



# *TRINITY BELLS*

## *DECEMBER 2011*

### The Holy and Healthy Practice of Showing Up

Have you ever noticed how many plotlines in some way revolve around the need for someone to “show up”—this can be the latest hot book club pick or a tween sitcom on the Nickelodeon cable channel. When a character decides to “show-up”—by getting sober or by interacting with their children or noticing their partner’s pain or boredom—or even by coming home for Christmas, it is a turning point. So why has our modern culture come to have this slang term “showing up?” Doesn’t that diminish it in some way, isn’t it more than that? And what in the world does it have to do with Advent and Christmas?

The mystery of these seasons has everything to do with the power of presence, of being with one another. God is with us, and loves and saves us, and we are able to love because he loved us first. We assert in all our liturgies and many traditions of these holy seasons, that the very nature of being human changed because God wanted to be with us, to rescue us from separation and despair—that God “showing up” changed everything forever. We were released from the limits of being separated from God. The good news we proclaim is that God in Christ will always “show up.”

Mary and Joseph and all the other people who populate the Gospel accounts of the Nativity also “showed up,” and thus it began. It is important to remember that no matter what we believe, or how strongly, or how good our intentions are, that most projects and relationships of importance rest on “showing up,” with being present and accounted for.

In our busy and fractured world, “showing up” in ways big and small has come to be undervalued, or maybe sometimes to be thought of as the thing that can be disposed of or shortened so as to safely cut a corner. We can phone it in as they say, skip the wedding and just come to the reception, arrive (or leave) before the last inning. . . But we are made for connection, and things large and small are possible when we are together.

It is hard to keep any kind of balance in this life, and we all must make decisions about what to do and not do, and especially about when our presence is “really needed.” The Christian witness is that as it pertains to our life in Christ and what we are sent by God into the world to do, we are all needed, we matter to the body of Christ. We are all an important part of God’s saving work—God’s mission in the World.

This Advent and Christmas be aware of how important your presence is- that you, like the angels, are a messenger from God proclaiming Glad Tidings of Great Joy.

With love to you in Christ,

## AROUND THE PARISH...



Julia Price, Harry Clark & JJ Price singing on All Saints Day



Helen Oehrlein, Ruth Fick, Sheila Platt & Shanti Samaroo welcoming Barbara Wilson back (center)



Andrew Cordero receiving bouquet after his Senior Recital Performance



Parishioners making Advent wreaths on Advent 1

## HARRY'S 7<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!



## FROM THE WARDENS

This fall we've been exploring a creative solution to our financial crisis: starting a day care center at Trinity (using a portion of Penson Hall and the children's chapel). Informal discussions began in the late summer with Laurie Petroske, who operates a day care center in Sea Cliff, as well as the after-school child care program in the North Shore schools. After she met with a few members of the Vestry, Laurie was invited to the October Vestry meeting, where she outlined the economics of a day care center, the need in the community, and the state regulatory process. At the All Saints Sunday brunch Margo briefed the parishioners on what we've found so far and answered questions.

So far, the response has been positive at every level, but there is due diligence still to perform. We are investigating what our upfront costs might be, what the contractual relationship between Trinity and Laurie would be, and how the entity would be incorporated or otherwise structured. Until we can answer those questions – and be confident that the enterprise would be profitable without a detrimental impact on parish life – we won't make an irrevocable commitment. However, with the clock ticking on our dwindling endowment and the 18-month timetable for state certification, we are proceeding in a prudent and hopeful way to see if we can get it off the ground.

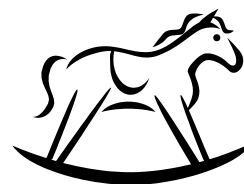
Margo has made the point that this prospect shouldn't be confused with our Mission Journey. It may well prove to be compatible with our larger mission of service to the community, but it's something that originated as a financial undertaking which we would oversee, rather than a mission initiative. We are still moving ahead with outreach activities, including work with the other churches in the North Shore cluster, and we are working on more programs which can make Trinity a center for the arts in this area.

Those initiatives require our participation as a parish family. We're grateful to the members of Trinity who have become involved in these and other ministries, some of which are longstanding (like choir and Burning Books), some of which are recent activities (like the monthly St. Exertius days), and some of which are never seen by many of us (like the visits by

parishioners to the homebound and hospitalized). We can always use more help.

It is this caring and commitment which help define us as a community and make us a welcoming place for new members. We haven't done a high profile stewardship program this year, because we want to keep our focus on the Mission Journey. It will take your time, talent, and treasure to accomplish our mission. You should have received a pledge card with Margo's Advent letter. We hope you will respond with a pledge that reflects what Trinity means to you personally and to the community. Your generosity will help make our dreams a reality.

Best wishes to all for a blessed, joyful Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!



John and Sheila Platt are proud to announce the birth of our granddaughter, Satya Abigail Finger, on September 25, 2011, the daughter of Sarah and her husband Alan Finger, who live in New York City. She weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz and was 20-1/2 inches long, and at 10 weeks she now weighs 10 lbs, 2 oz and is 22-1/2 inches long. Her name means "truth" in Sanskrit, and her middle name honors John's mother. Mother, father, grandparents, Auntie Em, Uncle Shawn and cousin Rowan and many others too numerous to mention are absolutely overjoyed!

## OUTREACH UPDATE "COLLABORATION THROUGH CLUSTER"

We thought if we got the four North Shore Episcopal Outreach directors and groups together, we could brainstorm, creating more ideas, find out what each other was doing, learn from one another, and perhaps work together to help one another in our efforts to have a greater impact. That is exactly what happened!



A cluster meeting at St. John's, Lattingtown

We decided to work on two projects together just to get started. The first was to participate together at a booth at the mini mart. We each brought different items to sell and selected Island Harvest as the recipient of the proceeds. We contacted them and asked for banners and brochures to boost our sales. It was a wonderful first effort and on Monday, Nov. 21st, we invited Island Harvest to lunch and presented them with a nice check that will go toward their backpack program (see below).



We have had 4 meetings thus far as a cluster. Trinity initiated and hosted the first meeting with St. Luke's, St. John's, and St. Paul's. Each church in turn hosted a meeting. We learned quite a bit from one another, shared much information and will continue our efforts together. Our next project is a food drive for Harry Chapin's food pantry. Each Church is taking a quarter of the year. Our quarter is April, May and June.

On another note, Outreach has delivered over 2000 books to Laundromats thus far!

Dawn Weill



## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



The Holiday Boutique has been doing a bustling business with an amazing variety of gift items, as well as offerings from our own in-house artisans. There were also lovely contributions from the Hinrichs and Newbold estates, which people purchased as remembrances of Ruth and Bette. The Boutique is being held over one more week (till 12/18) to give you a final opportunity for some last minute shopping.

Many thanks to Barbara Holzkamp who spearheaded this fundraising effort, along with all who helped set up & all who donated items, for the benefit of Camp DeWolfe.

## MUSIC NOTES



At Trinity we help to nourish bodies and souls through outreach as we contribute cans of food, books for children, gifts for people in need, and many other wonderful projects. We also nourish the hearts and minds of all who come through our doors with the words we sing and say, and the warm fellowship that is found in this community. With renewed spirits, and bolstered courage, we spread the message through the example of our lives.

Come and swell the ranks of the courage-givers this Advent and Christmastide. Help Trinity Celebrate this blessed time of year, and encourage others to share the Joy. Hear our young people sing and play, allow our choir to lift your heart with beautiful, profound melodies, and raise your voice as part of the chorus of beloved carols. From SILENT NIGHT to NOEL...BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL! this is the true spirit of the Nativity. See you in church!!!

Martha Regelmann

## TRINITY TRANSITIONS



*Grant to them eternal rest...*

Harriet Firth  
Ethel Ursprung

## BIRTHDAYS AT TRINITY?

We are going to attempt to once again recognize and celebrate parishioners' birthdays once a month beginning Sun., Jan. 8. Details to follow.

If you or anyone in your family has a birthday in January, please call the church office and remind us (621-7925).



## BURNING BOOKS



The next Burning Books selection is "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver (author of "The Poisonwood Bible"), the story of an American boy, Harrison William Shepherd, primarily raised in the Mexican household of the painters Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo (and their houseguest Leon Trotsky) before settling in North Carolina, where he becomes a historical novelist who draws the attention of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

" 'Employed by the American imagination,' is how one character describes Harrison, a term that could apply equally to Kingsolver as she masterfully resurrects a dark period in American history with the assured hand of a true literary artist." (Publishers Weekly review)

Our meeting will take place on January 25 at the home of Rhonda Veros. In the meantime, the Platts are happy to host a viewing of "Man on Wire," the documentary about Phillipe Petit's high wire walk between the Twin Towers, which figured in one of our favorite novels, "Let the Great World Spin," on Sunday, January 15 at 4 pm. As always, newcomers are welcome.

**LOCAL GALLERY PRESENTS  
"STILL LIFE WITH A TWIST"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Still Life Show**

**December 9, 2011-January 30, 2012  
Opening reception, December 9th, 6 - 8pm**



Save the dates and make your way to the wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Still Life Show highlighting the talent of many local artists including our very own **Aleta Crawford**.

"This show proves without a doubt that artists can bring their own personal twist to their work. I have seen in the submissions a wonderful diversity in all the work, whether the artist is using color, composition or form to express their twist on the still life. This is a terrific show and will be enjoyed by all," says Denis Ponsot, juror.

**Main Street Petite Gallery  
213 Main St. Huntington, 631-271-8423  
Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm**

Sponsored by the Huntington Arts Council



Kudos to Harry who recently earned his White Belt as church friends cheered him on

**MENDELSSOHN'S "ELIJAH"  
PERFORMANCE**



The Mineola Choral Society invites you to an exciting afternoon of classical choral music. On January 29 at 3:00 p.m., our 50-voice chorus, together with professional soloists and orchestra will present Mendelssohn's *Elijah* in the beautiful and acoustically excellent sacred space of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City. Mendelssohn composed *Elijah* as a work of fierce dramatic impact that conveys his interpretation of the prophet's story in the emotion, power and intensity of his music, sometimes expressing deep tenderness and love, and other times evoking images of violent fire, flood and whirlwind. Plan to join us and experience the imaginative orchestration, the spontaneity and energy, the drama, and the sheer beauty of the arias and choruses that embody this masterwork. Tickets purchased at the door cost \$20. If you order tickets in advance the cost is \$15. For more information or to order tickets, please see Diane or George Graf or call 516-294-1175.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
NEW YEAR COCKTAIL PARTY!**



On Sunday, January 8th after the Epiphany Pageant there will be a celebration of the New Year during coffee hour. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, tapas or knoshie to share with your fellow parishioners. Coffee, juice and wine will be provided. See Maryellen Hansen or Nancy Golightly if you have questions.

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**ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & BEYOND**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Dec. 11** - Two services - 8:00 & 10:00 am; Ingathering of food & money to support the LICC Food Pantry; Holiday Boutique following 10:00 service

**Dec. 18** - Lessons and Carols - 10:00 am; Special gifts collected for family adopted by Trinity; Holiday Coffee Hour hosted by Roger & Edith Gerber

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Services- 4:00 & 10:00 pm

**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day Service - 9:30 am

**Jan. 1** - One service - 10:00 am

**Jan 8** - Two services - 8:00 & 10:00 am ; Epiphany Pageant followed by "New Year Cocktail Party"  
(see more info elsewhere in this newsletter)

**JUST A REMINDER...PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO HELP US PLAN FOR THE COMING YEAR!**



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### The Mission Statement of Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Church is a community where all are welcome. We seek to love God, to learn and practice Jesus' teachings, and to answer the call of those in need.

#### **Sunday Services**

10:00 Eucharist with Choir every Sunday  
8:00 & 10:00 Eucharist- 2nd Sunday of month

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#### **Vestry**

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Wishing all of our family, friends & neighbors a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

