My Dear People,

With the coming of October's chill, our thoughts turn inward to the warmth of hearth and harvest home. Summer's foliage disappears in a final blaze of glory, the birds begin their migration southward, and the squirrels busily bury their winter provisions. All of nature is preparing to weather the cold months ahead cozy and well-stocked.

In the Church, we seem to take a cue from all of this activity around us, as we traditionally focus on stewardship at this time of year. We know, of course, that stewardship is a year-round pursuit that involves much more than mere fund-raising. Just ask me or one of the many volunteers who support our mission and ministry here, and we will tell you about things like outreach (our stewardship of the community), pastoral visitations (our stewardship of one another), or the never-ending work on our buildings and grounds (our stewardship of gifts given by past generations, which we want to pass on to those who come after us). These are just a few ways that we engage in stewardship at Trinity.

Just as the squirrels busily bury nuts to provide for their needs, we too must "squirrel away" the money that is required for us to carry out our ministry in this place. In the coming days, you will be receiving materials from our stewardship committee, including a pledge card. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your financial gift to Trinity for the coming year, to fill out your pledge card with your promised gift for the coming year, and to attend church on Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, October 28, as we give thanks to almighty God for all he has given us, and return a portion of his own gifts to him in the form of our financial pledges, which will be blessed at the altar.

May God bless you in your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Father Richard

Baptism

Congratulations to Laurie and Scott Yuhnke on the birth of their beautiful daughter on June 26. Please join with the entire Trinity family in welcoming Marissa Ruth into the body of Christ.
Our Staff

The Rev. Richard Robyn, Rector
The Rev. Don Graff, Priest Associate
Mary Sampson, M.A., Organist/Choirmaster
Chris Claypoole, Secretary
Michael Pacillio, Sexton

Blessing of the Animals
Due to our deanery commitments, we will delay our annual St. Francis Day blessing of the animals until Sunday, October 14. Please bring your pets to church (or a photograph if they don't travel well) and Fathers Richard & Don will bless them in the churchyard after the service. Please visit our website for pictures of last year's celebration.

Church School Kickoff
On Sunday, September 9, we celebrated Father Richard's third anniversary at Trinity and welcomed back all the children of the parish to our very popular Church School program. We are fortunate to have a strong program that spans from pre-school through high school and are in need of another teacher. If you are able and feel called to this important ministry, please contact the church office, or see Lorie Henry or Dottie Orr at church. Please visit our website to learn more about the Church School program.

Colonial Morning Prayer
On Sunday, October 7, we will celebrate the publication of This Far by Faith, a new book on the history of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, with a visit by the author of the colonial chapter to our parish, Deborah Mathias Gough. We will mark the occasion at 10am with a service that harkens back to our colonial heritage, using the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and encouraging colonial attire. The full senior choir will be with us and we will receive and bless a Betsy Ross flag from members of the Claypoole family, whose ancestors began worshipping at Trinity in the early 1700's, and who are part of Betsy's extended family.

All of the parishes of our deanery are invited and we will have a picnic in the churchyard after the service. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. Please visit the diocesan website to learn more about the book.

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Remember to "fall back" on Saturday, November 3, before you retire for the evening, or you will be one hour early for church on Sunday. If you are early, don't worry, we will find something for you to do!

Dead Sea Scrolls
After church on Sunday, September 30, the church school and a group of parishioners took a field trip to the Franklin Institute to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. The scrolls were discovered in the 1940's by a Bedouin shepherd boy in caves in the Judean desert and included the...
shepherd boy in caves in the Holy Land and included the earliest Biblical texts ever discovered. Using the scrolls, scholars have filled in many gaps that existed in the bible and the version of scripture we use at Trinity contains many of these previously unknown texts.

**Delaware Valley Show Chorus**
Parishioner Mindy Weaver is a member of the Delaware Valley Show Chorus which is performing An Afternoon Musicale at 4pm on Sunday, October 7, at First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, 356 Summit Road, Springfield PA. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

**Frank Furness Anniversary**
Frank Furness was the leading architect in Philadelphia during the second half of the nineteenth century. To mark the 100 year anniversary of his death, museums and institutions throughout Philadelphia are debuting special exhibitions and events that document many aspects of the visionary architect's life and career. The four-month celebration focuses on Furness' accomplishments, his influence on other architects, his role in shaping Philadelphia's streetscapes and his vision behind the design of more than 600 buildings around the nation. Fans of Furness can also admire the architect's work right here at Trinity as he designed additions to the Church in the late 1800's, notably the elaborately carved altar and chancel pictured above.

**Hansel & Gretel**
Parishioner Kathleen McConomy is performing in Hansel & Gretel, a children's opera in two acts by Engelbert Humperdinck, at The Rotunda, 4014 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Performances are at 2:30pm on Saturday, October 20, and Sunday, October 21. All are welcome and tickets (children $10, adults $15) may be obtained at the door.

**Lantern Graveyard Tour**
Back by popular demand, the Lantern Graveyard Tour returns to Trinity on Saturday, October 13, from 6pm to 9pm! The event is expected to draw many guests and we are grateful to everyone who has volunteered to help make it a success, especially co-chairs Kate Sampson and Mary Sampson. Tickets are available at the church office or at the door that night ($8 for adults, $5 for kids 12 and under). Please check out our [video preview](#) of the spooky night of fun.

**Memorials**
We remember several parishioners this month who fell asleep in the Lord.
Pictured here, Jeannita Ancion, 75, passed away on August 26 and her husband, Emmanuel Ancion, 78, passed away on September 2. Their funeral was held at Trinity on September 8 followed by burial at Magnolia Cemetery.

Marjorie D. Tucker, 94, passed away on Sunday, September 30, at Southampton Estates - services are being planned. May Jeannita, Emmanuel and Marjorie's souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Music Ministry
After a well-deserved rest, our choirs are returning this fall to enrich our worship. During the month of September, our Volunteer Senior Choir led the hymns and service music at the 10am Mass. October 7 will mark the start of full Senior Choir rehearsals at 8:45am in the Buchanan Building. This is also the day that we will be singing special music for the Colonial Morning Prayer, as we welcome the congregations from the Pennypack Deanery.

Junior Choir rehearsals will also begin in October for students in grades 1-8. On October 7, there will be a brief meeting and rehearsal of our Junior Choristers immediately following the 10am service in the church choir room. Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on November 8. Our Bell Choir members meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the church. They play for special feasts throughout the church year.

New members in all of our choirs are most welcome and encouraged to join us. Please see me for more information. We are looking forward to a very exciting church year! Soli Deo Gloria! Mary Sampson, Organist/Choirmaster

Revolutionary Reenactments
Parishioners Jack and Mary Washington are avid historians and volunteer with several historical groups. All fans of history are invited to join them as they participate in the reenactment of the Whitemarsh Encampment on November 3 and 4.

Stewardship
October is Stewardship month. This is when we ask all members of Trinity Oxford to pledge a portion of the blessings (time, talent and treasure) provided to each of us by God for the upkeep and growth of our Parish. We ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your support for Trinity this month. On Sunday, October 28, we will ingather the pledges for the year during our Harvest Thanksgiving celebration. Please see Stewardship Chairs Lorie Henry or Susan McConomy for more information.

United Thank Offering
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Have you seen or heard of the "Blue Box"? The box has been distributed by the women of the Episcopal Church since the 1920's as a United Thank Offering (UTO). Through the UTO, men, women and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. A short prayer of thanksgiving leads to an offering in the "Blue Box." All offerings are used to support grants for ministries at home and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church. The "Blue Box" and UTO envelopes can be found on the shelves near the font in the Church. Please bring your box, envelop, or check to Trinity on or before Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, October 28. The ingathering of donations will take place at Diocesan Convention on November 10.

Vestry Highlights

At the last Vestry meeting, we approved the minutes from June as well as the financial statements from July and August, and were brought up-to-date on property projects that were completed over the course of the summer months. We agreed to extend a one-year lease to Oxford Child Care Center through October 31, 2013. The Accounting Warden provided us with financial facts relating to the high-cost renovations that have taken place at the parish house recently, as well as to repairs that are still outstanding. The vestry has instructed the rector and property committee to meet with a diocesan representative in order to discern various options for the parish house. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, after coffee hour.

Veterans' Day

Veterans' Day falls on a Sunday this year and we are looking for pictures of Trinity members who served in the Military for our next historical display. Pictured here is Bob Truesdale, husband of parishioner Ann Truesdale, from 1945. Would you please share a picture of yourself, parents, grandparents, kids, in uniform with us? You didn't have to be a member of Trinity at the time of your service, just a member at some point. Please email them to our historian Mindy Weaver or send them to the office by Halloween so that we can display them by November 11. (Note: The military service with the most pictures gets bragging rights until 2018, the next time Nov 11 is on a Sunday.)

Calendar and Your Feedback

Please visit our new interactive online calendar on our website that allows you to view events at Trinity by week or month, and in a variety of formats. You can also print out the calendar in a way that works best for you. Please also email any input for the November Trinitarian to me before October 27. Cheers, Pete (your Trinitarian editor)
Schedule of Events

Every Sunday, Mass at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music and church school during the service, followed by coffee hour in the Buchanan Building)

Tuesday, October 2, Girls Friendly Society at 7pm in the Children's House

Sunday, October 7, first Senior Choir Rehearsal at 8:45am in the Buchanan Building

Sunday, October 7, Colonial Morning Prayer at 10am followed by Deanery Picnic

Sunday, October 7, first Junior Choir Rehearsal at 11am in the Choir Room

Tuesday, October 9, Women of Trinity meeting at noon in the Buchanan Building

Saturday, October 13, Lantern Graveyard Tour from 6pm to 9pm

Sunday, October 14, Blessing of animals following the 10am service

Tuesday, October 16, Girls Friendly Society at 7pm in the Children's House

Sunday, October 21, Trinity inducted into NE Philly Hall of Fame at 1pm

Sunday, October 28, Harvest Thanksgiving (ingathering of stewardship pledges)

Sunday, October 28, Vestry meeting after the 10am service

Sunday, November 4, Feast of All Saints, Baptism of Marissa Ruth Yuhnke at the 10am service

Saturday, November 10, Diocesan Convention at the Philadelphia Cathedral

Sunday, November 11, Remembrance Sunday