



# Messenger

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### The 104th Fair, Job Well Done!



“We’ve been to several Church Fairs this summer, but at this one we feel joy, energy and spirit.”

*A Visitor*

We had a beautiful day for the Fair!

There are many parishioners and friends of parishioners and community businesses who supported our Fair this year. To ALL, thank you!

The weather was interfering with the setup day, but **David and Kathy Hall** of Hall's Tent Rental and our own **Jon Anderson** made sure the tents were up on Thursday and all was right with the world! We can't thank you enough for your support and generosity.

Along with our wonderful Chairs of all the booths, a special thank you to those of you who took these tasks on for the first time and achieved wonders with your hard work and infectious spirit!

There are wonderful photo albums on our website, one capturing all the hard work setting up on Friday night, and the other capturing the actual day of the Fair. Please enjoy them! Also, please look at the list of community business donors (pg 5), and be sure to support them whenever you can.

Thank you! Rodney Hayes, Chair



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### From the Rector



There were only winners at the 2011 Trinity Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

People found bargains at the Tag Sale; families were

introduced to the loving Godly Play team; the choir was cheered raucously; competitive bidders kept the energy high in the Silent Auction tent; good food was enjoyed by all, in many

forms; artisans in Africa and Central America gladdened hearts with their work and had their lives improved by sales; Gayle and Bud Wyllie have a new quilt (second one in two years!) and the Van Wilgen's Garden Center has a terrific new playhouse! Heifer Project and Habitat for Humanity will be getting checks in the mail to help with their work.

But the biggest winners of the day were those who contributed to the ministry of joy that pervaded the day. It was a Spirit thing!

## Spirituality Ministry

**Plan and Prepare** is an important part of everyone's Bucket List. The Spirituality Ministry is hosting a two-part series to help us think through the decisions surrounding the end of our lives—the importance of wills and living wills, health care proxies, advanced directives and everything about funerals. Jeff Klarman of W.S. Clancy Memorial Funeral Home will be on hand to provide information.

The series begins on October 19 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall (Jeff Klarman at 7:30 pm).

October 25 at 7:00 pm we will be planning our own funerals! It's a great gift to your family.

For those who do not wish to be out at night, a 1:00 pm session will be arranged if enough people request one.

Please call the office to sign up (203-488-2681).

## Worship Ministry

By Sandy Baldwin, Chair



On August 30, about 20 parishioners met for dinner and discussion at the third Worship Ministry meeting. Participants were given a Summary of Liturgy \*\* which described each season by theme, color, type of procession, service music, Prayers of the People, and Eucharistic Prayer.

Sharon explained the categories, and participants asked questions about various parts and reflected on what they liked or didn't like and shared their individual reaction to some of the changes.

Thoughts for the future:

- Have evening "lessons" on how to meditate.
- Have at least four Worship Ministry meetings each year where parishioners can discuss liturgy/worship.
- Form a subgroup of interested parishioners to brainstorm with Sharon possible enhancements to our weekly worship.
- Have opportunities to discuss Sharon's sermon topics. She always leaves unanswered questions.

Sharon ended the meeting with a "homework" assignment. She gave the participants copies of three different Eucharistic Prayers and asked people to review them and select the one they thought should be used for the rest of Ordinary Time this year. The form that most people suggest will be the Eucharistic Prayer used until Advent.

Join us for future Worship Ministry meetings so that you too can have a voice in our liturgy.

\*\*found at [www.trinitybranford.org/worship/seasonalservices](http://www.trinitybranford.org/worship/seasonalservices)

Submission deadline for the following *Messenger* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the current month. Please submit hard copy to the office or e-mail [ajfreeman@comcast.net](mailto:ajfreeman@comcast.net). Photographs are welcome.

It is respectfully requested 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 and to fit space constraints.

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## Christian Education Ministry

### Youth Education at Trinity 2011-2012

By Martha Monico, Chair



Have you been to a Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah? Do you know the preparation and planning that goes into making that rite of Jewish tradition? Should Christian youth have something similar to declare their faith beliefs and intentions? We think yes! So Trin-

ity is offering its high school youth the opportunity to explore their faith options and declare where they want to go in their faith journeys through a program called **Confirm not Conform**.

This nine-month program helps youth determine what they believe or want to explore further in their spiritual journeys. The program includes: 1 information night, 16 classes, 1 retreat weekend, 2-3 field trips, 3 required special worship services or holy week services, a service project, a mentor relationship with another church member, and a confirmation rehearsal, service and celebration.



**Rev. Sharon and Jen Zehler** will be teaching/leading the youth in their classes; parents of the youth will be preparing dinners, chaperoning trips and helping fund-raise for trips and projects; and intergenerational church members will be asked to buddy with a youth for four classes, several social chats and attending the confirmation service.

These youth and their parents sign a commitment pledge to promise to:

- attend all classes and field trips
- attend church twice per month
- complete homework assignments
- be involved in Holy Week services
- participate in a community service project
- learn/memorize a Bible passage and recite the

passage and why they chose it.

As a faith community the parish members of Trinity promise to:

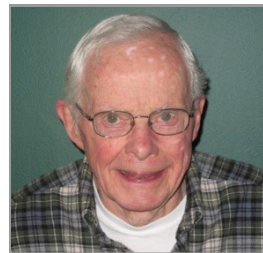
- listen to the youths' questions and concerns
- take their contributions seriously
- treat them with respect
- expose them to the fundamental questions of faith and explore them
- provide a mentor who will share their own questions and experiences
- offer help when needed
- keep the youth in our prayers.

**Confirm Not Conform** prepares the young person for the rite of confirmation in the Episcopal tradition and encourages a decision making process prior to making that commitment. A celebration, much like a Bar Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah, is in order for this group of fourteen (14) young people taking this journey.

For more information, visit [www.trinitybranford.org/ministries/christian\\_formation/youth](http://www.trinitybranford.org/ministries/christian_formation/youth)

## Finance Ministry

By Bill Baskin, Chair



### Budget Report

As of the middle of the summer, our budget status is exactly where we would expect it to be.

As of July, year-to-date

Receipts	Expenses	Net
\$162,684	\$160,358	\$2,326



## Parish Life Ministry

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### This year's Fair was fun!

It was a harmonious blend of old and new ideas. Longtime, experienced parishioners were joined by energetic newcomers. Each group was empowered to do what they needed to do and they did it! Leaders welcomed volunteers and brought in friends to create work teams that bonded and made new friendships. More parishioners than ever lived out their membership in Trinity Church. We did such good work for Trinity, each other, and those in need in the world! Here's a little behind-the-scenes appreciation.



#### Interesting Tidbits!

- The Trinity Quilt requires (a conservative) 300 woman hours to produce.
- **Nancy Collins** and **Betsey Bray** made 10 apple pies, 16 lemon meringue pies, 14 pumpkin pies, peach shortcake for 48 and apple crumble for 24. They peeled approximately 50 lbs of apples and peaches, plus!
- 22 Trinity families and 69 businesses donated to the Silent Auction.
- The playhouse took at least 50-60 man hours to construct.
- Tag Sale sales continue for 6 months by selling online.
- Our youngest fundraiser (7 1/2), sang and danced to raise \$58 towards the Barnyard of Animals/Heifer Project, and **Mark McElrath** closed the gap to make it happen.
- The playhouse was won by **Laurie Van Wilgen** so it will forever live at Van Wilgen's Garden Center, to be enjoyed by lots of children and community. It will bear a plaque of who built it and where it came from.





## Business Donors Who Supported Trinity Church

Allegra Farm  
 Allegra's Café  
 Angel Paws Dog Grooming and Spa  
 Assaggio's Restaurant  
 Aura Day Spa  
 Avant Garde  
 Boston Red Sox  
 Branford Book & Card Shop  
 Branford Building Supplies  
 Branford News & Variety  
 Branford River Resort & Spa  
 Bridal Trousseau  
 Capital One  
 Club Kids  
 Costa's Grill & Bar  
 Cynthia's Flower Shop  
 Dockside Seafood & Grille  
 Dragon East  
 Dream Dinners  
 East Shore Animal Hospital  
 Essex Steam Train  
 Favorite Places Connecticut  
 Fired Up!

Foe an American Bistro  
 Glow  
 Goody's Hardware  
 Hall Tent Rentals  
 Home Depot  
 Home Du Jour Consignment  
 Hornet's Nest Deli  
 Joseph Marttucci  
 Keith Zalinger  
 Kelsey House  
 King of the Hill Deli  
 Lake Compounce Family Theme Park  
 Lenny's Indian Head Inn  
 Leon James International Salon  
 LoMonaco's Ristorante Italiano  
 Long Wharf Theater  
 M.N. Reale Construction  
 Marco's Pizza  
 Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutiques  
 Meyers Flowers  
 Multimedia Solutions LLC  
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 Planet Fitness  
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 Raven's Wing Yoga  
 Richard Esposito Photographer  
 Salon Refuge  
 SBC  
 Shore Automotive Towing  
 Shoreline Trolley Museum  
 Six Flags New England  
 soundRUNNER  
 Sugar Bakery & Sweet Shop  
 Tollis Apizza  
 Top Notch Haircutters-Branford  
 Towne Pharmacy  
 Trail Blazer  
 Trail of Terror  
 Van Wilgen's Garden Center  
 Weed-in' Woman  
 Wm. M. Hotchkiss Company  
 Yale Peabody Museum





## Parish Life Ministry

PLACES... PLANTS... PEOPLE...  
and much more



(Don't you just want to pinch or kiss those incredible cheeks?!)

Be sure to see Peter Otis's grandchild and other beautiful photographs in his display entitled **Reds & Blues**. The display is in the Parish Hall through October. To see more of Peter's work, visit his website: **peterotisphotos.com**.

If you would like to share your artistic creativity with others, please contact the office to schedule.

### Marriage Congratulations!

**Beth Crockford-Peter** marries **Adam Williams** on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and **Kim Brolet** marries **Ian Spatz** on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We wish each couple all of God's blessings in healthy, happy, and long lives together.

### First Sunday Breakfast – The tradition returns October 2nd!

Once a month between the 8:00 and 10:00 services, the Trinity community gathers for breakfast and fellowship. For years, Mike Dodd and Mitch Rucinski have donned their chefs' hats and given us pancakes, French toast, and even Eggs McTrinity. It is a great time for those who attend different services to forge the relationships that make this place strong. Plan to come and make new friends, but first, make reservations! Please

call in your RSVP to the office, or email Mike Dodd at [mike.dodd@snet.net](mailto:mike.dodd@snet.net).

### Trinity Book Group

The next gathering of the Trinity Book Group is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Guild Room, at 7:00 pm. This month's book is *Heaven Is For Real* by Todd Burpo. This is the true story of a little boy's astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. For more details about the group, contact Alison Barbaro at 203-605-6692 or e-mail **alisonbarbara@comcast.net**

### THE FAIR *Continued from page 5*

#### And there was a hat parade ....



## Outreach Ministry

### FILL THE FONT FOR A HEALTHY HAITI

By Kim Humphrey, Chair



Outreach Ministry is working with **Janet Constantino** (introduced in last month's *Messenger*), to take medical supplies and over-the-counter medications to Haiti for those who are in desperate need. An Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Janet will visit Haiti as a volunteer through Global Health Ministry to provide health care services to its most needy people. Janet has previously made similar visits to Haiti and other countries, through GHM. GHM enables direct involvement by individuals and congregations in Christ's healing ministry, "Helping the Hands that Heal." Sharing your abundant resources will impact the lives of so many disadvantaged children and adults in Haiti. Complete details about who GHM is and where they are in the world can be found on their website **[www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org)**.

It's easy to help. Take this list with you when you go shopping and pop items into your cart.

Bring your donations to Church every Sunday in October and leave them in the baptismal font at the back of the church. During the week items can be left at the office. **Items will be collected until November 1.** Even the smallest donation will make a difference. Let's **FILL THE FONT FOR A HEALTHY HAITI!**

Questions? Kim at **[kimshelper01@yahoo.com](mailto:kimshelper01@yahoo.com)** or Janet at **[jconsta7@aol.com](mailto:jconsta7@aol.com)**.

Thank you for your global generosity!

### Blessing of the Animals

October 2 is St. Francis of Assisi Day and, therefore, Animal Awareness Day on the Branford Green. The Branford Compassion Club and The Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter (Branford) join forces for a pet festival from 12:00 to 5:00 pm with music, food, animal-related vendors, rescue groups, pet photographs, art contest, ugliest dog contest, kids' activities, Hospice therapy dogs, and animal games.

The highlight of the day is the animal blessing beginning at 1:00 pm which is sponsored by The Branford Clergy Association. After a brief service thanking God for our pets and animals, ministers of all faiths from the churches of Branford will bless the pets individually. All are invited to bring dogs on leashes and other animals in carriers. Or one may bring a photograph of one's pets. Bring the family and pets to the Green for an afternoon of fun for all of God's creatures!

### SHOPPING LIST FOR A HEALTHY HAITI

The following items are needed (with an emphasis on medications):

- 1" masking tape
- 3-4 oz plastic cups
- 6 oz. paper cups
- Acetaminophen
- Ace Wraps
- Allegra
- Anti-bacterial/baby wipes
- Antifungal ointment /cream
- Aspirin, all strengths, particularly enteric coated
- Bag Balm (2 oz can)
- Band aids (all shapes and sizes)
- Benadryl
- Betadine pads
- Betadine swab sticks
- Bunjies (12"-36")
- Burn cream
- Cough Drops
- Desitin
- Ear drops
- Flashlights with batteries
- Gatorade powder
- Gauze
- Hydrocortisone cream 1%-4 oz. tubes
- Ibuprofen 400 mg tablets,
- Large heavy duty (40"x4") bags
- Maalox tablets
- Medical gloves - exam, sterile, medium and large
- Multi-Vitamins Children's tablets (not gel tabs)
- Nasal drops
- Paper towels
- Pedialyte
- Pepto Bismol Tablets
- Pill counter trays
- Pill splitter
- Pregnancy test kits
- Preparation H Ointment
- Purell Hand Sanitizer
- Q-Tips
- Reading glasses (assorted strengths)
- Tape
- TEARS Eye Drops
- Thermometers
- Tongue depressors
- Tums
- Tylenol
- Ziplock bags, gallon size

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### ***Worship at Trinity***

#### **Sunday**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:45 AM Sunday School and  
Nursery Care

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
With music and choir

Televised on Channel 18  
An AT&T Channel 99  
7:00 PM Sundays

#### **Wednesday**

12:10 PM Eucharist & Healing  
Service, Guild Room

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## October 2011, Special Dates

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 30	Oct 31 All Saints Day (Halloween)					1
2 1st Sun Breakfast. Animal Bless- ing, 1:00 pm	3	4	5 Trinity Book Group 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Plan and Prepare 1 of 2	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Plan and Prepare 2 of 2	27	28	29