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WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

A long-desired step forward for Trinity has been achieved. On May 1st, Nicole Giannetta was hired as the new Director of Children and Family Ministries. This newly-created position will bring together the work of Trinity and the Trinity Institute for Applied Neuroscience and Spirituality (TIANS). Nicole will be dividing her time between the two. At Trinity, she will work with Godly Play, develop and teach a summer program, Class on the Grass, and support our families in the nurture of children's spiritual lives. She will also be taking the opportunity to share all that is good about Trinity with her network of families through Scouts, sports, and school connections.

This year, this position is fully funded by TIANS. In the future, we intend it to be a shared initiative. We are delighted to welcome Nicole to the staff at Trinity, and look forward to working with her.

Here she is, in her own words:

"Hello Trinity family, my name is Nicole Giannetta. My family is fairly new to Branford, and over the past year, we have highly anticipated finding our community within this town. I don't believe in looking as much as I believe in timing and being found. So on a fateful Scout Sunday that two of my children were a part of, we were found. Rev. Sharon and I had an instant connection as I shared with her my devotion to raising my children with nature and spirituality at the forefront of their lives, as well as a commitment to raise them away from technology as much as possible.

Our increasingly fast-paced society has convinced me of the need to deepen my family's roots in simplicity. I'm passionate about organic living, from the food on our table to the way we experience life. My driving force for this is to immerse my children in God's vision rather than that of the world.



Nicole Giannetta

My three children, Selena, 11, Roman, 8, and Lincoln, 2, are all most comfortable in the outdoors, where their imaginations are as boundless as their environment. Our kids do not have the freedom of past generations. Perhaps we can reclaim some of that freedom and curiosity for them, and guide them into lives of character and ethics that the world needs.

I am excited and honored to share our love of nature and animals, as well as a deliberate focus of mindfulness with the children of Trinity. I think if you asked our children, the ideal church environment would be inviting and fun and would give them a feeling of belonging.

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Please email articles of interest 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 and to fit space constraints. A color issue is online at **trinitybranford.org/news**.

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – CLASS ON THE GRASS

Beginning June 23rd, Sunday School will move outside (weather permitting). Nicole is creating a class based on nature and spirituality for children that will run through the summer up to Labor Day weekend. The classes will teach about the earth and all of the things that live on it as a part of God's good creation. In wet weather, the class will move into the Parish Hall. To comply with the best practices and policies for work with children in the church, Nicole will need one other adult per class. If you will be one of those, there will be a schedule for the 10 weeks of Class on the Grass. This will be a good summer at Trinity!



Summer Sunday School - Class on the Grass

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Trinity has already done a great job of cultivating this, and I look forward to building upon that by bringing unifying, fresh activities to the Trinity community, which will hopefully bring much desired and deserved growth."

Please introduce yourselves and welcome Nicole when you see her at the 10 o'clock service.



FIRST INFORMED HOLY COMMUNION JOURNEY AND CELEBRATION

by Celia Toche

Our Middle School Youth worked hard for eight months on this journey. We followed an Episcopal Diocese curriculum to explore the different parts of our service, as each person became better informed about the Holy Communion. We focused on the path both as a group and as individuals.

Each member of the class created a project to represent a meaningful or spiritual landmark in their lives. The children had two projects to choose



from: 1. creating an altar cloth, which can be used as a tablecloth or a wall hanging, or 2. decorating a chalice. Both projects incorporate meaningful parts of the Communion service and can become part of the youth's life at home.

As a group, we enjoyed lively discussions, shared with one another our personal stories, and supported each person when they needed it. We did the lessons together, wondered about parts of the text, took copies of the Nicene Creed to take home, and practiced our traditional prayers.

The celebration took place on May 5th, at the 10 o'clock service. The projects of all the youth were highlighted during the service: Banners hung prominently, and the chalices decorated the Children's Altar. We also used the chalices during the Communion service that morning.

After the service, the joyful noise moved to Parish Hall, where all the families enjoyed bounty and cake. The students received gifts from our teachers: a circle of tea-lights with each of their names reminded the group how they belong to a community of light. A set of bibles offered pages of peace, comfort, and wisdom; a place setting reminded each child to always invite the Lord to their table. And we couldn't leave out chocolate!



Left to right: Thomas Rowe, Ashley Memmott, Sarah Memmott, Ruby DeGoursey, Rev. Sharon, Lily McNeil, and Khlowie Visconti

And of course, a prayer to accompany them:

*May the Lord grant you always:
A sunbeam to warm you and moonshine to charm you;
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you;
Laughter to cheer you and faithful friends near you.
And, whenever you pray, Heaven to Hear You.*

Families interested in joining the class for next year should speak with Celia Toche or Martha Monico. The program will start again in September and run through May.



UNDERCROFT UPDATE

On May 12th, Rev. Sharon ceremoniously signed the construction contracts at the 8 o'clock service, with Bob Barnett, Trinity's Project Manager, and Tony Terry, architect, looking on. The renovation project is officially off and running. See the Milestone Schedule below.



Meet the Onsite Team from Munger Construction Co. These are the faces that will become familiar to us over the next year.



*Dave DeMaio
President – Munger*



*Roy Lamberton
Project Manager*



*Dominic Maturo
Safety Coordinator*



*John DeSarbo
Project Supervisor*



COMMUNICATION DURING THE RENOVATION PROJECT

After the Vestry approved the contracts for the upcoming renovation project, there was discussion about the best communication process while overseeing and answering questions about the project. The vestry passed two motions to address those concerns.

1. The Vestry of Trinity Church authorizes the Project Manager, Robert Barnett, and Building Committee to evaluate and expedite any proposed change in scope for the project and then present it to Vestry for final approval.
2. The Vestry accepts the following statement in the best interest for transparency, cost control, and continuity throughout the project:

All communication concerning this renovation project must be presented to the Project Mgr, Robert Barnett, who will share it with the Building Committee and, as a team, they will decide how to proceed. All communication about changes in the project will be through our Project Mgr, Robert Barnett.

This should help both Trinity and the contractor to know the protocol is to talk with Bob Barnett and he will relay all information to those that need answers.

To make it easy for parishioners to ask questions, we will have papers and a box in which to place your questions available in the narthex, foyer, and office. We ask you to provide your name and contact information, so that someone from the Building Committee will communicate an answer. Please express any specific questions, concerns, or wondering questions. We are here to keep you informed.

The Building Committee will provide updates as the project progresses throughout the next year. Because we will all be curious about what is being done, pictures will be taken to show the progress and shared every few weeks.



ONSITE CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

Last look before the transformation!



Abatement work has begun. Only authorized personnel will be admitted to the areas being renovated, until the conclusion of the project. Please refrain from entering the areas. This is a safety issue and will be enforced seven days a week.

The following are milestone dates and durations of onsite construction activities based on Munger's 4-2-19 preliminary schedule:

May 12, 2019	Contract signing; building permit
April 1 - June 11, 2019	Sacristy Stairs #4 Access to Sacristy through the church only
May 1- Aug 19, 2019	Interior demolition, asbestos abatement and water mitigation Undercroft will be sealed off
June 18 or as soon as Festival vacates the area	Site safety and security fences Restricted access to the lawns and sidewalks
July 8, 2019 - Mar 2, 2020	Red doors barricaded Access to the church and Parish Hall will be through the Sacristy stairs. Someone will enter through the Sacristy stairs and open the front doors to the church from the inside.
Jul 22 - Sep 30, 2019	Ramp, drainage, and site work
Jul 29 - Nov 18, 2019	Elevator, stairs, and exterior doors
Aug 5, 2019 - Feb 28, 2020	Multi-Purpose room
Jul 22, 2019 - Feb 3, 2020	Kitchen
Mar 2 - 30, 2020	Close-out and occupancy

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) demolition, rough-in, and finish work in all areas occur throughout the project.

There will be restrictions during the Branford Festival (June), the Blackstone Book Sale and Trinity Fair (September), and the Christmas holiday.

SACRISTY STAIRS UPDATE

Many have asked “What’s going on with the stairs outside the sacristy?” The answer is simple. New stairs are being built to replace the crumbling ones that were there. The answer to the question “What’s taking so long?” is not so simple. The stairs were scheduled to be repaired in 2018; but we were slowed by the process of finding the best person to do the job, bad weather, and code restrictions. It was learned that we needed to build new stairs rather than just repair the crumbling ones; and we also learned that, according to code regulations, we needed to connect the stairs to an existing sidewalk. With the help of Tony Terry, our architect, and Marty Hallier, our Buildings and Grounds Chair, plans were designed, permits obtained, and a mason was hired. The stairs and sidewalk are now under construction, and should be ready for use in mid-June. We look forward to having this improved entrance to our church.



Renovation of Sacristy Steps in Progress

Funding received is with much gratitude to the Foote Family Charitable Trust annual grants in 2018 and 2019.



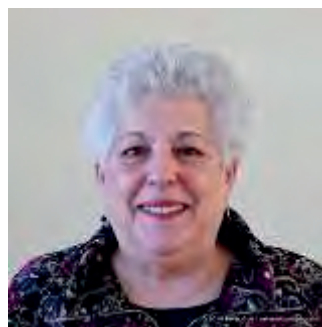
Parish Picnic, Sunday June 9th

Following the 10:00 AM Service, Trinity will provide sub sandwiches, chips and drinks. Come and meet Nicole, our new Director of Children & Families Ministry. There are planned activities for the adults and children also.

FINANCE MINISTRY

Many years ago, Cathy Seibyl took the initiative to sign Trinity up for the Stop & Shop Cash for Causes Reward Program. She faithfully maintained the supply of cards and the checkbook and has now passed the torch to new hands.

Please join us in welcoming Andrea Moore to this ministry, as she takes over the work of keeping this program running smoothly. Andrea is responsible for making sure rewards cards are available for purchase by parishioners, and handling the transactions between Stop & Shop and Trinity.



Andrea Moore

The funds from these cards contribute to the general operating funds of the church. For those of you who shop at Stop & Shop, purchasing a card or several after each service on Sunday is a good and easy way to help Trinity.



Audrey Hanniford continues to offer the cards after the 8 o'clock service (thank you, Audrey!), and we are looking for someone new to do the same after the 10 o'clock service. Is that you? If you attend fairly regularly and are interested in helping, please let either Ann Freeman or Sandy Baldwin know. It just takes a few minutes after the service to allow everyone to exit the church. Cards are available in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$50, & \$100. The cards may also be purchased in the church office weekdays, 9:00-1:00 PM. Make your check out to Trinity Church with “Stop & Shop” on the memo line.

Thanks for helping!



PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Longtime parishioner, Edwyna Bartholomew, resides at home with the assistance of an aide. She recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. Rev. Sharon visited as did Robin Comey, State Representative, to present an official certificate in recognition of her 102nd birthday. Congratulations, Edwyna!

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE RECTOR

All clergy are expected to seek out continuing education opportunities. For those of us in the New Haven area, that is simple because the Yale Divinity School has a wonderful summer session with classes in an array of topics.

This summer, Rev. Sharon is enrolled in a class by economist and theologian Bob Massie called *Living Faithfully in a World Dominated by Money*. It should be most interesting, and we can probably count on hearing something about this topic from the pulpit this summer.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Trinity's intrepid Trekkers completed the Walk for Hunger. \$600 goes to the Connecticut Food Bank. Well done!



Left to right: Adam Humphrey, Alyson Humphrey, Kim Humphrey and Lisa Davis-Rucinski.

Also, Steve Sharma, who took the photo.

