Only the Rector,

treasurer, bookkeeper and assistant know the pledged amounts.

This year we will all have the opportunity to practice this stewardship as discipleship by joining the vestry and clergy in making a financial pledge to the mission of Trinity church.

**Sunday, October 19 will be a festive day focused on stewardship with a surprise for all who make a financial commitment. On that day, please join with us as we celebrate and live out stewardship as discipleship at Trinity Church.**

Jonathon +

## Sunday, October 19 Triple M&M Sunday

*Mimosas and Munchies,  
Ministries and Money,  
M---- and More.*

In early October, everyone will receive 2009 stewardship pledge cards. We are encouraged to make those 2009 pledges and return the cards before or on **Triple M&M Sunday**, which this year is being combined with the former Ministry Fair.

Following all three services, all in attendance will enjoy mimosas (or non-alcoholic orange punch) and munchies while learning of and dedicating themselves to the many ministries at Trinity (as part of our stewardship). All who have returned signed pledge cards by then will each receive a colorful **M----** gift (that's right; it's a surprise!) from Trinity, and, there might even be a few door prizes!

## Deacons' Corner

### Why do People Suffer?

Ruth Turney, our church librarian, asked me to review a new book, "Why do People Suffer?" by James Jones, the former Bishop of Liverpool. For a person trying to sort out the various questions related to suffering in their own life, the book would be a good resource. It is very concise and reader friendly.

People suffer for a variety of reasons. Some from terrible tragedies like the World Trade Center and other kinds of suffering. People often wonder where God is during tragedies and ask why God would let bad things happen to people. Christ, in

his own suffering for the world, fully understand what we experience. Healing is a mystery, but it is on the search for relief that we often turn toward God. Sometimes God answers, and sometimes not. We must remember that God is on God's time and not on our time.

The author ends with a quote from Romans: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. And it's the faith of Jesus Christ, who says to the suffering world: 'I am making everything new.'" (Romans 8:28)

Deacon Rita Tracy

### ANOINTING FOR HEALING IS EXPANDED:

The deacons now offer Anointing for Healing following each service on the first and third Sundays of each month.

## Would you like to contribute to M&M Sunday?

### Wanted

...by the Stewardship Committee for Triple M&M Sunday, October 19--  
(As one form of Stewardship, we are asking those who would like to donate one or more of the following items to consider this part of their ministry to Trinity Church)

- ~Munchies purchasers
- ~Orange juice (for Mimosas, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- ~2-litre bottles of Sprite (for non-alcoholic Mimosas)
- ~About 170 coupons or small items that might be fun and interesting
- ~Something for door prizes
- ~And, obviously, donations of about 170 small packages of M&M's

If you can donate any of the above, please contact me, Sandra, by phone, 842-5467, or email, [wiechert@ku.edu](mailto:wiechert@ku.edu), soon.



**But most of all, the Stewardship Committee wants YOU and your family to be present on our Triple M&M Sunday, Oct. 19.**

After each service, there will be Mimosas and Munchies, Ministries information, small gifts and a surprise M? for all who have returned pledge cards by then or on that day.

**You've read from II Corinthians that "God loves a cheerful giver," and this will be a cheerful day!**

—Your 2009 Stewardship Committee

Sandra Wiechert, chair,  
Greg Haazen, Susan Morris,  
Donna Olson, Susan Tate, Don  
Roehl, Ray Wilbur.

Ex officio members: Anne Patterson, logo designer, Alison Myers-Arenth, Ministry Fair coordinator, Senior Warden Polly Spencer, our Rector, Jonathon Jensen, Deacon Paul McLain and office staff member Ruth Townsend.

## Christian Education update

### *Nursery (Birth – 3 years)*

Jack Sanner, with 3 years experience, continues to serve as our nursery attendant along with Natalie Wilkins. Nursery care is available Sunday mornings from 9:00am – 11:30am. We have a small, quiet room and a larger play room with age-appropriate toys. Our nursery is also equipped with a paging system. The nursery is located in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall.

### *Early Christian Awareness (6 months – 3 years)*

Thanks to Wendy Burkett, Karin Denes-Collar, Lynn Segebrecht, and Micah Seybold for volunteering as our Early Christian Awareness (ECA) program leaders for 2008-09. ECA is available each Sunday during the 10:30am service. Our ECA teachers use sensory exploration along with story telling and songs to experience God's love with young children. ECA meets in the nursery, which is located in the hallway leading to the Parish Hall. The schedule for teachers during October & November is:

Oct. 5, Nov. 2 & Nov. 30 –  
Micah Seybold  
Oct. 12, Nov. 9 & Dec. 7 –  
Lynn Segebrecht  
Oct. 19 & Nov. 16 –  
Karin Denes-Collar  
Oct. 26 & Nov. 23 –  
Wendy Burkett

We need more volunteers! Please contact Deacon Paul McLain, ([pkm@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:pkm@trinitylawrence.org), 843-6166) if you are interested in learning more about ECA and how you can help.

### *Kids Sunday Awareness (Preschool: 3 years – 4 years)*

Margaret Bearse has volunteered to serve as lead teacher for our Kids Sunday Awareness class. Margaret is passionate about bringing

Bible stories and Christian teachings to life for our children. She gives continuity to our preschool program. Volunteers serve as assistants to her each Sunday. The schedule for assistants during October & November is:  
Oct. 5 & Nov. 9 – Kirsty Elliott  
Oct. 12 & Nov. 16 – Deb Orozco  
Oct. 19 & Nov. 23 – Sue Shackelford  
Oct. 26 & Nov. 30 – Alison Myers-Arenth  
Nov. 2 & Dec. 7 – Jennifer Attocknie

### *Godly Play Plus (5 years/Pre K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)*

Melanie Hepburn and Anne Patterson continue as our Godly Play Plus teachers. Melanie and Anne bring creativity, fun and energy to make this an exciting, interactive class. Children hear stories of the Bible and learn about the Christian faith. They are encouraged to re-tell the stories and what they learn through dramatic play, crafts, and games.

### *Trinity Youth Group (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

Donna Griffin continues to lead our youth group. The group meets every other Sunday following the 10:30 service to explore their Christian faith through fellowship, activities, service projects, and mostly to have a great time as they put their faith into action. Contact Donna at [donnagriffin@gouldevans.com](mailto:donnagriffin@gouldevans.com) for more information. During Oct./Nov., the youth group will meet for a Pumpkin Patch outing on Oct. 14 from noon – 4 pm. The group will also meet from noon – 2pm on Oct. 28, Nov. 9 & Nov. 23.

### *Acolytes (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

The Acolytes at Trinity serve an integral part in the worship services. Acolytes serve in processions, bearing crosses and candles; and they serve at the altar, aiding the Priest and Deacons in preparing the table for Communion. Those in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to serve as Acolytes. To



volunteer or learn more, contact Brian Haupt ([bth@aceweb.com](mailto:bth@aceweb.com), work 913-384-4515, home 913-592-3546).

### *Parish Library for Children*

Trinity's library has many books and videos for children and their parents. Seasonal books are also on display throughout the year for your convenience to check out. The library is open Sunday mornings and other times by request. To find out more or check out materials, contact Ruth Turney (749-2243, [aturney@usd497.org](mailto:aturney@usd497.org)).

### *Trinity Choristers (3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)*

Trinity Choristers is our singing group for youth and children. They sing an anthem at the 10:30 worship service once a month during the school year. A Chorister should be able to match pitch and sing in tune. Contact Susan Ralston (843-3920, [sralston@sunflower.com](mailto:sralston@sunflower.com)) for more information.

### *Child Protection Task Force*

As an outgrowth of our annual Child Protection training class for volunteers, Trinity is forming a Child Protection Task Force to develop and maintain guidelines for safeguarding our children in Trinity's programs. If you would like to be involved or wish to learn more, contact Deacon Paul McLain (843-6166, [pkm@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:pkm@trinitylawrence.org)).



### This year it has a new name: Ploughman's Lunch & Fall Fest!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8, from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Onion soup, white chili, apple pie, cheese, and bread will be served at two different times: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-2:00 p.m. We are hoping to avoid long lines by offering two sets of tickets and two time frames.

**Trinity Treasures will also be selling their wonderful items. The Bake Sale and the Vintage Sale will also be a part of the Fall Fest.** Come one, come all to this festive occasion!! Tickets will go on sale after the 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services on October 5. Sign-up sheets will also be available at that time.

The calling tree will be contacting members of the congregation asking for soup donations, bake sale donations, and a donation of your time to help Trinity put on the Ploughman's Lunch. We need kitchen helpers, servers, and a crew to help set up and take down tables.

Since this is our only fundraiser for the community, we hope that you will give generously of your cooking expertise and/or helping skills. All proceeds will stay in Douglas County.

*Terry Mandle, Susan Morris, and Susan Ralston*

*Chairwomen of the 2008 Ploughman's Lunch and Fall Fest*

### The ABCs of Vintage Giving

- A – art books, afghans
- B – baskets, bird cages
- C – china, crystal
- D – doll houses, digital cameras
- E – epergnes, eggs (Faberge, of course!)
- F – frames, folk art
- G – grapefruit spoons, guitars
- H – horse brasses, hobby horses
- I – ice buckets, Indian jewelry
- J – jazz records, jigsaw puzzles  
(no missing pieces!)
- K – kitchen accessories, KU collectibles
- L – lamp shades, linens
- M – music boxes, magazine racks
- N – nut crackers, napkins
- O – opera glasses, objects d'art

- P – punch bowls, pottery
- Q – quilts, quirky thing-a-ma-jigs
- R – rugs, ribbons
- S – silk flowers, side tables/chairs
- T – tureens, tea pots
- U – umbrella stands, unframed prints
- V – vases, valises
- W – watches, weather vanes
- X – xylophones, “x”ceptional doo-dads
- Y – yogurt makers, yo-yos
- Z – zinfandel glasses, zebra-print pillows

Mediocre Antiques, Superlative Junque – that’s what we need for the Vintage Corner at the Ploughman’s Lunch and Fall Fest on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Profits from this event support Trinity and other worthwhile community causes, so please share one or two of your “treasures” with us. Pick-up can be arranged if needed. Donation deadline is Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**For further information, please call the office at 843-6166, Mary Mozingo, 856-8085, or Bev Benso, 842-3575.**

Please – no clothing, plants or broken items. Committee reserves the right to set prices on donations, but we will welcome your suggestions.

## New Women’s Bible study to begin

**YOU ARE INVITED** to register for a new Women's Bible study beginning in October.

### *Lord, Teach Me to Pray:*

Practicing a Powerful Pattern of Prayer is a five-session, interactive, discipleship study that helps women grow in a love for God's Word and in a desire to communicate with Him.

Learn what the Lord's Prayer

teaches us about effective prayer and how to put into practice its timeless principles. The DVD-based study is authored by Kay Arthur.

Choose to join either the Tuesday night or Wednesday morning study group.

Tuesday group meets at 6:30-8PM beginning October 21st through November 18th.

Wednesday group meets at 9:15-10:45AM beginning October 22nd through November 19th.

To REGISTER - Please contact Deb Orozco at 856-6919 or [OROZCO@sunflower.com](mailto:OROZCO@sunflower.com).

On site registration will also be held after the Sunday morning services on October 5th and October 12th.

## Special Music offerings at Trinity

### All Saints Sunday Evening - to honor Dr. James Ralston

**Sunday, November 2, 5:30 PM**

Trinity Choir & Trinity Consort  
will be singing a Choral Prelude  
to honor Dr. James Ralston.

Music to be featured:

*Laudate Dominum*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Gilbert Martin

*Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*  
Harold Friedell

*Justorum animae*  
Charles Villiers Stanford

Please join us for the 6:00  
PM Service immediately following  
the Choral Prelude. Dinner will be  
provided after the evening service.

### Christmas Lessons and Carols

**Sunday, December 14, 6 PM**

Trinity Choir & Trinity Consort

### Third Annual Handel's Messiah Sing-In

with Chamber Orchestra

**Thursday, December 18, 7:30 PM**

**Featured Soloists:**

Soprano-Julia Broxholm  
Counter Tenor- Chad Payton  
Tenor-Hugo Vera  
Bass-Jonathan Frederick

In 1741, when Charles Jennens sent him the libretto for Messiah, Handel was living in near-seclusion. He had suffered a stroke four years earlier and had sunk into a general depression aggravated by other ailments. Jennens was a man he held in very low esteem-he spoke of him as "a vain fool crazed by his wealth"-but the libretto apparently provided a therapeutic effect, for Handel responded to it with such enthusiasm that he composed the entire oratorio in a mere 24 days (August 22-September 14, 1741). That feat, made possible by his adapting a few numbers from his earlier works, enabled him to fulfill a request he had received a few months earlier to supply a new work for the benefit of three charities in Dublin. Handel felt that his Messiah would be particularly suitable for such an occasion, and on April 13, 1742, the premiere was given in Dublin's New Music Hall; the printed program stated, "For the relief of the Prisoners in the several Gaols, and for the support of Mercer's Hospital in Stephen Street, and of the Charitable Infirmary of the Inn's Quay."

#### Part I

- Mvt. 1 - Sinfony (overture)  
Mvt. 2 - Comfort Ye My People-Recit.  
Mvt. 3 - Ev'ry Valley Shall Be Exalted - Air.  
Mvt. 4 - And The Glory of the Lord - Chorus.  
Mvt. 5 - Thus Saith the Lord - Recit.  
Mvt. 6 - But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming? Version I (With Alto and Bass).  
Mvt. 7 - And He Shall Purify - Chorus.  
Mvt. 10 - For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth - Recit.  
Mvt. 11 - The People that Walked in Darkness - Air.  
Mvt. 12 - For Unto Us a Child is Born - Chorus.  
Mvt. 13 - Pifa ("Pastoral Symphony").  
Mvt. 14 - (a) There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field - Recit.  
(b) And Los, the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them - Recit.  
Mvt. 15 - And the Angel Said Unto Them - Recit.

- Mvt. 16 - And Suddenly There Was With the Angel - Recit.  
Mvt. 17 - Glory to God - Chorus.  
Mvt. 18 - Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion (Version I - Soprano)  
Mvt. 19 - Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind - (Version II - Alto).  
Mvt. 20 - He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd.  
Mvt. 21 - His Yoke is Easy and His Burthen is Light - Chorus.

#### Part II

- Mvt. 26 - All We Like Sheep - Chorus.  
Mvt. 29 - Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His Heart - Recit.  
Mvt. 30 - Behold, and See if There Be Any Sorrow - Air.  
Mvt. 42 - He That Dwelleth in Heaven - Recit.  
Mvt. 43 - Thou Shalt Break Them - Air.  
Mvt. 44 - Hallelujah - Chorus.

#### Part III

- Mvt. 53 - Amen (Starting at "Letter F" to end of movement) -Chorus.

### Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24

Musical Prelude at 10:30 PM  
with Chamber Orchestra

Antonio Vivaldi  
*Gloria*



## Baptisms on All Saints' Sunday

We will offer the sacrament of baptism on All Saints' Sunday at the 10:30am service.

If you would like to have a family member baptized please contact Ruth Townsend in the church office at 843-6166. Fr. Jensen or Deacon McLain would be happy to speak with you about the sacrament.



### Remembering those who have entered the nearer presence of God on All Saints' Sunday

There is an old custom on All Saints' Sunday (November 2 in 2008) to pray for all those in the parish who have died in the last year. We will pray at all three Sunday services for those from Trinity who have entered the nearer presence of God since the last All Saints' Day. It is a way to honor those who have gone before us and give thanks that they now rest with God.

There is a related custom on All Souls' Day (first weekday after All

Saints' Day) to offer to God the names of anyone who has died that we wish to remember. We will pray for them on that at a special All Souls' Day service in the chapel at 12pm on November 3. If you would like to submit names of people for whom we should pray please write the name and place it in the offertory plate on a Sunday or email the name(s) to Ruth Townsend in the church office at [ret@trinitylawrence.org](mailto:ret@trinitylawrence.org).

## We walk because they walk

The Lawrence CROP walk will be Sunday October 5, 2008. The walk will start at 2:00pm with registration at 1:00pm at First Presbyterian Church located at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Crestline.

Please volunteer to be a walker. Contact Garth Burns at [gbperson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbperson@sbcglobal.net) or 843-9189.

## Quenching a thirst

Hawa gets water in Geles, a village in the Darfur region of Sudan where the Action by Churches Together-Caritas coalition has provided wells and other services. While the CWS-supported coalition effort focuses primarily on the needs of people internally displaced by the widespread violence in Darfur, it is also

assisting nearby villages, many of which are hosting uprooted families. In the arid northwest of Kenya, 350 Turkana families in two villages are gaining clean water and sanitation facilities, with the help of the CWS Water for Life/Water for All program and a local partner. The people are providing the labor and some of the materials. The new wells will free up the women and girls from walking long distances to get water. Latrines and bathing cabins will help to prevent illness. As a CROP Hunger Walker or sponsor, you help us reach out to children and families in Darfur, Kenya, and elsewhere with the gift of clean, fresh water and other empowering tools of hope.

A little help makes a big difference

\$25 – can provide blankets to a family of five displaced by violence or natural disaster

\$45 – can provide 30 jerry cans to carry clean water for drinking and cooking

\$150 – can buy a hundred chickens and two wire chicken coops, providing two families with a reliable source of eggs, protein, and income

\$500 – can provide small start-up loans that enable women to jump-start a business, such as making school uniforms

**Together, we can make a difference! Join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a Walker.**

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE  
CWS/CROP Regional Office toll-free 888-CWS-CROP (888-297-2767)

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)

[www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org)

**Please remember Trinity Church in your will.**

## October Birthdays



If you have an October birthday and you don't see your name listed, please call the office so we can

add it to our database.

10/1 Paul Getto  
 10/1 Sue Zientara  
 10/1 Ethan Van Loenen  
 10/3 Annie Williams

10/5 Barbara Roehl  
 10/5 Ellen Tracy  
 10/6 Barbara Haverty  
 10/6 Nicole Doddema  
 10/7 Dru Sampson  
 10/8 Linda Berger  
 10/9 Dick Tracy  
 10/11 Mark Hoppe  
 10/12 Ellen Jones  
 10/14 Sheila Immel  
 10/24 Carolyn Graham  
 10/25 Allen Wiechert

10/25 Auria Jackson  
 10/26 Martha Nichols  
 10/26 Louise Pennewell  
 10/26 Jennifer Sanner  
 10/27 Kent Spreckelmeyer  
 10/27 M.J. Willoughby  
 10/27 Kyle Van Vliet  
 10/29 Susan Ralston  
 10/29 Micah Seybold  
 10/31 Greg Hazen  
 10/31 Andrew Sollars

## Weekly Giving Guide

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,677	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101.00
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115.00
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130.00
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00	173.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,993	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	288.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00	361.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	58.00	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	433.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	77.00	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00	577.00

**Your stewardship committee offers you this guide to help you consider what you will give in 2009!**

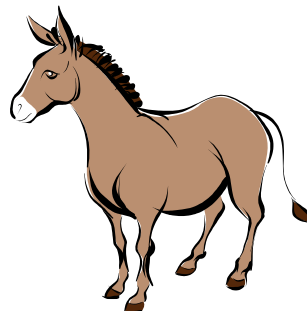
## St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 pm in the Hare Family Courtyard we will offer the annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals.

Please bring your friends, human and animal, to join us on that day.

Paul McLain will give a brief homily and all present will receive a St. Francis medallion for your pet.

Gurgi the donkey will be making an appearance.



## Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry and Volunteers

Currently, there are 28 volunteers with the food pantry and they provide active support of the pantry on Tuesdays and Saturdays (and other days during the week). Here are some recent examples of giving and gifts to TIFP.

Dick Himes, with his wife, Sue, through the Himes Family Foundation donated \$633.00 to purchase a new refrigerator for TIFP. Dick volunteers at TIFP two times a month on Tuesdays and Saturdays sacking food and giving sacks of food to the patrons coming to the pantry. This new refrigerator will provide a much-needed working refrigerator unit to keep eggs, butter, bread and some perishables appropriately cooled for giving to our patrons.

One of the volunteers (who is a part-time employee at The Gap) will enable the food pantry to receive \$150.00 for every 15 hours of service he provides to the food pan-

try. This volunteer identified a grant through "The Gap Foundation Money for Time" grants program which will match money for this volunteer's service to TIFP. This man has volunteered at TIFP two Saturdays a month for over one year, sacking food and giving sacks of food to the patrons. The money will help us continue to buy food for increasing patrons coming to our pantry.

A young girl from the Lawrence community brought \$53.00 into the office at The Matthews Center one morning in early September to donate to TIFP--her earnings from her lemonade stand in her neighborhood. This girl prepared a large amount of lemonade to sell to thirsty people who needed a cool drink in August. This young girl wanted to help others who needed food and this money will be used to purchase food for those who are hungry in Lawrence.

We are grateful for volunteers and their donations of food, money,

and time for those persons we serve in Lawrence who need food.

### STATISTICS FOR AUGUST, 2008

TIFP open: 9 days

Patrons served: 601

Provided: 244 grocery bags of food:

#1 Bags: (\$ 12.60 each) = \$2155

# 2 Bags: (\$ 17.66 each) = \$1289

\$ Amount for groceries distributed.....\$3444

\$ Amount for groceries purchased.....\$1336

\$ Equivalent for food donations\*..... (\$2108)

\*(Donations of food are from Harvesters and from churches with TIFP and other persons who donate food).

**In October, bring CEREAL and place it in the Little Red Wagon for the food pantry.**

## Thank you note from Erlands

Thank you for allowing us to have our 50th Anniversary celebration at Trinity and meeting the family!

Best wishes from the Erland family –

Left to Right –

Our son Mark, grand daughter Estelle, daughter Christina, Jim, Jan, daughter Cynthia, and son-in-law Mitch

Mark's wife and two young boys, ages 1 and 3 were unable to attend, and live in Southern California.



## News and Notes

### Help Wanted!

We need people for two-hour shifts to set up and take down tables for Ploughman's Lunch. The schedule is: Mon., Nov. 3, 8 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 8: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Bill Woods at 843-9214 for volunteer your help.

### Ushers for 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services are urgently needed!

Please contact Jerry Hanson, 842-6887, [jhanson@ku.edu](mailto:jhanson@ku.edu), for more information.

### Update on proposed time change to the 10:30 service

I have heard from about 25-30 people so far with responses to a proposed time change. Two are against a change citing that 10:30 is already early enough. One couple said that everyone should come to the 8am service with the rationale that there is no parking problem at 8am (which is true). The rest are either positive advocates of the change or said they would be glad to worship at Trinity regardless of the time. A list of pros and cons for the time change is on the bulletin board outside the church. Please let me know what you think. We need more input before any decision is made.

Jonathon

### Host Family needed for Jun Ha.



The International Private School Program is looking for a host family for a very nice boy from South Korea who is attending **Bishop Seabury Academy**. Jun Ha is a 14-year-old Freshman at the school. His natural parents pay full tuition at Bishop Seabury, and all school expenses—including lunch. We also provide a 24-hour support system for our students and families. Jun Ha enjoys music, movies, pets and robotics. He likes cycling, swimming, skating, basketball and playing chess. Jun Ha speaks English, is covered by insurance, and brings spending money. The host family provides a warm environment, and receives a generous monthly stipend. For more information, call Sara Asher at 832-1717.

### Cursillo

Heartland Episcopal Cursillo, a joint effort of the Diocese of West Missouri and the Diocese of Kansas, is having a 3-Day Cursillo Weekend November 6-9, 2008. According to the official National Episcopal Cursillo literature "*Cursillo is intended to help Christians learn and live what is fundamental as a Christian, and to help these same Christians discover and live out a personal vocation. Cursillo is a movement of the Episcopal Church, under the authority of the Presiding and Diocesan Bishops. The goal of Cursillo is to bring the world to*

*Christ by empowering adult Christian leaders through the use of a specific method, which equips and encourages Christians to live out their Baptismal Covenant to serve Christ.*" Contacts are Linda England ([LindaMarieEngland@msn.com](mailto:LindaMarieEngland@msn.com)) or The Rev. Al Jewson ([padreal@charter.net](mailto:padreal@charter.net)).

### Kansas School for Ministry offers public classes this fall

The Kansas School for Ministry is offering two classes this fall open to the general public. Course offering were announced by the Rev. Andrew Grosso, dean of KSM.

**Oct. 10-11:** "Digging for the Kingdom: Growing, Cooking, Eating and Ecological Discipleship." Taught by the Rev. Craig Loya. This class explores the extent to which care for the creation is an essential part of Christian discipleship, with a particular focus on agriculture and the politics of food.

**Nov. 7-9:** Anglican ecclesiology and the Lambeth Conference 2008. Taught by the Rev. Andrew Grosso

Each class will run from 6 p.m. Friday through 6 p.m. Saturday and will be presented at the Bethany Place Conference Center, adjacent to the diocesan offices near downtown Topeka.

The cost for each class is \$100 per person, which includes all meals and overnight accommodations at the conference center. Advance registration is required. Contact Grosso at [rec-tor@trinityks.org](mailto:rec-tor@trinityks.org) or (913) 367-3171 to sign up. Plans call for spring public classes on Benedictine spirituality, theology and films, and Anglo-Catholic liturgies. KSM also has begun a separate special course of studies for people preparing for ordination.

## Staff Transitions at Trinity

Over the last year the Senior Warden, Polly Spencer, and I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on our future staffing needs at Trinity. Conversations with the Vestry, staff and some trusted clergy colleagues over that time have helped me explore possibilities we had not considered before. Our congregation has been immensely blessed over the years with a committed and capable group of people serving our parish and our Lord in this place. Please remember to thank them.

What has become increasingly apparent over the last year is that this time in the life of Trinity is one of discernment for our future. We successfully completed the master planning process, capital campaign and renovation of the facilities as a faithful step in building up the Kingdom of God in this place and serving as good stewards of that entrusted to us so our building and grounds can more effectively serve the needs of Christ and this community for years into the future. We still have some work to do in retiring a modest debt from the renovation (about \$125,000-\$150,000) after this year but it is within reach. The whole million dollar+ renovation turned out far better than I had even hoped thanks to all those who helped turn a dream into a possibility into a reality.

The whole process brought the parish together in a positive way focused on mission and created excitement about our direction. At its conclusion, it seemed both natural and appropriate to take a step back and breathe to assess the situation, let the literal and figurative dust settle, and enjoy what we had accomplished together. Now that we have done so it is time for us to begin to discern how we are called next to serve Christ in this church. A vital part of living

into the vision for this parish is having a staffing structure in place that accomplishes the necessary tasks but remains dynamic and open to new possibilities.

With help from others, especially Ruth Townsend, I have been trying to envision our staffing needs while anticipating the transitions of retirements, those moving away, and those joining our community. For some time I had been anticipating Dr. Jim Ralston's retirement as Director of Music at Trinity. He told me in September of 2002 that he would like to serve between 1-5 years but thankfully he stretched it to 5 1/2 years. At Easter, Dr. Ralston officially retired and became Director of Music Emeritus and hopefully will lead concerts several times per year. Henry Heller Smith has done a great job as the Interim Director of Music and will continue in that role at least for the foreseeable future. He anticipates completing his doctorate in Choral Conducting at KU in May 2010 so he will not be leaving us anytime soon.

Elizabeth Stephens, organist here for 37 years, hopes to make it a full 40 years at Trinity as organist at our morning service. Mark Stotler, who has been the primary organist at the 6pm service since its inception, has graciously agreed to play half of the morning services in addition to Sunday evening to help Elizabeth make it to her 40 year goal. Both Elizabeth and Mark are happy with the arrangement and readily substitute for one another at either the morning or evening services. In recognition of Mark's increased role he will simply be called "Organist" instead of "Associate Organist." Susan Ralston has promised to continue in her role as Director of Children's Music for at least this academic year.

Another positive change is for Diane and Mike, our husband and wife

cleaning team, who have agreed to become part-time sextons beginning in September. In addition to their responsibilities of cleaning the church during the week one of them (or sometimes a family member) will be present on Sunday afternoons to clean, set up or rearrange the parish hall tables and chairs, run the dishwasher, and do odd jobs like hanging a banner, changing the church sign, painting over graffiti, and alerting the Junior Warden to maintenance issues. I am so pleased to have such honest and hardworking people agree to serve in this needed role.

Around the office there will be some transitions as well. For about a year now, I have known that Ruth Townsend had planned to retire at the end of August 2008, her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Trinity. Ruth has been a mainstay in the office producing all our numerous bulletins, creating and maintaining the web page, helping with stewardship and keeping everything and everyone running smoothly. About six months ago I began discussions with Ruth and Judy Davis, who has been at Trinity about 13 years, to try to discern how best to configure the office staff beginning in September. Both Judy and Ruth have been full time employees. It was clear that this was one of the biggest potential transitions in a long time. Judy originally came as the secretary to the rector but her position evolved greatly since her arrival and she faithfully adapted. Because of the major change in the office it allowed the opportunity to refocus and reconfigure our work while still completing the necessary clerical tasks.

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## Staff Transitions at Trinity continued

In conversations, Ruth agreed to remain half time for at least a year. A half time position was offered to Judy Davis as well but she decided to decline the position. I respect Judy's decision and hope you will join me in thanking her for her many years of service at Trinity. As a result, Ruth has volunteered to stay on full time (no more than a year) until we can discern the best staffing configuration for the office, either part time or full time, and hire and train the next person or persons. The Senior Warden and I will rely heavily on Ruth's counsel since she knows how everything works as well as anyone in the church and has a very important institutional memory.

In addition to any paid staff we will have volunteers, already in place, in the office five days per week to free up paid staff for other responsibilities. Office volunteers will answer the phone, meet with walk ins, and handle some light clerical work. To allow further Ruth or her successor to focus on her responsibilities, and to have volunteers present, beginning on September 1 the office will be open from 9am-3pm which is fairly standard for churches our size. If there are any emergencies after hours my cell phone number will be on the answering machine so I may be reached. We are trying very hard to work within the budget, not overburden staff or volunteers, be open and responsive to parishioners, while at the same time anticipating future needs. As usual, I invite your input and assistance in this dynamic process.

One other recent addition to the staff is Paul McLain, a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School, who is serving a one year internship as a curate. He was ordained a deacon this summer and, God willing,

will be ordained a priest in December. Paul has assisted in preaching, newcomers', pastoral care and many other areas including designing our new service at the Brandon Woods retirement community on the second Thursday of every month at 10am. He also took over the direction of Children's ministry after Peter Doddema recently left for seminary. His delightful wife, Ruthie, is a full time student at the Haskell Indian Nations University where she has already begun a new ministry with students there. Paul and Ruthie have no formal plans after this academic year but it is hoped they will decide to stay in Lawrence and we are able to make a place for them on a more long-term basis. They are a gift to this church.

We truly have one of the best congregational staffs, lay and ordained, in The Episcopal Church. In addition to all those named above we enjoy the excellent work of Deacon Rita Tracy, Deacon Steve Segebrecht, Deacon Dick Tracy, bookkeeper Liz Hare, volunteer librarian Ruth Turney, and assisting clergy Fr. Charles Granger and Bishop Bob Shahan. We are immensely blessed by their presence and ministry along with the volunteers too numerous to mention. Please continue to hold us in prayer as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ with you in this place.

The Rev. Canon Jonathon Jensen  
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Polly Spencer

**Junior Warden**

Tom McCoy

**Treasurer**

Matt Lord

**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 1  
10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite 2  
6:00 p.m., Solemn High Mass

9:30 a.m., Adult Christian Education  
10:30 a.m., Children's Education

**Morning Prayer**

9:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
Monday-Wednesday

**Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer  
at Presbyterian Manor

Second Thursday of each month  
10:00 a.m. Brandon Woods  
Eucharist

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***Building a Loving Community***  
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**Trinity Happenings**

**Saturday, October 4**

- Wedding: 4:30 am
- Progressive Dinner

**Sunday, October 5**

- Blessing of the Animals: 1:00 pm
- CROP Walk

**Thursday, October 9**

- Brandon Woods  
Eucharist: 10 am

**Sat., October 11**

- Eucharistic Visitors/  
Pastoral Care: 8:30 am

**Sunday, October 12**

- Youth Group to the  
Pumpkin Patch: 12-4

**Sunday October 19**

- Triple M&M Sunday

**Monday, October 20**

- Vestry Meeting: 7 pm

**Friday., October 24**

**Sat., October 25**

- Diocesan Convention

**Sunday, October 26**

- Youth Group: 12-2

**Sunday, November 2**

- All Saints' Sunday
- Baptisms at 10:30 am
- Pledge Ingathering
- Music to honor Dr.  
James Ralston: 5:30  
pm

**Sat., November 8**

- Ploughman's Lunch &  
Fall Fest: 11 am—2pm

Move your clocks  
back one hour on  
Sunday, November 2



**Autumn**

**Deadline for November newsletter articles: October 15**