

THE CHRONICLE

October, 2007



8 AM – Holy Eucharist , Rite I
9 AM – Family Eucharist
9:45 AM – Education Hour
11:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II



CROP WALK, 1:30 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 10 AM

YOUTH LOCK-IN
SATURDAY OCTOBER 13TH



PASTA DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 5-7 PM

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES SALE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th



SAVE THE DATE:
Annual Parish Turkey Dinner: Sunday,
November 18th, 5-7 pm



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK...

I remember a popular song from not too many years ago that observed "...every new beginning is some other new beginning's end." I think church can be like that. We celebrate new beginnings on a pretty regular basis: maybe new life at Baptism, a new Sunday School year, a new project to help others, new friends and families who become part of the church. But each of these new beginnings really has its root in some other thing that has come before, some work that had its own new beginning and then came to fruition in time to usher in that next new thing that would follow.

And if the new beginning for the Cook family as part of this community is any indication of what has come before in the life and ministry of Trinity Church, everything points to a faithful work on your part, a genuine effort to shape Trinity as a community of Christian love and service. Our new beginning with you has been an experience of graciousness, welcome, hospitality, and hopefulness. We feel received with open arms. Our life as a family already begins to fall into rhythm with Swarthmore and the surrounding communities from which our church members come. The rectory, the house in which we are privileged to live, begins to feel like "home."

And talk about an exciting time for the Church! The level of enthusiasm is magnificent. Sunday worship is beautiful and renewing for the spirit. Attendance is high. Parish leaders are giving so much time and effort for the good of the Church. People from throughout the community have extended not only welcome to me but best wishes for the entire congregation as we embark on this new beginning together.

"Every new beginning is some other new beginning's end." Well... maybe. But maybe some new beginnings don't represent the end of a prior thing, rather they reveal the continuation of some larger work, some longstanding work of which you and I are a part. Our new beginning is really the continuation of the ministry of Jesus Christ, revealing the love of God for this unfolding Creation in which we dwell, worshipping God in the beauty of holiness, caring for one another and the world around us. Perhaps this new beginning is not some other new beginning's end, rather it is the sign of a continuing life of faith in God and a sign also of the faithfulness of countless others before us who worked diligently and gave generously so that we might have this time.

Thank you, Trinity Church, for such a warm and faithful welcome...

The Rev. Thomas R. Cook



PRAYERS: Bob, Brownie Ulrich, Neal Dyer, Fr. Dennis Warner, Jack DuPrau, George Brennan, Helen Taylor, Catherine Jenkins, Austin Jenkins, Peter Kane, Xandi Robbison, Jo Burns, Joseph Raleigh, Ruth Cornell, Douglas Williams, Mimi McWilliams and Don Hann

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date			AUGUST	
RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Total Income	268,155	264,473	22,814	24,242
EXPENSES				
Total Expenses	286,992	305,167	38,603	38,625

*Copies of the complete treasurer's report are available through the office.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry is planning on having a Vestry Retreat in either late October or early November to create plans/goal/objectives for 2008.

Of note are some new changes to the Cleaves Room. There is a new brass memorial plaque gracing the door of the Cleaves room thanks to **Ed West's** efforts. It replaces an older, wooden plaque that was located above the doorway to the room. Also, **Lois Johnson and Sophie Martenson** selected and purchased new curtains for the Cleaves Room and they are now adorning the windows. The room was painted over the summer too. It looks great! These decorating improvements have been a project that the Thrift Shop women directed and financed.

Ginny Davis

The Finance Committee of the Vestry is undertaking a project to review Trinity's insurance coverage. The committee's goal is two-fold: First, to evaluate and understand the policy in order to safeguard Trinity's assets. Second, to be sure we have appropriate policies and procedures in place to help limit risk. It has been 5 years or so since this was last done. In that time, we have completed the Imagine Trinity Projects and done considerable work on the Rectory. Construction costs continue to rise as well. As good stewards of Trinity, now is an appropriate time to be sure we are maintaining the protection of Trinity's assets.

John Hollyer

CROP WALK - SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7TH

"Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty - CROP!" The annual Swarthmore-Wallingford ecumenical 10K CROP Hunger Walk is set for Sunday, October 7th. Again this year Trinity Youth Groups are spearheading the effort to sign up sponsors and recruit walkers. Collection envelopes are also available at the back of the church. Monies given to the CROP Walk will benefit Church World Service and The Delaware County Coalition of Food Banks equally. Participants should register at 1:00 pm at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. Start time is 1:30. Way stations along the route will provide refreshment. Bring a friend and join the Walk! For more information, contact **Ann Hubben** at 610-872-6891.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 6th, there will be a an informal lawn service to commemorate the Blessing of the Animals 10 a.m. on Trinity's circle drive by Fr. Tom Cook. The special blessing is really a Thanksgiving to God for the richness of God's whole creation, especially the domestic animals that brighten and give joy to our journey.

Mary Anderson

St. Francis wrote a Cantic of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. *"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."*





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Church School got off to a great start on Sunday, September 16! **Father Tom** commissioned the Church School teachers, and **Joyce** led the “kick-off” to Church School after the 9:00am service, welcoming the children and their families to the start of an exciting new school year. We were thrilled to greet our newcomers and welcome our returning students, and are excited to have Father Tom’s vision, energy and experience. Joyce’s spiritual remarks inspired all present – children and adults – to work together as a community – as shepherds with our flock - to volunteer our time and talents to ensure the success of this important ministry within our Church. Our wonderful volunteer teachers then led their students to their respective classrooms to get to know one another, and to begin their lessons. For the third year, we are using the liturgical based Seasons of the Spirit curriculum, while also exploring and learning about the fundamentals of being an Episcopalian under the expertise and talent of Father Tom and Joyce.

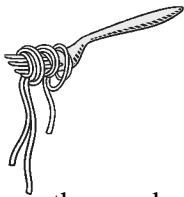
This year we also have our art ‘guru’, **Merle Manwaring**, visiting the classrooms and engaging the children in art projects which correspond to the Church School lessons. Please stop to admire our newly decorated Church School bulletin boards in the upstairs hallway, thanks to the creative inspiration of Merle. Here the children will display their creative artwork depicting their Church School lessons, Bible stories and liturgy.



Our very successful outreach programs, coordinated by **Beth Beck**, will begin this fall with the children participating in a variety of opportunities for service within our Church and our community.

Please remember, we need your participation and support – together we can make Trinity’s Church School a strong, successful and vital ministry in our Church community. Please contact Church School Co-Chairs **Robin Shields** and **Anne Hollyer** with questions or to volunteer to help. Robin can be reached at rshields55@yahoo.com or 610.565.5414 and Anne can be reached at abhjwh@comcast.net or 610.891.0291.

PASTA DINNER OCTOBER 14TH



The Pasta Dinner has been a popular family/fellowship occasion at Trinity for many years.. Proceeds of the event will support a Youth Group service /outreach trip. The Youth are asked to sign up for shifts setting up and serving. Volunteers are needed to help in the Kitchen and to provide home-made desserts. Ticket sales and sign-up sheets will be at the back of the Church, at the conclusion of services starting in the end of September, and at the Church Office. You may sign up and pay at the event if someone is not available to sell tickets, but tickets will be limited to 100 persons unless advance sign-ups justify the purchase of additional food. Cost (no change): Adults - \$6; Children - \$3; Families - \$15. Call **Carol or Don Hann** (610-566-9369) or **Dick Koelle** (610-566-4087) if you have any questions.

ADULT FORUM: OCTOBER 21st

On Sunday, October 21st, **Scott Gilbert**, PhD, will again speak at our Adult Forum. Scott is the Howard A. Schneiderman Professor of Biology at Swarthmore College, where he teaches developmental genetics, embryology, and the history and critiques of biology. He received his B.A. in both biology and religion from Wesleyan University (1971), and his PhD in biology from Johns Hopkins University (1976). He also has an M.A. in the history of science from Johns Hopkins University.





THE CHURCH IN OUR PATH

Ahh, Autumn. Even though this is a season associated with decline—leaves swirling and falling, winter creeping in from the north—there is tantalizing evidence of many new beginnings (and it's not even spring!). Obviously, **Fr. Tom Cook's** ministry among us has begun. Three Sunday services have started up again, as well as Sunday School, Adult Forum, choir, the Thrift Shop, Taize and pot luck dinners up the hill at the college...all the events and special things that make Trinity Church unique and cherished.

Trinity Church, the physical plant and all the opportunities for family sharing and ministries again has been put squarely in our path. The question is, in what ways do we respond to how we benefit and what is asked of us in the areas of time, talent, and treasure?

As we head into the autumn, it is traditionally time to discuss stewardship. This year, 2007, is no different. But this year, we will be embarking on a different way to have this discussion. Our plan will not only focus on understanding how this wonderful parish operates and your relationship to it, but also will also create a year-long mind-set for the whole picture of stewardship of the three “**T's**”: **Time, Talent, Treasure.**

This is an invitation to join me in the “new beginnings” discussion at the Adult Forum on October 7th at 10 am when I, along with various leaders of the church, will start the conversation which will lead to a roundtable discussion in an Adult Forum in early November and the ingathering of pledges later in November. This conversation, along with opportunities to be on an ongoing stewardship committee will continue into the new year.

It's autumn and Trinity IS squarely in our paths—yours and mine—and we must seize the opportunity presented to make wonderful things continue to happen, as well as being good stewards of what we already have that means so much to us. I am excited about the possibilities and I look forward to seeing you there at this most important conversation in the life of our beloved parish. With God's blessings,

Susan Warren, Vestry Stewardship Chairperson



Annika Lee Sloomaker was born this month, weighing in at 8 lbs, 3 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine. The proud parents are **Pete and Megan Lee (Koelle) Sloomaker**. Annika's brother, **Will**, has not yet released a statement as to his comments on the situation. The happy grandparents are **Heather and Dick Koelle**.



TRINITY THRIFT SHOP

Trinity Thrift Shop opened its 2007-08 season with warm cornbread sticks and muffins baked and delivered by **Tom and Britton Cook** (deliciously enjoyed by staff and a few lucky customers!). Many new customers checked us out and faithful long time friends returned. We are especially grateful to **Lou and Kathryn Temme** for their moving porch sale left-overs. Sales for our September opening day totaled \$1,381.00. A wonderful beginning!

Sophia Martinson



Let's Give Thanks for our Ministries...

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

...was the theme of the reception after the Installation for our new **Rector Thomas Cook** on September 8, 2007 as he was introduced to the fellowship of the Trinity community. An impressive spread of elegant and delicious appetizers, desserts, and finger foods was contributed by **Ann Kane, Nancy Urban, Klare and Bill Scarborough, Marilyn Rowan, George Whitfield, Joan Taylor, Mary Pipan, Mary Laxton, Sophie Martinson, Dick Koelle, Tom Izbicki, Chris and Claire Larson, Agnes Wozniak, Pam and Randy Poe, Jay Gillespie, Bill and Robin Shields, Joe and Gwen German, Fran Vartanian, Jean Arnold, Ashley Nagle, Laurie Keller, Sue Warren, Ann Hubben, June Clifford, Vivian Comer, Linda Sauer, Lois Johnston, Sibby Toland, Ginny Davis, Barb Birney, Rose McCarthy, Mary Anderson** and probably others whom we have failed to identify. The amount of food was so extensive that we had enough for an encore reception after the 10AM service Sunday September 9, with still some left to contribute to the Taize at Swarthmore College that evening.

Preparation and planning of the reception was led by **Ginny Davis, Jean Arnold, Jen Donlevie and Dick Koelle, with Jay Gillespie, Sue Warren** and Jen taking care of the invitations and publicity, and Parish Secretary **Nancy Holstein and Sexton Greg Piscorik** assisting with the pre-game preparations. **Jean Arnold** managed the food component of the event and was assisted by her friends **Tracey Johnson and Tammie McDonald** as well as **Letitia Jeavons, Barbara St. John, Ed West, Suzanne and Matt Ortoleva (who repaired the refrigerator when it broke down at the worst possible time), Ashley Nagle, Laurie Keller, Sue Warren, Ann Hubben, June Clifford, Vivian Comer, Linda Sauer, Lois Johnston, Sibby Toland, Ginny Davis, Barb Birney, Rose McCarthy, and Mary Anderson.** **Suzanne West**, with Jean's input and assistance, beautifully decorated the Parish Hall, **Heather Koelle** provided background piano music for the occasion, and **John Ogden** photographed the event (See the Trinity website to view the photos). Ashley, Letitia, Jean, Laurie and Suzanne had so much fun that they took it upon themselves to do the encore food set-up and clean-up on Sunday.

We recalled the Farewell reception in April, 2005 for our beloved prior Rector, **Randy Williamson**, and toasted those who led us on the journey to the installation of our new Rector:

- To **Larry Ehmer**, Rector's Warden at the time of Randy's departure
- To **Lou Temme**, our Interim Rector, who mentored us in the Search process, guided us through the transition and prepared us for the new era
- To **Bishop Bennison** and the Diocese, who provided us with Lou Temme
- To **Joyce Tompkins and Mimi Greenwood**, who assisted Lou throughout the interim period
- To Rector's Warden **Bill Scarborough** and People's Wardens **John Ogden, Mary Anderson, John Hollyer and Ginny Davis**
- To Co-Chairpersons **Mike Davis and Barbara Koelle** and the other members of the Profile Committee
- To Co-Chairpersons **George Whitfield and Sue Warren** and the other members of the Search Committee
- To all those responsible for the impressive installation ceremony (refer to separate article in this Chronicle for further detail)
- To **Jean Arnold** and the others noted above who contributed to the elegant reception
- And to our new **Rector Tom Cook** and the new era we are entering

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY & FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR LOU TEMME

MANY THANKS to **Ginny Davis** who managed the food components of both the Farewell Reception for **Father Lou Temme** on Sunday, August 26TH, and for the "Welcome Back" Sunday Adult Forum on September 16th.

NEW YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**New Youth Group!
Meets First Wednesday of the month**

First meeting Wednesday October 3rd, 6:30-7:30

Fellowship

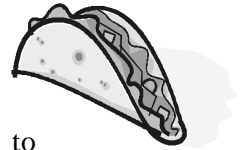
Music

Pizza

Talk about future activities !

We are excited about a new youth event. All youth (grades 7 to 12) are invited to come on the first Wednesday of each month for food, fellowship, music and fun. Come, eat, have fun and help plan future events on Wednesday, October 3rd in the the Youth Room (where J2A meets) from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Contact **Paul Oestreich** (pauloest@rcn.com) or **Bella Englebach** (benglebach@aol.com) for more information.

WELCOME FATHER TOM DINNER



A large and enthusiastic crowd of nearly 40 Youth and Youth leaders gathered to break bread (er, taco shells) with **Father Tom** and his family at the **Pipan/Whitelaw** house on Sunday. We devoured large quantities of tacos, salad and ice cream, played basketball and ping pong, discussed ideas for the Youth programs this year, and enjoyed spending time together. It was a great start to the new year of the J2A, Rite 13 and Young Adult programs.



We are looking forward to the Crop Walk on October 7th, and many other spiritual, charitable and social activities this year. Youth classes began Sunday and continue each Sunday at 10 a.m. All Trinity youth are encouraged to attend.

ACOLYTES

On September 9, the acolytes met to get to know each other better, enjoy some snacks, and share their knowledge about their ministry at the altar. Experienced acolytes **Natasha Clifford, Alex Donoghue, Jack Donoghoe, Ian Englebach, Caitlin Gardner, Michael Sharpfish, Kipa Sharpfish, Nick Shields, and Michael Whitfield** demonstrated candle lighting, the Gospel procession, and other acolyte duties to new acolytes, **Christian Cook, William Cook, Jon German, Jordan German, Thomas Shields, and Nathaniel Urban**. Other members of Trinity's Guild of Acolytes include **Greg Englebach, Ellis Mays, Julia Sippel, Elena Sippel, Laura Sippel and Isabel Wozniak**.