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What Does God Have In Store at Trinity? Celebrating Jane Hartwell and Dreaming for the Future

On page five in this issue, please read the article from the Reverend Peter Swarr regarding the stunning news announced last month about a very generous gift left to Trinity by our late Senior Warden, Jane Hartwell.

The vestry is planning three dates in April for members of our church to come together over a meal not only to to celebrate this incredible gift, but also to help make some important decisions for Trinity's future.

Please do not miss page five and make plans now to be a part of one of the three planned gatherings.

TRINITY YARD SALE COMING

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 — See page 9

Looking for this Year's Graduates!

This is the time of vear when the Herald begins looking for the names of our vounger members who are about to graduate from high school, college or grad school Please email the editor (address on next page) so we can salute the grads in a coming issue!

Clergy & VESTRY

The Reverend J. Peter Swarr,
Rector
The Reverend Larry Estey,
Priest Associate
The Reverend Heather Sylvester,
Deacon
Jonathan Radke, Seminarian
The Reverend Dr. Roy
Partridge,
Assisting Priest

Tim Dunn, Senior Warden Bill Gordan , Junior Warden Donna Downing, Clerk Bill Spear, Treasurer

Class of 2025 – Polly Sewall,
Pam Cleghorn & Russ Dumond
Class of 2026–Abby More &
Margo Slining
Class of 2026* (May be reelected)—
Katharine O'Neill & Cindu McLellan

VESTRY MEETINGS

Are open to congregation
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NEWSLETTER

The Herald

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April 7 and April 21

Trinity is excited to be holding two Sunday School programs in the month of April. We will gather on April 7 and on April 21 in the Ogden Room from 9:45-10:30. Both sessions will look at different aspects of the ways we celebrate and tell the story of Easter. Rory Nickerson and her daughter Mia will help lead us in special craft sessions following the lessons on Easter.

See you at Sunday School!

Peter †



Education at Trinity

Adult formation will be taking the month of April off as we enter into a period of a parish-wide time of listening, discernment and dreaming for the future (and as we find ourselves on the other side of Easter and interrupted by April Vacation). Adult Formation will resume in May! As I write this article, Easter is fast approaching. In many ways it is hard to comprehend that. Winter hardly seemed to even show up this year, and the idea that we are already entering into the season of Easter is somewhat mind-blowing.



Similarly, the news is filled with stories of heartbreak and pain. Everywhere we turn the world seems marred by hurt, violence and brokenness. On top of that, here at Trinity we have experienced so many instances of illness and death...as such the impending celebration of Christ's Resurrection, as welcome as it truly is, seems somewhat jarring.

And yet, this is exactly where Easter joy and the Resurrection power of Christ always makes itself known, in unexpected places, in places of pain and loss. Jesus' disciples and friends would be the first to tell us that they were NOT expecting new life on that first early Easter Sunday morning...

So it seems incredibly fitting then that we, as a community of faith, will be celebrating Easter this year not only by gathering on Sunday, March 31 (and the following Sundays of Eastertide—Easter lasts for 50 days!), but by recognizing new life that is flowing from a major loss in our common life. I am, of course, referring to the death of our former senior warden, Jane Hartwell.

Jane was beloved by many in our community. She served the community and the Diocese in countless ways. She was a friend, a leader, a servant. For me, personally, she was instrumental in my faith development throughout high school, college, and even seminary. Then, once I was called to Trinity, Jane served alongside me as a passionate and committed senior warden who supported, challenged and prayed for me. Her illness and death was a huge loss.

To learn from Davis that Jane had chosen to entrust Trinity with a substantial gift of funds, a major portion of which will help create a roughly one-million-dollar endowment for Christian Ministry and Formation is indeed an act of Easter Resurrection.

Our gathering throughout the season of Easter to celebrate this Resurrection gift, and to pray and celebrate and dream about what God is calling us to do, is indeed a fitting way to celebrate Easter. I urge each of you to seriously consider taking part in the discernment and listening sessions mentioned on page five in the Herald. The Vestry needs your voices. Together we are the Body of Christ, and as such all of us need to take part in this celebration of Resurrection. May God give us a hopeful, resurrection vision for where God is calling us to go in the days to come.



The March vestry meeting opened with a prayer, the passing of the minutes from the February meeting, and a report from the rector listing a number of pastoral concerns.

Peter also reported on the recent Sunday outing with the Service Corps and there are a number of photos in this issue to show them at work cleaning up a portion of Willard Beach.

The exciting news that Peter reported is that the group of churches which are listed on page 7 in this issue have gotten together and hired a coordinator to do much of the work that Peter has been doing all year, keeping the Service Corps interested and active! All the involved churches have agreed to help fund this position.

Several different people spoke on the matter of roof estimates and we will continue to do the numbers and go forward as the need for a new roof is dire. Tim Dunn reported that a Yard Sale planning meeting was held on Sunday with our new Yard Sale chair, Bill Spear. That's coming on June 8! See page 9 for many more details.

Several new policies were discussed and passed involving purchases and sales over \$500 and gifts in excess of \$250. In an effort toward transparency and good records, such actions will come to the vestry and be recorded so there is a proper record and thanks given.

It was also moved and passed to secure the services of a stone mason do the repointing of stonework all around the church — more weatherproofing and protection of our building.

Celebration Sunday at Trinity will be June 2 and the April vestry meeting will be moved to April 23 due to spring vacations.

The vestry spent the last minutes of the meeting talking about the three coming "Listening Sessions" to gather ideas and dreams from parishioners on what we hope for Trinity and how the endowment might help with those dreams. This is referring to the endowment that Jane Hartwell's gift will make possible. Please see page 5 about the Listening Sessions!

A Zoom Meeting was held for about 50 minutes with a representative from the Episcopal Church Foundation, a New York based group that helps churches in many ways, including offering all kinds of expertise with endowment planning. We learned a lot and in the end, the vestry voted to engage ECF to help us move forward in our planning.

What Does God Have In Store at Trinity?

Celebrating Jane Hartwell and Dreaming for the Future

Last month the Vestry announced the exciting news that our late Senior Warden, Jane Hartwell, left a substantial gift to Trinity Church as part of her estate. Per her wishes, some of this generous gift will be used to create a memorial flower garden in her honor, some of the gift will be used to address urgent maintenance issues. But the majority of the gift will be used to create a permanent endowment for Christian ministry focusing on formation which will create substantial income each year for Christian ministry.

As a result, the Vestry wants to gather members of Trinity together for two major purposes: 1. To celebrate Jane's incredible generosity, and 2. To dream of what God might be inviting us to do in the future with the income created by this endowment.

A team of Vestry Members and Parishioners has been working to plan three opportunities for the community to gather and do just this. Each gathering will include a meal and fellowship, an opportunity to give thanks, and a chance for all of us to dream and have our voices heard. The more of us who gather to listen, pray, discern and share, the fuller and more complete our vision of the future will be.

The proposed dates for the gatherings are:

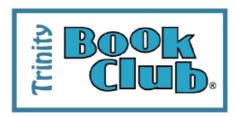
Sunday, April 7 at Noon - Session is full Wednesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at Noon

We need YOU to be present at one of these gatherings.

Sign up sheets will be available on the sign-up board as well as available electronically.

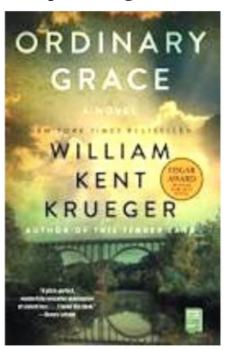
Based on your feedback and ideas, Vestry will be able to make wise decisions as we move forward with implementing plans for the future of our mission and ministry to love and serve in the Name of Christ in the years to come.

For more information about these meetings please speak with Donna Downing, Mara Partridge Presti, Pam Cleghorn, Ryan Robbins, Polly Sewall, Peter Swarr, or Tim Dunn.



Wednesday, April 24

1:00 p.m. — Ogden Room



MARCH REMINDER

1 P.M. in the Ogden Room on March 27



The Trinity labyrinth will be at the North Yarmouth Congregational Church for a few days during Holy Week. Upon its return it is our goal to clean it and put it away until the fall.

Robin Morin will be opening her outdoor labyrinths on Sunday, April 21 for an Earth Day walk from 1:30 - 4 p.m. Her address is 252 Hodsdon Rd, Pownal. For more information, reach out to her directly at 207-329-2560. All are welcome; sturdy shoes and a walking stick are recommended.

May 4 is World Labyrinth Day. Keep an eye out for various labyrinth opportunities on that Saturday! More info next month!



Please send the Editor the names of your graduates from High School, College or Grad School. Editor's email is dib@maine.rr.com.



There's exciting news about Service Corps! On March 17, a team of youth (middle school and high school) gathered together at Willard Beach and spent an hour cleaning up trash and other storm damage from our recent winter storms. Youth from Trinity, St. Peter's, St. Alban's, HopeGateWay and other area churches gathered together to care for God's creation. Following the service project, we headed to Willow's Pizzeria for lunch together.

Our next Service Corps project is scheduled for Sunday, April 21 and will be communicated by Peter. If you would like to learn about this program, please contact him by email or by cell phone.

But there's MORE exciting Service Corps news. Over the course of March, Portland area churches have been meeting and have come to an agreement to covenant together to jointly fund a position to help Service Corps grow in the future. Trinity, St. Peter's, St. Alban's. HopeGateWay, Williston-Immanuel, Woodford's Congregational,

State Street Church, and First Church Congregation, South Portland have all agreed to help fund this collaboration! This will help take a substantial amount of work off Peter's shoulders as he has been planning, scheduling, and communicating about all of the events on behalf of all of these churches. Now, we will have a centralized communications and planning person in charge of this work!

As more details emerge about this new staff person, we will share details.

Peter Swarr †

Here are photos from the St. Patrick's Day Youth Corps Beach Clean-up Day.



More Youth Corps photos on page 8.







Service Corps On the Beach





As I write this it is not yet the first day of Spring and Mud Season is already in full swing; but time flies, and it's time to start thinking about the one and only Trinity Yard Sale! The Yard Sale will take place, (as it always does), on the second Saturday in June which, this year, falls on June 8

There are two things required for a successful yard sale.

First, we need Stuff to sell. So, look through your basements, your closets, shelves, attics and garages for Stuff that Trinity can sell. Let your families, friends, and co-workers know that Trinity will help get rid of their stuff too. Beginning after Easter, space will be available on the stage in Lincoln Hall to drop off Yard Sale Stuff.

What kind of Stuff will we take? Well, we need Stuff that works and is in good condition such as artwork, books, bikes, balls, bagpipes (not really), CD's, canoes, camping equipment, decanters, doodads, dishes, electronics that work, games, glassware, housewares, jewelry, lamps, paintings, puzzles, rugs, small furniture (no large or upholstered items – if we can't carry it, we don't want it), tools, toys, thingamajigs. If you haven't used it in a couple of years, then maybe someone else would like to. NOTE: Jewelry is new on the list this year.

Please do not bring TV's, computers or clothing. Cut out the middleman and send those items direct to Goodwill or Riverside Recycling. Also, NO CAR SEATS! (They don't sell, and Goodwill won't take them.)

Second, we need people. There are all kinds of jobs to do to make the Yard Sale a success. We'll need people to move Stuff, to price Stuff, to sell Stuff, to deal with leftover Stuff, and to set up and take down the tents that will protect the Stuff from rain, or the workers and customers from the sun. We'll be putting up sign up lists come May, but please start thinking about how you might want to help with this annual Event!

More to come as we get closer to 'The Day'.

Many Thanks,

Bill Spear, Yard Sale Don e Piccolo Tirano, (Petty Tyrant)

April 2024

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YOUTH CORPS — From by the Sea & Sky to Eating Pizza Pie!





KEEPING YOU ALL UP TO DATE...On March 12, Trinity transferred \$2,750 to the Glenburnie Primary School in Entebbe, Uganda. In addition to providing for funding for students and food, it also provides a lifeline for the operations of the school itself. The March Herald carried an article by Steve Young about our recent gift sent to Uganda.

Here is a note from Maama Victoria who runs the school.

Peter Swarr †

"Praise God. Praise God. Praise God. Reverend Peter, family and friends, we are so excited for such a big fund you sent us. We shall put it to good use feeding and caring for the children. We also have a teacher's house to complete, plaster to make, tables and chairs for nursery and complete the lower fence on the football pitch, then other things. We shall keep you informed and pictures sent."

To learn more about the Uganda School visit www.trinitychurchportland.org/uganda-school



Collection For Greater Portland Family Promise (GPFP)

It is with deep gratitude that I report the wonderful donations Trinity has provided. You have brought in enough items for 2 complete kits for each of the bathroom, kitchen, cleaning, medicine, and laundry kits. We have 1 complete essentials kit and lots of items including Q-tips, cotton balls, sponges, hand soap, and toilet paper as well.

Your generosity and willingness to care for our new neighbors is commendable. Well done, Trinity Church!

Blessings, Heather

State Street Shelter Delay

Thank you to those of you who have kindly volunteered to staff evenings and nights at the shelter. Sadly, due to ongoing construction at the site, the shelter is delayed in opening. At this point, we are not sure of a firm opening date. Thank you for your patience and willingness to help.

Heather



NEXT EVENT: April 10

Our next Laundry Love event will be Wednesday, April 10. Come join us. For March, we served about 41 families and paid for about 156 loads. It was a steady stream of service. Special thanks to our new volunteers!

Blessings, Heather

Editor's Note: Very nice to meet a young man who joined us in church last Sunday. A Laundry Love customer, he has now been to one of our services and spoke to Heather about volunteering at









Clynk bags are available in a basket on the desk in the church office. Take your filled green bag(s) to a Hannaford Clynk collection site and the funds earned by your recycling will be added to our Trinity account. We are grateful for your help in this way.

Margo Slining

St. Elizabeth's is now

focusing on spring. The winter coats and boots have all been given away and we now look to gathering more



Kitchen Wares Day at St. E's: Before (left) and After, with volunteers from St. Bart's on duty. (Eaton photo)



kitchen wares, linens, household items, diapers and toilet paper. Please remember that we DO NOT TAKE CLOTHING at St. Elizabeth's but are very grateful for all your donations! The before & after photo above shows how fast our giveaways disappear.

Project FEED is a food pantry located in Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland. Hundreds of needy people in the area receive emergency food annually.



Volunteers are needed to run the pantry which is open 1:00-3:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, except holidays and school storm closings.

Call or email Delene Perley for more information: at 310-8721 or deleneperley@gmail.com. Project FEED could use your help! Here is a list of items we can always use: sugar, flour, tea bags (not flavored) cooking oil, cereal and pasta or rice. These items CANNED: milk, beans, fruit, pasta, tuna, chili.

beef stew, corn beef hash and veggies. The only beverages we offer would be frozen OJ, and Qt. bottled juice (cranberry, grape, etc.) There is a Project FEED basket in the back foyer. Thanks for your help!

Our thanks to Linda Gordan, a Project FEED volunteer, who gets Trinity's donations to Project FEED.



A Closer Look at PROJECT FEED by the numbers!

Below, the February stats show the number of clients served and meals provided. Linda Gordon says last week, it was mostly immigrants and the language barrier can be difficult. Volunteers are needed should anyone be interested in working once or twice a month. There are other areas to help if someone did not want to wait on clients. Restocking the pantry, picking up produce, bread, eggs, milk etc.

February Client Summary

Dates 2/1/24 2/6-8/24 2/13-15/24 2/20-22/24 2/27-29/24	Households 12 57 50 43 47	Seniors 7 1 8	Adults 21 135 95 106 96	Children 16 104 67 80 59	Individuals 44 240 170 186 163	Meals 924 5040 3570 3906 3423
Totals	209	24	453	326	803	16863
Unique Clients	(repeat visits no	ot counted)				
Totals	158	16	330	254	600	



FFWFR Coffee Hours?

When a Fellowship Chair ends up hosting Coffee Hour three weeks in a row... it makes you think that, with an apparent shortage of willing coffee hosts, maybe we should cut back on this nice tradition?

It is NOT what we want to do, but we really do need more people who are willing to take the leap and come host a coffee hour! Could that be YOU! It's easy and we'll show you how! Sign up sheet is on the board in Lincoln Hall.

EASTER TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1) Easter's date is determined by what?
- 2) Easter always falls between which two dates?
- Is more candy sold for Easter. Valentine's Day or Halloween?
- The first Easter eggs were dyed what color
- 5) Why that color?
- 6) In what country did the Easter bunny originate?
- 7) Easter Island is part of what country?
- 8) Dyeing Easter eggs began as a tradition in what country?
- 9) What presidential administration hosted the first White House easter Egg Roll?



APRII

- 1 Jennifer McLellan Farrar
- 2 Pam Cleghorn
- 4 David Ferland
- 5 Christine Hanson
- Alice Levesque
- 8 Meredith Atkinson 23 Abby More 10 Ida Connolly
- 11 Pam Brown
- 12 Alice Moisen
- 16 Allison Morin
 - 27 Aaron Connolly
 - 29 Michelle Butterfield
 - Leo Gaudet

Did We Miss YOUR birthday?

Let the office know when it is. and next year our lists will be more complete!

TRIVIA ANSWERS

8) Akraine 9) Rutherford B Hayes Christ's blood 6) Germany 7) Chile 3) Halloween 4) red 5) to symbolize

the moon 2) March 22 and April

April 2024 Schedule

■ SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

8 a.m. Russ Dumond, layreader (NEW!)
10 a.m. Mary Dumond, layreader (PR)
Elizabeth Young, L. (LES & PSM)
Ushers: Ida Connolly & Cathy Jackson

■ SUNDAY, April 14

8 a.m., Dibbie Appleton, layreader 10 a.m. Tim Dunn, LR (PR) Lynne Gammon, L. (LES & PSM) The Reverend Pamela Mott, celebrant

Ushers: Bill and Karen Spear

■ SUNDAY, April 21

8 a.m. Jon Radke, layreader (Seminarian) 10 a.m. Tom Keating, layreader (PR) Susan Tully-Young, L. (LES & PSM) o Ushers: Tim & Sue Dunn

■ SUNDAY, April 28

8 a.m. Alice Moisen, LR (PR) 10 a.m., Kris Lemay, Layreader (PR) Michael Morin, L (LES & PSM) Ushers: Susan & Russ Hicks

WELCOME to the REVEREND PAMELA MOTT

On Sunday, April 14, we welcome the Reverend Pamela Mott as our celebrant while Peter is on vacation. Most recently the Priest-in-charge at Grace Church in Bath. Pamela also has served the Cathedral Church of St Luke as a search consultant. A Cradle Episcopalian, she graduated from Seminary in 1985. She has been Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Western MA and has served previously at churches in Oregon, New York, and Rhode Island.

KEY

L = lector
PR = prayers
Les = lesson
PSM = psalm
CB= chalice bearer

Signs of Spring!



Bill Gordan, Trinity's Jr. Warden can't resist making things better! With help from Linda Gordan and grandson Xavier and his friend Caitlin, the knee-deep soggy collection of leaves blown up against the Coyle side of the church met with a movable force recently! These are mid-March pictures; who says there isn't climate change? Thank you for this early spring clean-up!





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The Reverend Dr. Roy Partridge, Assisting Priest The Reverend Deacon Heather Sylvester Dr. Mary Frances Fest, Minister of Music Paula Levier, Parish Administrator The Rev. J. Peter Swarr, Rector The Rev. Larry Estey, Assisting Priest

