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November - December 2009

NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY

BY THE REV. ANNE KELSEY

The scarlet leaves of the shrub along the back fence are so intensely bright that Moses himself would stop to stare. No wonder it's called a "burning bush". The color signals fall's arrival and tree limbs emerge like developing film. Along the edge of the park they let loose their red and yellow leaves. It is shivering cold. First frost will wilt the flowers on the back porch and turn them limp overnight. Everything is shutting down. I lean into melancholy as automatically as a sailor leans out over the water as her boat shudders around and tacks into the wind. After all, we're heading into Advent.

I walk more firmly on memory's steady path now than at any other time of the year and I know I'm not alone in this. Advent with its heartbeat of longing and anticipation will remind me of the joy of the incarnation to come, but it will also remind me of what has passed away. Awareness of family and friends gone from this life will emerge like the colors of the trees in the park.

The collect for the first Sunday of Advent, arguably one of the greatest prayers in the English language, captures this perfectly with language about "casting away" and "putting on." It is the perfect prayer of transition. It acknowledges the dark and at the same time calls us to the light of God. This Advent I will spend with my sisters and brothers in Lui, Sudan. It will be the first First Sunday of Advent in my life to be spent away from my home parish. I was very surprised to learn that the church in Lui doesn't have liturgical seasons as we do. Christmas and Easter come with the calendar but Advent, Epiphany, and Lent are unknown.

Going to Lui for this mission trip is a great honor and a big adventure. I am eager to see the children who will participate in the art workshops and eager to see how Sudanese Episcopalians prepare for Christmas. I will be taking each of you in my heart.

Blessings,

Anne+

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ZACH HEMENWAY TO PERFORM DEDICATORY ORGAN CONCERT

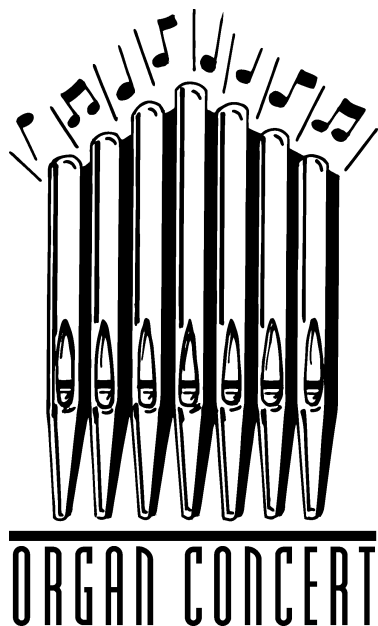
By Kate Haggans

The Quimby Pipe Organ Concert Series, 2009-2010, will begin on Sunday, November 15th, at 4 p.m. Zach Hemenway, returning to his hometown of St. Louis just for the occasion, will play that day's Dedicatory Concert. Organ builder Michael Quimby and members of his staff will be in attendance. A reception will follow the concert. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Zach holds the Master of Music degree from Yale, a Bachelor of Music from the Eastman School of Music, and was a 2002 graduate of SLUH. As music critic Sarah Bryan Miller quoted him in a July 2008 feature article on Zach, "I loved playing the organ, I loved choral music, and I loved the idea of doing that as a full-time job."

With a background that includes assisting John Romeri at St. Louis' Cathedral Basilica and Bill Aitken at St. Peter's-Ladue, Zach also has experience working with children's choirs. He has recently begun a full-time position at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

You can see a copy of the Post-Dispatch article on the bulletin board in the north parish hall. Please join us on Sunday, November 15th, and bring a friend or two!



COMING UP

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY DUE DEC. 13

Film Forums

By Martha Baker

After a lively discussion of Stephen Soderbergh's "The Informant!" at the October gathering of Film & Fellowship (with suggestions to see supporting documentaries, such as "The Corporation," "King Corn," and "Food, Inc."), we are looking forward to wrapping up 2009 by discussing two more interesting, intriguing and itchy films. For November, we will be viewing and reviewing "A Serious Man," the Coen Bros' take on a modern-day Job -- a most appropriate choice, given our recent lectionary readings from Job, the last book in the Hebrew Scriptures. We will be considering whether Our Hero, Larry Gopnik, suffers unduly from his wife's affair (with Sy Abelman?!), his daughter's thieving, his son's smoking pot in Hebrew School, his brother's gambling, and his neighbor's tempting nudity. Tony-nominee Mark Stuhlbarg stars with an excellent cast, directed, costumed, lit and edited well by the idiosyncratic Coens. "A Serious Man" opened Oct. 16.

For December, if no one offers another suggestion, we will discuss "The Messenger." Directed by an unknown, Oren Moverman, "The Messenger" is a taut, riveting film about the soldiers sent to tell families that their beloved are now the war dead. Ben Foster plays the ingenue, paired with Woody Harrelson, as the veteran messenger, the man who knows what to do and what to say in these dramatic moments. Both actors are excellent (and who would have thought that the Woody of "Cheers" could become this actor?) as is the supporting cast, which includes Samantha Morton as a recent widow -- and realist. Few people have gone to see the many excellent Iraq war movies, including "In the Valley of Elah," and "The Hurt Locker," but go see this one -- the acting, writing, cinematography, and lighting are all breathtaking. "The Messenger" opens locally on Nov. 27.

Those are the Films; for the Fellowship, we meet at 6:30 in North Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of the month: Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. Bring food to fuel our furnaces for discussion but nothing that requires the good Trinity china, silver or crystal. See you at the movies!

Book Group

By Dolores Friesen

The book chosen for November is Here at the End of the World We Learn to Dance by Lloyd Jones. The meeting place will be at the Kirks' (not be as far as New Zealand!) at 7 p.m. Check with Dolores Friesen doloresfriesen@sbcglobal.net, 567-6809 for details.

Art Auction November 22

By Jeff Wunrow

The current exhibit organized by Trinity's Arts Committee is "For the Love of Trinity." What makes this exhibit unique is that all of the artwork displayed will be auctioned off at a closing reception on **Sunday, November 22**. Some of the pieces have appeared in previous art exhibits, and some will be newly created just for the auction. The auction proceeds will be evenly divided between Trinity's general fund, and a separate art account that will provide seed money for future arts projects, such as the crane mobile which will be installed during the season of justice and peace this fall.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS UNDERWAY

By Jeff Wunrow

The Leadership FIRST workshop series got off to a great start on October 11 when a dozen Trinity folks turned out to hear Ed Riedel give a terrific presentation on how to deal with difficult people. Leadership FIRST is organized by a new committee, the Leadership Development Committee. The premise of this committee is that while leadership ability may be a gift of the spirit, leadership skills can be taught.

FIRST is an acronym for Formalize, Identify, Recruit, Support, Train. The mission of Leadership FIRST is to formalize our efforts so that leadership development is recognized and ongoing; identify members of Trinity with leadership potential; recruit them into leadership positions; support them by pairing them with mentors; and train those leaders through a series of workshops.

The next workshop is a **noon forum on November 15**. Jeff Wunrow will give a presentation on **how to run effective meetings**. On **December 6**, Vander Corliss will

lead a discussion for anyone interested in **running for the vestry** so they know what to expect. Next year, we will offer workshops on team building, public speaking, and understanding your leadership style.

The members of the Leadership Development Committee are Vander Corliss, Ed Riedel, Ann Watts and Jeff Wunrow. Please speak to any member if you have questions or feedback. And as always, watch the Trinity Times and eTimes for information about future programs.



Bible Study Redux?

By Hazel Kirk

The Spirituality Committee has been considering starting lay-led Bible studies at two different times. There used to be, and we were thinking of starting up again, a Bible study between the two services at 9:30-10:15 on Sunday mornings. Would anyone be interested? The other time was at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays before the 6 p.m. Eucharist. In honor of those who need to be quiet before the services, we would meet in the North Parish Hall in the pre-school room. I am trying to find out who might be interested in either of these times. Please email me at hskirk@prodigy.net, or phone me: 314/471-3915.

END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

What do you have? Where is it? Who do you love? Who are you responsible for? Who should get what? Can they handle it on their own? Do they want it? How do you get it there?

Those are the questions posed by Adrienne Anderson at a recent forum on End-of-Life Planning. The answers are important and complex and vary from person to person. For a copy of her notes from the forum, contact her at samfly@aol.com.



PANHANDLING GUIDELINES

Regarding panhandling, requests for assistance, and encounters with the needy

Call 911.

Follow the advice of the St. Louis Police Department, which routes and records all calls for assistance through this number. Call without hesitation if someone requests money or other assistance outside the church.

Do not give money to anyone.

Giving money only encourages more panhandling. News of successful panhandling travels fast on the street, and does not truly help.

Tell people our hard and fast policy:

Trinity Church does not give money under any circumstances; nor does the Church give bus tickets, Metro tickets, or gas cards.

Direct people to the Trinity Food Pantry or invite them to the Hot Lunch program when appropriate.

Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; identification required.

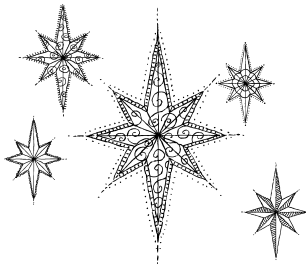
Hot lunch: 2 p.m., Sunday afternoons; free and open to all with no identification required.

Ask people who come into the church for help during a service to wait until after the service.

Invite them to worship with us.

In an emergency, offer a pre-packed bag of food from the blue box in the back hallway. Ask the person to remain in the church while you get the food; ask another parishioner for help rather than staying by yourself with a stranger.

Offer to pray for or with all seekers who come to Trinity Church for help.



REMEMBERING ALL SAINTS

By Kate Worland

This is a fitting season to announce that a book is being created to honor all deceased members of Trinity - those buried in our All Saints Memorial Garden and those buried elsewhere. Each member will have two archival 8 x 10 inch pages created to evoke the family's memory of them and to provide basic information for posterity. The pages could include items such as:

- * full name, portrait and a signature.
- * birth place and date
- * death place and date
- * funeral place, burial place, date
- short bio or an obituary
- perhaps a couple of snapshots
- a selection of small items from their life (perhaps a logo, an award, or a cause)
- a favorite Bible passage or prayer
- an often used phrase or common comment
- a short item that the person wrote
- perhaps a favorite color or pattern or hobby

(*The starred items are necessary.)

If your loved one was a member of Trinity and has died, this is an invitation to you. Here is how to participate. Place a selection of the above items in an envelope for protection and lend them to Kate Worland (314-726-4824 or kate.worland@gmail.com). She will scan them (select from among them and scale them down if needed). Originals will be returned if your name is on the back; otherwise they will be donated to the archives. If you are the main family member and ask to be involved, Kate will elicit your input when a sample is ready.

DIOCESAN HOOKERS, KNITTERS AND PRAYERS NEEDED

Last year's "Offering of Scarves" was a huge success with over 250 scarves knitted and crocheted, and prayed over at diocesan convention. They were shared not just at Trinity's hot lunch program but also at the Scruggs School where many of the children are recent immigrants from Africa and really need warm things.

When distributing the scarves, guests commented that while they really loved them, hats or caps would be greatly appreciated as well. So this year's goal is 100 hats or caps. The organizers at St. Mark's are asking that they be dedicated in each congregation on the Sunday before

diocesan convention; they'll be collected at convention and distributed in time for Christmas.

The Rev. Lydia Speller writes, "We know that there are people who have already started working on scarves or who, when they hear about the hat plan think, 'Hats are much too hard for me!' We will find a good home for scarves and will let you know where they have been donated. We are working with the 'Red Door Food Ministries' of Christ Church, Cape Girardeau and with Christ Church's outreach to women in recovery which includes the Family Counseling Center, Mending Hearts, Vision House and the Safe House, to share the scarves with those who need something warm and a reminder of God's love."

She continues, "You are invited you to pray as you knit or crochet for the warmth of God's love to be with the person who receives your work. You might pray as you knit or crochet for the Holy Spirit to show you some other ways you could reach out to people who are poorly housed, homeless, or unemployed during this time of year."

Hat patterns (knitting and crochet) are available on [St. Mark's website](#)

***VESTRY MEETINGS:
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2009***

By Carol Cradock

Major themes of the last two Vestry meetings (September and October) include:

*Preparation for the Organ Dedication, September 20. Barbara Uhlemann asked for transfer of funds from the Chapman Endowment to cover the costs of the reception following the Choral Evensong. Vestry unanimously agreed. The remaining dates for organ concerts are November 15, March 7 and April 18.

*Food Ministry Director Steve Turner reported the expected increase in the number of people served both at the Hot Lunch Program and for the pantry. He also requested discussion of several upgrades to the south parish hall, specifically the replacement of the floor. This led to the discussion of the future of the south parish hall. Mentioned in the discussion were the terrible condition of the window wall (a temporary bracing of the windows was completed last year), the uncertainty of the integrity of the roof, the lack of restroom facilities and the need for upgrading the kitchen. Vestry members talked about a

potential capital campaign to remodel/repair the south parish hall. Consideration of this centered on the cost of such an undertaking and the fact that Trinity had just completed the organ campaign. The question remained whether Trinity should undertake rather extensive costly repairs now or assume a "band-aid" approach until the time seems propitious for a capital campaign. Following the October meeting, Junior Warden Dave Hilditch requested and received approval for a \$6,000 roof repair.

*Harry Leip reported on the Retreat Committee's recommendation for the Trinity Retreat to be held June 4-6 at Todd Hall in Illinois.

*Joe Price has been hired to work on a per-hour salary to assist Steve Turner with both the hot lunch program and the food pantry.

*Martha Baker and Rev. Anne Kelsey led a discussion of Trinity security and panhandling problems. The Vestry will work on a policy statement to reflect a balance between concern for personal security for parishioners, while retaining our mission of assisting those in our community who are in need.

*Junior Warden Dave Hilditch reported on the activities of the last "work day." He thanked the volunteers who accomplishments included recovering some of the south parish hall chairs, cleaning out the window wells, power washing the front steps and preparing the front doors for repainting.



TRINITY FOOD MINISTRY

At the hot lunch on Sundays we often have folks coming very late for lunch – many times after all the food has been given out. We save some plates of food for late comers, but sometimes folks come even after these plates have been distributed.

Recently we were given some sandwiches left over from a church event. We distributed these to our guests for them to take home with them. One lady who had come late was still eating when, after 3 o'clock, another lady came in saying she wanted something to eat and that she had walked a long ways to get to the church. We said that we were sorry, but all the food had been given out. Then without hesitation, the lady who was still eating said to the new comer, "Here honey, you take this sandwich. I've had a plate of food already." It is heart warming when we see such kindness.

The numbers of folks coming for food continues to increase. We are serving about 80 each week at the hot lunch. The pantry also continues to be busy. In August 2009 we served 643 as opposed to August 2008 when we served 552. In September 2009 we served 672 clients as compared to 573 in September 2008.

Thanks to the Vestry members who helped prepare and serve the hot lunch on Sept. 27. There is a continuing need for cans of food. Please remember the food ministry when you do your grocery shopping.

- Steve Turner

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Barbara Bradshaw and **Jane Edwards** have moved from Webster Groves to 9244 Cordoba Lane in Crestwood (63126.) Their new phone number is 314/843-5229.

Jonathan Steinke and **Angie Harris** are relocating to Mesa, AZ (1811 S. 39th St., 85602) to follow new work opportunities.

Bill Mayhan has been awarded the Emerson Teaching Award for the UMSL campus. The awards are given to outstanding teachers on campuses areawide.

PARISH PROFILES

By Virginia Benson

Trinity's resident organist, Jeff Nall, is a happy camper these days. "There's no music written for the organ that this instrument can't play!" he exults. "It has everything we asked for and more. It's better than what we paid for!" Jeff worked closely with Michael Quimby and his builders on the design of Trinity's magnificent new 24-rank organ, installed in May. He is relishing the ease of playing it and the variety of styles and tonal combinations that it is capable of.

Jeff is no stranger to building organs; he made pipes for the Wicks Organ Company for a time after graduating, with a major in organ performance from Louisiana Tech University in 1993. The eldest of eight children, he attended high school in Crossett, Arkansas. There was music in his family, but when he was preparing for college his father informed him that he would fund any course of study but music, so knowing his vocation Jeff made his own way through school. While working at Wicks, he served as organist at Trinity-St. Charles, then at St. Andrew's in Edwardsville, before coming to Trinity in 2004. His "day job" since April has been in customer service for AT&T.

Encyclopedic in his knowledge of the arcana of organ design and construction, Jeff admits to some clever "cannibalism" in Trinity's instrument. The wooden ranks came from Quimby's "stash," including some pipes with leathered "lips" and a mellow, rounded tone built by Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas, and a Lieblich Gedeckt rank built by Austin Organs Inc. of Hartford, Connecticut. Both of these ranks are nearly 100 years old. And the Zimbelstern (the little bells that really do sound like twinkling stars) was lovingly kept from the old organ. "They were about the only thing worth keeping," Jeff notes.

Organs from makers in various parts of the world have distinctive sounds. "Ours has a distinctively American accent," says Jeff. "It can certainly do justice to music written for French or German instruments, but it really won't sound like them." It is, in fact, a landmark instrument, with its uniquely flexible synthesis of design elements, and "the stars were in alignment," Jeff says, because Quimby was eager to create just such an organ. To see how well he succeeded, just come and hear the dedicatory recital on November 15, or watch Jeff at play any Sunday morning.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November

3	Willie Meadows Oliver Layher
5	Betsey Gardner
10	Al Wiman Emily Gerteis
11	Jane Williamson
14	The Rev. William Baker Georgia Johnston
17	George Benson Linda Biggs
20	Joan Gregory
22	Elizabeth Gray
23	Gracie Lee White
24	George Friesen
27	Cheryl Sharpe
28	Karen Thacher Kate Haggans

December

1	Dave van Bakergem Zoe Goffe
3	Jim Andris
6	Martha Baker
11	Justin Worland
12	Carrie Weber
15	Kate Ayre
17	Joe Palecek Bob Barrett
18	Vander Corliss
19	Jennifer Mueller
20	Bill Layher
22	Matthew Owings
23	Bill Mayhan
24	Duncan McArthur
25	Martha Ficklen
26	Nancy Cadenhead
28	Dave Hilditch



IN OUR PRAYERS

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need: Stephen Nichols, weakness and pain; Michael Randolph, lung failure; Michael Bentz, recovery from surgery; Bill Roth, recovery from neck surgery; Patsy Degener, recovery from cancer and shingles; Steve Turner, recovery from cancer; Nancy Cadenhead, recovery from cancer

...and those with ongoing challenges: Martha Ficklen, Kayte Foxworth, Margaret Kane, Joan Dunbar, Dick Weber, Jackie Judd, Dee Scott, Sallie Fuhri

Serving in the military: Chuck Clement, Jeremy Wall, Chad Clement, Patricia Roddy Jones, Andrew Bredow, Jim Hall, Martin Burkart, Keith Burkart, Craig Hickerson, JonMichael Bentz, John Worland, Tony Elkin, Jeff Holzbauer

Family Members: Christy Glenn, Marjorie Hoeltzel's granddaughter, radiation treatment; Dorris McManis, wife of Chuck McManis; Sarah Livermont, George Benson's granddaughter, severe seizure disorder; Margaret Haggans; Dorothea Forsythe; Dee Farris, Jeff Farris' mother, cancer; Margorie-Faith Holler, Joan Dunbar's cousin, COPD; Cille Smith, Lisa Will-Smith's mother-in-law, stroke; Michael (Tony) Reece, Jackie Judd's son, back surgery; William Edwards, Jane Edwards' grand-nephew, bipolar; Christopher Edwards and Beth Edwards, Jane Edward's nephew; Warren Frank Moseley, Cynthia Fox's son; Max Dorland, great-uncle of Lyndell Bade; Mauriea Wheeler, Lyndell Bade, MS & cancer; Kevin and Marilyn Dorland, Lyndell Bade, both with cancer

Friends: Rosemary Whitrock, friend of Hazel Kirk, mourning the death of her daughter Gina; Liz Brown (Charlotte Pfaff), ex-wife of Jim Pfaff; Arianna Dougan, friend of Karin Layher; Midge Smith, friend of Jim Pfaff, liver cancer; Sam, friend of Jim Pfaff's son, bypass surgery; Charlotte Reynolds, friend of Charlene and Denver Wright, brain tumor; Ron Irwin Moeller, friend of Barbara Bradshaw and Jane Edwards, cancer; The Rev. Hugh Edsall, friend of Joan Dunbar; Dee, breast cancer; Jeanne Gordon, friend of Martha Baker, dealing with a variety of ailments; Melody Nelson and family, friends of Jackie Judd

Mourning: Dorothy Porcello, Kitty Drescher

Deceased: Louis Porcello

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 29 Advent begins

Sunday, Dec. 20 Hanging of the Greens

Thursday, Dec. 24

4 pm Children's Service

10 pm Lessons & Carols

10:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Friday, Dec. 25

10 am Holy Eucharist

D A T E D M A T E R I A L

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Holy Eucharist

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:30 a.m. (Rite II)

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 6:30 a.m.

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