

Trinity Episcopal Church
Rutland, Vermont

The Annual Report of
2009

Guide us, merciful Lord, as we search for discovery and fulfillment in our daily lives. Help us to use the gifts you have given us in order to accomplish all that your will intends. Fill us with compassion as we build a community eager to serve your Son in mission with people in our community. Grant our prayers for your Son's sake. Amen.

The Annual Meeting

January 17, 2010

Trinity Church

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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Lee Alison Crawford
Jim Harder
Wendy Grace
James Cassarino
Phill Savery

Priest-in-Partnership
Administrator
Parish Secretary
Music Director, Organist
Sexton

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Steve Singiser
Linda Fay
Betsy Morgan
Kim Whaley

Ass't. Treasurer
Ass't. Treasurer
Flower Fund
Nursery Director

VESTRY AND WARDENS

Elizabeth Morgan
Jamie Stacy
Jim Harder
Yvonne Payrits
Bruce Howard

Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Clerk
Finance Chair

TERMS EXPIRE 2010

Wendy Grace
Elizabeth Morgan
Bryony North
Yvonne Payrits

TERMS EXPIRE 2011

Gary Foskett
Katya Cooke
Jamie Stacy
Tom Williamson

TERMS EXPIRE 2012

Jim Bogdanovitch
Marc Brierre
Krey Kellington
Aaron Tinsman

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Annual Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2010

- I. Opening Prayers
- II. Call to Order
- III. Election of Clerk
- IV. Approval of minutes to the 2009 meeting
- V. Elections
 - A. Report of Nominating Committee
 - B. Further Nominations
 - C. Voting
- VI. Treasurer's Report
- VII. Presentation of 2010 budget
- VIII. Remarks by Priest in Partnership
Acknowledgement of Committee Reports
- IX. Commendations
- X. Other Business
- XI. Announcements
 - A. Election results
 - B. Vestry organizational meeting in the library
 - C. Other
- XII. Closing Prayers
- XIII. Adjournment

The next Annual Meeting will be Sunday, 30 January 2011

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2009

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Church was called to order at 11:27 am following a brunch. Lee Crawford opened the meeting with a prayer. 70 people were in attendance.

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting as written. Approved. Vote was unanimous.

Parish Stats: Lee Crawford gave an overview of the church statistics. She reminded everyone that we are in a transitional period.

Elections: Motion was made to accept the full slate as presented for Vestry and Delegates for Convention. No nominations were made from the floor. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Harder talked about the 2008 actual figures. Pledge income is down by \$22,000. Some pledgers have moved away or passed away. We have a gain of \$15,000 due to no priest for 9 months. So the ending balance is \$17,686.24. The Diocese Apportionment is 15% if the 2 years prior finances. Maintenance and utilities, etc that make-up the facility are remarkably low. Jim Harder thanked all who contributed to this. Every light bulb is now an energy efficient bulb. Jim Harder then went over the restricted fund accounts.

2009 Budget: The pledge budgeted amount is down from last year. There are fewer pledgers. There are two factors the American Church looks at and they are the average number of people attending and the amount of money coming in. Trinity Rutland is the 3rd largest church in diocese, but we are only 25th in pledges. Disbursements are the largest expense down by 10% from 2007. Parishioner commented that since we are starting with a deficit of \$17,794 and the Administrator has cut his time by 75%, it leaves him concerned that we have no cushion. What is the impact? Can we still perform services at a good level? How can we make-up this deficit? He asked the parish to think about this. Another parishioner asked what impact the stock market has had on us? Answer not much yet, but we will see numbers go down. There is a delay. Another question asked was what our Finance Committee looks at? Answer – operations and investments. The last parishioner who commented suggested we get more people to come to Trinity and that is it's up to everybody to do so.

Lee Crawford commended the outgoing Vestry members: Fern Fryer, Alan Grace, and Larry Patrick. She also thanked Jr. Warden Jamie Stacy and the rest of the Vestry. Lee Crawford does have a thank you note from the Bishop. Nancy Gordon was asked to present a resolution to Jim Harder since Jim is going down to 8 hours per week. This resolution thanks Jim Harder for everything and everything. Lee Crawford presented Jim Harder with a gold calculator. Lee ended the meeting by charging all of us with Mission and Outreach.

Next Meeting is January 17, 2010.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 12:25 pm with a closing prayer. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne M. Payrits
Vestry Member/Clerk

2009 Liturgical services

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 146

Weekdays 110

Private 281

Daily Office and Other Services

DO on weekdays 219

Marriages 3

Burials 6

Baptisms 7

no bishop's visitation in 2009 therefore no confirmations or receptions

Average Sunday Attendance 127

Easter Attendance 310

Christmas Attendance 363

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee gratefully submits the following names for election to the vestry:

Pam Roberts – nominated for a three-year term

I grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts and was a member of All Saints Church there. I have attended Trinity since my husband, Tom, and I moved to Vermont in 1975. We have twin daughters, Kathleen and Jennifer.

I am a nurse and have worked at the Rutland Regional Medical Center since 1975. Over the years I have worked in various units at the hospital. I have worked with the Pediatric patients for over 20 years. I have worked on the Women's and Children's Unit since the Pediatric and Maternity Units merged about ten years ago. I am currently cross training to the Birthing Center where I have the delight of meeting the newest members of our community.

I am a member of the Altar Guild. Over my many years at Trinity I have been involved in various activities. In the past I have been a Shepherd, I have provided transportation to the 10:00 service and I was a Lay Visitor.

I am honored to be asked to be a member of the Vestry. I value the fellowship we have at Trinity and hope to support our journey in faith.

Barbara Hooker – nominated for a three year term

Barbara has been an active member of Trinity Church since 2003. She and her husband, Bud, are visible members in that you will see them participate in most of Trinity's events. Barb is a strong contributing member of the Women of Trinity and is full of plans and ideas to implement to get Trinity Church more noticeable in the Rutland community.

Barbara's love for Trinity is evident in all that she does, and the committee is pleased to have her accept this calling.

Wendy Grace – nominated for a three year term

I have just completed one year on the vestry, filling out the last year of a term resigned by a member who has moved away. I've found that serving only one year can be a bit frustrating in that projects begun don't have time to come to fruition in such a short term. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to work on some longer-term projects.

As an active member of the Senior Choir, the music program at Trinity is near and dear to me. I'm also very interested in seeing Trinity grow within the community to the stature it should be. To that end, I'm committed to the Partners in Sacred Places program and the Stewardship Committee. I'm very excited by the direction the people of Trinity have expressed they wish to see us take, and glad to have the opportunity to serve a complete term on the vestry.

Open –three year term

It is with deep trepidation and concern that the vestry as the nominating committee has been unable to complete the slate of candidates for vestry. These nominated candidates agree to fulfill the terms of office ending in January 2013.

Names placed into nomination for delegates to Diocesan Convention are reprising their candidacy from 2009:

Kit Wakefield – one year lay delegate

Katya Cooke – one year lay delegate

Bryony North – alternate lay delegate

Priest in Partnership Report

So much has happened since I presented my report last year at this time. Then I wrote about what the relationship between and priest and congregation is and how that is lived out in community. Having now spent a full calendar and church year walking with you, my thoughts turn to the many ministries of the people of Trinity.

The propers for the Second Sunday of Christmas include Psalm 84. This psalm can serve as an outline for articulating some of what Trinity means to so many of us.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts...

Some of us get to spend more time in God's dwelling place than others. I have the opportunity to be in the church by myself, prayerfully puttering, walking around, setting up, just being. Some of you do, too, by virtue of serving in choir, altar guild, as chalice bearer or lay eucharistic visitor. There is something wonderful about having a holy space when it is empty and quiet because one realises that it really is not. It is filled with people's prayers. It is filled with God. And so part of my week is spent wandering around the church and chapel, taking in your prayers, your presence and the Holy Spirit. Such meditating is all part of being the priest in partnership.

Our partnership is largely founded on our common worship life. We open our doors daily to pray in pairs or small groups or in the larger Sunday morning services. We offer Morning Prayer several days a week, Holy Eucharist twice a week and three times on Sunday. (You can see the service figures elsewhere in the report.) Twice this past year we held Evensong, a practice I hope will increase this coming year. Likewise, I would like to start holding a service of Compline during the summer months as a way of opening our doors to the community.

The average Sunday attendance number for 2009 shows a decrease. In calculating the number for 2009, I observed that the greatest fluctuation in attendance is at the 9.00 service, often affected by the Treble Choir and if children are serving at the 10.00, both wonderful schedule crunches! Whenever we have a combined service (i.e., one service on a Sunday) our attendance is down by at least 20 people. Weather always factors in. And there is the reality that in this continuing transition period, there are people who, for one reason or another, no longer claim Trinity as their home.

At the same time, we have seen new faces at our services this year. I give thanks to God for everyone who comes to worship with us, glad that the community that has gathered on a Sunday is who it is. Nonetheless, I also encourage all of us to live out the invitation so simply expressed in

the Gospel according to John, 'Come and see.' Share the Good News with those in your daily life. Invite them to come here with you. You never know where God (with your help) might lead them.

Many, many thanks to all who enhance our worship life: James Cassarino for his gift of music and leadership of the Senior Choir, the choir itself; Elise Cassarino and Kit Wakeman for pulling together and sustaining the Treble Choir, the Treble Choir itself; Helen Thomas and Lois Jaworski for guiding the Altar Guild members who do such a careful job of preparing our worship space for Sunday and weekday services of Holy Eucharist; Alan Grace who continues to initiate chalice bearers to the dignity and complexity of the office and our guild of chalice assistants; Dana Peterson and his guild of acolytes who serve on Sundays; all of our wonderful lectors and ushers under the supervision of Roy Morgan; all the church school teachers who give up part of their Sunday morning to encourage the 'gift of joy and wonder in all of God's works' in our children; Kim Whaley, who looks over the littlest amongst us on Sunday mornings; and Betsy Morgan who oversees the flower fund (which always can use contributions!!!). Most of all, I give thanks to God for you who make up this place we call Trinity.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

We are called to be the church. Together we make up part of the spirit that resides in God's dwelling place. Just as God's spirit, God's shekina, the animating force that dwells within each one of us, so it also dwells in the body as it comes together for prayer and to break bread. That force will fill our hearts whether we are in the church, the chapel or Nourse Hall because it will be God's presence made manifest by our prayer.

Part of expressing our gratitude to God comes through the offering of 'our selves, our souls and our bodies' (from the eucharistic prayer in Rite I). A new stewardship group is working on how to help all of us think of celebrating God's generosity and compounding it with present generosity for the future. Stay tuned — we will be holding events and discussions throughout the year about responding in gratitude to God's gifts.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way.

One benefit of our moving to Nourse Hall is that the church body can regain consciousness of the rest of this building complex. I sometimes wonder if the majority of the congregation knows just how much happens here outside of Sunday morning worship? Read elsewhere in this report about the amazing activity that goes on at Trinity on Sundays and weekdays. I also encourage you to revisit the brochure that went out at pledge time; it contains an almost-comprehensive list of all the groups that use our space in addition to the educational and outreach opportunities that happen for the congregation.

Several members are participating in the Partnerships for Sacred Places program, an effort that will help us focus on how best to use our incredibly rich assets here at Trinity and how to share them with the community. Likewise, we are announcing at this meeting the creation of the Guild of the Keepers of Trinity Church. You can read about it elsewhere in this report. Think about how God might be calling you to participate in some aspect of outreach or the Guild of the Keepers.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

So many people come through these doors seeking emotional and spiritual solace. As the economy has gone further and further south, more and more people come for aid. Our parish secretary does a heroic job of working through the requests, referring the many to BROCC, pointing those who are in emotional distress to my office and gently turning away those whose stories sadly do not ring true.

This past year Trinity, through the Rector's Discretionary Fund, helped 42 households, about a third of the requests that came to our door. About half of the aid went to rent/deposits or lodging; the next quarter to electric bills and the remainder to gas/transportation, food/groceries/necessities, medical expenses, and miscellaneous. The needs are great — already in the early days of 2010, there have been requests for fuel assistance. Roughly 40 percent of the income of the fund comes from the Women of Trinity, another 40 percent from donations and the remainder from the early morning service plate offering. Know that part of Trinity's outreach to Rutland comes from this fund, a relatively unknown and quiet resource that can always use your support.

Another form of outreach is Trinity's hospital visitors, under the guidance of Winnie Grace. This small group of people faithfully visits all the nursing homes, assisted living communities and Rutland Regional Medical Center. Their ministry is invaluable not only to Trinity but to any Episcopalian who lands in the hospital. I am so grateful for their commitment.

Trinity's prayer tree also is one of those quiet, behind-the-scenes entities that provides solid ground for anyone in need of prayer. Contact Dot Harder and she will get the word and prayers out.

Finally, our website, under the direction of Joanne and Tom Williamson, gets the word out to the much larger community. We have added to our internet presence this year a blog (short for 'weblog') and a Facebook page. Check out the Trinity website for information and links to these other resources and, if you have something you would like up there, let them know.

Much of parish ministry consists of just being present in the moment, never knowing who might come through the door but certain that we entertain angels unawares and that any one of those people seeking solace might be Jesus.

People also come to Trinity for company, fellowship, prayer and a gentle word. We have had some fun occasions in the past year. We are planning more fellowship opportunities for 2010. Many thanks to our hospitality coordinator, Krey Kellington, and fellowship coordinator, Elaine Foskett.

It is appropriate here to give my deepest thanks to the amazing people who make up the staff of Trinity: Wendy Grace, parish secretary; Phill Savery, sexton; Jim Harder, administrator and James Cassarino, organist and choir director. God has so richly blessed Trinity with this committed team with whom it is a joy to work. They do so much behind-the-scenes work to help this parish function so well. I am so, so fortunate to have such wonderful colleagues and look forward to working with them in the years to come. Many, many thanks.

Equally important is your finance committee, vestry and wardens who have worked hard at the fiduciary responsibilities of overseeing the finances and property. They have met in retreat, prayed and laughed together. They have dreamed, reflected and hoped for Trinity. Being a member is more than just showing up for a monthly meeting —it also involves one's heart and these people have put their hearts into their work. Please thank all of them and, in the future, keep them in your prayers.

No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

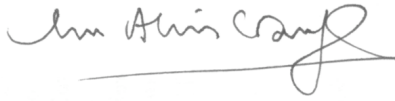
As you and I walk through the seasons together, joined by prayer and communion, we will find that spiritual intimacy for which our souls so yearn. We can have the courage to wrestle with the difficult questions, feel safe to be ourselves unvarnished, allow ourselves to become vulnerable so that we can risk that deep encounter with God.

As we move into our second year of partnership, continuing to work toward the goals expressed in the covenant (up on the bulletin board in Nourse Hall), think about how each one of you can be a part of the revitalisation of Trinity. Think about how you can contribute to the health and well-being of this congregation. Think about how you can spread more light and joy in this body.

Most of all, think of how deeply God loves you and how you can share that love to another person, also God's beloved.

There is no church of one — together you and I make up the church. Together, you and I make up Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,



(the Rev'd Canon) Lee Alison Crawford, Ph.D.
Priest in Partnership, Trinity Episcopal Church
Feast of the Epiphany, 6 January 2010

Senior Warden's Report 2009

2009 began with a sense of hope and enthusiasm as our new Priest-in-partnership, Lee Crawford, began her first full year of ministry here. Her leadership on the Vestry was most welcomed by me, the Sr. Warden, as the previous 2 years were my responsibility. The Vestry has been strengthened through her leadership, and together we have moved with confidence throughout the year to represent you, the parishioners, by implementing ideas to further bond us together as a parish. Each Vestry meeting opens with a 20 minute Bible Study, and closes with Evening Prayer, thus building our spiritual connection.

The Vestry had a mid winter retreat led by the Rev. Jean Smith, which was very helpful in looking at, and dealing with expectations the Vestry and Lee had for each other and the church as a whole.

Jean returned in early December to meet with parishioners to discuss how the past year has gone, regarding what things have worked well/ not worked well, and what we need to continue doing. It was a positive, and informing meeting for both the Vestry, and Lee, but a good way for the parish to be involved in the future growth of our parish.

The fundraisers held throughout the year brought people together from different services, and the enthusiasm of planning and working together continues.

The family service at 9am in the chapel continues to grow, and it's encouraging to see young families worshipping together and meeting every 1st Friday evening in the parish hall for fellowship.

The children's choir, under the leadership of Kit Wakefield and Elise Cassarino, fills my heart to overflowing when they perform, and I hope this group of enthusiastic young people continues to grow.

As my term on the Vestry ends, I'm excited to see more commitment and energy from parishioners, and I look forward to having you join me in supporting Lee, and the Vestry in all their endeavors to keep Trinity moving forward as a strong, welcoming, friendly, Christ-centered parish.

We are so blessed to have Lee as our Priest-in-Partnership, and she has been "the spark to get our fire going again". I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to represent you, the parish, as Sr. Warden for these past 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Morgan
Sr. Warden

Junior Warden's Report

This year we got a grant from Congregational Support and Resources to install new carpet in the halls by the music room. With the same monies we had a new safe built for the receipts from the collection plates.

Thanks to all who participated in the very successful workday on June 6. Gardens were weeded, doors were scraped and painted, refrigerators cleaned, and numerous other tasks were performed. There is still a great deal to be done, including point work, more doors needing work, windows needing reparations, and of course an endless task of garden and yard work. Yard work can be done at anytime when one checks in with Wendy at the office. It was a good start of Trinity's spirit of community in "getting the job done". In 2010 we will schedule workdays for every 2-3 weeks.

We compiled a list of work that needs to be done based on what was determined during the "walk-about" on August 19. We need to have a "keepers guild" of people who will be responsible for maintenance on a regular basis. Interior work needs to be considered as well as exterior work. Any work needing doing should be reported directly to Phill Savery or Jim Harder. Phill has agreed to stay on at half-time provided someone else can be retained for snow shoveling in the winter. He is worried that his shoulder will not allow for the heavy lifting involved in shoveling snow. He may stay if he feels that his time here can be flexible.

A sump pump was installed in the cellar of the rectory with hopes that this will prevent future flooding as occurred last summer.

I look forward in 2010 as we grow together in the Spirit and see our Trinity community grow stronger and able to take on the tasks that will enable us to continue. Many thanks to all for all your contributions both great and small.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Stacy
Junior Warden

The Society of the Keepers of Trinity Church

William H. Meub
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802 747-0610

January 8, 2010

The Reverend Lee Crawford and
Members of Trinity Episcopal Church
West Street
Rutland, Vermont 05701

Re: The Society of the Keepers of Trinity Church

Dear Members and The Reverend Lee Crawford:

For the annual meeting please find enclosed a brief outline of the Group called "The Keepers of Trinity Church".

Because of my involvement in the last major renovations at Trinity as the “Clerk of the Works”, Lee has requested that I look at the buildings and grounds and make some suggestions about how to deal with and address the repairs and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. As a result, I have looked at ways to address several issues involving the physical facilities of Trinity Church and how the membership might address the maintenance and repair issues for the buildings and grounds.

I have agreed to serve as the initial chair of this group if people want to go forward. I would also expect to work with Jim Harder who has an unbelievable amount of knowledge about the property as well as Phil Savery who also understands many other idiosyncrasies of the Church. I would like to have a first meeting at the Church the first Saturday of February at 9:00 a.m. for anyone who is interested in helping with this effort.

I have also attached a brief initial listing of some work that needs to be addressed. I look forward to working with people on this project. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[signed]

William H. Meub

The Society of the Keepers of Trinity Church –

SUBMITTED BY BILL MEUB

The Society of the Keepers of Trinity Church (hereinafter KTC or Keepers) shall be a group dedicated to maintaining and preserving the buildings and grounds operated by Trinity Church on West Street, Rutland, Vermont.

One goal of KTC shall be to develop a maintenance program to take care of the property. KTC shall develop maintenance projects that can be done by members of the parish and other volunteers and KTC will supervise that work. KTC shall also identify other repair work that needs to be done in order to prioritize the work so that funds committed to the buildings and grounds can be spent most appropriately. In addition, KTC will help raise moneys to pay for the needed repairs and maintenance.

The Keepers want to create projects that can be fun and create a bond and connection among the members of the parish. The hope is that one Saturday morning per month will become a time for a “gathering” of the Keepers to do projects (like the first Saturday of the month). People will also be able to develop partners with whom they like to work in order to take on specific projects that need to be done, like painting or gardening, that they can do on their own time.

Another goal of the Keepers is to develop a notebook of information about the facilities so that there is continuity and information that can be passed on about the systems and idiosyncrasies of the Property. The notebook would also list when repairs were done so that people have a reference point to plan about future repetitive maintenance needs.

We would like to have a “pin” that people could wear to show that they are members of the Keepers either by making an annual contribution of \$50.00 or more or donating five hours of time or whatever criteria the initial managing members approve.

KTC would be run by a group of three to five people who would keep an updated list of projects and needed repairs and develop the program for the Keepers.

TRINITY CHURCH MINISTRIES

Committee reports follow in the order listed below. The coordinators named below were so for the year 2009 and may not necessarily be the coordinators for 2010. If in doubt, please call the parish office.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<i>EDUCATION</i>		
1. Adult Education	Elizabeth Morgan	446-2230
2. Sunday School 8936	Fern Fryer or Katya Cooke	773-4788 or 776-
3. Vacation Bible School	Katya Cooke	776-8936
4. Youth	<i>open</i>	
<i>FELLOWSHIP / HOSPITALITY</i>		
1. Baking and Setup for Events	(see below)	
2. Coffee hour	Linda Fay	775-9518
3. Fellowship Events	Elaine Foskett	483-5181
4. Foyers	Winnie Grace	235-2221
5. Funeral Hospitality	Elaine Foskett	483-5181
6. Hospitality (General)	Krey Kellington	259-7828
<i>FINANCE</i>		
1. Finance Committee	Bruce Howard	775-5247
2. Fundraising	<i>open</i>	
3. Stewardship	Wendy Grace	235-2221
4. Offering Counters	Jim Harder	747-1452
<i>INREACH / OUTREACH</i>		
1. Community Cupboard	Krey Kellington	259-7828
2. Daughters of the King	Sue Zoesch	
3. Evangelism	George Blosser	775-3227
4. Lay Pastoral Care	Winnie and Alan Grace	235-2221
5. Prayer Tree	Dot Harder	747-1452
6. Shepherds	Catherine Williamson	775-6238
7. Sunset Home	Peggy Jensen	775-6526
8. Transportation	<i>open</i>	
9. Welcomers	<i>open</i>	
10. Women of Trinity	Krey Kellington, Laura Chase	259-7828, 483-2995
<i>WORSHIP / MUSIC</i>		
1. Acolytes	Dana Peterson	773-4788
2. Altar Guild 3722	Helen Thomas or Lois Jaworski	775-6802 or 773-
3. Chalice Assistants	Alan Grace	235-2221
4. Choir	James Cassarino	747-4929
5. Jr. Choir 4929	Kit Wakefield or Elise Cassarino	259-2935 or 747-
6. Lectors/Interecessors	Roy Morgan	446-2230
7. Ushers	Roy Morgan	446-2230
<i>OTHER</i>		
1. Buildings and Grounds	Jamie Stacy	492-6020
2. Communications	Tom and Joanne Williamson	775-0433
3. Office Help	Wendy Grace	235-2221
4. Mutual Ministry Review	<i>open</i>	

Committee Reports

EDUCATION REPORTS

ADULT EDUCATION -- submitted by Elizabeth Morgan

The group studying the Propers meets every Sunday morning at 9 am in the Brinckerhoff room under the leadership of the Rev. Joe Hauser. This group has grown considerably this past year and consists of 12-16 parishioners from the 8 and 10 o'clock services. People get excited about learning more in depth the scriptures of the day, thus enhancing their worship experience. Joe's love of scripture shines through his teachings, along with his sense of humor. Come join us and learn more about the Bible!

Throughout the year, we've had a number of adult education opportunities. During Lent, Lee offered a series of discussions about Holy Week as a Lenten Studies program. At the end of August, we welcomed Ray McGinnis, a Canadian spiritual journal writer and teacher, who led a workshop about writing spiritual poetry in the style of the ancient psalmists. This workshop included a number of participants who are not part of Trinity's congregation, and all of whom expressed a real warmth and welcome at Trinity Church! In preparation for Bishop Ely's visit in February 2010, Lee has been conducting an Enquirer's Class open to any interested parties, that focus on what it means to be welcomed into the Episcopal Church. In addition to classes and workshops, there have been a number of print materials made available, including Cynthia Caruso's Lenten and Advent Meditations, Forward Day-by-Day and the Rev. Lee Crawford's recommended reading list.

The year 2010 looks just as promising for adult educational opportunities, and it is hoped that more adults will be moved to participate.

YOUTH EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS – submitted by Katya Cooke

For Church School, which takes place following the 9AM service, we are using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum, a three year cycle of lessons for three age groups: preschool, primary, and intermediate. Our teachers, Linda Fay, Jill Egbert, Katya Cooke and Bryony North, with help from Fern Fryer, prepare lessons each week for the youth of our parish. We appreciate their dedication and are eager for new children to join us, or adults to volunteer to teach Church School.

From July 20-24, 2009, 11 children took part in this year's Vacation Bible School. We had a lot of fun with crafts, games, songs, and snacks. For our grand finale the children prepared a puppet show of the creation story, starring their own puppets, of course, which they performed at both the 9AM and 10AM services. Many thanks to Elise Cassarino, Jill Egbert, Rev'd Lee and Katya Cooke for organizing and promoting this program.

First Friday Family Foyers, a new foyer at Trinity organized by Elise and James Cassarino, has proven to be a popular setting for young families at Trinity to gather together and share a potluck meal. We meet once a month on the first Friday of the month, usually at Trinity. Sometimes the children play in the nursery under the supervision of a babysitter while the parents enjoy some adult conversation, at other times we all eat together. Highlights this year have included a picnic at Northwood pool, a Halloween costume foyer, and a Christmas dinner and a movie. We look forward to welcoming more young families.

FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY REPORTS

FOYERS REPORT—submitted by Winifred Grace

As an overview, the purpose for Foyers is for our congregation to have an opportunity to grow closer to each other as individuals. There seems to be no better way to do that than to invite

small groups into our homes for simple meals and conversation together. Even Jesus used this model with his disciples and those close to him. There is something about sharing food and conversation with one another that brings an intimacy to a group that naturally fosters love and caring. The groups are kept intentionally small so that others who have not signed up for Foyers initially can be encouraged to come and join with a group. It is hoped that this will then encourage others to come and join us with the next round of foyers as well. That seems to be the case thus far.

There have been two rounds of Foyers for the 2009 season. The first set beginning in March running through June and the second set beginning in August going through November. We had 4 groups for the spring session that grew to 5 groups for the fall session. The new round of Foyers for the 2010 season will begin in March. Signup sheets will be put out during the month of February. Sign up early and encourage others to join as well. This is such a pleasant way to build a strong and caring community and gives us such a pleasant way to get to know each other.

There is another option that grew out of the Foyer idea for families with children, who sometimes found it difficult joining with groups that were predominately adults. They have formed the first Friday Foyers group, coordinated by Elise Cassarino, that meet in Norse Hall for a potluck together each month. What a wonderful way to introduce our young people into the concept of Foyers as well. No need to sign up for the First Friday Foyer. Just bring a dish and come!!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT -- submitted by Krey Kellington

Committee and volunteers: Krey Kellington, chairperson; Joan Susmann, Sue Patrick, Dot & Jim Harder, Pam Rampone, Helen Thomas, Kathy Hall, Barbara Hooker, Rosie O'Classen, Lois Jaworski, Dorothy Paul, Jenness Terenzini, Laura Chase, Mary Cyr, Donna Trombley, Elaine & Gary Foskett, Donna Trombley, Pam Roberts, Nancy Blosser, Brandy Blosser, Linda Fay, Mary Ruth, Helen Thomas. Men's Kitchen Crew includes George Blosser, Dennis Clark, Charles Egbert, Bud Hooker, Larry Patrick, David Wright.

2008 Annual Meeting: A potluck luncheon was held prior to the annual meeting for 84 people.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner: An ambitious kitchen crew prepared and served pancakes and sausages with a variety of topping for 62 hungry people. Donations of fixings for ice cream sundaes were also provided.

Easter Choir Breakfast: Choir members and Acolytes were served a brunch between the 8 and 10 o'clock services on Easter Sunday. A wonderful variety of breakfast items including quiches, egg dishes, coffee cake, muffins, cereal and fruits were offered.

Parish Picnic: Taking place in September at the Pittsford Recreation Center and despite some clouds, the Trinity Men's Kitchen Crew came to the rescue preparing and barbequing a superb meal.

Red Cross Blood Drawing: Hospitality provided by Trinity takes place in the canteen for this annual September event as we provide donors with sandwiches, desserts and coffee. It has become a wonderful tradition of community outreach. A special note of remembrance is offered for a kind heart, June Shook, who faithfully worked many years in the canteen. Always in uniform, including her nurse's cap, she was a joy to work with each September. Her calming presence will be greatly missed.

Evensong & Dedication of Organ: Taking place on October 12th a gala reception followed this event.

Bishop's Visitation: The Most Rev'd Martín Barahona, Bishop of El Salvador and Archbishop of the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America (IARCA) visited Trinity, offered an inspiring message, and was honored at a brunch/reception in Nourse Hall following the service on October 25.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Over 130 people Trinitarians came together for a superb potluck Thanksgiving meal. Turkeys were roasted and donated by Vestry members. Parishioners donated

their favorite holiday dishes and desserts. The (notorious) Trinity Men's Kitchen Crew was on hand for cleanup together with dedicated kitchen volunteers.

Funeral Hospitality: Chaired by Elaine Foskett, this devoted group hosts receptions as requested following funerals through the year.

Coffee Hour Helpers: Linda Fay continues to coordinate a dedicated core group of volunteers, who serve beverages and baked goods following each Sunday services. Sign-up is available for anyone wishing to donate a very little time and/or baked goods for any of the coffee hours. If you partake of a coffee hour please consider donating a baked good or offering a hand on any given Sunday.

Much appreciation and sincere thanks to everyone within the Trinity parish who has helped by preparing food, assisting with setup, serving and cleanup for any of the above events. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring individuals; light does shine in hearts here at Trinity. Volunteers are always needed and warmly welcome. If you are interested please talk with Krey Kellington.

FINANCE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2009 REPORT – submitted by Bruce R. Howard, Chair

Members: George Blosser, Gary Foskett, Bryony North, Gretchen Pike, Kate Shattuck, and Steve Singiser

This year the Finance Committee continued planning and reviewing the financial operations of the Church with implementation of fewer hours by staff and a full year with our Priest in Partnership. During fiscal year 2009 our projected deficit was reduced due to reduced hours of our staff and increases in our pledge income, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and an appeal midyear, which met our budget expectations. This along with our very successful fundraisers allowed Trinity Church to end the year with a surplus which negated the need to withdraw funds from our endowments.

The 2010 budget once again indicates continued pressure of reduced dividend and pledge income to meet our operating expenses. Fortunately the budget allows for reduction from prior year fuel oil and Diocesan Apportionment expenses. The 2010 budget projected expenses exceed the projected income; however, because of FY 2009 results which allowed Trinity Church to end with a positive bank balance, there should be no need to withdraw endowment funds to meet operating expenses next year. In formulating the 2010 budget, our Treasurer utilized historic data in formulating income and expenses. The 2010 budget includes the addition of a few hours per week for our staff to allow for basic coverage of the office. The expenses are again at a minimum needed to operate a facility of this size, and the staff is to be commended for keeping the facilities in excellent repair and the day to day operations so low.

The Audit Committee continues under the direction of Gretchen Pike. The records of the Church are reviewed and examined on a periodic basis and an annual report forwarded to the Diocese. The Audit Committee's work is made easier by the professional manner in which the accounts are kept and reported. This committee again found no discrepancies in the audit. I would again thank Gretchen Pike for her leadership and the other members of the committee, Peggy Jensen, and Kate Shattuck for their time and expertise.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated group of "counters" who count the plate collections. Our "counters" give us assurance that cash is handled according to Generally Accepted Accounting Practices. The following individuals are to be thanked for their service last year: Nancy Blosser, Laura Chase, Bob Eaton, Dot Harder, Janet O'Brien, Rosie O'Classen, Gretchen Pike, & Beverly Reardon. A special thank you also to Linda Fay who assists with the paying of bills.

Trinity Church is fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional staff at our disposal. Because of their professionalism the Finance Committee has been able to fulfill the business assigned to it by the Vestry and Wardens, and is comfortable and pleased to report that all

financial information contained in the annual report accurately reflects the financial health of the parish. Our Treasurer and Parish Administrator Jim Harder is to be commended for his neat, concise and accurate reporting.

I thank the members of the Finance Committee for their dedication, and the members of the parish for the ability to serve as its chair again this year.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT – submitted by Wendy Grace

The good news is that this year, fundraising has brought in over \$10,000 to our operating budget; the intimidating news is that for 2010, we need to find a way to do that again! We are blessed at Trinity with some creative minds and some truly dedicated workers. This past year saw us try some things that we'd not done before in quite the way we did this year. I'd like to think that this has set a precedent for how we will approach fundraising in the coming year!

Jamie Stacy thought it'd be a great opportunity to have a chicken BBQ stand outside our doors during the Loyalty Day parade. Lo and behold, if he wasn't right! Holly, his wonder of a wife pulled the pieces together and with the help of many enthusiastic Trinitarians, the stand sold out its offerings. That fundraiser garnered over \$1200.

The annual Apple Pie Sale was once again a success do to the coordinating efforts of Elaine Foskett and the many people who helped make the pies and donate supplies and ingredients. In spite of the fact that we ran two or three sessions less than we had in previous years, the fundraiser earned over \$1800.

But the BIG event of the year, raising just over \$7,000, was the Holiday Art Auction. Gary Foskett finally had his dream of a live auction realized when the efforts of the auction planning committee pulled together an elegant, lively and thoroughly enjoyable evening. Sallie Gill worked tirelessly in recruiting artists' works, ads for the brochure and helpers for the event itself. Further, she and her husband donated the space of their home for the gallery and auction itself!. As with most fundraising events, one of the greatest benefits of this event was the good fellowship had by all.

2009's fundraising projects have set the bar for this coming year at a fairly high standard. But given who makes up Trinity Church, I have great faith that we will meet that challenge!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – submitted by Wendy Grace

Early in the year, the Diocese of Vermont had a workshop called "Jump Start 2009" geared toward preparing parishes for the year's stewardship campaign. Trinity Church, Rutland was represented at this workshop by Lee Crawford and myself. The workshop focused on how to plan a year's stewardship campaign when stewardship is defined as "doing God's good works". One of the exciting benefits of this program is the resources that are available to us through the Diocese's Stewardship Ministry.

Speaking of the Diocese Stewardship Ministry, we have been very fortunate to have access and visits from the Rev. Angela Emerson, who is the Minister for Stewardship Development for the diocese. Not only has she been a substitute preacher a few times in Lee's absence, but she has generously offered her time as moderator for workshops about stewardship at each visit! She also organized an internet seminar about endowment gifts—what they entail and how to plan for and receive them. This very informative webinar was attended by more than half the vestry which helps keep us all on the same page, so to speak.

Trinity Church is also participating in the year-long Partners in Sacred Places program "New Dollars / New Partners". This program teaches us how to create a workable plan for becoming more connected with our community and how to share in its resources. Trinity's representatives to the program are Lee Crawford, Winnie and Wendy Grace, Laura Chase, and George Blosser. We've learned quite a lot! We've each taken on an area of interest in which we share what we've learned with the parish, and encourage parishioner participation in all our endeavors. Lee has made great strides in the area of assessing our physical plant. Note the establishment of the Society of the Keepers of Trinity Church! (See Bill Meub's letter and report.) Laura and Winnie have been working on describing Trinity's historical value, while Wendy and

George have been working on itemizing the community value that Trinity provides. All these efforts are in attempt to create an illustration of Trinity's important place in the community.

Unfortunately, we did not get a very good "jump start" on 2009 since we did not even have a committee until October! But I'm pleased to inform that 2010 is prepared for an excellent start to the stewardship year, with a committee that includes: Wendy Grace, Lee Crawford, Alden Franzoni, Sue and Bill Rambo and Alan Grace. The committee*//oiiii90--e has already met a few times in preparation for the 2010 campaign. All in all, building off of the things learned in 2009, this coming year is going to be an exciting and active good steward year! Feel free to join the Stewardship Committee—you won't want to miss out on the events to come!

INREACH / OUTREACH REPORTS

THE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD – submitted by Krey Kellington

Services to individuals and families in 2009 increased significantly. The numbers are as follows: 12,941 people served; 186,138 items distributed; 4,989 families served 1,106 returning families. Without schools, churches, individuals, community groups and area businesses, all donating both food and funds, the Community Cupboard could not feed the growing number of people in need. Sincere gratitude and blessings are extended to all including the amazingly dedicated volunteers, whose generous spirit enables our mission to continue. We look forward to the day when the need for the Community Cupboard is obsolete, but until then remain committed to our vision of easing and eradicating hunger in Rutland County.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – submitted by Susan Zoesch

The Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and Rule of Service. By reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. We hold a Quiet Day twice a year, during Advent and Lent. Classes for admission to the order will begin in March. If you are interested in joining, please contact Elizabeth Morgan, Winnie Grace or Sue.

LAY PASTORAL CARE: HOSPITAL, SHUT-IN & PRISON VISITORS – submitted by Winnie Grace

Trinity has had a long legacy of visiting the sick, the shut-ins and those in prison. These have been vibrant and extraordinary ministries that we hope will remain strong and stalwart in the years to come as well. The coordinator for the hospital and shut-ins ministry is Winnie Grace; the prison ministry coordinator—and right now the only member—is Alan Grace. Our team members have been particularly faithful in their work, but they have also become quite stretched especially in meeting the daily visits to the hospital. Over the years we have lost members who have to date not been replaced. Because of the sensitive nature of this ministry, it is a requirement of our diocese that individuals taking part must have completed the Safe Church Training. These training sessions are held through out the year in different parts of the state. The schedule can be found on the diocesan website. I encourage anyone who feels they might be called to do this work to speak with either Lee Crawford or Winnie Grace. For the prison ministry speak with either Lee or Alan Grace. It is a most rewarding way to serve Trinity and promote the love and care of those around us. Everyone doing this work knows they always receive ever so much more than they are capable of giving! It is truly a gift of blessing for everyone.

Visitor Schedule

Sunday	Harriet Eitapence
Monday	
Tuesday	Tom Williamson
Wednesday	Judy Green

Thursday
Friday Gary & Elaine Foskett
Saturday Winifred Grace

The empty days are generally covered by one of the above visitors, but we would certainly welcome regular new visitors to our forces.

In a less formal way, we also visit approximately 20 to 30 shut-ins attempting to bring Eucharist to each at least once a month. Twice a year the Women of Trinity also supply funds for plants that are distributed to each of our shut-ins at Christmas and Easter. Please consider becoming part of these important ministries.

PHONE PRAYER TREE REPORT – submitted by Dot Harder

Trinity Church is truly blessed to have a dedicated team of parishioners who pray in their homes for people in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. All requests for prayers are strictly confidential and the people do not have to be members of Trinity. In many cases, the prayers are for a period of one week. In the event of long-term situations, prayers may continue.

To place anyone on the Prayer Tree, please call the church office (775-4368) or me (747-1452). A sincere and heartfelt thank you is extended to all the members of the Prayer Tree:

James and Elise Cassarino	Laura Chase	Sally Curtis
Jean Donaghey	Harriet Eitapence	Winnie Grace
Judy Green	Dot and Jim Harder	Penny Hauser
Grace Makovec	Elizabeth Morgan	Yvonne Panarello
Walter and Janice Patrick	Norma Patterson	Pam Rampone
Mary Ruth	Julie Scott	Carolyn Smith
Susan Zoesch		

SHEPHERDS REPORT – submitted by Catherine Williamson

The Shepherds Committee has streamlined its function! The committee is coordinated by Catherine Williamson and includes 27 members. With some clear guidelines for procedures, we now have a plan in place to make sure that visitors and newcomers are welcomed into our church family. We have two ways of getting information to the office, by pew cards and by a newcomer's action sheet. When these are filled out, they are returned to the office so that new families and individuals can be added to the mailing list. As soon as Wendy, who is also a member of this committee, receives their information, she sends them a formal welcome note, and sends a mass email to the Shepherds to notify them of the newcomers. The Shepherds, in turn, make an effort to contact them and welcome them to Trinity and share with the newcomer all that Trinity has to offer. There are still, and perhaps always will be, a few kinks to work out. But slowly and surely, we are getting more efficient. We still have need for Sunday welcoming organizers. These are people who can help direct other parishioners in making newcomers feel welcome by greeting them, making introductions and directing them to coffee hour after the service. If you'd like to be part of the Shepherds' Group, please speak with Catherine Williamson or call the office.

WOMEN OF TRINITY – submitted by Krey Kellington

Women of Trinity meet monthly in the Church Library through the year excluding July and August. All women who attend Trinity Church are members and are warmly welcomed. We have been fortunate to offer some inspiring programs during 2009.

Income received by Women of Trinity is largely due to the spring and fall rummage sales. These are important events as they fund a significant portion of our community outreach together with the needs of this parish.

Other activities during our church year include coordination of the September Red Cross Blood Drawing, of which we have become locally recognized for outstanding homemade specialties, and the United Thank Offering, held twice yearly.

Our annual end-of-the-year picnic always brings out a joyful crowd and this year was no exception. Women of Trinity continue to appreciate a proud tradition of serving Trinity Church and its community. If you are looking to participate, serve, or just become better acquainted with Trinity, please consider joining us.

Please refer to the statements submitted by Susan Zoesch, found at the end of the committee reports. You will find a budget statement as well as a statement of the Dana Fund.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC REPORTS

ACOLYTE REPORT --submitted by Dana Peterson

The acolytes who served in 2009 include: Dan Bassett, Elizabeth Bushey, Emily Bushey, Evelyn Bushey, Michaela Butler, Samantha Butler, Hannah Cassarino, Renée Cruise, Brenda Delorey, Bridget Egbert, Madeline Egbert, Sarah Hawkins, Carlton North, Ethan Peterson, James Peterson, Will Peterson, Cameron Slenker and Kayla Trombley. Evelyn and Madeline joined the acolyte ranks upon receiving their training in November. The acolytes have served regularly at both the 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday services. They have also served at special Holy Day services. In addition, acolytes have assisted with nursery duties.

Our older acolytes are assuming increasing responsibility, including providing guidance to their younger peers, while the younger ones are learning the various roles that all of the acolytes play. These young people have demonstrated a strong commitment and personal responsibility to this important liturgical service. If you have an opportunity, please let them know how much we value their participation.

ALTAR GUILD REPORT—submitted by Helen Thomas, Lois Jaworski

There are nineteen very dedicated people who serve on the altar guild at Trinity under the supervision of Rev'd Lee. We have four teams with each team being responsible for one week during the month. Every Saturday, one of the teams goes to the church to prepare for the three Sunday services. We are responsible for polishing the silver and brass, laundering the linens and keeping the priest's, chalice assistants' and acolytes' garb clean. We set up for weddings, funerals and any other special services that take place in the church or chapel.

The altar guild

Lois Jaworski	Joan Susmann	Winnie Grace
Mary Reitz	Jeness Terenzini	Melissa Slenker
Elaine Foskett	Ruth Seward	Judy Green
Cherry Bateman	Nancy Blosser	Mary Ruth
Sue Patrick	Kim Woodard	Barbara Hooker
Kitty Hopkins	Pamela Roberts	Rosie O'Classen (honorary)
	Helen Thomas	

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT – submitted by James Cassarino

This past year was one of excitement for Trinity's Music Program. The completion of our historic Skinner organ was celebrated Columbus Day Weekend which included a festive evensong, a recital for 30 German organists, and the dedication recital by Dr. Kirby Koriath of Ball State University. The following week, we hosted a concert featuring the Capital Chamber Players from Albany, NY. These musical events provide our parish with significant opportunities for community outreach, and I continue to encourage parishioners to support these events by your attendance. Indeed, it is my hope that the completion of the organ will arouse interest among the parish to the many musical possibilities that can exist at Trinity.

I remain grateful for the excellent efforts of the Trinity Treble Choir under the dedicated leadership of Kit Wakefield and Elise Cassarino. The Treble Choir meets every Monday afternoon at 4:30 and generally sings one Sunday a month, providing an important ministry to our parish

community. Likewise, the Senior Choir continues to sing on Sundays and for special liturgies throughout the year such as Evensong and Advent Lessons and Carols. Trinity is one of very few churches left in Vermont that boasts such a dedicated and exceptional liturgical choir. Parishioners who feel a call to music ministry are welcome to join the choir. Requirements include the ability to sing on pitch and attendance at Wednesday evening rehearsals.

I always welcome opportunities to discuss the efforts of the music program with parishioners and I am usually available at the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to noon.

TRINITY TREBLE CHOIR—submitted by Kit Wakefield and Elise Cassarino

“Hello, my name is Christy Chorister. I joined the newly formed Treble Choir in the Fall of 2008 because I love to sing and I wanted to be able to give something special of myself to the worship of the church.

At present, there are ten of us in the choir. We report faithfully to our directors, Elise and Kit, for rehearsal every Monday afternoon. Our hour together is always fast-paced and lively. We work hard at learning basic music theory, sing lots of rounds—both sacred and secular, play singing games, and of course, learn anthems and hymns for our monthly singing at the 10 o’clock service. For the recent Christmas Pageant service, we prepared three anthems which featured several of our growing ensemble skills—those of solo singing, singing in two parts, and singing in a foreign language (here, Italian). On Palm Sunday, we loved raising our voices together with the Senior Choir and the entire congregation during that long and exciting outdoor processional as it wound its way into the church! Singing on Mothers’ Day and for Thanksgiving were also special for us.

We are also a somewhat social group. Weekly, we reassemble for an end-of-rehearsal snack provided by our wonderful supportive moms. We sang a Christmas Carol program for the residents of the Loretto Home, and last June, we gathered at Holly and Jamie’s camp at Tinmouth Pond for a fun-filled day of swimming, picnicking and game-playing. I really enjoyed being a member of the Trinity Treble Choir and I have learned so much in our first year!”

(Treble Choir rehearsals are open for your visiting on any Monday afternoon, and we always welcome new members to join us at any time during the year.)

USHERS, LECTORS, INTERCESSORS REPORT – submitted by Roy J. Morgan

2009 was a year that saw many changes in the ministry areas of the Ushers, Lectors and Intercessors. First, last year’s annual meeting culled the individuals whose participation was compromised by other commitments. The new cadre was supremely loyal in the performance of their duties. No shows were very uncommon. The ministers would call a substitute if he or she was unable to be there.

Second, there was more inclusivity by plugging in newcomers and younger parents of our congregation in these ministries.

Finally, there were several safeguards and procedures implemented for the welfare of our congregations. The ushers have a telephone in the event of an emergency in the main church. A safe was installed to safeguard our alms. The ushers are vigilant to welcome guests and newcomers to our fellowship.

OTHER REPORTS

WEBSITE REPORT—submitted by Tom and Joanne Williamson

We have designed Trinity’s web site so that parishioners and visitors alike can easily use it. Our mission is to help improve parish-wide communications among all members of the Trinity Church family and to like ourselves with interested individuals in the Rutland community and

the public at large. With the help of God, we strive to do this through sharing information about our church, our ministries, our outreach initiatives, and our parish activities.

We update the website regularly as it is our belief that any web site should be a living document. When you visit www.trinitychurchrutland.org you will find weekly notices and announcements, the current month's calendar of worship services and activities, the monthly lectionary, the current month's issue of Logos, and information about our music program and various other ministries. Interesting and useful links are posted that can add support to the web site's users' lives of faith and prayer.

Trinity's website was launched October 26, 2003. As we begin our seventh year online, we thought you might be interested in some web site "trivia". Have you ever wondered...

- From what locations have people visited our website? *Australia, England, Denmark, Richmond, VA, Tucson, AZ, Norwalk, CA, and many others too numerous to mention. Most visitors are from the USA followed by Canada and England.*
- What are the most frequently viewed pages? *Logos, followed by Music, Notices and Announcements, Staff and Vestry, and History of Trinity*
- How do people discover our website? *Google searches, followed by Yahoo searches and other search engines, as well as Diocese of Vermont website referrals and other website referrals.*
- What search query has brought most people to our site? *Episcopal Church lectionary, followed by Trinity Church Rutland, Episcopal lectionary, and Episcopal Church Logos.*

New electronic features are added to the web page from time to time and we have established a group on Facebook. Please contact Lee through her e-mail at LACINVT94@aol.com if you wish to join our Facebook group.

This year we also added a link to Trinity's new blog. The blog was set up as a way to share more photos of parish life and to provide a more instantaneous way to share information. Lee generously and regularly posts most of her sermons. Lee (and others) also publish photos of special services and events. We encourage visitors to comment on the blog and have provided a link for that purpose. Please note, however, that anonymous comments cannot be published. Trinity's blog can be found at <http://trinityrutland.blogspot.com/>

We hope that Trinity's website is a resource you will find helpful and use frequently.