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# THE TRINITY MESSENGER

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## Letter to the Parish

Dear Friends,

As I write this, on St. Nicholas' Day, with the world getting hyped for Christmas (and already involved in the annual glut of shopping and buying!), I took some of my procrastination time to read some of my email, which piles up in my Inbox like the paper on my desk. Three recent emails sort of came to prominence and sat on my heart.

I don't mean to sound like Scrooge—I actually love the lights and bustle and activity of the pre-Christmas season, love choosing gifts for those I love and getting in touch with old friends. And I really love Advent and all the heart-work and soul-work done to get ready to hear the message of Christmas with a fresh heart and new joy. This time of year brings the very best of news in the Gospel story of Christmas, and I love to proclaim and sing that good news. But I had to pay attention to these three email messages as well—or maybe especially—this time of year.

One was from my friend Ted Mollegen, tireless worker for Christ and an active lay Episcopalian. Ted operates a list serve and is passionate about church growth, stewardship, and the Good News of Jesus offered to the world. He sent on a web site where you can enter your annual household income and see where you are in relation to the rest of the world. I typed in my own income and was not surprised to see where it fell in the global picture. Then I typed in the income of a family of four living at the poverty line as defined by the US Department of Labor. That ranks as among the top 7.1% of people in the world. The poorest Americans are rich, by far, when we think of the rest of the world's population. (The site is <http://www.globalrichlist.com/index.php>)

One was written on December 1, by our new Presiding Bishop, her own reflections on World AIDS Day. She quoted the Archbishop of South Africa for an end to words about AIDS and world poverty, and for

some action on the part of us all. The resources and strategies for preventing HIV and treating AIDS are fully within humanity's reach, if we but had the will to make it a reality and the commitment to our brothers and sisters in sub-Saharan Africa and other parts of the world. She invited every Episcopalian to join the ONE Episcopalian Campaign, a partnership between the Episcopal Church and ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History. ([www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ONE))

The third was a nearly daily email I get from a group called Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, called What ONE Can Do. It's an e-newsletter about how we can make a difference in our daily lives to the poor of the earth. ([www.e4gr.org](http://www.e4gr.org))

In the light of all of these, I began to think about what it is I really want—not just for Christmas, but the deepest longings of my heart. They include: Peace for the world, so divided and so polarized, and the same Peace for our fractious Church, so that we can be freed to share the good news we have come to know. And, honestly, for the poor of the world—especially the children who are living in hopelessness and poverty to know something else, to know the comfort and excitement and joy of living and learning and growing up into the shining creations they are meant to be by God, and would be, if those of us who are so rich would learn to share, to speak out and act out on their behalf.

So love your family this Christmas. And take some time to share the mystery of love shown to us by God—come to Church, where that mystery is celebrated and proclaimed. Check out these web sites and think about the difference you might make in a life. Then give something of yourself away—to a good cause, to a needy friend or neighbor, to a child in a far-distant country who may, like Joseph and Mary and the baby, be homeless this Christmas. I'll look for you in Church. Love,

*Ellen*

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Child Care** begins Sunday mornings at 7:45am in the Nursery and is available throughout all Worship Services.

### 9:00am Family Worship Service

*service is held each Sunday  
that Church School is in session.*

The service is focused toward families with young children and is an informal celebration of the Eucharist that includes child-friendly prayers, abbreviated lessons and a short homily geared for family reflection. Simple joyful music. **No 9am service on Dec 24 or Dec 31.**

**Church School** Our classes have begun their second unit of study. Each class begins this unit with a study of Advent and The Christmas Story. Individual lesson outlines will be available at the parent's table outside the church school area.

The church school Advent Outreach Project has been rescheduled for Epiphany, January 7<sup>th</sup> when we will have an Epiphany Weekend Celebration. Sat. evening January 6 at 7:30pm, the Trinity Arts Series has scheduled a family friendly performance 'Three King's Day Celebration' or *El Dia de los Tres Reyes*. The program will feature the Everyman Guild with Christmas Music From Renaissance Spain, including "Mass O Magnum Mysterium" by Tomas Luis de Victoria, and villancios – Spanish folk songs about the conception and birth of Jesus. Tickets are \$10 and no charge for children 12 and under. Call 860 485 0211 to order your tickets.

Sunday, January 7 during our regular church school time we will have a celebration with food and activities related to the Epiphany theme. We ask each family to bring a wrapped "baby gift" i.e. formula, diapers, baby food, undershirts.... for the baby Jesus that day. All items will be donated to Susan B. Anthony or the food pantry. A letter with additional details will be mailed right after Christmas.

The Christmas Pageant will be the liturgy of the word on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30AM service. We invite all children to join us as there are still parts available, speak with our director, Tammy Williams or Linda Snyder. Our rehearsals are listed below  
leads rehearsal Dec. 3 12:00-2:00; all parts rehearsal Dec. 10 12:00-2:00; dress rehearsal Sat., Dec. 16 9:00-11:30

Advent Resources-For families are available each Sunday on the parent's resource table outside the

church school. Each week there will be a different activity for your children/family to extend your faith experience to the home and reinforce the Advent and Christmas seasons.

**Websites available for adults, children and youth during Advent:**

### MOVIES

The Nativity Story opens in theaters Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: to learn more see

[www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week10/12/review.html](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week10/12/review.html). Copies of the review are available to take home on the Church School Parent's Table located in the Chapel Hallway.

Charlottes's Web will be opening Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more see [www.charlotteswebmovie.com](http://www.charlotteswebmovie.com) or [www.charlotteswebbarr.com](http://www.charlotteswebbarr.com)

### ADVENT RESOURCES

Adult Advent Calendar and children's Advent activities on line from the Episcopal Dioc. Of Washington:  
[www.edow.org/spirituality/advent/index.html](http://www.edow.org/spirituality/advent/index.html).

Youth Focused Advent Guide: [www.ecmgsu.org](http://www.ecmgsu.org)

Buy Nothing Christmas a national initiative begun by Canadian Mennonites with downloadable lessons for church, home or work with creative ideas for giving.  
[www.buynothingchristmas.org](http://www.buynothingchristmas.org)

10 Tips for a Simpler More Meaningful Christmas: from the Alternative for Simple Living,  
[www.simpleliving.org/indexoth.php?place=archives/MR/10tips.php](http://www.simpleliving.org/indexoth.php?place=archives/MR/10tips.php)

### Journey to Adulthood Youth Program

*J2A Pilgrims* Our pilgrims have researched, discussed and decided on their pilgrimage destination. The group will be heading off this summer to explore the Spanish Missions in the Santa Barbara area of California. They will be spending time this Spring researching these missions and what life was like for the missionaries and the Indians of the area. If any parishioners have any information about this area (geographically or historically) we would love to "pick your brain". Please speak with Faye Tway-Grant, Mary Hart, or Linda Snyder.

This group's first major fundraiser for the fall, the Holiday Fair, was a great success. We have netted approximately \$2,000.00. One of the best fairs so far. Thanks to all who contributed and a special thanks to Heidi Greenlaw, Marge Languell, and Jennie Coe for their leadership so valuable in the success of this fair. Look for upcoming fundraisers (yes, the Super Bowl Chili is coming!) in the next messenger.

January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> this group of youth will be traveling to NYC to first join youth from across the country and participate in St. John the Divine's Nightwatch program. Sunday morning they will attend service there and then travel to St. Paul's in lower Manhattan to participate in the curriculum's Urban Adventure, an afternoon of group building and treasure hunting. This activity will culminate with a visit to ground zero and a tour of St. Paul's Episcopal Church which housed the rescue operations for ground zero. A very busy, but very meaningful weekend for this group. Keep them in your prayers.

*YACs and Beyond* Our oldest J2A group and past members came together on Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> to say goodbye to Audrey who had been a leader on both of their pilgrimages. Past members home from college or work had a wonderful time reconnecting with each other, so good that they decided they would like to do it again during the Christmas break. We have not set a date but will do that shortly. If you know of any past YACsters who would like to be included please contact the office and we will make sure they get on the list.

### **Adult Spiritual Formation**

#### **Women's Eve-ning Begins its Fourth Season**

On the third Friday of each month from 7-9 PM, the women of Trinity gather in the Undercroft chapel for social time, study, refreshments and discussion. **Note: no meeting will be held in December.** The next meeting is planned for Friday, January 19, 2007. For more information, call the parish office.

**Grief and Spirituality:** on the first Wednesday of every month, at 6:30 p.m., Trinity's ongoing grief and bereavement group meets. It's a group with a flexible agenda and flexible membership—feel free to come one time or fifty as you may have need. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office by 3:00 that day to let us know you are coming. Next meeting Wednesday, January 3.

**Knitting Group to resume** The 'Trinity Knitters' will gather once again on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3 PM. **Note: this month knitters will meet at the home of one of the group's members home.** Please call the Parish Office, 482-6027 for directions.

**Rhythms of Grace** Our service for special needs children, their caregivers and families, continues the first Sunday of the month at 1 PM in the Undercroft Chapel. Rhythms of Grace is coordinated and celebrated each month by Linda Snyder, our Director of Children's and Youth Ministries; Erik and Helen Ann Landgraf, Special Education Ministers; and a clergy member. Our next service is Sunday, January 7.

**Book Discussion Group** The following books have been chosen for discussion during the next several months. There is plenty of time to join the bandwagon. Many of our new dates fall on Tues. or Wed. in the hope that choir members might be tempted to join us. The discussions are fun. We serve tea and meet at 7:30pm at church. All of these books have been extremely well reviewed in the press. They are out in paperback and available at your local library.

*Tues. January 23, 2007* Birds without Wings by Louis de Bernieres. We loved Corelli's Mandolin so much that we are eager to read that author's newest book about the waning years of the Ottoman Empire. This novel focuses on a fictional town where Christians and Muslims live in peace until the Balkan wars and World War I destroy that harmony.

*Thurs. February 22* Acts of Faith by Philip Caputo. This novel takes place in the 1990's during the Sudan civil war. We see Americans who are providing aid to the region, but are thwarted by the war itself, a slave trade and corruption. "Caputo's devastating novel is a parable about American idealism and the dangers of missionary zeal" writes the N.Y. Times

*Tues. April 10* Arthur and George by Julian Barnes explores the relationship between Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, and George Edalji, a man he is trying to save from a miscarriage of justice in 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain.

*Tues. May 15* The Great Fire by Shirley Hazzard concerns a story that takes place during World War II and follows an American major who is sent to Hiroshima to study the effects of the bomb explosions on the Japanese culture.

**Questions and Theology** This group is open to anyone interested in exploring what's new in the talk of God and God's action in The World. The December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting date is to be determined after the holidays. Please prepare by reading *The Phoenix Affirmations* by Eric Elnes.

**Lenten Retreat** tentatively booked for the week-end of March 02-04, 2007 at the Holy Cross Monastery, West Park, NY. Pricing and further details will follow. We are planning for 10 participants. For those interested in attending please advise the Parish Office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE

**Trinity Fundraiser Scrip Pre-Paid Cards..** Order your cards BETWEEN worship services in the Upper Parish Hall, or DURING THE WEEK by visiting the Parish Office. If you're able to help in this effort, speak to Tammy Randall or The Rector.

**Worldwide candle lighting** today, Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Family & friends are united around the world as candles are lit for 1 hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age, from any cause. This is an annual event, held on the 2nd Sunday in December. There are hundreds of formal candle lighting events as well as thousands of informal lightings held in homes as families and friends gather in remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten. Please participate by lighting a candle in your home in their remembrance.

**Sunday, December 10**  
5:00pm **Deanery Advent Lesson & Carols, St. John's Washington**

### COME AND CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US

**Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**  
9:00am **Combined service Advent IV Holy Eucharist with Hymns**  
9:30am **No Church School Rite 13 & J2A Groups**  
5:00pm **Family Eucharist with Carols**  
10:30pm **Festal Eucharist with Trinity Choir**

**Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**  
10:00am **Holy Eucharistic with Hymns**

**Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**  
9:00am **Combined service Holy Eucharist with Hymns**  
9:30am **NO Church School, Rite 13 & J2A Groups**  
5:00pm **Nine Lessons and Carols**

**Stephen Ministry** Supervision and Continuing Education Program will meet on Tuesday evenings. During December they will meet on Tuesday, December 5. Next months meetings are January 9 and January 23.

**Vestry Meeting**, Monday, December 18 at 7:30pm in Parish Hall.

**Souper Seniors** Wednesday, December 20 gathering in the Parish Hall following the 12:10pm service. Next month's gathering is Wed, January 17.

**Men's Breakfast** NO MEETING in December. Next meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, January 13 from 9 to 10:30am in the Upper Parish.

**Christmas Angelicus- Concerts... here at Trinity**  
**RESERVE NOW AS WE EXPECT SELL-OUTS!!!**

Tuesday, December 19 7:30pm  
Wednesday, December 20 7:30pm  
Friday, December 22 7:30pm

Tickets:

Priority, \$35; Student Priority, \$20;  
General Admission, \$25; Student General, \$12

For tickets & information - 860-496-8841 or visit their website [www.chorusangelicus.org](http://www.chorusangelicus.org)

**Trinity Arts Series** The next event of the Trinity Arts Series 2006 -2007 season will be a **Three King's Day Celebration or El Dia de los Tres Reyes on Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 7:30 PM** at Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington, CT. The program will feature the Everyman Guild with Christmas Music From Renaissance Spain, including "Mass O Magnum Mysterium" by Tomas Luis de Victoria, and villancios – Spanish folk songs about the conception and birth of Jesus.

In Spanish tradition on January 6, the three kings: Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar, representing Europe, Arabia, and Africa, arrived on horse, camel, and elephant, bringing respectively gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the baby Jesus. At Trinity, the Three Kings will arrive in costume on foot. In western Christian tradition, January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany which celebrates the revelation of God to mankind in human form, in the person of Jesus.

The Everyman Guild was founded in 1977 and is an ensemble of seven friends who sing and play a wide variety of early instruments, including the lute, renaissance guitar, sackbut, recorder, viola da gamba, cornamuse, kortholt, wooden flutes, percussion, and bowed psaltery. The group is directed by Matilda Giampietro who teaches at The Washington Montessori School and at the Center for Montessori Teacher Education.

Spanish music during the Renaissance was a rich mixture of European, Muslim, Jewish, and New World culture. The ear of the Spanish composer embraced sounds from court and peasantry, from exotic foreign places, and his own

home. In the rhythms, in the tunes and harmonies, and in the texts, one hears something that speaks a little of Arabia, Morocco, northern and southern Europe and South America, and is integrated into a sound that is wholly, joyfully Spanish. The villancios tell the nativity stories tenderly, rousingly, poetically, or mystically, from the point of view of the common fellow.

Tickets are \$10 and no charge for children 12 and under. Call 860 485 0211 to order your tickets.

For photos and more information about The Everyman Guild see [www.everymanguild.org](http://www.everymanguild.org)

### HERE AT TRINITY

**Angels are flying!...Trees are swaying!** Christmas, the happy time of giving and sharing, can be a sad time to those who cannot afford to give gifts to their children. Flying in the back of the church are approximately 100 'angels' and 'trees'.

Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 10th. The gift that you choose may be the only gift that child or adult will receive this year. Thank you for making this Christmas a very special one for these people.

**Family News:** Do you have some that you would like to share in the Messenger with the Parish?? If so, please submit in written form to the Parish Office or via email to [trinity.parish.house@snet.net](mailto:trinity.parish.house@snet.net).

**Communion at Worship** Celiac disease affects as many as 1 in 133 people. At Trinity we have been happy to consecrate rice wafers for communion for persons who suffer from this genetic intolerance and offer our own wheat-free wafers on request. We welcome everyone to the Lord's table. If you need communion in this form, please speak with our clergy.

**Don't forget to wear your name button on Sunday, and leave it in the church for the next week!**

**Christmas Memorials** Remember a loved one during this holiday season with a donation for flowers or special music. Donations for music will go towards the cost of special soloists or other musical artists. Please indicate on your check in the memo section, your choice— flowers or music and the name of your loved one. Envelopes are available in back of church & in Parish Hall. Donations may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the Parish Office.

**OPERATION OVERFLOW SEEKS VOLUNTEERS**

It is cold at night.

Operation Overflow, our emergency shelter is now providing housing for the homeless.

Trinity is hosting the shelter for the first five weeks: from November 26<sup>th</sup>-December 30<sup>th</sup>.

We need help in these areas:

1. **Please pray** for those who are without shelter. Pray for those who act as Christ's hands and serve as volunteers.
2. **Become a volunteer.** .New and repeat volunteers are welcome Call the parish office 482 6027 in interested in becoming a volunteer..

### *Joyful Noise Presents*

#### **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS ANGELICUS Concert Series**

*The Sound of Christmas That Has Become a New England Tradition; an evening of traditional and contemporary hymns, carols, and readings..*

Featuring **Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus**, with special guest John McDonough.

Directed by Paul Halley.

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

Simsbury United Methodist

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm

Kent School Chapel

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm

Hotchkiss School Chapel, Lakeville

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**Trinity Church, - Torrington**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**Trinity Church - Torrington**

**Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**Trinity Church - Torrington**

**Note: We expect sell outs at  
Trinity, Torrington**

*Order your tickets early!* Call: 888-788-8882

Tickets are Priority, \$35; Student Priority, \$20

General Admission, \$25;; Student General, \$12

**New England Educator's Convocation** was held Friday and Saturday, November 17,18 in which four members of our Rhythms of Grace leadership team represented Trinity Church by leading a workshop. Our vision is to extend this ministry to a few parishes spread throughout Ct. so that the families that are attending do not have to travel over an hour (as some do) to participate in the services held here at Trinity. Our workshop was very well received by those attending from throughout New England and we are very hopeful that the interest in this very needed ministry will grow. A special thanks to Audrey Scanlan, Helen Ann and Eric Landgraf, and Linda Snyder for their work on

behalf of The Rhythms of Grace Service at Trinity and their assistance at this gathering.

**\*\*For those who are not aware of the Rhythms of Grace Service, it is a service designed for children and families with special needs. Each month (first Sunday of the month) we meet in the Chapel to hear the Word of God through storytelling and hands on activities designed for the needs of the children involved. We then gather to pray and break bread together.\*\*** All parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to join us for our services. If you have any questions about this ministry please speak with Linda Snyder or the Landgraf's. Visit Trinity's website to see additional information and dates of services.

### Messages from Caring for Creation...

Here we are in the season of light, so it is appropriate to think about the lights we use. Compact fluorescent bulbs are those funny-looking swirly bulbs that save energy. Although fluorescents do contain a small amount of mercury, burning coal to generate electricity puts almost 50 TONS of mercury into the air each year. Since fluorescents are four times more efficient than regular bulbs (AND last 10 to 20 times longer), replacing all household incandescents (and recycling all dead fluorescents) could cut mercury and carbon dioxide emissions while saving the equivalent of 5.5 billion gallons of oil annually.

*(info from Sierra Magazine, Jan/Feb2006)*

Caring for Creation Group presents *Why It Matters What You Eat!* on Feb.28th 6:00pm. Come for a simple bread and soup supper and hear Suzel Cable speak about healthy eating . This is just a "heads up" announcement. Put it on your calendar and look for the details in the next Messenger.

### *Caring for Creation Trinity's Clean Energy Campaign*

Through CL&P's *Clean Energy Option*, Trinity is now purchasing clean energy for the church and parish hall.

**Why?** Because *renewable* energy is produced from natural sources that constantly replenish themselves-unlike fossil or nuclear fuels.

Because *clean* means that it results in little or no harmful pollution, greenhouse gas emissions or radioactive and mining wastes.

Clean, renewable sources are available to you through CL&P's *Clean Energy Option*. They include electricity generated by wind, water (hydro-electric) and land fill gas. These sources can lead to energy independence as well. Please visit the table at coffee hour after Sunday services for more information and for sign up forms. OR call the office for a sign up form.

If you decide to sign up with Sterling Planet, one of two providers, they will rebate some of the cost to Trinity

Church. So you will not only be helping to clean up the air, create a healthier planet and move towards energy independence, but you will be helping Trinity as well! Thank you!

**Note:** If you already participate and are purchasing clean energy from CL&P and Sterling Planet is your provider you can help Trinity increase our rebate by informing the Parish office. When calling the Parish Office please provide the name listed on your CL&P account, your account number or your billing address.

**Planning Update** A big thank you to all those who participated in Trinity's Living Room meetings. 15 meetings were held and more than 120 Parishioners participated and contributed more than 500 suggestions for Trinity's future. In summary, (and in no particular order) many of the ideas mentioned, focused on:

- Offering more opportunities for spiritual development
- Improving the sound system in the Nave and providing hearing devices for hearing impaired
- Strengthening our youth programs
- Expanding our work with both local and world wide missions
- Attending to the care and maintenance of our buildings
- Strengthening the Overflow Program
- Having more fun together
- Using Trinity's space effectively
- Developing financial security in support of our buildings and all of Trinity's ministries
- Expanding pastoral care for the elderly and other Parishioners in need
- Strengthening our outreach/involvement with the local faith community

Next month you will be given the details on these suggestions and have the chance to express your priorities for them.

**Landscape Plans** A plan for re-landscaping the areas around the church building has been developed by a local landscape architect, but we do not have the money to implement the plan. The plan has been divided into eight separate projects with the hope that individuals will be interested in "adopting" one of the projects and providing the funds and/or labor to implement each project. The prices listed below are retail prices and can probably be obtained at 2/3 of the price listed in many cases.

Rectory Entrance on Prospect St.

Remove existing shrubs

9 Dwarf Japanese yew 18 -24" @ \$24 \$225.

6 Little Princes Spirea 18 - 24 " @ 25 144

Perennials (List available) 150

Main Entrance on Prospect St.	
Some shrub removal (Magnolia remains)	
21 Dwarf Japanese yew 18 -24" @ 25	\$525
6 Miss Kim Lilac 18 – 24" @ 32	192
4 Blue Princess Holly 24 – 30" @39	156
1 Red Sprite Holly 24 -30"@24	24
3 Green Velvet Boxwood 12 -15" @24	72
Perennials (List Available)	50

Prospect St. Sign (Already adopted)	
Remove existing shrubs	
35 Bergenia Cordifolia @ \$8	280
100 Ice Follies narcissus @ 2	200
Annuals	50

Side Entrance Prospect St.	
Remove existing shrubs	
16 Little Princess Spirea 18 – 24"@ 24	\$384
3 Green Velvet Boxwood 12 – 15" @24	72
1 Red Sprite Holly 24 -30: @24	24

Main Entrance Water St.	
Remove existing shrubs	
8 Red Sprite Holly 24 – 30" @24	\$192
22 Green Velvet Boxwood 12 – 15" @ 24	528

Water St Sign (This involves some earth moving)	
Remove existing shrubs	
Build stone retaining wall in front of sign	
1 Ivory Silk Japanese Lilac @100	\$100
23 Little Princess Spirea 18 – 24" @24	552
22 Dwarf Japanese yew 16 – 24" @ 25	550
8 Green Velvet Boxwood 12 – 15" @ 24	\$168
4 Miss Kim Lilac 18 -24" @25	100
60 Bergenia Cordifolia @ 8	480
150 Ice Follies Narcissus @ 2.	300
Annuals (List available)	100

Water St. Lower Entrance	
6 Dwarf Variegated Weigelia 18 -24" @15	\$90
1 Hydrangea Quercifolia 24 -30"@30	30
3 Hydrangea Annabelle 3 gal @30	90
30 Bergenia Cordifolia @8	240
Perennials (List Available)	100

Against Temkin Building	
3 Eastern Redbud 7-8' @40	\$120
8 Blue Princess Holly 24 -30" @39	312
3 Hydrangea Annabelle 3 gal@30	90
5 Dwarf Variegated Weigelia 18 -24"@ 15	75
5 Little Princess Spirea 18– 4" @ 24	120
100 Bergenia Cordifolia @8	800
Perennials (List available)	150

### Opportunities in paying your Pledge

*Charitable Donations to Trinity* Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Section 1201, people over 70 ½ with IRA's can make a withdrawal from their IRA and have it sent directly to Trinity and not have to pay tax on the withdrawal, as you would normally on a regular distribution. This ability to make tax free distributions is only effect for 2006 and 2007. However, you can not claim that IRA distribution as a charitable deduction on your tax return since the withdrawal is tax free. It may be advantageous for you to prepay your Trinity pledge for 2007 in 2006 from your IRA. See your tax advisor for more information.

Another opportunity...*Appreciated Stock* The stock market has made some significant gains during the past few months. The IRS provides a benefit to holders of stocks or mutual funds that have increased in value.. The full value of the stock or mutual fund that is donated to Trinity is permitted to be deducted on your tax return. So rather than having to pay any capital gains on the sale of a stock or mutual fund, donate the stock to Trinity and deduct the full value of the stock on the day you donate it to Trinity. You can do this to pay your 2006 pledge or to prepay your 2007 pledge.

### A New CD from Chorus Angelicus & Gaudeamus!

Directed by Paul Halley. "What Child Is This?",

a beautiful compilation of Christmas repertoire.

"If I could afford to order these by the dozen as stocking stuffers, I'd do it. Paul Halley's fresh but tasteful arrangements, spiced with inventive harmonies and textures, invigorate the latest offering from his groups Chorus Angelicus and Gaudeamus. Recording and performances are superb, with the sweet, transparent sound of Chorus Angelicus imparting something inimitable and irreplaceable: innocent wonder at the season. Strongly recommended." - Lawrence Schenbeck, *The Choral Journal* PEL1005 CD @ \$16.98 (Shipping \$4.00 1st CD,

\$1.00 ea additional CD) Receive a 15% discount when you order 6 to 19 CDs. Receive a 20% discount when you order 20 or more CDs. Pay by Check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express. *Call to order!* Toll free: 877/735-2467  
*Online at: [www.pelagosmusic.com](http://www.pelagosmusic.com)*

*Available in Trinity's Upper Parish Hall after all Sunday morning services in December.*

## Deaths

Edward F. Macsata, Sr., Janet Virginia Hohensee  
*"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light  
perpetual shine upon them."*

Next date for Baptism is *Sunday, January 7*