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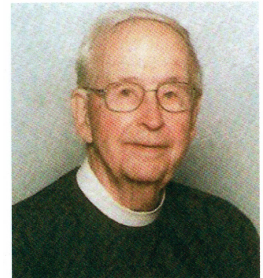
Thank you to Winnifred Judge, Archivist, and parishioners who shared their memories.

April 14, 2002, was proclaimed to be Archie Day by the First Selectman of the Town of Branford. Parishioners remember the special service, the celebration, and the worthiness of The Rev. Archibald Hanna, Jr., who served Trinity as Assistant Rector for 21 years, 1961-1982. Then Rector Hank Burdick spoke of Archie as "...gifted, gracious, with a holiness and gentle presence." Archie's gift from Trinity was a new stained glass window in the tower of the church, to be known as The Hanna Window. Archie died in 2010 at the age of 93, before the window could be realized. But he would undoubtedly agree, that the breathtaking beauty of the window compensates for the wait.

The Preacher

Archie and his wife Sue (officially Edith Sue Mensch Hanna) fell in love with Branford and

Trinity Church when they arrived in 1941. Combining his natural story-teller skills with his education and life experiences made his sermons interesting; he wove many threads together, which, amazingly, were all in his memory. He was a father of three children, historian (Yale History Department, Research Associate), scholar (educated to PhD), WW II Marine Corps Intelligence Lieutenant Colonel, editor, teacher, author, traveler, carpenter, gardener, and avid book reader. In 1961, Bishop Gray ordained Archie as a Perpetual Deacon - a rare position.



‡HANNA, Rev. Archibald

The Teacher

Some of the best Sundays were when Archie

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From The Rector



Dear Trinity Family,

At this time of year, we turn our attention to Thanksgiving. This year, it feels different. Perhaps throughout the year, I have learned more about gratitude and what it does in a life. When Peter and I lost our little dog Max, we both worked hard to maintain a response of gratitude whenever we missed him and became weepy. Gratitude seemed to turn our grief into a much gentler remembering. We could think of the many ways he made us laugh, and how much joy he got out of his job as the Church dog. The grief wasn't able to debilitate us.

Peter found the same thing when his brother died in the spring. By focusing on gratitude for Mike's life, he was able to have a more joyous response.

Throughout the year, this gratitude response became more and more ingrained; and it has set me

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Worship Ministry

Submission deadline for the following *Messenger* is the 15th of the current month. Please e-mail to **communication@trinitybranford.org** Photographs are welcome. It is respectfully requested that material not be formatted (no bolds, underlines, bullets, truncated lines, unusual spacing, etc) since graphic design software doesn't know what to do with it! Articles and event notices will be reviewed by an editor. Editorial rights are reserved for clarity, style, and to fit space constraints.

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**Sandy Baldwin,
Chair**

Eclectic Liturgy In November

Every Sunday in November will offer something special and different. On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we will bless the new Hanna Window. The window was installed on October 29, by the artist Debora Coombs. The next two Sundays, 10 and 17, Rev. Sharon will be away in Haiti, so we will have guest clergy—The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson—and an opportunity to hear a different style of preaching. On the last Sunday, the 24th, Peggy White Wellknown Buffalo, will join Rev. Sharon to deliver the sermon. See more details under Outreach, page 3.

Altar Guild

It's time to thank Eileen Cavanaugh and Bert Rowe, for their many years of devotion to this special ministry. We are also delighted to welcome:

Mary MacDonald

and

Maryann Allen



If you feel called to this most special ministry, please talk with either Rev. Sharon, Sandy Baldwin, Betsey Bray or Nancy Collins.

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From The Rector

free from much worry, stewing, complaining, and other negative responses. Selling our house in California was a perpetual opportunity to practice! Every time something went wrong, which was a regular occurrence, we looked for a way to be grateful; and things worked out. So my approach to Thanksgiving this year is to see it as a sacramental day that symbolizes a life of gratitude. I expect that it will be beautiful.

Peace,

Sharon +

Remembrances of Archie

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would walk through-out the sanctuary explaining the history of our beautiful church. Reports are that nobody could talk about the Tribble Altar window like Archie (and, sadly, he was not recorded). He made everyone

feel blessed to be in this holy place. Attendees at his Bible classes remember fascinating discussions. Archie said, "The great book you can never get through reading is the Bible. It will say something different to you at every stage of your life."

The Librarian

Archie's great love of books earned him a thirty-year career at Yale University as Curator of the Western Americana Collection in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The Hannas spent many summers traveling throughout the country, looking for books to add to Yale's collections. He would have the interests of certain people in mind too; and he would find perfect books for them. His wife's Charity Cook Book collection was legendary. The Hannas were regular attendees at church potluck suppers; and decades later, Sue's colorful, multi-layered, jelly molds are well-remembered! Trinity's library in the Guild Room was started by Archie; and he donated the book cart that is in the Narthex (entry to the church). He authored two books: *The Thimble Islands of Branford*, which may be purchased through the Branford Historical Society, and a bibliography of John Buchan.

Realizing the Gift

Progress on funding The Hanna Window began in earnest in early 2012. Determined that the gift would be realized, Vestry member Carol Schaller successfully approached The Foote Foundation for donations, which invigorated a fresh campaign. Supported by Rev. Sharon's can-do outlook, Carol served as the Chair of the Committee that has worked tirelessly for the past two years. Membership includes: Carol and Barry Schaller, Rev. Sharon, Peter Schuller, Perdita and Otty Norwood, Mark McElrath and Sandy Baldwin. Their outstanding stewardship pays tribute to an outstanding man, and adds another jewel to enhance the beauty of Trinity Church for future generations to enjoy.

Enjoy the window, Archie!

Outreach Ministry



Janet Constantino
Chair

A Visit From Peggy White Wellknown Buffalo

On Sunday, November 24, Trinity Church will have an important visitor, Peggy White Wellknown Buffalo, a member of the Crow Nation, Montana. Peggy is the founder of The Center Pole (with whom Trinity's Native American Outreach team has partnered), which works to help Crow children prepare for higher education, as well as run programs to meet basic needs. The Center sits on the land that has been in Peggy's family for generations. It is the land on which women and children of several tribes took refuge as a battle raged nearby at the Little Big Horn. She has committed herself to the welfare of her people, striving to improve their lives through health care and education. She is a creative problem solver.



Peggy Wellknown Buffalo has been recognized by many as a light to her people. This coming February, she will be honored by the Dalai Lama. We welcome Peggy and the co-leader of The Center Pole, Susan Kelly, so that they may share the story of the Crow people and the work that we have begun with them. Peggy and Susan will be present during November's adult forum time at 9:00 AM, and will also share the sermon time with Rev. Sharon. It will be an honor to have them with us.

Return to Haiti

Janet Constantino and Rev. Sharon will journey southward again, with Global Health Ministry, to set up clinics in the villages surrounding Gros



Morne, in the northern mountains of Haiti. For the people who come to the clinics, it is often their only opportunity all year to access health care. The goal of Global Health Ministry is to create a network of local health care, with people trained in each village to monitor symptoms and keep people supplied with their prescriptions and a connection to

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Parish Life Ministry



Peter H. Hayes
Chair

With another glorious fall well underway, it is time for Parish Life to plan for the remainder of this year and to recognize our past accomplishments.

First and foremost, our 106th Trinity Fair was a huge success. Through the hard work of so many folks, everything went like off like clock-work. The end result was revenue of \$20,120, and, with expenses deducted, \$16,853 goes into the church coffers. Great job, everyone. I must specifically commend Dottie Packer for a super job as Fair Coordinator. I look forward to her energy and enthusiasm next year. If anyone is interested in the financial details before the Annual Report comes out, it is posted on the parishioner Website (use the Parishioner login), under Minutes and More/Finance Ministry.



There are lots of things coming up. We are planning another Open House during the Town Tree lighting ceremony. I would like to ask our bakers to make some nice Christmas cookies, and other volunteers to make hot chocolate, help serve and, most importantly, clean up. Let me know who you are as soon as possible, please. Also, who would like to be in charge of our hospitality evening?

It may seem early to think about Twelfth Night, 2014, but it's not. I am open to suggestions for menu and venue.

I wish you all a happy, holy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Trinity Transitions

We say goodbye to Eileen Cavanaugh (8 o'clock), who recently retired and moved to South Carolina. We are grateful for her participation in Worship as a lector, altar guild member, and prayer leader at the baptismal font during communion.

The Espositos—Kelley, Rich and Mia, also head to South Carolina, to raise their family. We thank Kelley for her service as a Vestry member. Earlier this year, Kelley and Rich started First Friday Family Night pasta suppers, a family ministry for



parents with children at Trinity and in the community. Their energy will be missed, but Erica Campbell and Jennifer Pepe will continue to build this program. Come worship with us when you visit CT!

First Sunday Breakfast - November 3

Join old friends and make new ones while you enjoy a tasty breakfast of blueberry pancakes with bacon, juice, tea or coffee. \$3.50 per adult, \$2 per child, \$10 family maximum. Your RSVP greatly helps the organizers to shop and cook with confidence! Please sign up in the foyer or call the office. Thank you!

Trinity Book Group - November 6

Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakenings, by Diana Butler Bass
Diana Butler Bass, one of contemporary Christianity's leading trend-spotters, exposes how the failings of the church are giving rise to a new "spiritual but not religious" movement. Using evidence from the latest national polls and from her own cutting-edge research, Bass continues conversations that examine the connections and the divisions between theology, practice, and community that Christians experience today. The group meets in the Guild Room at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Music at Trinity: November 15

Ron Baldwin and Rev. Sharon have organized the 2013/2014 series of three concerts. The program offers an eclectic variety of musicians, instruments and composers. Ken Sause is the after-concert host, and he knows how to throw a party! Plan to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Tickets may be purchased online (see Upcoming Events), through the church office, or at the door.

The first concert is on Friday, November 15 at 7:30 PM, with a performance by *Manhattan Soloists*, a string and brass ensemble. David Glukh is a Russian musician who specializes in the piccolo trumpet. He and his ensemble will bring us a varied program of classical and traditional klezmer music. Klezmer is the music of Eastern European Ashkenazic Jews. It is very lively and will make a marvelous counterpoint with the classical pieces.



Bring friends, your family and neighbors. Enjoy dinner beforehand in a Branford restaurant, and treat yourself to a relaxing, social evening.

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- † God loves us and wants us to have all that we need to live joyful and productive lives.
- † All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God,
- † Regularly giving of our time, abilities, energy and money is a spiritual practice.
- † Tithing is an important spiritual practice, since it is an expression of our trust in God. It helps establish a healthy regard for money. And it helps us to live the life God hopes we will have. Our role as a steward is an outward sign of our inward spiritual growth.
- † Both for the individual and for the community, stewardship is a joyful act for the sake of God's world.

Newcomers who are not familiar with the spiritual practice of proportionate giving and pledging are encouraged to speak with Rev. Sharon to learn more. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Outreach Ministry

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medical services. One of the villages that they will be in is Kayamit, the village for whom we purchased school uniforms for many children. It will be good to visit again and see how we can help them in the coming year. They will bring back lots of photos to show you how you have helped. See the joy which yards and yards of material for school uniforms brought them this year, at trinitybranford.org/photos.

Trinity's Closet

Kathy Sanchez, Coordinator



The outpouring of time and donations were undeniably Trinity at its best. The warm coats, blankets, flannel sheets and plush towels (beautifully labeled and arranged by Rick

Cain and Rodney Hayes), were huge hits with our 90 guests, as were the cleaning products and skin lotions. Since the first of our neighbors arrived at 7:15 AM for an 8:30 AM start, a special thanks goes to Jen Zehler who also arrived early to open the Church so that everyone would have a warm place to wait, while enjoying a hot cup of coffee. An extra thanks goes to the Scouts who carried everything from downstairs to upstairs. I really appreciate everyone's support!

Thanksgiving Dinners

For each of the last two years, Trinity has organized a Thanksgiving Dinner drive that purchased 250 complete turkey dinners for families in Branford. It's very simple: a complete dinner for four people costs \$25. There is also a supplemental package of coffee, butter and juice for \$7.50. There will be a form in the November bulletins. The turkeys and fixings are purchased through Big Y and delivered directly to the Branford Food Pantry. To be in time for Thanksgiving, our deadline to receive forms is **November 17th**. It's a great feeling to know that no one in Branford goes without a feast on Thanksgiving.



Christian Education



Martha Monico
Chair

November's adult forum moves to the **fourth Sunday, November 24**. We will hear from Peggy White Wellknown Buffalo and Susan Kelly, co-founders of The Center Pole.

Please welcome them with your presence, and hear what more we can do to help the Crow children.



Jen Zehler, Godly Play

Fall is my favorite season. For me, it represents change, which is a necessary ingredient for new growth. Right before the start of our current Sunday school year, Cathy Seibyl and

I rearranged the Godly Play classrooms to give new spiritual growth to both the children and the teachers. Once more we are grateful to Mike McGuinness for fine handmade furniture—we love the stools!

Our budget supports adding more *Godly Play* stories for the youngest and the older children; two stories are from the newly published Volume Eight—the capstone volume, *The Greatest Parable and Mary, the Mother of Jesus*; another is a much-needed core story entitled *The Synagogue and the Upper Room*. The first part evokes the Liturgy of the Word; and the second part evokes The Liturgy of the Table. Together they form a model of Christian worship, joining The Old and New Testaments. For the older children, we added *Expansion of Saints*. There are twelve saints (one for each month of the year) and the flags from the countries they represent. All Saints Day is November 1; so the children will experience this story the following Sunday. Lastly, both classrooms will hear the story of the *Feast of Epiphany* on January 5.



The teachers and I are very excited to share the new stories with the children, and to witness the ways in which the children will grow this year. Please feel free to ask for a tour of our classrooms when class is not in session.

I wonder what story we will tell to the adults this year?

Leadership



Mark McElrath
Sr. Warden

Vestry Nominations

The Nominating Committee for Vestry has been formed, and is currently seeking the names of individuals interested in becoming Vestry members and Diocesan Convention/Deanery Representatives. Those nominated will be presented and voted on at our next Parish's Annual Meeting, in January 2014. Desirable attributes are:

- † thoughtful, strong, forward thinking, and able to look at the big picture.
- † will effectively represent the diverse composition and opinions of members of the congregation.
- † capable of and will make thoughtful proposals that will enhance the spiritual well-being of our church community.
- † will put in the time and effort required to be an effective member of the Vestry.
- † willing to verbalize and support a conflicting opinion.

The Nominating Committee welcomes all suggestions and recommendations. Please feel free to contact us to get more details.

Nominating Committee members:

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Sandy Baldwin	worship@trinitybranford.org
Martha Monico	education@trinitybranford.org

The online Health Ministry Survey is now closed. There are paper copies available for people who do not use computers. These must be received in the office by **November 4** in order to be included in the analysis. Thank you to all who participated.

Our apologies to Cathy Seibyl for erroneously stating last month that she is a board member of the Read To Grow program.

Communication Ministry



Ann Freeman
Chair

Smart Phone App Is Terrific!

Have you checked out the online membership directory yet? If you find it helpful, you might appreciate the app version more. We, who are using both versions, agree the app is a little easier to use. The vertical layout and the ability to text and/or email directly from the member profile is very convenient. You can instantly map directions to someone's house. To download onto your smart phone, go to the app store, search Online Church Directory for the free download. You will need Trinity's privacy key to open the directory, which you can find on the landing page of the parishioner Website. Need help? Call, or email me at communication@trinitybranford.org.

Enjoy!

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Parish Life *continued*

Tree Lighting Hospitality, Window Open House, and Alternative Gift Fair—November 30

On November 30, when the community gathers for the Town Holiday Parade, Trinity's red doors will be wide open. The invitation is extended for people to come in and see the new window, get some hot cider or hot chocolate and cookies, and also do some great Christmas shopping at our Alternative Christmas Bazaar. There will be opportunities to buy meals for families through the Community Dining Room and Food Pantry, to buy blankets and warm clothing for Crow children, Heifer Project animals, and many other things. Do plan to be around that day and help us share all that Trinity is and does.



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November 2013, Special Dates

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday Family Pasta Supper; All Saints Day 2	2
3 First Sunday Breakfast; Hanna Window blessing;	4 Columbus House 4 pm; Health Surveys deadline	5	6 Trinity Book Group 7 pm	7	8	9
10 Guest preacher	11	12 Pastoral Care meeting, noon; New Haven Dean- ery, 7 PM	13	14	15 Music at Trin- ity concert 7:30 PM	16
17 Guest preacher; deadline for Tksgvg Turkey dinner dona- tions	18	19 Vestry meeting 7 pm	20	21	22	23
24 Peggy White Wellknown Buffalo, speaker at adult form & sermon	25	26	27	28 		30 Open House Tree Lighting Night