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## ASSISTANT RECTOR'S REPORT 2016

Dear Trinity Family,

*"If you wander off the road to the right or the left, you will hear his voice behind you saying,  
'Here is the way, walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21*

As I reflect upon this past year and all that has changed, the words of Isaiah 30:21 echo in my mind time and time again. We have experienced some noticeable changes at Trinity. Probably the most notable one was Fr. Tom's retirement in September. Over 300 people gathered to celebrate, remember and say "good-bye" to our amazing rector who served us and God faithfully for many years. Fr. Tom's farewell was one of many highlights throughout this past year. Others included a farewell to George and Linda Lynch, Red Box Homilies, First Communion Sunday, Confirmation, Vestry Retreat, Vacation Bible School, Kateri Medical Mission Trip, Youth Mission Trip to Boston, Healthy Church Sermon Series and two nights of Lessons and Carols, to mention a few. Each one of these highlights point to the vibrant faithful living and discipleship making that occurs right here in our church.

This past year a new fellowship group also formed called the Men's Breakfast. It's a group that comes together each month on the second Saturday to have fellowship, pray and discuss opportunities in which we can serve God. This group is an amazing opportunity for men to grow in their faith and come to know others within Trinity. I encourage any man of Trinity to come and join this group. Two opportunities the group has started to explore are the Stephen Ministry and, what I like to call, SD Groups. Stephen ministry is the one-to-one caring ministry for people who are hurting. It helps train laypersons to come alongside those hurting and help carry the burden (Galatians 6:2). SD groups stand for "small discipleship" groups. These groups are three or four people who commit to meet once a week for fellowship, Bible study, prayer and encouragement. SD groups are designed to meet for no more than one hour at a time and equip each other to live a Christian life.

Also, The Red Box has become a wonderful addition to our worship on Sundays. These homilies were meant to encourage families and children to learn and share their faith through simple objects we see every day. What makes the Red Box meaningful are the sermons each child brings to our parish family. I want to thank all the children and parents who have participated in the Red Box, and I hope it is a way for parents to disciple their children throughout the week. One such example, a parent came and shared with me, is that the Redbox got their family to read the Bible throughout the week to prepare for Sunday. This is family discipleship.

Finally, looking forward to this new year, again, Isaiah's words stand firm. This year promises more changes and none of us know what these changes will bring. Often times, in Scripture, God's people find themselves out in the wilderness. These moments in the wilderness can be because we are drawn out by God or by our own human making. And let's not sugar coat it, the wilderness is a scary place. But, we should never lose sight of the fact that, no matter the reason for these wilderness experiences, God's people have met God out there too. God uses our wilderness experiences so that we can dwell in His presence anew. This journey through discernment is our chance to experience God anew. However, our trust is completely in Christ, and no matter if we turn to our left or right we should expect to hear His voice telling us the best way forward.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Patrick

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT 2016

Dear members of Trinity,

It is always a rewarding exercise for me to prepare to address the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Even though I have been serving as your Senior Warden for some time now, I'm always amazed at how much we accomplish as a community in building and renewing our faith together and serving others within our church, our more local communities and faraway lands. I'm happy to relay that the state of God's church here at Trinity is very strong!

From a financial perspective, I'm grateful for your stewardship and commitment to doing God's work and maintaining our house of worship through your dedicated support. We had a good year out performing our deficit budget due principally to a favorable expense variance in buildings and grounds. While we had projected a \$32,000 loss for 2016, the realized loss was less than \$7,000. I would like to thank Paul Scott for his many years of service as our Treasurer. He has been a consistent resource to help us manage the complicated accounting requirements of the Diocese and our tax code.

In 2016, through your financial support, we continued to minister to our parish family with inspiring pastoral leadership from Father Tom (until retirement) and Father Patrick. It was a joy to witness many little members being baptized into God's family, watch seven youngsters take their first Holy Communion and attend the confirmation of faith of a dozen youth and 1 adult (received), including my youngest son. We welcomed new young families this year and Father Patrick introduced the fun and engaging "Red Box" sermon. We celebrated special weddings together, wept at funeral services of long time parishioners and "broke bread" together in our parish hall sharing with and supporting each other more times than I can count.

Under the direction and commitment of Paula Kern and Manda Lavalley, our music and children/youth programs delivered yet another most creative and high quality year on Sundays as well as the myriad of other planned events. We are fortunate to have both talented and passionate leaders for these ministries.

Through the efforts of clergy and lay persons, we offered education for seekers and believers who wanted to know and/or experience more through the Alpha program, the Summer "Hot Topics" series, Youth Mission trips and Emmaus. We came together for growth in fellowship attending the Men's Breakfast, "Iron Sharpens Iron", Boys and Girls Dinners, Diocesan sponsored Mission Conference and for six weeks of "Healthy Church" small group sessions.

We continued outreach to serve local and area residents through the Pumpkin Patch, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade reception, Meadowbrook, Saint Elizabeth House, Lunch in the Park and other ad-hoc opportunities. Through Operation Christmas Child, Trinity Outreach and Kateri Clinic fundraising, we supported missionaries and persons internationally.

We prayerfully planned throughout the year as a Vestry and as a parish for Father Tom's scheduled retirement in September. Under the capable leadership of Louise Boehm and Bob Chagnon, we sent Father Tom and Maryjane off with a most beautiful and touching celebration worthy of their sixteen dedicated years of service to our church family.

*(Senior Warden's Report cont.)*

Our 2016 efforts during this transition time were centered in prayer, preparation for the retirement party, learning the details of the diocesan transition process and selecting the Discernment Committee.

I'm proud of the steadfast and faithful leadership of our Vestry and our committee members who directed much of these efforts. I would especially like to recognize the off going members of the Vestry which include Bill Broda, Sandy Cross, Paul Williams, and Vestry Officers Paul Scott and Junior Warden Jim Karadimas for their dedicated service to Trinity.

When I look back on 2016, I see countless blessings. GOD – the Head of our Church, through the Holy Spirit, has worked in this place and in his people to further HIS kingdom. I know change can be difficult and I know many of you have concerns about who will shepherd our church in the future. Let me remind you of our theme throughout 2016 that we recited each Sunday – **Be Not Afraid**.

***“Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9)***  
***Congregation: “We will have unwavering courage through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen”.***

I'm humbled and honored to serve as your Senior Warden.

Faithfully submitted,  
Troy McFarlane

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS 2016 ~ Junior Warden's Report**

Let me start out by thanking all of you for the support you have given me the past 4 years as your Junior Warden .

We have completed many projects these past years, none of which would have been possible without your financial and manual support for which I thank you all again. I really have experienced the Joy of seeing our church family coming together when we do the work God wants us to do for His church.

This is the end of my journey as your Junior Warden and I know that you will give Steve Parker, your new JW, the support you have given to me.

All safety inspections have been completed and passed on all our building systems. All the preventive maintenance has been completed for all 3 of our properties. Our biggest project this past year has been a new driveway for the Rectory.

A special thanks to Ellen Corriveau, Ed Gaidos, Nancy Fossum and Kevin Pelletier for all the help and support and to Lou Cascio for his beautiful work on our grounds along with all of you that participated in our Fall / Spring cleanup.

May God bless us again for the New Year.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Karadimas  
Junior Warden

## YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY 2016

This was an exciting year for our Youth Group. In January we had a group of parents take on the role of Senior High Youth Leaders. Because of their commitment to our Senior High Students we are now able to have both Senior High and Middle School groups meet almost every week. The Senior High Group now meets every Sunday, except CWT Sundays, in the Parish Hall from 9:45 to 11am. while the Middle School Group meets every Sunday, except CWT Sundays, in the Youth Room from 11:30- 1pm. Currently, we have 8 students enrolled in the Middle School Youth Group and 17 enrolled in Senior High Youth Group.

We started the TCT Makers Club a couple of times last year, but each attempt at regular meetings ran into issues so we were not able to have consistent meetings throughout the whole year. We are hoping to start fresh this January 27<sup>th</sup> and keep it rolling for all of 2017.

The Senior High Youth Group supported the Valentine's Dance with many of our youth showing up with friends and bringing the house down. Movie Nights were an enjoyable past time, especially once it got warm out and we could put up a screen in the Mylander's back yard for outdoor movie nights. Many Youth Group members joined in to lead the Easter Services, including Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. They also took a trip to the Corn Maze at Rosedale Farm for cider donuts.

Some of the events the Middle School Youth Group participated in included; movie nights, dinners, services, the Easter Egg Hunt, hiking up the Metacomet Trail, Memorial Day Picnic at church, VBS, CT Science Center, Big Ball Games, Fall Into Fall outdoor service, Pumpkin Patch, Simsbury Celebrates Clean up, the Christmas Pageant, and Laser Quest.

The Mission Trip with Center for Student Missions (CSM) was a difficult one. Learning about homelessness is not comfortable. The students had to question what they thought they knew about the world. At the same time they had to learn how to work together in unfavorable circumstances. It was a challenge for the students as well as the leaders. By the time we headed home new relationships had been forged, and a small world view had been expanded. It was a good and challenging trip, and I am happy to say we made it home alive and well.

It has been another engaging year and we are looking forward to, and working steadily toward, our mission to "be rooted and grounded in love...to be His Holy People...and to know the love that surpasses knowledge." (Ephesians 3:17-19).

The Youth Leaders and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped with our fundraisers, not only through your purchases and donations but also by helping to organize, set up, be present, and take down. We appreciate your optimism and willingness to step in no matter what.

Thank you.

Manda Lavalley  
Director of Christian Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016

2016 marks four years since Manda Lavallee became the Sunday School Director. In four years we have grown from a low of 20 regular students to a high of 45 regular students. In 2016 we settled in with a regular attendance of 36.

During 2016 our motto had been to keep things consistent. Due to the retirement of Fr. Tom from Parish life, the teachers and I decided to keep Sunday school as consistent as possible so that we did not disrupt the comfort level of our students and families with any additional changes. With that in mind we chose to continue using the Faith Weaver Curriculum for Sunday School, the What's in the Bible With Buck Denver Curriculum for the Sunday Summer Program, and Large Group Experiential activities for DIGG Church. This philosophy will continue to lead us through 2017 and any changes which occur during our Rector search.

We began 2016 with another trip to Simsbury Farms to go skating. This skating experience is more and more becoming a Sunday School Event because it is usually our younger kids who have been stepping up to help with Simsbury Celebrates Clean up. DIGG for February, March, and April explored Micah 6:8 *"Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God"*. We talked about what that looked like and practical applications in our lives. For Good Friday the kids all stepped up and became the characters in the Passion Story. That service is favored above all other Easter Services by many people. I think the kids can feel it during the service and they always respond in kind. During the May DIGG we talked about the Great Commission and sent all the kids out to talk to their friends and family about Jesus. Then we finished the school year with a teacher appreciation and Nerf war!

Preparation for VBS began long before the Summer months but once the calendar turned to June we were in full VBS preparation mode. We turned Trinity into a maze of Caves! We had spelunkers and critters all over the walls and ceiling. Trinity truly does take on the part of chameleon during VBS, turning into any backdrop we need, with enthusiasm and gusto. Thank you to everyone who helped make Cave Quest VBS into such a wonderful week for our kids.

The Summer Sunday Program used the "Wonder Blimp of Knowledge" curriculum from What's in the Bible with Buck Denver. This time there was a short video and then activities outlined by the curriculum pertaining to the focus of the Video. The curriculum was well received by the Teachers for a Day as well as the students. However, when I asked at the end of the summer if they wanted to watch the longer videos or find another series to watch, they all agreed that they wanted to watch the longer videos. Thank you to the many "Teachers for a Day" who signed up to help with the Sunday Summer Program.

When School began again in August, we had lost a few families due to moves. We will miss them very much and we wish them all the best in their search for churches closer to their homes. On the other hand, we had some students join us who were finally old enough to be in preschool! We are so happy to see these little ones in class! When I now look at our classes I am amazed to see how many kids that I used to teach when I worked with Mrs. Grant in the Second and Third Grade class who are now in High School! Our middle school children were in Preschool when I was teaching. Many of them were still hanging on to Mom and Dad when they would stop to talk to me. It is still amazing to us that you let us help you raise your wonderful children. I hope you are all as proud of their progress toward adulthood as we are.

As always, thank you for supporting and encouraging the teachers and I as we make decisions to help lead your children toward full confidence in Jesus Christ. It takes a village to raise children and we are honored to be part of your village.

Thank you,  
Manda Lavallee Director of Christian Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministries

## MUSIC MINISTRY 2016

### **Music at Trinity – indeed a ministry at its core!**

Expressing God's word in the form of song and instrumental music can touch people in ways that the spoken word cannot. We witness it at every service at Trinity. The variety of music that we present is aimed at attracting more people, reaching all walks of life, and expanding the family of God. Our goal is that you leave each service feeling refreshed and re-energized, with hope and gratitude to face the days ahead...and perhaps make changes or different decisions that guide you in the direction where God wants you to be. The combination of hearing the Words from the Bible, the meaningful sermon, and the music...whether it's sung or played...all aspects work in tandem to convey God's message.

In general, the monthly schedule of service/music types is as follows: Week 1 Traditional; Week 2 Blended; Week 3 Contemporary; Week 4 Blended.

It is difficult to describe the "year in review"... because so much happens on a weekly basis. Here are a few of the highlights....

### **St. Gregory Choir**

We pray, think, sing, laugh, share, and sing some more. With every piece of music, we aim to discover its meaning, interpret how to present it with intention, and add parts, dynamics, and instrumentation to enhance a message to hopefully touch our listeners! We sing a wide variety of music, so you never know what you're going to get! Current singers include: Phyllis Butta, Carolyn Clement, Lynn Morris, Cassandra Pease, Caitlin Wild (new this year and we are thrilled!), Sharon Girard, Jane Martin, Dana Wild, Mike Morales, Bill Pease, Terry McSweeney, Steve Parker, Rik Prechtl and Brian Zeiner. When Florida is not their home, Jayne Kingston and Lee and Bill Cross complement our group.

In the spring of 2016, we allowed George Lynch to retire from the choir (after a thousand years!) so he and his incredible wife, Linda, could move to New Hampshire. In the fall of 2016, we allowed Sandy Cross to take a sabbatical from the choir (after a thousand years!) so she can support us weekly from the pews! We thank George and Sandy for their incredible musical gifts and keep them close at heart during our rehearsals; we remind them that the door is always open!

From January – June of 2016, we were blessed to have Matthew Murphy participate in our choir as a singer and organist! Matthew, a resident of Ireland, spent a semester at Westminster School in Simsbury and offered his musical gifts at Trinity on several occasions. When he accompanied on organ, it gave me the chance to direct the choir, which I love! What a gift he was to Trinity! He is now studying in England at Kings College – University of London, but he knows he has a home here at Trinity...always!

Throughout the year, the Rev. Julie Mudge accompanied the choir, so again, I could actually direct them! What a treat for all of us! We thank Julie for offering her musical gifts so unconditionally.

### **Contemporary Worship Team (CWT)**

The volunteer music directors of CWT are a phenomenal asset to Trinity. Each brings unique talent to the group and inspires instrumentalists and singers alike. They are key to the music ministry at Trinity! Thanksgiving and praise for Kathy Sutton, Dan Moskey, and Moe Lavallee, without whom we could not conduct Contemporary and Blended Services plus all the additional musical life they give to a variety of special events! *(Their annual report appears directly after this one!)*

### **Sound System**

It just doesn't "happen"... behind the scenes at EVERY service, Moe Lavallee is there. And if not in person, he has trained others to fill in. That is why we can hear every word spoken and every song sung...and we can record our services and the balance is beautiful! Moe does it with grace and humbleness. With gratitude for all you do, Moe...and your team: Bob Chagnon, Alan Wild, Simon Evans, Charlie Austin, and Larry Cole. Thanks to all!

*(Music Ministry cont.)*

### **Choral Evensong – February 28, 2016**

Comments received:

My estimate is 33% of those in attendance were not from the church! It moved, it combined prayer/worship with song. And the final event with the choir on each side of the church was terrific. How can you top this?

I think it may have been the most beautiful that the choir has ever sounded! BETTER than St. Paul's Cathedral Evensong in London. Truly inspiring and soothing for the soul. What a gift. I'm so glad I came. Wow...had no idea it would be this awesome!

...what a wonderful service it was, full of the light of Christ and the warmth of His Love within the beautiful framework of ancient Anglican worship. Our Lord was very much present. The choice of music was great and the choir's performance was outstanding (as usual!)

We were just blown away by your magnificent choir. We attended a similar program at another church years ago and it didn't hold a candle to your program.

Just Marvelous! You have given me hope that a few in the Episcopal Church still know how to do liturgy and musical settings. The mix of contemporary and traditional music was exquisite.

We welcomed back as guest accompanist Stephen Scarlato from Immanuel Congregational Church, Hartford, whose virtuosity on organ and piano is unbelievable! We also embraced AJ Ferreira who accompanied us on percussion for his first Evensong performance. He's a keeper! The choir of 22 singers included members of the St. Gregory Choir as well as the Contemporary Worship Team.

I extend my thanks to: Cantor Michael Morales, Moe Lavalley for his audio/video expertise, Readers Kathy Oakes and Paul Gilmore, Crucifer Ethan Smith, the Rev. Collins I. Anaeché for his message, and Fr. Tom for his support and prayers. Once again, our elegant English Tea Reception could not have been possible without Sue Galici and Janet Gemme (and their many helpers). And not to forget the many volunteers who assisted with publicity, the program, and ushering.

I have tried to change the face of Choral Evensong the past few years...using a variety of musical styles to which people can relate. It seems to be working! The attendance every year has been growing! People are trying it for the first time...and loving it. Be a repeat attender... In 2017, we will be hosting the Service of Choral Evensong during Lent on March 12 at 4:30 pm. Come and be inspired by the music and the word. Stephen Scarlato will be joining us again! DON'T MISS IT!

**Ash Wednesday plus Easter Week - 2016** ~ Ash Wednesday, plus Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday...take your pick! I hope you picked ALL! Each service was unique and offered special, fitting music to exemplify the message! A special thank you to Manda Lavalley, Carolyn Clement, and Dan Moskey for orchestrating the incredible Good Friday Children's Service once again this year.

**Summer Music** ~ The months of July and August made way for "special music" at the 9:45 am service. The choirs were on break so I took the opportunity to ask soloists to share their gifts. We were the recipients of vocal gifts from Michael Morales, Tara Smith, Sue O'Brien, and Mary DesRoches. I also thank Peg Hunt for substituting on piano a few Sundays! Each week is a new treat to look forward to...you don't want to be away for too many Sundays in the summer.... you miss a lot!

**Service and Reception to Honor Fr. Tom and Maryjane - Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016** ~ From Fr. Patrick: "The love, dedication and support you have for them was apparent in the planning, setting up, singing, talks, fellowship and especially in the worship and prayers. It truly was a beautiful day honoring a couple that served us in many ways over the last 16+ years, as well as glorifying God for his presence throughout everything. No words can express the joy of that day, except for maybe *Thanks be to God!*"

*(Music Ministry cont.)*

From Fr. Tom: "We want to thank you all for the beautiful, inspiring and joyful music that you all presented at our farewell service and reception on Sunday, September 25. We were overwhelmed by how moving it was in every respect. In the worship service at 9:45, you all presented "blended" worship at its best. Bishop Rowthorn (who was my liturgy professor in seminary before he became a bishop) told me that he was very impressed by the variety of music styles incorporated into one service. He told me "I have never heard 'I'm So Glad That Jesus Lifted Me' at an Anglican worship service before." (And he was pleased to hear it now, he said.) I told him that he had no one but himself to blame as he is the one who taught me to expand my horizons and see what is best in every Christian tradition. And indeed, you

offered the very best you had to offer in every hymn and song and in the anthem. It was truly a service that lifted our hearts to the throne of heaven.

And if that were not enough, you sang for three more hours at the reception. We loved the variety and beauty and power of all of the songs. When the Tapestry Singers got up to sing later in the program, one of my clergy colleagues from a neighboring parish asked another clergy colleague "How many choirs do they have? This is unbelievable." Another colleague told me that the reception reminded him of a choir service he attended at a large African American church several years ago. Each choir got up in turn to try to sing more joyfully and powerfully than the one before. My brother and sisters and niece from Ohio all commented that they had never heard such wonderful and inspiring music anywhere - church or otherwise.

Thank you all for giving your all to make our last day at Trinity a day we will never forget, and thank you all for sharing your beautiful gift of music with us consistently for the last 16 years. It is one of the things we will miss most about leaving this wonderful parish."

### **Lessons and Carols - December 3 and 4, 2016 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Ever...Two Services for Lessons and Carols!**

Due to overflowing attendance the prior year, we tried something new in 2016. Two services! We encouraged parishioners to sign up in advance to help us gauge attendance, and try to ensure there would be room for "walk ins"... we prayed! Indeed, it was a success! Both Saturday and Sunday services were filled, and allowed guests to attend. In fact, we guess that approx. 40% of attendees were non-parishioners! Wow! That means we are reaching the community! Fr. Patrick said that good things grow. This was a good thing this past year. What if it grows?!!! Smile! If part of God's plan, we will accommodate! Again...start praying now!

With familiar carols, readings, anthems and new music...it was a glorious night for all. And, to top it off, our entire choir loft was filled with instruments! We warmly welcomed back Laura Murach from First Congregational Church in Granby as our accompanist on organ and piano. AJ Ferreira graced our music with heartfelt percussion, and Len Bobinski, from United Methodist Church, Simsbury, brought his sons, Lenny and Skyler, to assist him with brass embellishments on trumpet and euphonium. With the help of the Bobinski family and Laura Murach, we added Trinity's bells to the ensemble! (How wonderful to resurrect these beautiful instruments which were still in grand shape and in tune!) Adding baroque flavor to traditional carols, we were in the company of three recorders this year: our own Elaine Chagnon, and guests Sue Riley and JoAnn Shupe. These 9 instrumentalists plus 28 singers rounded out our musical family.

Special thanks to Jane Martin, our fearless music librarian, who was my right hand with organizing music and assisting with logistics. We could not have pulled this off without her!

Another banner year of volunteers: Luminaries and Stage Hand Nate Chagnon; Crucifers Ethan Smith and Devin Steinmetz; 17 Readers - Robert & Jacob Bush, Sharon Girard, Mike Morales, Mel Smith, Geri/Moe/Manda Lavallee, Marta & Ray Williard, Sandy Cross, Jeff & Kathy Sutton, Fred Fitzgerald, Rev. Julie Mudge, Rev. Pat Joy, and Rev. Patrick Bush. (We regret that Fr. Frank Howard was unable to join us this year.) Reception Coordinators Carole Noonan, Kathy Oakes, Sue Galici (and all the bakers and workers); Audio/Visual expert Moe Lavallee and his assistants; Photographer Paul Corriveau; Parking Attendants Bob Jugenheimer and Laird Mortimer; the wonderful ushers, child care providers, and of course, Jim Karadimas and Kevin Pelletier for helping prepare the church; Ellen Corriveau for Proof/Copy/Publicity, and those who folded and stapled bulletins. Steve Parker and Manda Lavallee for the assistance with publicity and signs, and all who posted flyers. Carolyn Clement (and Manda) for setting up our EventBrite registration, and to everyone I missed! It takes a village, and I am grateful to all of you!

*(Music Ministry cont.)*

**Christmas Pageant – Dec. 11, 2016** ~ One of the best ever... an incredible story written by Manda Lavallee called "The Carpenter and the Manger" came to life on Dec. 11. Heartfelt appreciation for Manda's creativity, patience, and directing skills! Several choir members and their families help lead the singing of wonderful carols. We also enjoyed Christmas sounds from the Recorder Ensemble, lead by Melien Lavoie.

**Service of Healing and Hope – Dec. 14, 2016** ~ Comments received: The Master Potter created a moment in time of quiet peace, love, comfort and reason for Hope. It remains with me still. Thank you Jesus. Fr. Patrick's message was sincere and thought provoking, full of hope yet real. The music was the perfect tone for the evening and lent itself to a deep reflective time and a feeling of peace.

We experienced wonderful classical guitar music performed by Laura Mazza-Dixon and her students, vocals by

Tara Smith enhanced with flute by Lori Ferreira. Prayers for healing, prayers for hope, prayers for coping, love, endurance, grace, and gratitude. Thanks to Judy Gessford and the Healing Commission for their commitment to Trinity.

**Christmas - 2016** ~ The sanctuary was fullest at the 4 pm Children's Service on Christmas Eve. I was grateful for Lynn Morris, Steve Parker, Judy Gessford and Dave Desmarais for volunteering to lead the congregation in carols at that service. The Contemporary Worship Team lead the 6 pm service again this year which allowed me to have a break! They did a phenomenal job! At the 9 pm, the choir offered three anthems and were thrilled to have Emma Gilmore and Krista Steinmetz participate! Christmas music lends itself perfectly for recorder and we are so blessed to have Elaine Chagnon embellish our hymns! Whether you were singing, playing, ushering, acolyting, preaching, reading, or simply attending on Dec. 24, it was a group effort that contributed to the true meaning of Christmas. And then, the 9 am on Christmas Day...another beautiful service to honor the birth of Jesus with thanks to Cassandra Pease for volunteering to sing! Christmas extended to the following Sunday, Jan.1, where I was told, "It was the 'highest' low church service ever witnessed!" Three duets enhanced this service thanks to Cassandra Pease, Rik Prechtel, Elaine Chagnon, and Sharon Girard. And where would we be without Moe and his assistants...monitoring the sound equipment at every single service!

**Meadowbrook Music** ~ I extend my appreciation to all of the musicians and parishioners who continue to give of their time and talent every Sunday afternoon as they plan, prepare and offer a heartfelt service at Meadowbrook of Granby, an assisted living facility just a few miles from Trinity. Some of the residents attend that service because of the music! Special appreciation for George Lynch and Fred Fitzgerald who organize the volunteers who provide music, read lessons, deliver homilies and assist with transporting the residents! To all who participate in this ministry: You are the Light of Christ to all of the residents!

### **The Tapestry Singers – Benefit Concerts for Kateri Medical Clinic**

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (Tapestry Singers' mission statement)*

Although not an official ministry of Trinity Church, this indeed is a ministry dear to my heart and I'm taking this opportunity to share what Trinity helped make happen....

The Tapestry Singers were formed in 1999 under the direction of the late Jana Piváček-Cole, with the purpose of performing to raise money for the benefit of others. At the request of the singers, I took over as director of this eclectic group in January of 2013 after Jana's passing. The group aspires to reconnect and re-infuse one another with respect for all generations...through the composition of the group as well as the music selections we offer. Currently, the group is comprised of 22 singers, representing a variety of ages, towns and churches. Our primary concerts are directed at raising awareness and finances for the Kateri Medical Clinic in Nigeria, Africa. The two 2016 June concerts at Trinity raised \$10,000 for this cause...in the same year where over \$100k was raised at the tri-annual fundraising dinner one month prior to the concerts! Please mark your calendars for this year's concerts: June 3, 2017 at 7 pm and June 4, 2017 at 2 pm. With music that spans the ages and spectrums, there is something for everyone!

*(Music Ministry cont.)*

### **Trinity's Music Ministry...Come Join Us!**

Members of the Music Ministry extend an invitation to join our family! Our door is always open...singers, audio/visual/tech assistants, marketing, administration, receptions, etc. We can certainly find a way to use your unique talent, or maybe you just want to hang out with us! Feel free to contact Kathy Sutton, Moe Lavallee, Dan Moskey or Paula Kern.

*Respectively submitted by Paula Kern*

### **Contemporary Worship Team Ministry**

*Give Thanks To Him And Praise His Name. (Ps.100:4 NIV)*

Music is sometimes called a universal language. Melody and rhythm accompany celebrations of all kinds in every country and culture around the world. We recognize the regional origins of music based on the instruments used and the style of song. Our own experience of musical preference is generally defined by our geographic location and culture. And, just like language, it evolves throughout our lifetime. In the tradition of the Episcopal Church music is built into our worship. What does it mean for us at Trinity to ‘enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise’?

As musicians (instrumentalists and singers alike) we bring our best to glorify our Lord. We recognize that human talent and skill are not enough to praise Him; we bring our **intention** - our hearts to Him. We are humbled by the knowledge that our talents are a gift from God and not a badge of pride.

This year the CWT once again worked in tandem with the St. Gregory Choir to provide music that allows us all to encounter God in worship. We are grateful for Paula’s leadership as music director (and relationship builder) for Trinity. Very few churches have been able to overcome the culture wars between traditional church hymnology and contemporary worship music. We are grateful for our loving unity in the Spirit!

Membership in the contemporary worship team is open to anyone who would like to join. Rehearsals are Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. The arrangement of music and instrumentation are under Dan Moskey’s talented direction. Moe Lavalley continues to be the wizard of the soundboard in the back of the church and is always looking for assistance. If you love to sing but don’t read notes or feel a little nervous dusting off your high school choir sheet music, come visit a rehearsal. We’re a fun bunch!

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Kevin and Ann Means as they transition to their new home in New Jersey in the months to come. Kevin has sat in with us on many occasions when we found ourselves needing an instrument. Whether it was the cajon, bass or guitar, Kevin was able and willing to help out. Thank you, Kevin!

Respectfully,  
Kathy Sutton, Dan Moskey & Moe Lavalley  
CWT leadership

## TRINITY TRANSITION 2016-2017

With the retirement of our beloved rector, Tom Furrer, in September, Trinity has begun the process of seeking God's direction for us and for a new rector. We're in transition. Basically that simply means that we are 'between' rectors. The Episcopal Church of Connecticut has defined a process that lays out general directions for helping us along the way. There are three distinct phases in this transition process: Celebration, Discernment and Recruitment supported by an on-going Prayer Team. This is different from what we generally think of as a "search". It's more like matchmaking. Think E-Harmony!

All of the teams are under the authority of and selected by Vestry. The Prayer team is led by Sandy Cross and meets regularly and faithfully to support each step of the process. They are members of this parish who set aside time daily to pray specifically for transition.

The Celebration phase was orchestrated and organized by Bob Chagnon and Louise Boehm. There are no words to capture fully the love and joy that gathered in the ballroom of Riverwalk banquet hall. Approximately 400 people honored Tom and Maryjane's retirement and ministries. It was a fitting and joyful day!

The next step in the journey is Discernment. The discernment team is selected by Trinity's Vestry. They are: Kathy Sutton-chair, Elaine Chagnon, Carolyn Clement, John Nagy, Ray Williard, and Kathy Zirolli. While we met throughout the summer to review our website and study the steps we would take in the fall, the formal process of discernment began immediately after Tom left. The Cannon for Mission, Rev. LeeAnn Tolzman, visited our Vestry and the full church in October to explain the process. Her role in guiding the process is advisory. She helped to match us with our Transition Consultant, Rev. Rebekah Hatch, who is serving as rector at St. Alban's. Our team has met with Rebekah twice so far and feel a sense of peace that she is the right person to work with us.

Basically, our goal is to gather information for the purpose of presenting ourselves, Trinity Church, Tariffville, as we are today and hope to be in the future to a potential rector. While we will be looking at the statistics of Trinity, this "information gathering" is not truly about data. It's about remembering how God has already been manifested within our parish up to the present time and figuring out how God intends to use Trinity to communicate God's love to our neighbors going forward. We are all in this together. While the Discernment team will organize activities to gather information, we need the whole church to participate. We invite your thoughts, feelings and feedback every step of the way!

### **Currently there are several opportunities for all parish members to participate.**

Share your encounters with God through Trinity Church on the **History Gathering Boards** in the parish hall. Some folks have brought pictures, others have written their experiences on stickies. The names and richness of experiences over the years is a clear demonstration of God's protection and provision for Trinity over a long history. Come up and spend some time reading the boards.

Communicate your personal thoughts, questions, feedback directly to any member of Vestry or the discernment team or through our email that goes directly to the Discernment Team: [trinitytransition17@gmail.com](mailto:trinitytransition17@gmail.com).

Come to the **Parish Discernment Morning Retreat on Saturday, February 4th beginning at 9:00**. If you missed the sign up in the narthex, come anyway. Childcare is provided. If you absolutely can't attend on the 4th, stay awhile after the 8:00 or come early before the 9:45 service on the 5th. We will have an abbreviated program at 8:45 in the parish hall.

**Pray, pray, pray.** Prayer makes us one in Christ and will guide our way. We know God is faithful and he will carry us through this journey. Thank you for your companionship on the walk.

Respectfully, Kathy Sutton

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2016 & 2017

### **Trinity Church 2016 Operating Results:**

We had a very good year financially. Operating income exceeded budget by \$63. Pledge income was behind budget by \$444. Expenses were \$25,950 under the amount budgeted, hence a loss of \$6,773 instead of the budgeted \$32,785 loss.

### **Henderson and Brown Funds:**

The Henderson Fund balance decreased by \$24,562 because \$32,785 was removed mid-year to cover an operating cash shortage, and the Elsie and Arthur Brown Fund gained \$4,552. The total of all funds at year end was \$456,583 down \$20,010 from the beginning of the year.

### **Budget for 2017:**

The budget presented to and approved by the Vestry has a \$50,088 short fall. As pledge income was off \$55,748 from 2016, the Vestry decided to make a further pledge appeal to the congregation. Budget changes and assumptions include:

Total operating income is budgeted to be \$519,500. This is a \$58,248 decrease over that budgeted last year! While Pledge decreases by \$55,748 and Plate decreases by \$2,000, Other Income increases by \$1,500 to \$19,500 based on 2016 experience. Thus total Operating Income is budgeted to be 9.8% lower than last year.

The medical insurance will increase slightly and property insurance is budgeted at last year's level.

The Diocese is recommending 0.7% salary increases for 2017 and we are following this.

A full time priest (our assistant, an interim rector, or a newly called rector) is budgeted for the full year and a half time interim rector is budgeted for 4 months.

Transition Process Expenses are budgeted at \$4,500 per Diocese recommendations and \$8,000 is budgeted for moving a newly called rector.

Detailed 2016 results and the 2017 budget details appear below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Paul F. Scott,  
Treasurer



## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2016 BALANCE SHEET

| TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 4th QTR 2016 BALANCE SHEET COMPARISON |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS   |   | 1-Jan-16          | 31-Mar-16         | 30-Jun-16         | 30-Sep-16         | 31-Dec-16         | YTD                |
| Current Assets   |   | EOY 2013          | 1st QTR           | 2nd QTR           | 3rd QTR           | 4th QTR           | Change             |
| 3101-000   | Simsbury Checking Account                     | 31,535.17         | 34,221.50         | 24,917.36         | 1,037.49          | 29,281.38         | (2,253.79)         |
| 3102-000   | Simsbury MMDA                                 | 55,720.98         | 63,225.16         | 48,831.66         | 64,004.19         | 92,926.82         | 37,205.84          |
| 1106-000   | St. Elizabeth House Checking                  | 439.92            | 564.92            | 489.92            | 650.46            | 182.86            | (257.06)           |
| 1210-000   | Petty Cash                                    | 250.00            | 250.00            | 250.00            | 250.00            | 250.00            | -                  |
| 1200-000   | Prepaid Housing Allowance - Furrer            | 2,016.67          | 2,016.67          | 2,016.67          | -                 | -                 | (2,016.67)         |
|  | <b>Total Current Assets</b>                   | <b>89,962.74</b>  | <b>100,278.25</b> | <b>76,505.61</b>  | <b>65,942.14</b>  | <b>122,641.06</b> | <b>32,678.32</b>   |
| <b>Investments</b>   |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| 1106-001   | Henderson Fund                                | 206,587.84        | 196,242.82        | 208,202.60        | 184,470.05        | 182,025.45        | (24,562.39)        |
| 1106-003   | Elsie & Arthur Brown Fund                     | 269,965.42        | 255,006.70        | 269,371.73        | 279,675.49        | 274,517.74        | 4,552.32           |
|  | <b>Total Investments</b>                      | <b>476,553.26</b> | <b>451,249.52</b> | <b>477,574.33</b> | <b>464,145.54</b> | <b>456,543.19</b> | <b>(20,010.07)</b> |
|  | <b>Total Assets</b>                           | <b>566,516.00</b> | <b>551,527.77</b> | <b>554,079.94</b> | <b>530,087.68</b> | <b>579,184.25</b> | <b>12,668.25</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES, RESTRICTED FUNDS, AND EQUITY</b>                 |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                       |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| 1545-000   | Current Year Prepaid Pledges                  | 9,600.00          | 7,200.00          | 4,800.00          | 2,400.00          | -                 | (9,600.00)         |
| 1546-000   | Next Yr - Pledge Prepayments                  |                   |                   |                   |                   | 9,700.00          | 9,700.00           |
| 1550-000   | Employee Pension Premiums                     | (2,149.78)        | (2,149.78)        | (2,149.78)        | (2,149.78)        | (2,149.78)        | -                  |
|  | <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>              | <b>7,450.22</b>   | <b>5,050.22</b>   | <b>2,650.22</b>   | <b>250.22</b>     | <b>7,550.22</b>   | <b>100.00</b>      |
| <b>Restricted Funds</b>  |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
|  | <b>Total Restricted Funds</b>                 | <b>83,092.08</b>  | <b>93,165.46</b>  | <b>104,713.13</b> | <b>87,121.35</b>  | <b>89,758.16</b>  |                    |
|  | <b>Total Liabilities and Restricted Funds</b> | <b>90,542.30</b>  | <b>98,215.68</b>  | <b>107,363.35</b> | <b>87,371.57</b>  | <b>97,308.38</b>  | <b>6,766.08</b>    |
| <b>EQUITY AND CASH GENERATED BY OPERATIONS</b>                   |   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |
| 9000-000   | Church Unrestricted Funds 01-01-09            | 475,973.70        | 475,973.70        | 475,973.70        | 475,973.70        | 475,973.70        |                    |
|  | Change in Value - Henderson Fund              | -                 | (10,345.02)       | 1,614.76          | 10,667.21         | 8,222.61          | 8,222.61           |
|  | Elimination of Furrer Housing Adjustr         | -                 | -                 | -                 | (100.00)          | (100.00)          | (100.00)           |
|  | Change in Value - Brown Fund                  | -                 | (14,958.72)       | (593.69)          | 9,710.07          | 4,552.32          |                    |
|  | <b>Unrestricted Funds - EO QTR</b>            | <b>475,973.70</b> | <b>450,669.96</b> | <b>476,994.77</b> | <b>496,250.98</b> | <b>488,648.63</b> | <b>12,674.93</b>   |
|  | Cash Generated by Operations                  | -                 | 2,642.13          | (30,278.18)       | (53,534.87)       | (6,772.76)        | (6,772.76)         |
| 9000-000   | <b>Total Equity and Cash Generated</b>        | <b>475,973.70</b> | <b>453,312.09</b> | <b>446,716.59</b> | <b>442,716.11</b> | <b>481,875.87</b> | <b>5,902.17</b>    |
|  | <b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>           | <b>566,516.00</b> | <b>551,527.77</b> | <b>554,079.94</b> | <b>530,087.68</b> | <b>579,184.25</b> | <b>12,668.25</b>   |

## **TRINITY OUTREACH SUPPORT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016**

The Trinity Outreach Commission exists to financially support the mission work of individuals or organizations with a distinct tie to Trinity. Each of the missionaries or ministries we support must share the goal of our parish “To know Christ and make Him known”. Each must be under a recognized Christian authority, financially sound and responsible, and have a tie to Trinity, usually through an active member.

This year, members of the Trinity Outreach Support Commission included Laird Mortimer, Sonia Bayne, Frank Walton, Kathy Oakes, Tara Smith and Hank Rau. Dana Wild was asked to serve as Commission Chair and Vestry Liaison for the off going Elaine Chagnon, to whom the Commission would like to extend their thanks and gratitude for her service.

During the fiscal year 2016, the Trinity Outreach Support Commission was able to recommend to the Vestry and fund the following grant requests totaling \$6,200:

Kairos Prison Ministry – Torch Program/Paul Williams: \$400 for supplies associated with the Kairos weekend

SIMS/Katie and Corey Garrett: \$1,000 to continue work in Senegal which includes leading Bible teaching groups, Bible storytelling, and friendship evangelism working with the Wolof people of Kaffrine.

CRU/Indy and Dawn Little: \$1,000 for their work in training college students to be leaders and to then send them to work as short-term missionaries both in the U.S. and abroad.

Allan and Tricia Beeber: \$1,000 for Global Media Outreach, in support of their work reaching new Christians all over the globe.

Rock the World: \$1,500 in support of its mission to engage, equip, and empower young Christians to advance the Kingdom of God, specifically for the mission trip to the Middle East.

Elaine Chagnon: \$1,300 for travel, registration, and baggage fees as part of the FaithCare mission trip and work for Kateri/Africa Education Partnership teacher training.

We encourage all of you to learn more about these outreach programs and help us utilize our resources to further the gospel and the work of the Lord. If you are interested in requesting funding for a missionary or a specific mission organization, please contact one of the board members, the church office or go the church’s website to obtain an application form explaining the guidelines. All applications will be prayerfully considered.

If you have any interest in serving on the Commission, please contact Dana Wild. The Commission meets 2-3 times during the year to review grant requests.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trinity Outreach Support Commission,  
Dana Wild  
Commission Chairperson and Vestry Liaison

**STEWARDSHIP RESULTS FOR 2017**      *(to date as of 1/25/17)*

| YEAR | PLEDGING UNITS       | TOTAL                                       | AVERAGE PLEDGE   |
|------|----------------------|---|------------------|
| 2007 | 187 (Net gain 10)    | \$497,779 (+ \$55,416)                      | \$2,662 (+\$162) |
| 2008 | 181 (Net loss 6)     | \$495,958 (-\$1,821)                        | \$2,740 (+\$78)  |
| 2009 | 177 (Net loss 4)     | \$479,540 (-\$16,418)                       | \$2,709 (-\$31)  |
| 2010 | 178 (Net loss 1)     | \$511,861 (+32,321)                         | \$2,876 (+\$167) |
| 2011 | 162 (Net loss 16)    | \$466,236 (- \$45,625)                      | \$2,878 (+ \$2)  |
| 2012 | 166 (Net gain 4)     | \$504,415 (+38,179)                         | \$3,039 (+161)   |
| 2013 | 157 (Net loss 9)     | \$491,055 (-13,360)                         | \$3,128 (+89)    |
| 2014 | 161 (Net gain 4)     | \$546,815 (+55,760)                         | \$3,396 (+\$268) |
| 2015 | 162 (Net gain 1)     | \$539,478 (-7,337) <sub>as of 3-16-15</sub> | \$3,330 (-\$66)  |
| 2016 | 150 (Net loss of 12) | \$537,775.60 (-\$1702.40)                   | \$3,585 (+\$255) |
| 2017 | 134 (Net loss of 16) | \$499,666.50 (-38,109.10)                   | \$3,729 (+144)   |

as of 1-25-17

**STEWARDSHIP FOR 2017**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to convey my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed with generous pledges this year. While we are currently \$55,000 behind in pledges for 2017 compared to 2016, the average amount per pledge has increased, reflecting your commitment to God's work. I am confident that we will close this gap in the coming weeks so that we can continue to serve and glorify God as we have always done.

It is such a blessing to be part of Trinity Church and God's work locally and worldwide. Your gifts of time, talent and money not only allow us to continue to support a thriving Church, but also to fund numerous outreach activities in the local community and in many parts of the world. Each of you has an impact on, and a hand in, sharing the love of Jesus.

Trinity is alive and growing. We have much to be thankful for. Give thanks and praise to God.

May God Bless you all,

Paul Williams, Stewardship Chairperson

## LUNCH IN THE PARK 2016

Thank you Trinity Church for another successful year serving lunch to the homeless in Hartford! For those of you unfamiliar with this ministry, on the second Saturday of each month, a group of us meet in the parish kitchen to prepare between 60-100 lunches for the homeless in Hartford. We then package the lunches and distribute them at Bushnell Park following a brief church service led by Father Patrick.

In the winter months, we also collect and distribute warm clothing and blankets thanks to the wonderful generosity of our fellow parishioners. This past December, a mother of one of our parishioners and a friend knitted sixty (60) winter hats which were a welcome surprise in the lunch bags for the homeless. In November, our Young Families Ministry came together in the parish kitchen to make homemade cookies that we distributed to a very eager and appreciative crowd at the park. We remain one of the largest ministries at Trinity. In 2016, we had 41 volunteers who contributed their time and/or money to purchase food and beverage items and/or helped prepare and distribute the lunches.

We would not be able carry out this important ministry without our dedicated and devoted volunteers. We would like to especially recognize and thank Gil Justo (and his helpers) for all of their assistance this past year in making Gil's delicious homemade rolls each month. Many of our volunteers consist of families. If you are looking for an opportunity to show your children how to give back, this is the perfect ministry for your family! This ministry reaches many people in need on a local basis and serves as a wonderful mission opportunity for both the young and old in our parish. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact either John Corcoran at [jpcorcoran@cox.net](mailto:jpcorcoran@cox.net) or Eileen Moskey at [emoskey41@cox.net](mailto:emoskey41@cox.net).

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Moskey, John Corcoran, James Fulton and Dana Wild

## EVANGELISM MINISTRY 2016

*Revelation 3:20*

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

Have you knocked on Christ's door lately? If not, remember He waits for you patiently! The Evangelism Committee is a group of individuals involved in a wide variety of ministries, dedicated to bringing the knowledge and love of Christ to all those around us. We meet monthly to plan new activities and to report on ongoing ones. A sampling of some of the activities we have been involved in this year are listed below:

*Alpha, Valentine Ball, Emmaus, Social Media Sunday, Social Media Privacy Workshop, Children's Bibles & Books in the Pews, Welcome Packets and Visitor Experience, Women's and Men's Bible Studies, Village Perk, Pentecost Sunday, Fall into Fall Gospel Concert on the Green, Healthy Church Small Groups, Ladies Night Centerpiece Making*

Some new events, ideas and/or concepts in the planning stages are:

*The Marriage Course, Trinity Parish Photo Directory, Lenten Series, Alpha 2, Family Dinners, Book Groups, College Aged Young Adult Group, Rev. 3:20 Tee Shirts*

As I look around our church and leaf through the annual report, I am humbled by the numbers of individuals dedicated to bringing the "seeker" to knock on Christ's door. Our little group is just a small part of the big picture that Christ has painted here at Trinity.

Respectfully submitted by: John Nagy, on behalf of your Evangelism Team: Carolyn Clement, Lucian Cascio, Lori Ferreira, Fred Fitzgerald, Judy Gessford, Kathy Oakes, Tara Smith, Jeff Sutton, Dana Wild, Kathy Zirolli, Reverend Patrick Bush

## MEADOWBROOK MISSION 2016

The Meadowbrook Mission continues to minister to the spiritual needs of the residents at Meadowbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility in Granby. We meet every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, offering a time of worship where we sing traditional hymns, share a brief message or homily, and support one

another through a time of prayer. The Prayers of the People consist of five areas.

- 1) Our general needs and concerns.
- 2) Prayers for the residents where we say aloud the names of those present.
- 3) Prayers for our loved ones.
- 4) Prayers for the Meadowbrook staff.
- 5) Prayers for those in need of healing.

Following The Lords Prayer, we share the peace with one another, and it is during this moment where several in the community will thank us for being with them.

We are blessed with a faithful and dedicated group of volunteers who lovingly give of their time, coming in on a rotating basis. They are:

|                 |                |              |               |              |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Phyllis Butta   | Jayne Kingston | Debby Siegel | Alex Bayne    | Fred Platt   | Fred Fitzgerald |
| Carolyn Clement | Rik Prechtl    | Sandy Cross  | Carol Sadosky | Rev. Pat Joy | Sue Shipley     |

On Sunday, December 18th, 2016, we held our special Christmas Service. Sharon Girard was with us, adding to this festive occasion with her talents on the piano. Our community sang seven traditional Christmas carols, and five scripture readings, all pertaining to the season, were read.

Rev. Julie Mudge offered a message on the importance of the Christmas story and also had a 'show and tell' session, where she displayed her extensive collection of various Nativity Scenes from around the world, noting the uniqueness of each one.

With Christmas being on a Sunday this past season, the idea was pitched of still being there for a special service Christmas afternoon. This was met with a favorable response, and a modified service was put together. Many expressed how grateful they were for this gift.

Along with worship, there have been times when we have been asked by staff and or family members to pray bedside with a loved one, especially when a resident is nearing the end of their earthly pilgrimage.

We are always in need of additional volunteers. I would encourage anyone who wishes to learn more of this ministry to please speak with any of the volunteers listed above. Also, feel free to be with us on a Sunday afternoon and see what we do first hand.

We love this community dearly and as we have said on many occasions, they are more than just the residences of Meadowbrook, they are extended family.

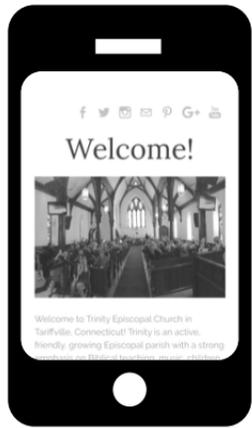
On behalf of the Meadowbrook Mission, thank you for not only loving us, but also for supporting us through your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully submitted, Fred Fitzgerald.

# Trinity Social Media Ministry Report

## #tctville 2016

### Social Media Snapshot



**40%**  
traffic to website  
from mobile or  
tablet



**500**  
followers



**252**  
followers



**230**  
followers



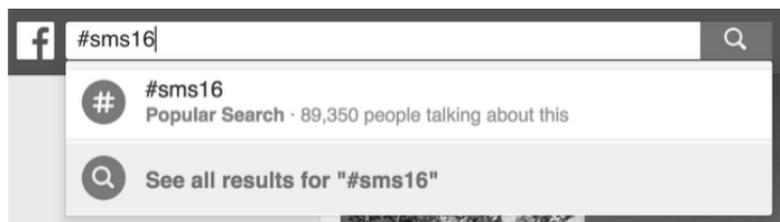
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followers



**New Website**  
Mobile Optimized  
*More to come in 2017!*



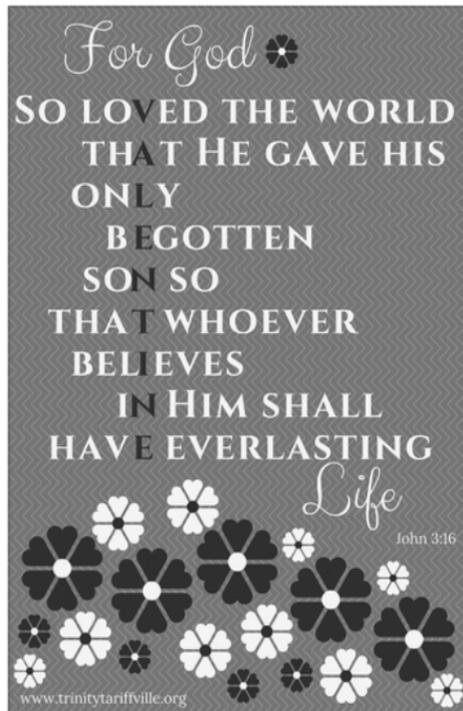
**10m+** worldwide impressions  
trending topic on Twitter



# Trinity Social Media Ministry Report

## #tctville 2016

Happy Valentine's Weekend! Do not forget that YOU ARE LOVED!



**Most Popular Post of 2016**

**68** Shares

**5769** People Reached

**9.7k+**

Post Likes in 2016



**Most-Watched Video of 2016**

**1.5k+** Views



5,769 people reached

Boost Post

Like Comment Share  
Buffer Storify

24

68 shares

Total video views on FB 2016 **5887**

## Goals for 2017 *Empower YOU to be a digital minister!*

- Continue to update & improve website
- Grow Instagram following
- Establish volunteer digital ministry/tech team
- Additional classes & Social Media Help Desks for Trinity
- Create more photo and video content - posted in near real time
- Explore Live-streaming
- Support #SMS17

Respectfully Submitted,  
@singingcarolyn  
(Carolyn Clement)

## **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR MINISTRY 2016**

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors Ministry began in 2012 and we continue to grow. We have Eucharistic Visitors who go out in teams of 2 to bring the gifts of God to the people of God. We made 93 monthly visits to 9 parishioners in homes and nursing homes. During the year there were also 3 people visited that were home or nursing home bound for a short term. During each visit the Eucharistic Visitor team brings the Eucharist, prays for special needs and brings the news of Trinity Church.

Eucharistic Visitors are all trained and have had a background check. We have all participated in the Safe Church Training that is required by the Episcopal Church in CT, ECCT. We represent the church to those we visit by being reminders that the sick and infirm continue to be integral parts of the community, the Body of Christ. Birthday, Easter and Christmas cards are sent to each of the people we visit.

Deacon Joy continues to be our spiritual director/chaplain, trainer and patiently listens to our concerns. We thank her for continuing to guide us. Phyllis Willis and Sue Galici were trained as new volunteers this past year. We thank Marilyn Gibbs for her years of service to this ministry before she moved to Australia.

During the year God has welcomed 2 of our friends into His heavenly home. One was a Eucharistic Visitor from this ministry before becoming ill.

I would like to thank Louise Boehm, Sandy Cross, Sue Galici, Evelyn Golden, Barbara Karadimas, Eileen Moskey, Nancy Osborne, Kent Rogers, Elaine Shaw, Phyllis Willis, and Sue Zeiner for their continued dedication to this ministry in bringing the love of Christ and blessings from the congregation to the people who are unable to worship in the church.

Anyone who would like to have the Eucharist brought to them, whether it be short or long term, please call the church office or one of us and a visit will gladly be set up. We are all in agreement that each of us receives many more blessings than we bring from each visit. Each of us has been blessed and God goes before us at each visit.

Yours in Christ  
Susan Thomas

## USHERING MINISTRY 2016

The Ushering Ministry provides the initial welcoming contact for both Trinity members and visitors. This may take many forms but with one common theme, making both newcomers and parishioners realize they are part of a family worshipping God.

At the start of 2016, we had 30 ushers. We lost four ushers during the year, two who moved from Connecticut and two who increased their participation in other Trinity ministries. However, we now have four parishioners on call for special services, such as Lessons and Carols; this is up from two last year.

Working with Tom Mylander and Dean Zirolli, we identified a need to get the young people of Trinity more involved in the regular activities of the church. We now incorporate members of the Senior High Youth Group into both our regular and special services. To date, five different young people have served as ushers. This is a new activity that originated as a bottoms up effort and is generally unrecognized. Both Tom and Dean have my personal thanks for their efforts.

In 2016, each usher served an average of 8.9 times during the year, compared to 8.4 times in 2015 and 8.5 times in 2014. The following table summarizes our efforts over the past three years.

| <b>Services</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Number of Services</b> | <b>Number of Assignments</b> | <b>Average Staffing</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Regular         | 2014        | 50                        | 200                          | 4.0                     |
|                 | 2015        | 50                        | 200                          | 4.0                     |
|                 | 2016        | 49                        | 193                          | 3.9                     |
| Special         | 2014        | 17                        | 58                           | 3.4                     |
|                 | 2015        | 17                        | 53                           | 3.1                     |
|                 | 2016        | 18                        | 56                           | 3.1                     |
| Combined        | 2014        | 67                        | 258                          | 3.8                     |
|                 | 2015        | 67                        | 253                          | 3.8                     |
|                 | 2016        | 67                        | 249                          | 3.7                     |

Note: The 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday services have different ushering needs; thus, they are excluded from our statistics. Additionally, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas are classified as Special Services.

At the end of 2016, I retired as Head Usher; Bill Broda will replace me. I have held this position for ten years and believe it is time to broaden members' involvement in leadership in our church.

Respectfully Submitted by Bob Jugenheimer

## WELCOME COMMITTEE 2016

Those who sign our guest book in the narthex receive a hand-written note from Sandy Cross, a member of the Welcome Committee, who thanks them for coming to visit Trinity and invites them to return and/or contact her with any questions. The committee is also responsible for one of the bulletin boards in the narthex. It is changed according to the liturgical calendar and displays a scriptural message which relates to the liturgical season. The Committee also sponsored a Super-sized Coffee Hour in March 2016. We invite all members of the parish to come meet new people as well as Trinity people they may not know. The Welcome Committee supplies a brunch so that everyone can enjoy good food while they visit. Wearing name tags is highly encouraged! This coffee hour is always a huge success, and the one this year was no exception. We try to make Trinity a happy place that people want to return to!

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Shaw

## TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2016

The Tuesday morning women's Bible study has a long history at Trinity. It was begun by Father Frank Howard shortly after his arrival as Rector and has continued meeting ever since. After Father Howard retired, the leadership role passed first to Deacon Pat Joy and then to Maryjane Furrer. Maryjane led the group faithfully for over 13 years. At the end of September of 2016, Father Tom retired as Rector and he and Maryjane left with the love and blessings of a grateful congregation. Maryjane's dedicated, insightful and caring leadership was deeply appreciated by the ladies and she is greatly missed. We wish her God's greatest blessings in the next leg of her Christian journey.

In October and November our Assistant Clergy Patrick Bush led the group in a 6 week study called *The Healthy Church* in preparation for the search for a new Rector. His wonderful optimism, infectious love of scripture and practical guidance through *The Book of Common Prayer* helped us to look forward to the church's future with a sense of expectation and waiting upon The Lord.

December was another time of transition for the Bible Study. At the beginning of the month, I was honored to be warmly accepted as the new leader. It has always been the custom of the group to study the scriptures directly, and thus we began a verse by verse study of the Book of Genesis. At the end of the month, one of our long time members, Pat DeTeresa, went to meet her Savior and Lord. Her lifelong faithfulness and joyous anticipation of meeting her Maker and Redeemer were a deep inspiration to all.

We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 in the church library. We welcome all ladies to join us whenever your schedule allows. Please bring your Bible and drop in for a visit most Tuesdays from September to June.

In His service, Jane Martin

## MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 2016

The Men's Bible Study meets every Monday possible throughout the year. We are a group of seekers, young and old, novice or seminary trained, learning together and sharing thoughts and experience. We vary in number from 6 to 18 and meet in the Church Library from 7 to 8 PM. We use a published study guide of the Bible segment chosen for that month. Stop in any week and try it!

Respectfully submitted, Lucian Cascio

## PIZZA, PRAYER AND A PINT

This group meets the fourth Monday of the month at the Cracker Barrel Pub in Tariffville from 6:30-8:00. Our evening is a time of sharing and discussing life questions as we navigate our Christian walk. We invite everyone to join us no matter where you are in your journey. Come and *Join the Conversation*

Respectfully submitted: Judy Gessford [jbgessford@yahoo.com](mailto:jbgessford@yahoo.com)

## **ST. ELIZABETH HOUSE MINISTRY 2016**

Trinity Church has been providing food, comfort and encouragement to the residents of St. Elizabeth House for, I believe, almost 20 years with thanks to Fr. Howard! It is probably one of the longest running ministries at Trinity but it is also one of the "quietest". Twice a month, year round, one of our eight teams prepares a Saturday dinner either at home or at Trinity and delivers it to Hartford to be shared by residents. The home-cooked flavors, aromas and attention show them that folks are thinking about them, praying for them and in general providing a level of caring that is beyond what they receive day-to-day--it isn't part of our job, it is from our hearts.

Although the facility holds about 54, at present we cook for about 30 residents and staff. These individuals are in their final stage of training -- life skills and jobs -- before they go out on their own. There are also some new programs which include families that are in need of breakfast and lunch daily which we have not participated in as yet.

Our budget is \$125 per meal for or \$3000 per year, however, some teams do not request reimbursement. If you consider 24 meals a year times 20 years, Trinity has provided almost 500 meals through the years! This is truly in keeping with our motto: To Know Christ and Make Him Known.

Prayerfully submitted, Evelyn Golden

## **THE MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFASTS**

The Men's Breakfast is a drop-in fellowship group that meets at the Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8:00 to 9:30 am for breakfast and discussions. We are looking to develop a stronger Men's Ministry and identify projects that we can be involved in.

We take turns cooking and are always happy to have assistants.

We welcome anyone from teens to cane-wielders. If you want to cook or to propose an activity to the group, please contact either Fr. Patrick or Lucian Cascio so we can put you on our loose "agenda".

Respectfully submitted, Lucian Cascio

## **HEALING MINISTRY 2016**

The Healing Ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month from September through June. Our focused teaching for 2016 was a book study of Henri Nouwen's *The Wounded Healer*. Each month a member of our team would facilitate the discussion and how this relates to our ministry. It started out slowly but by the end we were all fully engaged.

The prayer chain, which consists of a core group of prayer warriors, has prayed for 384 requests in 2016. Prayer is very powerful and we are blessed to feel this through the work of the prayer chain. Each request is prayed over daily for two weeks in a private and confidential manner. Please call Sandy Cross at 860.658.5772, Pat Joy 860.653.6721 or the church office at 860.651.0201 to let your request be known.

This ministry provides prayers for healing at all three services the first Sunday of every month. In addition, at the 9:45 service every week, a member of our team is available at the back of the church to pray with you during communion. There is also a prayer box in the back of the church where you are invited to write your prayer request and deposit it in this locked box. A member of our team collects these petitions and prays over each request. Condolence and get well cards are sent to parishioners in need by a member of our group as well.

December was our annual Service of Hope and Healing. This service offers an opportunity for our entire community to receive healing and spiritual care during the holiday season. This service has provided comfort and hope to those grieving or struggling during this time of year. Beautiful music and a powerful message enhance the evening.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Gessford

## TRINITY COUNSELING CENTER 2016

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

The Trinity Counseling Center is now in the 12<sup>th</sup> year here at Trinity Church. We offer both Christian Counseling and Spiritual Direction, two distinct services under one umbrella. Both have separate fee structures and offer uniquely different services. Deacon Pat Joy writes specifically about Spiritual Direction.

The Counseling Center accepts new clients, as well as referrals. We continue to serve individuals, couples and families. The days and times are flexible. We don't take insurance, but there is a sliding scale, making it affordable. We are also grateful for memorial gifts or donations, which help to subsidize clients who aren't able to pay the full fee due to financial hardship. Currently, there are many clients with significant mental health challenges that have financial constraints. If you feel called to make a financial donation to help, you can send checks to the church office, with Trinity Counseling Center in the memo line.

EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing) continues to be offered for individual therapy. It is an effective therapy by qualified, licensed EMDR therapists, that helps to work through traumatic events that have occurred in your life – whether long term or recent. Please call the Counseling Center, or talk with Maryjane Furrer, if you would like to know more about EMDR.

There is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and a licensed Clinical Social Worker on staff, who offer opportunities for both individual and group work. There is more information about the Counseling Center in the Trinity Newsletter, as well as on the website.

Therapists are trained through accredited programs and receive supervision according to professional guidelines. There is an Advisory Board for the Counseling Center to help in the process of accountability and support. The Counseling Center is a ministry within the church, but is run independently following our own Policies and Procedures outline. This helps to maintain confidentiality both in scheduling and payments. If you are interested in receiving individual or group counseling, please call the confidential number for the **Counseling Center at 860-651-3102**, and ask to speak with **Maryjane Furrer**.

Yours in Christ, Maryjane Furrer Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

At present there are **three** groups who meet monthly to journey together on our exploration of our faith. We share our interaction with the Lord and how it impacts our daily lives. This is a time of contemplation, exploration and integration with lively discussion. We started our new year in the fall with an all day retreat with a time of quiet reflection, Eucharist and an amazing lunch.

There are many who are in individual Spiritual Direction who meet monthly who also share how their lives are impacted and changed by their relationship with the Lord.

Spiritual Direction is a partnership with two people who are searching for ways in which their spiritual lives impact and drive their daily lives. A spiritual director is also engaged in their own spiritual direction, meets regularly with a supervisor and engages in continuous ongoing education. At this time there are several who meet with me once a month as we engage in this journey of spiritual growth. The spiritual direction part of the ministry at Trinity is in partnership with the **Christian Counseling Center**.

If you are interested in exploring this path of your own spiritual journey please call **Pat Joy at 860-653-6721**.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Pat Joy, Deacon Emeritus

## SACRED SHAWL MINISTRY 2016

The Lord continues to bless this ministry in amazing ways. A new member of our parish family has stepped up to the plate and is contributing to this important comforting ministry.

In addition to the shawls we have had pocket shawls for those who want to carry them with them. This has been a wonderful addition.

New life has been breathed into this vital ministry. Olive wood crosses are also available for those who wish to send them to someone in need.

The blessed prayer shawls are available during the services on the first Sunday of the month and are also kept in the library. Please avail yourself of the shawls for those in need.

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Pat Joy, Deacon Emeritus

## SAINT MARGARET'S ALTAR GUILD 2016

The Altar Guild is a devoted group of Trinity church members who serve our Lord by preparing and tending to the places where we hold worship: the Sanctuary, the Howard Chapel or occasionally a summer outdoor service. We assist the priest so that the worship services proceed smoothly and assure all the necessary items are in place for worship. Altar Guild members prepare for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well. We warmly welcome those who feel called to this special service ministry.

There is a period of training and apprenticeship as there are procedures to learn. During this time, the one in training is assigned to work with experienced guild members until completely comfortable with the tasks. Two guild members are scheduled each weekend to care for the altar, and the group has a yearly meeting (usually before Easter) to clean and polish the vessels and sanctuary. Each member serves every four to six weeks and a schedule is prepared three months ahead of time. The work is done with a servant's heart and love for our Savior, the Lord.

In the past year we have continued to maintain all the linens and vessels needed for the weekly services and special events. There are currently ten members and we welcome new recruits.

Faithfully submitted, Carole Noonan, Altar Guild Directress

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We had the best year ever this year! We collected and donated **182** boxes to Samaritan's Purse for the Operation Christmas Child ministry. Trinity Church parishioners open their hearts to this worthy ministry every year. Because of people like us throughout the world, Samaritan's Purse was able to distribute **12 million boxes** to the neediest of children in the most desperate areas of our world in 2016.

I have been privileged to be a part of this ministry here at Trinity for several years, but 2016 was my last year. Jessica Olewnik has agreed to take over. Praise God for her and all the volunteers who make our church so kind and caring. God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Shaw

## K. I. T. - "KEEP IN TOUCH" 2016

In 2016, the Keep In Touch (K.I.T.) ministry reached a 15-year milestone in sending the love of Christ through mailings to our college aged students. Mailings have been delivered to over 140 recipients around the country and around the globe, to places such as Thailand, Czech Republic, England, Italy, Spain, Uganda, Australia, France, and Scotland.

The goal of K.I.T. is to reach out to the young adult members of Trinity for four years after their High School graduation; to keep a connection with them, encourage them, and remind them that Christ is with them always. Where ever their journey takes them, our prayers go with them.

In 2016, K.I.T. welcomed 8 new High School graduates so we now currently have a total of 36 active recipients. We said goodbye to 3 participants, but we'll still encourage them as "young adults" to join us, the other young adults and K.I.T. members, for a summer barbecue in May/June.

In 2016, we kept in touch through: a Valentine's Day package, an Easter package, a "Back to School"/ "Welcome To Fall" package, and a "Christmas Cookies" package.

We published our package preparation dates and times and invited others to join in. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who accepted our invitation, helped prepare packages, signed hearts, baked cookies, and lifted the KIT participants up in thought and prayer.

If there are any other parish members who would like to help or have new ideas/suggestions for us, please let us know!

Respectfully submitted, Geri & Moe Lavallee

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## CAVE QUEST ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

What a wonderful Vacation Bible School (VBS) we had this year! We went deep underground on our Cave Quest, learning that Jesus is the Light of the World! **Follow Him!**

Our VBS seems to be getting more focused on quality over quantity. The group sizes are getting smaller which is good because each child's background seems to be more and more varied each year. These smaller group sizes are allowing our group leaders to focus more on each individual child and their physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. This year we had 27 students and 48 volunteers. These numbers do not include all the people and students who helped build props and decorate the church in the weeks and months before VBS.

Many of our VBS campers, which were called Climbers this year, were repeat customers. However, we also had 3 new families join us for VBS this year. They heard about it through our wonderful Trinity family who invited them personally to come to Cave Quest VBS.

Our Operation Kid to Kid went to support the Friendship Center at St. Elizabeth House as it does every year. Our VBS families worked together to fill numerous Blessing Bags for the homeless and home insecure clients the Friendship center serves. A Blessing Bag is a small bag or backpack which is filled with Toiletries, Clothing, Food and Drink-, Journal and Pen, Stamps, Pre-paid phone card, First Aid Kids, Hand Warmers, and the like. The point of it is to give items that most people wouldn't think of when giving donations but are necessary none the less.

We would like to take this moment to thank each and every one of you who helped prepare for and execute our little Cave Quest VBS. It takes many people with many different talents to run a program like VBS and we appreciate all of your time and talent.

**In 2017 we are going to be hosting the Maker Fun Factory VBS. Signups begin in February!**

Respectfully submitted, Geri and Manda Lavallee  
VBS Co- Directors

## **TRINITY KITCHEN CLEANING TEAM 2016**

I would like to thank everyone again for keeping our Kitchen clean after all the events that take place all year long, it makes our job much easier. Our team meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 9am until about 11:30 am.

Our jobs are to sanitize the kitchen and appliances and keep the cabinets and pantry organized. We also clean out the refrigerator and freezer every month and check to be sure that all food items in the Pantry are in plastic containers. Please mark any items that you want kept in the freezer or refrigerator so we do not throw them out by mistake the following month.

Our certificate of inspection is on the bulletin board from the Health Department.

I would like to thank Steve Parker, Alex Bayne, Marilyn Gibbs and Paul Thomas who helps out when needed. If you would like to help out, even on just a part time basis and not be committed to every month , then call me or e-mail me .

Respectfully submitted, Jim Karadimas , Team Leader

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## **BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW 2016      Men's Ministry**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a coordinating group for Men's Activities in the parish and in the community, encouraging Piety, Study and Action. We promote spiritual growth among men and youth and pitch in to help other church and community activities that might benefit from our assistance. Special projects have been a 4-month "Letters from Dad" program (in 2010), then usually the Men's Steak Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Outdoor projects and cleanup at Camp Washington, Men's Retreat, and Peaches & Ice Cream Social. Contacts are Lucian Cascio, Brian Zeiner, or Bill Vincent.

Respectfully submitted, Lucian Cascio, Secretary

## **THE TRINITY CHURCH LENDING LIBRARY 2016**

The Trinity Church Library is an **excellent** but under-utilized resource available to everyone. Books on every Christian topic are grouped by a number system shown on the door of the Library computer cabinet. Books about Evangelism, Lent, Fasting, Easter, Prayer, Women's or Men's issues, Life of Christ... C'mon in and browse! To become more involved, please contact Lucian Cascio.

Respectfully submitted, Lucian Cascio

## **LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE 2015**

The Church Grounds are maintained by volunteers, working mostly on Saturday mornings during good weather. We plant, prune, fertilize and mulch in the Spring (mostly). The lawns are mowed professionally on Thursdays and professional pruning is done in late summer. The rest of the season we battle the occasional weeds, maintain the outdoor furniture, and do special projects. It's great therapy. Call Lucian Cascio or Jeff Fournier to take part.

PS: Watch for the Spring Cleanup Date

Respectfully submitted, Lucian Cascio

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2017 VESTRY MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee makes the following suggestions of names for the three, two and one year term Vestry Members and one year term for Officers for 2017:

**Officers:**

|                     |   |                |
|---------------------|---|----------------|
| Senior Warden       | - | Troy McFarlane |
| Junior Warden       | - | Steve Parker   |
| Treasurer           | - | Anthony Galici |
| Assistant Treasurer | - | Judy Gessford  |
| Parish Clerk        | - | Mel Smith      |

**Vestry:**

|                      |   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Three Years          | - | Rik Prechtl<br>Henry Rau<br>Cynthia Williams<br>Dave Yoczik        |
| Two Years            | - | Lori Ferreira<br>Sue Galici<br>Nancy Osborne<br>John Reid          |
| One year             | - | Fred Fitzgerald<br>Sayre Fournier<br><br>Rose Hadsell<br>Dana Wild |
| Convention Delegates | - | Sam Paul & Ed Gaidos   |
| Alternate Delegate   | - | Jason Lobo   |