

# Trinity NOTES

**October 2, 2011**

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

It is my pleasure to introduce to you two people who are accepting new positions at Trinity. The first is Louise Gallagher who will serve as Assistant Treasurer through the Annual Meeting at which time she become treasurer at the Vestry consent. Louse has been attending Trinity for the past year and a half and below is a short bio:

While I'm still new to Trinity, I have lived in Charlottesville for 28 years. Initially I came to work at Darden, and for the last 20 years I have run my own business, Piedmont Forms & Graphics. At the moment, I'm in the process of merging with a local company so I can retire in two years,

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**Brunch**

**This Sunday**  
**(1st Sunday)**

**After Worship**

**October 2nd is the 1st Sunday of the month. Please remember the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in your grocery shopping and bring can goods to church.**

## LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 96
2. Report of Offering - Sunday, September 18, 2011:

Pledge	\$5,838.34
Gifts & Plate	94.95
Rent - Church	40.00
Flower Fund	70.00
Breakfast Ministry	75.00
Music Fund (Concert)	<u>850.00</u>
Total	\$6,969.29

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 63
2. Report of Offering - Sunday, September 25, 2011:

Pledge	\$1,338.00
Gifts & Plate	25.45
Breakfast Ministry	25.00
Music Fund (Concert)	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$1,413.45

Cherubim Requiem Concert, 9/25/11: \$826.28

Through 9/28/11: Total Pledges received  
YTD: \$120,595. vs. \$128,663 Budgeted, or (-\$8,068)  
Deficit. 36% of 61 Pledge units are behind.

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## The 10 1/2 Street Garden

Several years ago, St. Paul's Memorial, Charlottesville used a Mustard Seed Grant from the Diocese to start a local community garden. In 2010, Trinity, Charlottesville partnered with St. Paul's in the 10-1/2 Street Garden.

Dr. Kendra Hamilton, one of the garden coordinators from Trinity Church, reflected on the ministry of the community garden in her personal blog:

The "10.5 Street Garden," as we call it, is a ministry in part because there are two congregations involved in the work: Trinity, a "rainbow" church with a special history as the historically black Episcopalian church that white people joined starting in the '60s to express their solidarity with the Civil Rights Movement; and St. Paul's, which is perhaps

10 times our size. The heart and soul of the mission and ministry that we have embarked on is the work of reconciliation:

- Reconciliation of people with the earth, both the people of our congregation and the people of the neighborhood, all of whom may be suffering, in different degrees without even being aware of it, all manner of ills because of the disconnection from the earth our culture encourages and that seems to be accelerating at such lightning speed as our dependence on technology increases;
- Reconciliation of neighbor with neighbor, across racial and socioeconomic lines and even, with the presence of the Burmese and Bhutanese refugees in the neighborhood, lines of language and nationality;
- Reconciliation of congregation with congregation, as we learn to know our brothers and sisters at St. Paul's in a different, deeper way.

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I have two grown children and I have been parenting a third one for the past six years. A new grandbaby in NYC has made me a regular on Amtrak's Northeast Regional. I volunteer several mornings a week as a math tutoring, algebra and lower, at Jack Jouett Middle School.

I have served on a vestry before and found it rewarding. There is a great deal I have to learn about Trinity and learning the numbers is a good place to start.

Joining the staff as Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper is Pamela Morris. Here is her bio:

I am a mother of three beautiful kids, a son who is 13, a daughter who is 11, and a baby daughter who is 16 months old. I am originally from Greene County and live in Ruckersville with my fiancé. In addition to my work at Trinity, I am the Financial Assistant at the Jewish temple, Congre-

gation Beth Israel. I also coordinate the PJ Library program for the Charlottesville area, which sends Jewish books into children's homes free of charge.

My hobbies include gardening, spending time with family, softball, and shopping.

Please join me in welcoming Louise to her new position here at Trinity and to Pam as a member of the staff. Because Pam is splitting her time, the office hours have changed.

Office Hours Will Be:

Monday 3-6 pm  
Tuesday 8-11:00 am  
Wednesday 8-11:00 am  
Thursday 3-6 pm  
Friday 3-6 pm

**In Christ**



# The Episcopal Church

October 2, 2011 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Blessing Animal Shelters on St. Francis' Day

On October 4, the Episcopal Church celebrates St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth-century Italian friar who founded three holy orders. The Book of Common Prayer includes a popular prayer attributed to St. Francis (p. 833), and St. Francis is also well known for his love of animals and nature. His many writings include "Canticle of the Creatures," in which he says, "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures," and he wrote the words of Hymn 400, "All creatures of our God and King." In many churches it has become customary to do a pet-blessing liturgy each year on the feast day of St. Francis.



Puppy at Houston's BARC, photo by Carol Barnwell

wanted to pray for them. We prayed with staff and blessed all the animals in the shelter, along with those companions brought by members of the public. We provided certificates with St. Francis' prayer and our website [[www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)], signed by the clergy. Staff asked that we leave a stack of extra certificates so they could go with animals as they were adopted."

The Diocese of Texas plans to visit the shelter again this year, and Barnwell suggested that congregations planning a pet-blessing ceremony at their church might also work in collaboration with their local animal shelters to arrange for a mobile adoption unit to be on

site during the event. She also suggested having a vet participate and provide low-cost rabies vaccinations, and to ask church members to bake and bag doggie treats (great recipes are available at [www.dogtreatrecipes.org](http://www.dogtreatrecipes.org)) to sell for the benefit of the animal shelter.

Last year the Episcopal Diocese of Texas took its pet blessing on the road by sending several priests to visit the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC), the City of Houston's animal shelter. Carol Barnwell, communication director for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, remembers, "The most profound part of the day was how much the staff at BARC responded to our clergy. They wanted to talk, show our clergy where the sick animals were cared for. One man wanted to show the priest where he euthanized animals and

Barnwell also recommended reaching out to local schools for the blind or deaf as well as to rehab hospitals. "People with service animals should be especially invited to come. Think of what that says about our church!"



The Rev. Patrick Hall praying with BARC staff, photo by Carol Barnwell.



The Rev. James Derkits blessing dogs at Houston shelter, photo by Carol Barnwell

## Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

### RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

Diane Sampson, (2012) Clerk

### TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

### LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

### SUPPORT

Lauren Fleischmann, (2013)

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

Treasurer: Beverly Bivins

Asst. Treasurer: Louise Gallagher

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



The altar flowers are given by Stephanie Commander in celebration of the birthday on her niece, Tiffani Commander, whose birthday is October 2nd.

## Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

## Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Patricia Benjamin
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.



## Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Lectors: Beverly Adams & Deborah Gille

Intercessor: Kristin Szakos

Chalice Bearers: Kendra Hamilton & Al Anderson

Altar Guild: Shirley Thompson, Jane Meniktos,  
& Susan Fleischmann

Acolyte: Kevin Barnard

Ushers: Mary Blair & James Tinsley

Counter: Deborah Gille

Home Communion: Stephanie Commander

Breakfast: All Teams

Greeter: Vernell Payne

Hospitality Hour: Brunch

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

**You are invited to  
a ceremony at  
The Burley Middle School Auditorium  
celebrating the life of Steve Waters**

**October 7th**

**6:00 PM**

**Small Groups are starting  
THIS WEEK**

- Sunday Mornings 9:00 to 10:30
- Thursday Evenings 6:30 to 8:00
- Friday Mornings 8:30 to 10:00
- Friday Morning's 11:30 to 1:00

Call the parish office 293-3157

Send an e-mail: [trinepc@ntelos.net](mailto:trinepc@ntelos.net)

# Honoring One of Our Own

On Sunday, October 2 we will take some time at the parish brunch to honor Caroline Reilly, one of our own.

Ms. Caroline L. Reilly (90) has been associated with Trinity Episcopal Church and several other churches in Albemarle County over the past forty plus years. Originally from Mississippi, Caroline was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, and she herself chose ministry for her vocation later in her life. She lived in Georgia and South Carolina as well as Virginia, where she raised her daughter, Helena, a member of the first graduating class of women at UVa. An elegant lady, Caroline taught dance (since the 40s), music, and kindergarten in the Charlottesville area with a love and delightful skill for education. She achieved a degree in ministry at Virginia Theological Seminary when she was 60. She preached on many occasions, helped form and participate in Bible study groups, and was commissioned by the MacLhaney parish (North Garden, VA) in the 90s to lead a parish ministry on a native American reservation. She was highly

commended in writing by the diocesan bishop of South Dakota for this ministry, and since then she retired in Charlottesville as a spiritual director and prayerful guide for many who have known her or shared her residence. These include Anne Clarke, David Bagby, and Steve Neumeister.

For the last few years, Caroline has received home communion from Trinity Episcopal Church, and she currently plans to leave for Connecticut to live closer to her daughter in the course of this coming year. We want to recognize her just after the morning service this Sunday (October 2) and before brunch downstairs, for her spirit of ministry and care in this community. I am sure she may have a story or two, and Rev. Don Moore, part of the commissioning team at McIlhaney parish in the 90s, will honor her and tell some stories in recognition of Caroline's kind spirit, elegant humor, and love of Jesus. Please join us for this time together.

Steve Neumeister

## HELP WITH HUNGER

The 40th Annual CROP Hunger walk is to occur Sunday, October 16. Several Trinity-ites have already signed up. The Walk is for people of all ages, and is a chance to directly influence the problem of world and local hunger. 25% of the money raised is split between Meals on Wheels and the Emergency Food Bank, and the rest is used for relief and development worldwide. Sylvia Milner is the recruiter for our church. See her for materials.

# TRINITY IMPACT COORDINATOR NEEDED

Trinity is a member of IMPACT and is in need of a representative and coordinator. Below is a brief introduction to IMPACT and job description. One or two people could do this job which fosters our participation in helping to make Charlottesville a good place to live for all people. If you need further information, please contact Pastor Cass or Erica Lloyd.

## IMPACT Covenant

We, as members of Greater Charlottesville area congregations, commit to participate in this covenant for the express purpose of living out our faith and values of justice, fairness and, loving our neighbors as ourselves, by:

1. Building a justice ministry network in our congregation;
2. Engaging in a listening process, training leaders, developing solutions, and taking action to improve community conditions;
3. Accepting responsibility for the financial health of the organization by contributing annually and by supporting IMPACT fundraising efforts;
4. Voicing the concerns of the members of our congregations during IMPACT Assemblies and fully supporting the agreed upon goals; and finally
5. Selecting leaders (Justice Ministry Team members) from our congregation to attend all IMPACT Board of Director meetings.

## Description of a Justice Ministry Team Member

-Fulfill the responsibilities of a Justice Ministry Network Member:

- 1) Bring 3 people with you to the Nehemiah Action
- 2) attend 3 other meetings throughout the year: Annual Assembly (November), Rally (March), Celebration (June)

-work with 8-10 other JM Network Members throughout the year to ensure that they are fulfilling the above responsibilities

-attend JM Team Assemblies (all of IMPACT's JM Teams together): 4x/year

-JM Team meetings for your congregation: about 4x/year (additional full team meetings or check-in meetings may be scheduled as necessary)

-JM Team members are expected to recruit their JM Network members through the Listening Process. This can be done in 3 ways: hosting a house meeting, facilitating a discussion group at a listening session, or through one-to-one conversations.

-may take on added responsibilities: board of directors representative, research, other committees, investment drive spokespersons. Each congregation should have 2 board representatives between the clergy and JM Team.

\*JM Team Members ought to be people who have good relationships with other parishioners, are dependable, and will follow through on their commitments. They do not necessarily have to be very charismatic leaders, nor have the strongest convictions about social justice; these qualities can be cultivated with time. What we seek in a JM Team Member is that they have a clear, identifiable following, and can be disciplined about this work.

\*In total, the number of meetings averages to about **once per month** between organization-wide meetings and congregation-level meetings (if not representing congregation on Board of Directors, research or other committees, investment drive spokespersons). The number of meetings and time commitment is less than many other ministries like the choir or soup kitchen.

\*JM Team Members, however, do get great opportunities to receive training both locally (some JM Team Assemblies) and nationally in conjunction with our sister DART organizations. These trainings offer some of the best leadership development in the country.

# SAVE THE DATES

## “October 21-23”

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### Trinity Renewal Weekend\*

(Tentative Schedule)

#### Friday, October 21

**6:00**      **Dinner**  
**7:00**      **Concert**  
**7:30**      **Presentation I**

#### Saturday, October 22

**8:30**      **Continental Breakfast**  
**9:00**      **Presentation II**  
**9:30-11:00**      **Workshops**

#### Sunday, October 23

**8:30**      **Breakfast**  
**9:15**      **Adult Education**  
**10:30**      **Worship with Presentation III\***

- **The Rev. Allan Johnson will be the Renewal weekend leader**  
**\*\* with Jazz Band**