

## From the Vicar

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It's hard to believe that the summer is nearly over. Somehow the endless days of the summer that I remember from childhood no longer seem to exist; instead summers seem to get busier and busier, until it's almost a relief to get back into the structures and routines of the fall.

Life at Trinity and in the Episcopal Church more widely has been unusually busy this summer. It began with the ten days of news from General Convention, our triennial national meeting. Then, as well as our usual Sunday services, we had one funeral, two baptisms, and two weddings (the first since 2003!). And we've had plenty of visitors and newcomers over the summer.

But now it's back to school and work, back to the routines and the habits of ordinary life. And back to church!

Worship is one of those core life habits that help make us who we are. As we connect with God and one another, we also feed our own souls. We look forward to welcoming you back if you haven't been round over the summer (or longer), and welcoming you just as much if you've been here all summer long. We look forward to welcoming you back on September 10.

And of course, as well as our regular 8am and 10am services, we begin our Sunday School and youth programs on September 17. We have a bunch of new kids enrolled, and we're looking forward to it! And this year, we've grown enough to add a second teenage group for those in grades 6 through 8; it's great to see such growth happening!

And we have a number of other events coming up as well: the 9/11 Community Memorial Service on September 11, the Dining Club on September 15, Vestry on September 18, and Swedesboro Day on September 30. We look forward to seeing you at these too. We've included a calendar for the month, and also one for the rest of the fall to help you keep track of it all!

Blessings, and hope to see you soon,

Vicar

# Trinity Talk

the newsletter of Trinity Episcopal "Old Swedes" Church in Swedesboro, New Jersey

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# September 2006

# Worship

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## Welcome Back

Vacations are over and we're back to the "regular" routine of Sunday School, church activities and events and some new programs. We hope you've enjoyed your relaxation time and are ready to join us as we move forward.

## Baptism

The next ordinarily scheduled Baptism is on November 5, the Sunday after All Saints Day. Please talk with the Vicar if you have a candidate for baptism that day or would like to discuss another date.

## Those people up the front in robes ...

Have you ever wanted to be one of those people up the front of church dressed up in a robe? We are looking for more people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes and Crucifers. *Eucharistic Ministers* assist in leading our Sunday services by reading, leading the prayers of the people, and administering the chalice. To be eligible, you need to be 16 or older and confirmed. *Acolytes* carry the candles that light the gospel book, and assist in other ways as needed. You need to be 8 or older to be an acolyte. The *Crucifer* carries the cross at the front of the procession. You need to be able to carry the cross to be eligible to do this — most of our crucifers are teenagers, but adults are eligible as well. Please talk with the Vicar if you are interested in doing any of these.

## Pick-a-Hymn

This summer we continued our tradition of drawing hymns each Sunday for the following week from your choices. Hymns we sang (or will sing in the next couple of weeks) included:

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
*Amazing Grace*  
*America the Beautiful*  
*Ancient of Days*  
*Be Thou my vision*  
*Christ is alive*  
*Christ is the world's true light*  
*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
*Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit*  
*Faith of our fathers*  
*Go tell it on the mountain*  
*Hail Thou once despised Jesus*  
*He is Risen, He is Risen*  
*I bind unto myself this day*  
*I come with joy*

*I the Lord of sea and sky*  
*Immortal, invisible*  
*In the bleak midwinter*  
*It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord*  
*Jesus is risen*  
*Joyful, joyful we adore thee*  
*Just as I am*  
*Let all mortal flesh keep silent*  
*Let us break bread together*  
*Lord you give the great commission*  
*Morning has broken*  
*My Country Tis of Thee*  
*O Master let me walk with thee*  
*On Eagles Wings*  
*Peace before Us*  
*Praise my soul the King of Heaven*  
*Precious Lord, take my hand*  
*Seek ye first*  
*Silent Night*  
*Sing of Mary*  
*Take my life and let it be*  
*Tell out my soul*  
*The First Nowell*  
*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*  
*You're Called by Name forever loved*  
*What child is this?*  
*What star is this?*  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## September 11 Community Memorial Service at Trinity

You are invited to attend a Memorial Remembrance Service to honor those who perished in the September 11 disasters. This year marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Service will be held at 7:00pm at Trinity Square and Church Street. Church Street will be blocked off to accommodate the gathering. Bring lawn chairs. In the event of rain, the Service will be held in the church.

## Blessing of the Animals: Sunday October 8 – 2 PM

October 4 is the day when traditionally the church remembers St. Francis and his love for animals and nature. We would love to celebrate by having a Blessing of the Animals service on the Sunday after St Francis' Day, October 8, on the Parish House lawn at 2 PM. (Parish House if the weather doesn't cooperate!) All animals (or photos of them) and their people are welcome. Last year, attendance was low, so we are re-considering whether this is something our church community values. Please contact the vicar if you would like to continue this service.

## National Acolyte Festival

The National Acolyte Festival will be held at the National Cathedral in Washington on Saturday October 7. We would love to take a group from Trinity for this exciting event. If you are an acolyte and would like to attend, or an adult who would be willing to go as a chaperone/driver, please call the church office.

## Education

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### Sunday School and Youth Program Begins Again

Sunday School and our Journey to Adulthood youth program will begin again on Sunday, September 17 from 9-9.50 AM. Registration forms for children from ages 3 through 10<sup>th</sup> grade have been mailed; additional forms are in the church foyer. We offer a workshop program for kids aged 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Parish House. Once again Denise DePaul will coordinate this – if you would be willing to teach on a regular or occasional basis, please call the office.

We will offer the Journey to Adulthood program for grades 6 through 10 from 9-9.50am on Sunday mornings. We will have two groups this year. Grades 6-8 will meet in the upper right balcony of the church, led by Nancy Gostkowski. Grades 9-10 will meet in the back room of the Rectory, once again led by Bill Horner and Sarah Holmstrom.

For those aged 16 and over by the end of 2006/2007 school year, we anticipate that the bishop will visit and administer confirmation. Please contact the Vicar if you are interested and willing to begin preparation for this.

## Community

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**Welcome** to those who have joined us over the summer:

Paul, Kate, Megan and Jessica Deming

### Baptisms

July 23 Brenna Elizabeth Mills  
August 20 Madison Mei Jiang Benedict

### Weddings

August 19 Kelly Johnston and Stephen Woronicak  
August 26 Megan McHenry and PJ Bielavitz



Parishioner Caleigh dancing with the groom at the Johnson/Woroniak Wedding

### Burials

July 15 James E. Bagley  
Interment of Catherine Julia Bagley and Joseph Wayne Bagley

### For your Prayers

LCDR Brendan J. Murphy (nephew of **Jim Randall**);  
Andrea Poyser (sister-in-law of **Raewynne Whiteley**)  
Christine (former parish member by **Edie Rohrman**).

If you would like to list someone for prayer, please contact the church office on 467-1227 or office@trinityswedesboro.org. We will print the person's name, followed by the parishioner requesting the prayers in parentheses. In the interest of privacy, please request permission from the person before submitting his or her name. The list will be updated each month, so please update your request monthly.

### Trinity Dinner Club

The Dining Club will meet again on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at *The Rushes* in Woodstown. This summer they met at *Filomena's* in Deptford and *The Stone Grill* in Blackwood. It is open to all parishioners! If you are interested, please contact Tina Wiltsee at 423-4940 or Bob Fredd at 241-0617 for details.

### What's Happening in Swedesboro?

The town of Swedesboro is experiencing a resurgence! Three new businesses have opened or are about to do so in the main street: Russo Homes (two doors up from the Rectory), Mugs Coffeehouse (next to Russo), and Needles and Pins Quilting Shop (by the Library, replacing Anthony's Hallmark). We rely of the support of local businesses for many of our fundraisers; we encourage you in turn to support them. And anything that attracts people into town makes it more likely that they will discover Trinity!

We've also seen many improvements in the infrastructure: a new sewer line has been installed, driveways have been replaced in preparation for the repaving of Kings Highway, and the sidewalk from

Botto's to Swedes Inn is being re-done with pavers and adorned with lamps and landscaping.

## Swedesboro Day: September 30, 9am-4pm

Swedesboro Day is a wonderful annual event in town, with Kids Zone, Live Bands, Local Acts, Food Court, Crafts and much more. Trinity plans to have a booth to advertise all that we offer as an active congregation to the community. Volunteers are needed to be at the booth - all you need to be able to do is to tell people about the parish, and give them some information. Kids welcome. Sign up (at the back of the church) for a one hour slot! A great opportunity to meet people in the community and to get to know other parishioners better.

## History

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### Trinity "Old Swedes" Foundation

At the August meeting of the Foundation Trustees, the decision was made to replace the sidewalk in front of the church as part of the general maintenance program for the historic site. The Trustees also are planning to repair the brick wall at the "New" Cemetery along Third Street.

During the summer, the "Foundation" also paid the expense to trim and feed the large oak tree in the cemetery and will soon remove the fir tree that was destroyed by infestation in Trinity Square. Funds for these and other projects come from the Golf Tournament and other activities during the year. Their contribution relieves the Church Budget.

### Pig Roast: October 29

Trinity Church Historic Preservation Foundation will sponsor the Annual Pig Roast on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Rode's Fireside. Seatings are at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 PM. Take-outs are also available. The Menu will include Pork and Gravy, Salad, Roll & Butter, Pineapple Bake and Baked Beans, Iced Tea or Lemonade and Homemade Desserts. Proceeds from this fundraiser support the maintenance of the historic Trinity Church and site. Tickets will be available early in September.

## Outreach

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### Blood Drive: October 16

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled at Trinity Parish House on Monday, October 16th from 1 to 7 PM. Sign-

up forms and notices will be placed in the church bulletin later in September. Please plan to donate.

## Kings Things

Located on Kings Highway at the corner of Franklin Street (across from Botto's), Kings Things is a Christian Thrift store that sells used clothing and items. Sales proceeds benefit families who are in need in the town and surrounding area. The shop is always in need of volunteers and appreciates donations of good items that you may longer need. The store was started in the 1980s by Trinity Church, Bethesda Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Joseph's RC Church. It has continued to serve the community well through all these years. Trinity Church's representative is Felipe Grieb. He would appreciate a call at 467-6644 if you can give time and have any questions.

## Manor Care

Trinity Church provides a bi-monthly church service for the residents of Manor Care in West Deptford. The next visit is scheduled for Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The service consists of singing and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All members are encouraged to participate in this outreach project. The residents look forward to our visits and even though we are "outsiders," it is often the only company they receive. The current volunteers can not continue without your help. Please let us know if you can come along and help out; otherwise we will have to resign from this ministry.

## The wider church

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### Selections from Bishop Cancell: Reflections on the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, June 30, 2006

*God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and  
tell it in love — like Christ in everything.*

*We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of  
everything we do.*

*He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath  
and blood flow through us,  
nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God,  
robust in love.*

(Ephesians 4:15-17, in *The Message*)

Dear Friends in Christ, "Come and Grow," based on this text from the Letter to the Ephesians, was the theme of the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Reflecting on the Convention and

its actions, I find great hope and great challenge for our Church. I begin with a word of thanks for the diligence and care with which our Lay and Clerical Deputies and Alternate Deputies shared in the ministry of the General Convention. Please read carefully their thoughtful report on the Convention. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their hard work. I affirm not only their serious engagement with the toughest issues facing our Church today, but also their prayerful, faith-filled and joyous life in community with one another. They took care of business and took care of each other. My informal reports on Convention are posted on the "Bishop's Blog," at our Diocese of New Jersey web site at <http://newjersey.anglican.org/bishop/GC2006>.

My own view of the Convention was limited by the requirements of membership on the Program, Budget and Finance Committee, which developed a \$152 million budget for The Episcopal Church for 2007-2009. Our work began with the adoption of the following mission priorities as an expression of our commitment to Jesus Christ:

1. Justice and Peace, including the support of the Millennium Development Goals;
2. Young Adults, Youth and Children;
3. Reconciliation and Evangelism;
4. Congregational Transformation; and
5. Partnerships with the Anglican Communion and others.

The Millennium Development Goals captured the imagination of this Convention. I saw this interest as a sign of our Church turning outward to minister to a suffering world. It was very gratifying to see \$924,000 (an amount in excess of 0.7% of income) allocated for projects that will address extreme poverty and other goals. Our Diocese has made that same commitment of 0.7% of our income for the MDGs for the past two years. My own household does the same. I encourage everyone to make this offering for the benefit of the most vulnerable of God's people around the world.

It was my privilege to participate in the election of the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. In Trinity Church in Columbus, nearly 200 active and retired bishops prayed and sang together and sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the exercise of this solemn responsibility. The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada, was elected on the fifth ballot. The House of Deputies concurred with this action.

Bishop Jefferts Schori is a remarkably gifted and able bishop. She is a good soul and a strong leader possessed of an extraordinary intellect. I have known her as a faculty member in the College of Bishops and been blessed by her wisdom and insight. Her election, guided by the Holy Spirit, is the fruit of our Church taking women seriously and valuing their gifts and

leadership in ordained ministry for the past 30 years. It will be an honor and a pleasure to work with our Presiding Bishop-elect in the coming years. Recognizing that this development represents a challenge for some of our Anglican partners, I nevertheless support our Presiding Bishop-elect in representing our Church among the Primates of the Communion. I celebrate the fact that women bishops of our Church are now members of the three instruments of unity in the Anglican Communion. I ask you to remember Bishop Jefferts Schori and her family in your prayers as she begins the transition to this new ministry as chief pastor and primate of our Church. May the Lord who has given her the will to do these things give her the grace and power to perform them.

.....On the final day of Convention, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies adopted resolution B-033, "On the Election of Bishops." Both the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect made it clear that it was important for us to adopt this resolution in the proposed language in order for our Church to continue in conversation and ongoing relationship with the Anglican Communion. I believed that B-033, or something like it, represented an expression of restraint that was necessary for the life of the Communion.

I voted in favor of B-033. I realize that many view this action as harmful to gay and lesbian Christians. I intend to continue my support of the lives and ministries of our gay and lesbian clergy and members in New Jersey. I understand that some view this and other actions of Convention with regard for the Windsor Report as inadequate. As strongly as I disagree with that assessment, I will continue in respectful conversation with those who take that approach, calling us all to reconciliation through common mission.

In my Address to our Diocesan Convention last March, I said that, "I have hope that our General Convention will respond to the Windsor Report in such a manner that we will continue to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ with humility and integrity as an autonomous province of the Anglican Communion. To echo something Bishop Dyer said to the clergy last October, I want us to remain a world Communion for the sake of a suffering world. We need one another so that we can show the world that passion lives here; that Jesus lives here. On the day after the General Convention closes, I plan to return to that work and mission, with all my passion, here in New Jersey."

...I invite everyone to "Come and Grow" with the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey. The abundant life of Jesus Christ (John 10:10) is among us. We are growing up into Christ. We are seeking his truth in love and we are speaking his truth

in love. He will keep us in step with each other. May he continue to nourish us so that we will continue to "grow up healthy in God, robust in love."

The Rt. Rev. George E. Councill XI Bishop of New Jersey

## Running the church

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### Vestry News

The Vestry did not meet in July or August; however we did decide (via email) to purchase a hard backup disk for our office computer to guard against data loss (it backs up automatically weekly).

### Church Office

The Church office is ordinarily open Monday and Wednesdays and whenever we have volunteer help. Phone messages will be answered. Please contact us on 467-1227 if you have some time to spare to help

### Finances

	June	July	2006 to date
Pledge and plate income:	5,568	6,523	45,232
Expenditure:	7,658	8,125	51,568
Balance:	(2,090)	(1,602)	(6,336)

### Newsletter

Our newsletter is now going by email to all parishioners for whom we have email addresses. Other parishioners will receive it by regular mail. If you received a copy of this by mail and would be happy to read it online or download your copy, please email us at [office@trinityswedesboro.org](mailto:office@trinityswedesboro.org), and we will add you to our email list. Print copies are only sent to those who regularly attend Trinity, or who specifically ask for it.

## Fall Calendar

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### September

- 10 Welcome Back Sunday
- 17 Sunday School and Youth Program begin 7pm in Parish House
- 18 Vestry Meeting, 7pm in Parish House
- 30 Swedesboro Day

### October

- 1- 3 Clergy Conference
- 7 National Acolyte Festival, Washington DC

- 8 Blessing of the Animals, 2pm, Parish House lawn (to be determined)
- Woodbury Convocation Meeting, 4pm at Penns Grove
- 16 Annual Blood Drive at Trinity Parish House (1-7)
- Vestry Meeting at 7pm in Parish House
- 21 Groundwork Evangelism Conference, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
- 22 Celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Episcopal Church, 4pm at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
- 29 Annual Pig Roast at Rode's Fireside Restaurant (3:30-5:30)

### November

- 1 All Saints Day Regional Service
- 8 Woodbury Convocation Meeting with the Bishop, 7pm at Woodbury
- 20 Vestry Meeting, 7pm in Parish House
- 23 Community Thanksgiving Service

### December

- 10 St. Lucia Fest, 6pm in Trinity Church
- 15 Christmas in Swedesboro – Kings Highway Tour
- 16 Christmas Party
- 18 Vestry Meeting, 7pm in Parish House
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

**December 26-January 5 Church Office Closed**

### January

- 15 Vestry Meeting, 7pm in Parish House
- 21 Manor Care Visit and Service, 3pm
- 22 Annual Meeting, 11.15am in Parish House

# September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Vicar's day off; Office closed	2
3 <b>Pentecost 13</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist with Music	4 <b>Labor Day</b>	5	6 Office Open	7	8 Vicar's day off; Office closed	9
10 <b>Pentecost 14/Welcome Back Sunday!</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist with Music	11 Office Open  7pm 9/11 Memorial Service	12	13 Office Open	14	15 Vicar's day off; Office closed  Dining Club – 7 PM	16
17 <b>Pentecost 15</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School & J2A begin 10am Holy Eucharist with Music 3pm Manor Care Service	18 Office Open  7pm Vestry Meeting	19	20 Office Open	21	22 Vicar's day off; Office closed	23
24 <b>Pentecost 16</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist with Music	25 Office Open	26	27 Office Open	28	29	30 <b>Swedesboro Day</b> Town-wide Activities from 10 AM to 4PM

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am	Holy Eucharist (said)
9:00am	Christian Education for all ages
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (with music)

Communion to the homebound upon request.  
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