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Letter to The Trinity Parish

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Dear Trinity Family:

My move, Bill's hospitalization, and I hate to admit, age threw my life "into a cocked hat" this past year.

Bill and I so appreciated and enjoyed the wonderful reception for us - just a year ago today, and the many gifts and contributions to the Gillian-Polly Fund at the Foundation. In time, the income from that will benefit Trinity and Susan B. Anthony, Gillian and my very special interests. Thank you, thank you.

Your notes & calls have meant so much to us and sweetened our departure from Bill's home for over sixty years and mine for ninety. Again, "thank-you". One gift, a delightful book entitled "The Meaning of Life" by Brady Trevor Greeves - I have no idea who sent it. Will the donor please step up and let me know?

My church affiliation here has not been very satisfactory, mainly because I am unable to get there regularly. I have learned how important it is to welcome newcomers and to talk to old timers.

Our latest news is that we finally sold our house in Harwinton on Friday January 13th and on the same day; Sarah, Linda and we bought a house on Deer Isle, Maine. We hope to move by late summer. Remember, we have a guest room here in Arlington and several in the Maine house. It's furnished, so we will rent (by the week or more) during the summer until we can move there ourselves. It's an absolutely beautiful area.

We do look forward to any and all our Trinity friends visiting us. Please keep us up on Trinity news and in your prayers.

Hugs & Love to all
Bill & Polly

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Child Care is offered each Sunday from 7:45am to 11:45am and is located downstairs in the Church School area.

Children's & Youth Ministries

Church School

Our church school will be completing their 2nd unit of study on the 19th of February. We will be holding our next Family Church School on Sunday Feb. 26th. Parents please join us in the chapel as we hear a Godly play story about Jesus and look ahead at Lent. The children will leave us to "create" in their classrooms while we stay in the Chapel to discuss ways to bring Lent and Easter into our homes. We will also spend some time reviewing the goals of our Christian Education program and discussing the Sunday morning time frame. Please do try to join us for this as your input is important to us.

Journey to Adulthood Youth (J2A) Program

Rite 13

Our youngest group raised a total of \$ 102.49 on Super Bowl Sunday for the Souper Bowl for Caring.

This has been distributed as follows: \$51.25 to the Food Bank, \$51.24 to the Soup Kitchen.

J2A Pilgrims

Our J2A Pilgrims have just completed their Chili Sale fundraiser. Great job!! The chili was great and through everyone's hard work they raised another \$540.00 toward their pilgrimage in the summer of 2007. Thank you to all who bought the chili. We hope you enjoyed it. Please join us for their next event, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tues. Feb. 28th at 6:00PM. Additional details further in the Messenger.

Munson's Candy Fundraiser The J2A group will be selling candy for their future pilgrimage. Candy can be delivered in time for Easter, and there is a special holiday selection. Decent prices, great chocolate--and just in time for March Madness, UCONN Husky chocolate bars! Please make your Easter list, check it twice and get those orders in! See any of the J2A-ers for information and placing orders. The deadline for submitting orders for Easter candy is the first week of March.

YACs

Our YACs are working to pick a ministry to join during the Spring. Some of those who have already chosen their focus are:

Patrick Gondeck~ Building Committee
Chris Snyder~ Church School Teacher
Tom Lapp~ Church School Teacher

If you are on any of these committees please help to make these young people feel welcome.

The YAC Group has also begun meeting for confirmation in May. They will be joining other candidates and Bishop Smith in an overnight retreat at Camp Washington Friday, March 10th through Saturday, March 11th.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Book Discussion Group The following books have been chosen for discussion during the next 6 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.

Horse Heaven by Jane Smiley will be discussed on Feb.21st at 7:30pm

This explores the world of horse owners, trainers and the horses themselves. Meet the Maybricks, a family of magnates and socialites, and get immersed in the world of thoroughbreds. There is even a love triangle to untangle!

The Beautiful Ghosts by Eliot Pattison will be discussed on April 4 (note date change) at 7:30pm

Here we travel to Tibet. This novel is a mystery. It reveals much of the Buddhist culture and delineates the clash of cultures between Tibet and China. The mystery involves the disappearance of some religious artifacts.

Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult will be discussed on May 30th at 7:30pm

This is another mystery and another clash of cultures. This novel takes place in contemporary Amish country. The mystery involves a baby born dead (stillborn? or murdered?) The clash, of course is between "the plain and the fancy".

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATE

Stephen Ministry Training Program (6:45 to 9:00 pm), continues each Monday concluding Feb 2006. For information, speak with a member of our clergy or contact one of our co-leaders: Mary Hart (482-1107) or Herb Mohlenhoff (868-9050).

Stephen Ministry Supervision and Continuing Education Program will meet on Tuesday evenings, February 7 and February 21 from 7 to 9pm. Next month March 7 and March 21.

Souper Seniors Wednesday, Feb 15 gathering in the Parish Hall following the 12:10pm service. Next month's gathering is Wed, March 15.

Vestry Meeting, Monday, February 20 16 at 7:30pm in Parish Hall. NOTE: **Orientation meeting** for New Vestry Members @ 6:30pm

"Special" Women's EVE-ning Save Friday, February 24th for a very special Women's Eve-ning. We are stepping 'out of the box' this month as we celebrate a 'last blast before Lent...' Come and share in an Eve-ning of crafts: beading, and clay play, painting prayer boxes, a game designed by Carol Bushey to stump our Anglican wits, and Chair Massage. Sign up in the Parish Hall. Please bring a \$5.00 material fee for this evening and your favorite desert or hors d'oeuvres to share. Wine and gourmet coffee will be provided.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: 6:00 pm Tuesday Feb. 28th Tickets will also be sold for this dinner in the Upper Parish Hall. Come and join the fellowship, enjoy the music, and help our youth as they work toward financing their 2007 Pilgrimage trip.

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, March 1.

Ash Wednesday Services Wed March 1
12:10pm & 7:30pm

Trinity Knitters Wed March 1 from 2:00 to 3pm in
the Rectory Living Room. Next month April 5

Rhythms of Grace Sunday, March 5 at 1:00pm in
the Chapel.

Vesper Service (Lent) Sunday, March 5 at 7:00pm

Men's Breakfast Note: NO MEETING will be held in March. Next meeting is scheduled for April 9.

The Inter-faith Council invites you in welcoming
Abdullah T. Antepi
Coordinator of Islamic Chaplaincy and Interfaith
Relations at Hartford
Seminary and Muslim chaplain at
Wesleyan University in Middletown

Friday night Sabbath Service and Discussion
Friday, March 10, 7 p.m.
Beth El Synagogue
124 Litchfield St.
Torrington, CT

Chaplain Antepi is Turkish born and a doctoral student at the Hartford Seminary. The seminary's Islamic Chaplaincy and Interfaith Relations program is the nation's only accredited Islamic chaplaincy program. Chaplain Antepi will speak about Islam, the various movements and there reasons for violence.

An oneg will follow the service and discussion. All are welcome. For more information, call the synagogue at (860) 482-8263.

Trinity Arts Series presents
THOMASINA - THE CONNECTICUT STATE
TROUBADOUR

Thomasina is a nationally recognized mountain dulcimer player, singer, and song writer whose performances weave together the best of traditional and contemporary folk music. She will be performing at Trinity Episcopal Church in a Celtic Celebration on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 2006 at 7:30pm . Ticket prices are \$15 for preferred seating, \$10 for regular seating, and \$5 for students and children. Call 860 482 4411 to order tickets.

visit their website @
www.trinityartseries.org

Join fellow Trinitarians for a two night retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, on the Hudson River. The retreat will begin with 5 pm Vespers on Friday, March 17, and it will end after morning worship on Sunday. The cost (including room and board) is \$200, but if we have ten in our group, it will be reduced to \$175. This will be a guided retreat, but nothing is mandatory, and there will be time for reading, reflecting, praying, meditating, and "nature walks" around the grounds. Retreatants are invited to worship with the monastic community and to share meals with them, too. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by February 17, with your name, address and phone, along with a check in the amount of \$200, made out to Trinity Church; if we have a higher turnout and the price goes down, you will be issued a partial refund. Call Conrad Sienkiewicz (738-3337) if you need more information.

HERE AT TRINITY

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.

Ashley Liuiza, daughter of John & Pat Liuiza, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Connecticut, Torrington Campus.

Nicholas Brown, son of Jim & Nancy Brown, was recently awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Graphic Design from Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA.

Professional office space available for rent here at Trinity. The space is located on the second floor above the Parish Office. Call the Parish office, 482-6027, for more information.

Easter Holiday Memorials Remember a loved one during this coming 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. A donation envelope is enclosed and also are available in back of church and in the Parish Hall. Donations may be placed in the collection plate or mailed to the Parish Office.

Operation Overflow, Thank you to all of the many Trinity Parishioners who have volunteered to help out with Operation Overflow. We are up and running, but can always use more help. If you are interested in

volunteering, speak to Melinda Harvey or call 489-3133 ext 122.

Trinity Fundraiser. Buy a pre-paid scrip card and Trinity will earn cash. These pre-paid cards can be used for your every day and weekly purchases as well as gifts. A list of participating stores are posted in the Parish Hall and in the back of the church. Visit the Upper Parish Hall BETWEEN services to purchase or pick up cards and/or information. Volunteers are needed to help with sales.

Wood carvings by the "Cat's Meow" of our beautiful church on sale for \$ 16.00. They can be purchased by calling the Parish Office, 482-6027. All proceeds - Flag Pole project. Also available, Trinity coffee Mugs \$8 each.

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!

Be good stewards in other ways, too—with electricity rates going up and natural gas prices high, every Trinity parishioner needs to do all s/he can to help us save energy. If you see a light on or a door left ajar this cold winter, please take the initiative to close it. Thanks.

Ushers and Altar Guild: these two ministries at Trinity need some new people to share in them. If you think you might be interested or called to one of these ministries, please speak to Ellen or Audrey. We can help you determine if God might use your gifts in one of these areas. Help to make our worship beautiful and friendly.

The new Trinity cookbook, Tastes of Trinity, it has over 200 tried and true recipes, soup to nuts, and play-dough too! Just \$ 20. Find us after church in the Parish Hall.

A message from the Outreach Committee.. During the month of February please consider giving a donation to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your continued support and caring of our community.

Ton of Food -Each year during Lent, The Outreach

Committee holds a Ton-of-Food drive to help fill the shelves of FISH, Inc. Last year FISH, was one of the five area food banks that provided over 310,000 meals to area residents! But they need our help now! So, we have decided to start our Ton-of-Food drive now, and have it continue through Lent. Hopefully, with the extra time, we will be able to gather 2 tons of food! Together, there's no limit to what we can do! Please bag nonperishable food items and paper goods, and bring them to the back of the church. We will weigh each bag, and deliver the collection each week to FISH. If you are interested in helping us weigh, sort, or deliver the food, please sign up. We need you! Thank you very much! Beth Steinberg, Outreach

Soup Kitchen Volunteers Every 3rd Sunday of the month Trinity members volunteer their time in the Soup Kitchen and more volunteers are needed. . Please call parishioner Jane Tremper, 489-7542 if you are able to volunteer or for more information.

THOMASINA - THE CONNECTICUT STATE TROUBADOUR

presented by Trinity Arts Series

Friday, March 17 at 7:30pm

Thomasina is a nationally recognized mountain dulcimer player, singer, and song writer whose performances weave together the best of traditional and contemporary folk music. She touches audiences with a simplicity, humanity, and strength drawn from the deep roots of the folk tradition. Her freshness and vitality surprise people, often evolving unexpected emotional responses from first time audiences and loyal fans alike.

There are no spectators at Thomasina's concerts.. Her infectious energy level draws audience members into some kind of participation - singing, clapping, drumming, or even playing along on an instrument which has been handed to you.

Thomasina sings, composes music and plays the mountain dulcimer. Her voice has been described as "both sweet and strong with a moving spiritual strain." Her original and traditional compositions and arrangements appeal to a wide range of audiences - from children to grandparents.

After years of work on the mountain dulcimer, Thomasina's unique and complex adaptation of the instrument with its sweet, simple sound has become one of her trademarks. While it is possible to appreciate Thomasina's music through her recordings, one must attend a concert in order to truly experience her magic. Thomasina has recordings and instructional books for both children and adults: "Chasing Cloud Shadows" is her 2003

release that has been aired in over twenty countries across the globe. It has been described as "pure sunlight, a dazzling marriage of new and traditional folk music, jazz, country and bluegrass that makes for an hour of joyous listening." She released "Holding Back the Night" in 1999.

Performing with Thomasina -

Connecticut Resident Rob Brereton is an accomplished mountain dulcimer player, performer and recording artist with a B.A. in guitar. His unique playing style has expanded the edges of the mountain dulcimer's repertoire. His music has been included in Mel Bay's book, *Dulcimer 2002, A Collection of the World's best Dulcimer Player's*.

Middleburgh, NY resident, Tom White, "musician's musician." He has played on over 40 recordings, won numerous prizes at festival competitions and plays more instruments than anyone can count!

As past co-owner of Wizmak Productions for 12 years, his experience in every aspect of music keeps him sought after for advice, production and performing. Tom can be heard with "The Barefoot Boys" "All Hands Around," and others. An expert in Celtic music, Tom plays the fiddle, tin whistle, bodhran, hammer dulcimer, guitar, bones, spoons, -- you name it - he plays it.

Come celebrate the Celtic Tradition of music and song with Connecticut State Troubadour, Thomasina Levy, Celtic Expert Extraordinaire Tom White and Mountain Dulcimer Master Rob Brereton here at Trinity Episcopal Church in a Celtic Celebration on St Patrick's Day, March 17. Ticket prices are \$15 for preferred seating, \$10 for regular seating, and \$5 for students and children. Call 860 482 4411 to order tickets.

Helen Fink

"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them."

Parish News

Births

No recent Births

Baptisms

No recent Baptisms

Deaths