

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Monday

10:30 AM Sarah's Circle
7:00 PM Handbells

Tuesday

7:15 PM Alanon
(for newcomers)

8 PM Alanon

8 PM AA

Wednesday

9 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing Service

7:30 PM AA

Thursday

12:00 PM ECW (2nd Thurs)

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday

10 AM Catacomb Closet

5 PM Community Dinner

Saturday

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast

(3rd Saturday)

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The Rev. Thomas W. Platt, Associate Rector Emeritus
Steve McBride, Interim Minister of Music
Elaine Cumens, Handbell Director
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The Narthex News

The Church of the Holy Trinity
a Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

November 2006

A couple of years ago I vacationed in Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada with 12 other people. I knew the two leaders of the group from hikes that I went on with the Appalachian Mountain Club but I met the rest of the group for the first time when we all arrived at the campsite on the first day. We met as strangers but quickly came to know each other during our experience paddling the waters of Algonquin.

We were inside the park for 5 days, which meant that we had to bring all of our food and personal belongings with us. Every night we were in a new campsite and each morning we packed up camp and paddled to our next destination. The leaders cooked gourmet meals, which meant that we had to carry into the park all the equipment and food necessary to cook those meals. We had to store the equipment and food along with our personal belonging (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, etc.) in the canoes each day, and we had to portage all of this at least once; some days more than once.

This group of strangers quickly became pilgrims on a journey. There were days that the wind was so strong that it took all our strength to get from one side of the lake to the other, and other days were peaceful and calm. We stopped to enjoy God's creation; we talked about our families, our children, our careers and interests. We played and enjoyed each other's company. We bonded around the experience of being on this journey together. We talked about our dreams and the challenges in our lives. For those five days, we were a community because of our shared experience. We quickly learned who could carry what when we had to portage to the next body of water. The group fell into a rhythm and each portage seemed to go smoother than the one before. Those who could carry more did so and those who couldn't carry as much helped in other ways. We learned to respect and care for one another. When we reached the shore on the final day, we celebrated what we had accomplished in those 5 short days. We had become a community that had worked together to reach our goal.

A community forms around a shared experience. As Christians, our shared experience is Jesus Christ. The risen Christ is what we have in common. The hope, love, forgiveness and new life that we are offered is what we can come together around. The first gospel story in November is about the scribe who talked with Jesus about the Great Commandment. Though the gospels often depict the scribes as one group that challenged Jesus and plotted against him, this story points to the power of coming together around a common experience. Jesus and this unnamed scribe could both agree that devotion to God and love of neighbor should be what informs everything else in their life. Though they may not have agreed on much else, they could come together around The Great Commandment, and from that point they could begin a process of reconciliation.

It seems to me that the world is more interested in being right than in reconciliation. The war in Iraq, our political conversations here and abroad, the politics of poverty, racism and sexuality are all areas that desperately need people who can be open to a common experience and then build on that common experience for the good of all.

For most of us the world scene is out of our reach for us to make a difference, but we can learn to come together around what we as Christians have in common and build on that right here in our own church community. We can gather for worship, prayer, fellowship, bible study, outreach and in reach here at Holy Trinity. We can make a difference right where we are but it will take everyone. Strong communities are built when people come together around a shared experience. For Christians, our belief that Jesus rose from the dead is our shared experience. Our goal is to embody this understanding of new life. This is an ongoing life journey that we are meant to do together. Worship, prayer, having fun together, outreach to those less fortunate and in reach to our own members who may be hurting are the ways that we build this community around our common experience. With God's help, this community of faith at Holy Trinity can be a reconciling presence in West Chester and beyond.

During this year's Stewardship Campaign, you will be asked to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the faith community here at Holy Trinity. Some are already very involved, some may not know how to get involved and some may be waiting to be asked. No matter where you are, know that each and every person is needed to make our community strong and vital. Please prayerfully consider how you may be called to serve here at Holy Trinity. God may be calling you to a ministry of prayer, lay reading, chalice bearer, fellowship, teaching, outreach, in reach, vestry, finance, communications, ministry to our young people or to the elderly or child care. The list goes on. All are necessary and all are of equal importance.

As in the community that formed in Algonquin and as in the shared experience of Jesus and the scribe, it is important for us to gather around what we have in common, reaching out to one another through prayer, play, service, Christian formation and through sharing our stories of how God is working in our lives. We can make a difference; we can embody the hope, love, forgiveness and new life that we are offered and offer that to a broken and divided world but we must do it together.

Your sister in Christ,

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

Pastor Pat

Discernment Ministry

“The time for calling new clergy leadership to a congregation has been called prime time for renewal. It is a time ripe in opportunity to build strength within the congregation...”
From *Choosing to Serve: Resources for the Calling Process*
by Richard L. Ullman

You may be asking, “Just what is this Discernment Committee all about? What is it supposed to be doing?”

The Discernment Committee is appointed by the Vestry and is accountable to the Vestry. They are responsible for the specific tasks of conducting the parish self-study process and conducting the discernment process for calling a permanent rector. Guided by their Consultant, they keep in close communication with the Vestry and the parish, executing the ministry of discernment on behalf of the parish.

The following is a summary of the Discernment Committee’s first report to the congregation at both services on Sunday, September 10th.

The work of the Discernment Committee began in February this year when the Vestry began calling parish members to serve in the ministry to guide the process leading to the call of a permanent rector. Six Vestry and committee members attended a diocesan workshop at Christ Church, Media, with the purpose of becoming acquainted with the process of discerning and calling clergy to our parishes.

The final members of the committee were appointed in May. Bill Zahn and Cathy Stout convened the Discernment Committee and we held our first meeting together on June 21, 2006.

We met several times during the summer with two specific purposes. The first: to get to know one another so that we can work with open hearts and minds to be able ultimately to come together with a common mind in this vital ministry. Each time we meet, we pray, spend time in Bible study, and discuss how this ministry reflects our greater ministry within Holy Trinity and our community. The second: to select a Discernment Consultant to assist us through the process.

We have engaged the Reverend Richard L. Ullman of Philadelphia. Dick Ullman is a retired priest and comes to us with extensive experience in pastoral and diocesan-level ministry, in coaching congregations through transition, in teaching and writing handbooks for leaders and consultants. Dick has met with Father Ted, Pastor Pat and the Discernment Committee. We are looking forward to his working with the committee and with all of you as a congregation.

We plan to communicate frequently with you through several channels: this newsletter, the Sunday bulletin, announcements and conversations. We will keep you apprised of the process as we all become more fully involved.

Please note the prayer included here and in each Sunday bulletin. We would ask that you incorporate that prayer into your own daily prayers to support the committee in our work, and to support the parish in your work over these next months as we search for a permanent rector. It is

work that the committee, our clergy, Dick Ullman and all of us will be doing together to the glory of God and all for the accomplishment of His larger work that He calls us to do.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMBERS

Ann Barbarin	Pat Platt
Bob Burkholder	Heather Robino
Fran Curtin	Corinne Spangler
Jim Hemphill	Bill Zahn
Mary Letzkus	Cathy Stout, Chair

Dick Ullman, Consultant

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

No decisions were made for lack of a quorum due to illness and travel.

We learned that:

- The Discernment Committee asked for, and received support to, conduct a “Conversation with the Parish” regarding our history and hopes for the future on November 19th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm after a 9:00 am service. (you should have received the letter on “Conversations”)
- A leadership team is being put together to establish a Child Transfer Center
- We have begun to work with Calvary Lutheran Church in building a campus ministry program
- The Property and Building Committees are working with an engineering company and contractor to prepare a request for bids for the boiler replacement. The present boiler still works but needs to be replaced.
- Coffee Hour will now be in the Narthex.
- Our income for September exceeded our expenses but we still anticipate a shortfall for 2006 of between \$35,000 and \$72,000 vs. a forecasted deficit of \$57,276.
- A sub-committee was appointed to advise the Vestry regarding requests by some donors for the return of their Venture in Faith contributions.
- The Annual Parish Dinner will be on November 11th (see article)

Those present committed themselves to engage in a 14 day commitment to pray for 15 minutes a day using the 10 step process entitled *The Secret to Abundant Living: Learning How to Ask*.

We had a recommendation from the Office Systems Committee to engage in a maintenance agreement with the SecurElement Company to significantly improve the reliability and security of our office computers and network. No action was taken.

TREASURER'S TALK

September was a good month at Holy Trinity. The Endowment Fund and the Venture-in-Faith fund both increased in value. And, we controlled our expenses.

The Venture-in-Faith Capital Campaign is continuing to receive contributions each month. The balance at the end of September was 304,847.

The budget had an operating surplus for September of \$8,062 because income was higher than usual and expenses were lower than budgeted. However, our expected year-end deficit will be between \$35,000 and \$72,000 vs. a budgeted deficit of \$57,276.

Boiler Fund - We are collecting donations for the replacement of our heater. Preliminary costs are at least \$65,000, and most likely higher. If you want to contribute to this church need and join the others that have contributed, please mark your check "Boiler Fund" and we will put it in the fund specifically for this purpose.

STEWARDSHIP

Please return your Stewardship Pledge Card so the Finance Committee can prepare a budget for 2007. Pledge giving makes up the majority of our income and we need your response. Prayerfully consider your situation and the impact your pledge will have on helping Holy Trinity to grow stronger and better than ever before.



Mark Reed
Accounting Warden
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PARISH NEWS

TWIG Calendar for 2006-2007

Mark your calendars ladies. Here are the TWIG events for the coming year. Remember to come, bring teens and tweens, friends, neighbors, relatives!

Sunday, November 5 (time to be announced) “Boxing Day” We will be filling and packing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the Samaritan Outreach.

Saturday, February 10 (time and specifics to be announced) Happy Unbirthday Tea. An intergenerational get together to scatter the winter blues and learn about the Sisters of St. Margaret and their work in Haiti.

Saturday, April 28 at noon. The TWIG Luncheon. We heard you and moved the dinner to cooler April and changed the time to noon. We look forward to this end of the year celebration being the focus of an active and rewarding year for The Women’s Intergenerational Group here at Holy Trinity!

If you are interested in joining the Women’s Intergenerational Group (TWIG), please call Jane Fenicle at 610-436-4235

CAFÉ

(Christian Adult Education and Formation)

The theme of the Adult programs this fall has been prayer. In Sept. Pastor Pat led us in a discussion of the Lord's Prayer and how it pertains to us today and in October we talked about all the different kinds of Psalms and how they affect our everyday lives.

During the first session participants will be introduced to a form of Christian meditation known as the Breath Prayer, a form very similar to the Jesus Prayer of the Eastern Orthodox tradition. The following three sessions will offer the opportunity to share your joys and frustrations with this form of spiritual discipline, learn from other participants and their experience and hear about other forms of Christian prayer and meditation. If you are unable to make the first section but wish to attend the course, please contact Ted Rice so a make-up can be arranged.

We meet every Sunday in the Parish hall at 9:30 and would love to have you join us for a cup of coffee and stimulating conversation.

Thank you to all who helped facilitate the discussions on Psalms.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Time again for this parish-wide outreach sponsored by TWIG (Trinity Women’s Intergenerational Group) in conjunction with Samaritan’s Purse in North Carolina. Shoe boxes are packed with gifts provided by your generosity and shipped to needy children worldwide.

Beginning Sunday, October 1, two baskets will be set up in the Narthex to receive your gifts, one for girls and one for boys. Keeping mind size and pack ability and the age groups indicated (ages 1-4, 5-9 and 10-14) here are some suggestions:

Toiletries

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Soap
Comb
Brush

School Supplies

Pencils
Crayons
6 inch ruler
Kid-safe scissors
Markers

Toys and Games

Small dolls
Stuffed animals
Coloring books
Toy cars and trucks
Yo-yos
Card games

Also, hard or gummy candies, hair clips and barrettes, beads, bracelets, tee shirts, baseball caps, bandanas, socks, headbands, small note pads, tissue packs, flashlights with batteries (**PLEASE NOTE**, no chocolate or other meltables, no liquids.)

Samaritan’s Purse asks that we send \$5.00 to facilitate the shipping of each box. If you wish to make a cash donations, please put in an envelope marked “Christmas Child” and leave in Church Office or place in the collection plate. Make checks payable to “Samaritan’s Purse”.

Boxes will be packed on Sunday afternoon, November 5th and blessed at the altar on Sunday, November 12th. Further details will appear in the Sunday bulletin or call Ann Wilcox with any questions at 610-692-6366. Thanks in advance...and have fun at the Dollar Store!

Adult Choir

Rehearsals ~ Thursdays 7:30 to 9:15

Choir is open to all singers from High School and up.

If you sing in the shower, you can sing in the choir!

Contact Steve McBride: 610-696-4640/
smcbridejr@comcast.net

Handbell Choir

*Rehearsals are on
Monday evenings
Contact Elaine Cumens at
610-436-5290.*

Where do you fit?

Choir
Handbells
Youth Choir
Children’s Choir
Drama



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY (ECW)

Please join us on Thursday, November 9th for ECW. We meet at noon for Bible study, fellowship, and a brown bag lunch. We'll look at "Scattered Faith," in the Peter and Paul DVD series.

In October, Saul aggressively persecuted members of the Way. Now he's about to have a dramatic, life-changing conversion that will signify a turning point in western culture.

When he returns to Jerusalem to meet Pewter and the other disciples, they have every reason to fear him. What do you think will happen at that first meeting? How will Paul convince the disciples of Jesus that they have been given a mission from God to preach the Good News to all mankind?

ADVENT QUIET DAY

God Is with You Always...

Saturday, December 9, 2006
9:30 AM-1:30 PM

"Are you ready?" Do those words evoke tension and stress and a rapid heartbeat this time of year? Do you give a rapid-fire response of "Oh, no! I've still got shopping, wrapping, inviting, cooking, my job, our kids' concerts, company's coming, trimming the tree..."

STOP!

Take a deep breath...relax your shoulders...put away the "LIST."

Take time to join us for an Advent Quiet Day—just part of a day—not the whole day—you'll still have time to do all that "stuff" if you really want to. And we're talking not just busy Moms—but Dads, too—who are caught up in the wonderful activities of this season.

Take a morning to prepare for Jesus. Take a morning to contemplate just why you are willing to spend your time and energy on the traditions that are so important to you and your family. Take time to reflect on *Emmanuel—God is with you, always...*

Our Quiet Day shapes itself into sections:

- Gathering for greeting and coffee
- Brief worship times with readings
- Quiet times in Ascension Chapel, the Church or St. Andrew's Room with opportunity for prayer, journaling, meditation
- A brief lunch break: bring your own or enjoy the light fare offered.

Please contact Cathy Stout for more information.

HOLY TRINITY PRAYER CYCLE - You may have noticed in the bulletin and the Prayers of the People certain ministries named in our *prayer cycle*. This is an eleven-week cycle, and we will be informing you of the upcoming parts of the cycle in each *Narthex News*. Please consider these ministries in your prayers, and allow us the privilege of connecting you with one or more of these ministries as the spirit moves you! Here is the list for the next few weeks:

Week of November 5th	Lay Readers, Community Dinners, Lay Visitors
Week of November 12th	Children's Christian Formation Committee
Week of November 19th	Education for Ministry (EFM), Library
Week of November 26th	Episcopal Church Women, Men's Breakfast, Youth Ministry

TRANSITIONS

Transfer	October 16th	Grike Family to Michigan
Funerals	October 2nd	Edward Beda
	October 11th	Floyd Daye
	October 20th	James Dow

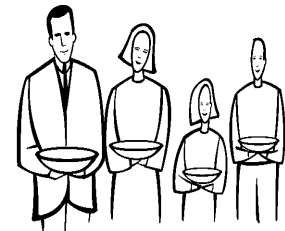
**CHALICE BEARERS
AND LAY READERS**

If you are interested in finding out about this very important ministry, please contact Fr. Rice or Pastor Pat at the church office at 610-696-4640.



THE SHEPHERD'S HANDS

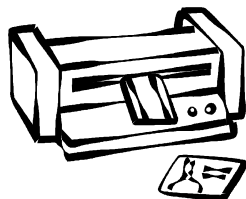
We'll meet on Wednesday, November 8th from 10 to 11:30 am in the St. Andrew's Room. However, we'll skip the day before Thanksgiving (Nov. 22). Happy Holidays and happy crafting! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Kern at ckern2@aol.com.



Ushers needed

We need people interested and willing to become ushers and greeters. It's very rewarding and fun to greet and meet new people (and get to know some of your fellow members). Please call the parish office at 610-696-4640 if you are interested.

OTHER NEWS



COLOR LASER PRINTER FOR SALE

The church has a new, still in the box, printer for sale. It is a Ricoh Aficio CL4000DN Color Laser Printer. It is a heavy-duty workhorse for small to midsize offices or large workgroups. It's strong on speed and paper-handling, with a built-in duplexer, 150,000-page monthly duty cycle, and 650-sheet capacity expandable to 1,750 sheets. Output ranges from good for photos to excellent for text. Fast performance. PC Magazine rates it as "Very Good" and lists a value of \$1,199 to \$1,505. Reasonable offers considered. Contact the church office at 610-636-4640.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Remember your first year away at college. What would have helped to make the transition smoother? I need 4-5 people who would be willing to meet 3-4 times a year for 2 hours to plan and communicate ways to reach out to the college students at West Chester University and Cheney.

We are partnering with Calvary Lutheran so we can coordinate events and schedules with them. Please contact Pastor Pat at 610-696-4640 or pstelz@empire.net.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

FAMILY EUCHRIST SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 12th in the Parish Hall
November 19th – Children's Sabbath - Church

Please call **Eileen Bonine, our church school director,**
at 610-399-9518 with any questions about our Sunday morning
Christian formation program for children.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Information went out in the mail inviting anyone in grades 7-12 to participate in the following events:

Weekly Sunday School:

--with Kelly Meagher and Chris Samuelson (grades 7 & 8)

--with Steve Bonine and Norm McElroy (grades 9-12)

--Sunday, November 5th – **Operation Christmas Child** – Gather in the Parish Hall at noon for lunch and then we will stuff the Christmas boxes that will go all over the world to children in need.

--Monday, December 11th from 7pm – 9 pm – **Dinner with the Bishop** in Bishop Bennison's study.

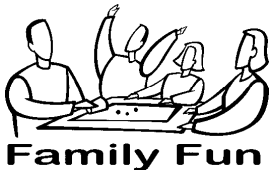
--Saturday, January 6th – **The Bishop's Ball** – details to follow

If you have not received the mailing, please notify Pastor Pat immediately so that we can get you on the mailing list. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to drive or go with our teens, please notify Pastor Pat at 610-696-4640 or email pstelz@empire.net.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MOM'S GROUP

Are you a mom who's interested in conversing with other moms and not just your kids all day? No baby-talk here! We'd love to have you join us for Bible study, conversation, special speakers, book reviews, and other ministries we're interested in. We meet every Wednesday in the Choir room 10-11:15ish and babysitting is provided. Any questions, please call Liz Burkholder at 610-696-0440 or Kate Gouery at 610-701-0490

Coming in December - Yoga in the parish hall every Thursday night at 7 pm taught by our own Kristin Roosevelt (little Luke's mom). Look for more details in the November bulletins.



FIRST FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT -- Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 3rd** and meet us in the Parish Hall at 6:00 for pizza and board games with the kids. The cost is only \$5 per family. Please RSVP to Steve and Eileen Bonine at (610) 699-9515 if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

MAKING MARRIAGE WORK II

A new Making Marriage Work group will begin on Sunday, November 5th and run through Sunday, December 17th. Meeting time is 5 -6:30 pm.

We will not meet Thanksgiving Weekend (Sunday, November 26th).

This Sunday night commitment will not interfere with any Eagles games which begin at 1 p.m. on these days. Child care provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

will meet on Saturday, November 18th at 7:30 a.m.

YOUTH COMMUNITY – Sunday Mornings 9:30am – 10:15am

Steve Bonine and Norm McElroy will be facilitating the Sunday morning high school group this school year. We will be meeting in the youth group room downstairs, and to supplement our snacks, will discuss topics of interest each session. We are targeting grades nine and above. Understanding that family schedules can be hectic, we are very understanding of personal schedules and activities. We will offer a "Frequent Attender" program to help our participants want to make us a part of their Sunday mornings! Come and discover more!

UPCOMING PARENT GET-TOGETHERS

CALLING ALL PARENTS! If you have children in church school and you haven't checked out the monthly Parent Get-togethers in the past, this fall is the time to join us as we gather to celebrate the joys and meet the challenges of parenting as ministry. We have some great programs planned for the new school year, including:

November 5— Karen Irving will offer her program on conflict resolution.

Parent Get-togethers are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month in the St Andrews's Room.

Anyone involved in raising children is welcome! So please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can contact Heather Robino at 610-873-8984 or hrobino@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you!

The Annual Parish Dinner

Saturday, November 11, 2006

Wine & appetizers in the Narthex at 5:30 p.m.

Music in the Sanctuary from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family \$20

Tickets on sale in the Narthex starting Sunday, October 28th
Dinner in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.
Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert!

SAVE THE DATES

- November 5th
 - . Baptism
- November 12th
 - . Family Eucharist—Parish Hall
- November 19th
 - . Family Eucharist—regular 10:30 service
 - . Parish Meeting at 12 Noon
- November 23rd **THANKSGIVING**
 - . Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am
- December 10th
 - . Family Eucharist—regular 10:30 service
 - . Baptism
- December 19th
 - . Family Eucharist
 - . Handbells
- December 24th
 - . 9:00 am Advent IV service
 - . 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
 - . 10:30 pm Carols

Outreach

Safe Haven Child Transfer and Access Centers

You may have seen recent news paper articles and TV news stories on Child Access and Transfer Centers. One is operating at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lower Merion and there has been extensive coverage of their work in the local media. The Honorable Katherine Platt, one of the Chester County Judges, saw one of these pieces and asked the Diocese to facilitate the establishment of such a program in Chester County. The diocese turned to us and asked that we look into these programs.

Child Access and Transfer Centers is the work of the Children's Rights Council (CRC) whose motto is, "The Best Parent is Both Parents". Most of the Safe Haven Access Centers are in Faith-Based organizations because these organizations have such a commitment to the care and support of families and also have the facilities needed to make the programs work. Since 1966, CRC found that churches offer a safe, secure, spiritual atmosphere that works well with the mission and logistics of the Centers. What better location than a church to induce good behavior on the part of parents?

One of the satisfactions of operating a Safe Haven Child Access Center comes from seeing a child smile and run into the arms of a parent whom the child may not have seen in several months ... or years.

The Children's Rights Council began by working with divorced parents, who were angry, upset, or fearful over the breakup of the marriage. It became apparent that court systems alone don't always deal with the problems of these families, and that other community resources must be made available and accessible. Above all, they learned that access to and protection of one's own children is the central nerve in most people's lives. While some parents come to the Centers on their own, others are referred by judges, attorneys, mediators, or government agencies. Whatever the motivation, all come during a time of extreme stress for the entire family. They also learned that it involves understanding the needs of never-married parents, frustrated over how to deal with the transfer of their children from one parent to another.

So what does a Child Transfer Center provide to the community and how does it differ from an Access Center.

In a Child Transfer Center a church provides a facility and trained volunteers where one parent arrives with the child or children in their custody. They leave the child with the volunteers in this safe environment and at an opportune time, perhaps half an hour later, the other parent arrives to take the child into their custody. This usually happens late Friday afternoon, early evening. The process is reversed on Sunday of that same weekend.

In a Child Access Center a parent who can only be with their child in a supervised environment comes to the church to be with that child and the trained volunteers provide the appropriate supervision.

There are obviously many issues that need to be carefully thought through before either is established and training and certification needs to be done by the Children's Resource Centers professional trainers.

A leadership team to look at the possibility of establishing a Transfer Center at Holy Trinity is being formed. We would not consider being an Access Center before having significant experience as a Transfer Center but how wonderful it would be to provide this much needed service to our community and, especially, to its children.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted full attention kind of listening. We all know crises comes in different forms and can strike at any time in life: death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job, divorce, financial problems' depression and extreme loneliness. Then there are those times that aren't necessarily a crises, but the effects bring intense emotion: the empty nest, the demands of a new baby, or moving to a new city; the list goes on. None of us can escape the jolts life throws our way, but there is someone who can help, a STEPHEN MINISTER. Who are STEPHEN MINISTERS you ask?

STEPHEN MINISTERS are lay people who are trained to help you through a painful, lonely or stressful time in your life by creating an atmosphere of acceptance, reassurance and encouragement. It is a one on one christian relationship and is strictly confidential.

As a STEPHEN MINISTER, one is asked to make a two year commitment including 50 hr. of training. There is no charge to train, and no charge to someone using a STEPHEN MINISTER.

In 2007, HOLY TRINITY will be starting a STEPHEN MINISTRY program. We ask for your support and prayers in the coming year.

For those of you who are interested in finding out more information about the training, or have other questions of a personal nature, please call CATHY SMITH at 610-793-7779 or ELSPETH ZAAAYENGA at 610-594-6950.

PEACE AND LOVE TO YOU ALL!

The next meeting of **CAREGIVERS** will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 11:00am. Cathy Smith, a new parishioner who is a trained Stephen Leader, will talk about Stephen Ministry, what it is and how to become involved in this new and exciting ministry recently approved and supported by our Vestry

Plans for **CAREGIVERS** include continuing to send beautiful cards, handmade by one of or parishioners, to those in our church who are in need of support and reassurance from their fellow parishioners. We have been sending seasonal cards to shut ins, get well wishes to those who are hospitalized, birthday cards if we know the birth date and congratulations to new parents. We plan to establish guidelines on how to assist parishioners who may need help with meals for a short while after surgery or when there has been a death in the family. We continue to distribute prayer shawls when needed. Most importantly, we continue to visit and call fellow parishioners who are in need of a cheery visit and connection with fellow parishioners.

Please come to our meeting on **November 14th** and help us in our ministry to reach out to fellow parishioners. Bring a lunch and enjoy the camaraderie of this caring group. Everyone is welcome.

CATACOMB CLOSET

The fall rummage sale netted \$440.00. Thank you for your contributions and a big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who worked so hard.

Catacomb Closet especially needs jewelry, linens, household items and bric-a-brac.

We will again be filling Christmas stockings for the Domestic Violence Center. Alice Calvert and Dolores Glatts will collect money so that we may buy the appropriate items. Tired of your Christmas decorations? Please bring them to Catacomb Closet for our December 3rd Christmas Sale. Sale will be held after the 10:30 service. This is a project of Church Women United of which Holy Trinity is a member. And, we are always looking for volunteers who can work one Friday a month from either 9:30 to 12:30 or 12:30 to 3:30.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

SARAH'S CIRCLE is having their Christmas Sale December 10th

In-Reach

It is very important to notify the clergy when you or a family member is in the hospital. Due to privacy laws, the hospitals are no longer able to give the church that information. We are no longer able to call the hospital to ask if there are Episcopalians listed. We want to be able to respond to your pastoral needs. Please notify us at 610-696-4640 so that we know when you are in the hospital. Thank you.



PRAYER CHAIN

In need of additional prayer? Are you having surgery, a difficult relationship, moving, struggling, hurting, concerned about your children, aging parent, health problems? Please direct any concerns or need for prayers to Barbara Ramsay at 610-363-6899.

Members of the Prayer Chain will lift up in prayer daily each request. All prayer requests are kept confidential. Please don't forget to let us know if the need still exists or not so that the concern can be removed from the chain, and we can give thanks and praise to God.

Members of the Prayer Chain are Jane Gillem, Louise Highberger, Bette Twaddell, Sue Greenwood, Gladys Barrett, Cathy Stout.

THE CHORISTERS

David Spitko, Artistic Director Steve McBride, Assistant Conductor



Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*

Philadelphia premiers of Rutter's *Hymn To The Creator Of Light* and Chesnokov's *Lord, Now Lettest Thou* (No. 4 from *All Night Vigil*, Op. 44)

Sunday
November 19
4:00 PM

Church of the Holy Trinity
212 South High Street
West Chester, PA

Information: (215) 542-7871
or www.TheChoristers.org

\$15 Adult
\$10 Senior Citizen
\$5 Student (College/High School)
Free Child

Nursery Provided

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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610-399-1018

Patrick Johnson - Communications
610-429-1367

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610-269-5828

MINISTRIES AND CONTACT PEOPLE

Acolytes - The Rev. Pat Stelz
Altar Guild - Jane Brigman
Building Committee - Carl Holden
(New Construction/Renovation)
CAFE- Liz Burkholder/Jennifer Seaver
Capital Campaign - Mark Reed
Caregivers - Elspeth Zaayenga
Catacomb Closet - Alice Calvert
Chalicers/Readers - Roberta Feder
College Ministry - The Rev. Pat Stelz
Communication Committee - Patrick Johnson
Community Dinners - Al Newnham
Cursillo - Judy McKay
ECW (Episcopal Church Women)
EFM - Tom & Pat Platt
Family Fun Night - Heather Robino
Flower Memorials - Anne Fuller
Gardening Committee - Ginny Zahn
Handbell Choir Director - Elaine Cumens
Human Relations Task Force - Ann Barbarin
Library - Pat Dean
Making Marriage Work - The Rev. Pat Stelz
Music Ministry - Steve McBride
Newcomers - Don Stout
Sarah's Circle - Anne Pippin
Shepherd's Hands - Cindy Kern
Silent Auction & Wine Tasting -
Jim Hemphill
Stephen Ministry—Cathy Smith & Elspeth Zaayenga
Sunday School Director - Eileen Bonine
Ushers - Connie Gombatz/Bill & Ginny Zahn
Worship Committee - The Rev. Ted Rice

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Steve McBride, Interim Minister of Music
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Eileen Bonine, Sunday School Director
Barbara Gabriele & Carol Meehan
Office Administrators
Sandi Laxton, Bookkeeper
Tony Marrongelli, Sexton

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God's blessings never cease.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day 9:00 am Healing & Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Mother's Group 7:30 pm AA 7-9:30 pm EFM	2 All Souls Day 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	3 10 am Catacomb Closet 5pm Community Dinner 6pm Family Fun Night	4 5:00 pm WCU Concert
5 8:00 am Service 9:30 am CAFÉ (P.H.) 9:30 am Parent Group 10:30 am Service/Baptisms Human Relations Com. Noon TWIG Boxing Day 5 pm Praying the News 5 pm Making Marriage 5 pm Praying the News	6 10:30 am Sarah's Circle 7:00 pm Handbell Choir	7 9:30 am Staff Mtg. 7 pm Communication Committee 7:15 pm Alanon 7:30 pm Brandywine Singers 8:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm AA	8 9:00 am Healing & Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Mother's Group 10:00 am Shepherd's Hands St Andrew's Rm. 7:00 pm EFM 7:30 pm AA	9 12:00 pm ECW (St. Andrew's Rm) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	10 Sarah Circle Sale 10 am Catacomb Closet 5pm Community Dinner	11 Diocesan Convention Parish Dinner
12 8:00 am Service 9:30 am CAFÉ (St. Andrew's Rm) 10:30 am Service - Church Blessing of Christmas Boxes 10:30 am Family Eucharist -(P.H.)	13 Veterans Day 10:30 am Sarah's Circle 7:00 pm Handbell Choir	14 9:30 am Staff Mtg. 11:00 am Caregivers 3-9:30 am Olin Mills Picture Directory 7:15 pm Alanon 7:30 pm Brandywine Singers 8:00 pm Alanon 8:00 pm AA	15 9:00 am Healing & Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Mother's Group 3-9:30 am Olin Mills Picture Directory 7:00 pm EFM 7:30 pm AA	16 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	17 10 am Catacomb Closet 5pm Community Dinner 7 pm Human Relations Committee Movie Night	18 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
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