

OUR GIFTS OF FELLOWSHIP



*Annual
Picnic at
Ft. Williams*

NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS... and fostering a deepening sense of community among the parishioners is an important element at Trinity Church.

Trinity Youth have opportunities to join other Episcopal Teens from all over Maine at Diocesan Youth Ministries events.

For folks of all ages we provide social opportunities that offer a chance to meet in a fun, relaxed atmosphere filled with laughter and peace and which enables us to support and encourage each other in our daily lives and in our lives with Christ.

Examples of some of our events are...

- annual 'cook-offs' (this past year it was chili !)
- Knitting Circle
- Video Club
- Book Club
- monthly Parish breakfasts
- 'talent' contests
- annual Church Fair
- picnics (we have an annual picnic at Ft. Williams)

OUR GIFTS OF MUSIC

MUSIC IS A VITAL ELEMENT... in our worship services.

Our excellent choir performs at the 10:00 a.m. service and at special services, such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Choral Evensong. We also have a wonderful children's choir and bell choir. Members of the choirs represent a wide range of experience and ability, from professional vocalists to children having their first musical training.

WELCOME TO OUR EPISCOPALIAN FAMILY

Trinity Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Congregations of the Church of England in the former American colonies formed the Episcopal Church in 1789. The word "Episcopal" means "having bishops"; it is derived from the Greek word for bishop, episkopos. The Episcopal Church is in communion (united) with the Church of England and other Anglican Churches around the world. These Churches make up the Anglican Communion, with nearly 70 million members in 36 self-governing Churches in 164 countries.

TO LEARN MORE

- Please feel free to contact Rev. Weeks through the church office at 772-7421 or you may email him at rector@trinitychurchportland.org.
- Visit our website at www.trinitychurchportland.org.



Trinity Episcopal Church

MISSION

**A community of Christians
in Portland, Maine.**

**We welcome all
as we seek to serve,
to worship, and
to grow in God.**

The Reverend Lawrence B. Weeks, Rector

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We welcome you to share our many gifts; we invite you to discover your own.

OUR GIFTS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WE OFFER MANY PROGRAMS... you're never too young or too old to learn about our Christian faith.

TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL: A PLACE TO BELONG

Children's Christian Education is offered every Sunday at 9:45am. We welcome children of all ages; our philosophy is that all children should feel loved and accepted as equal participants in the life of the church. Through a warm, loving and safe environment, we hope to lead children into experiences through which faith can develop and grow.

- 'Godly Play' uses a hands-on, storytelling approach to teach pre-school and kindergarten children the stories and lessons essential to the Episcopal faith.
- For Grades 1-5, 'Living the Good News' is a lectionary-based curriculum that allows for a rotation of interest that find expression through music, drama, arts, and crafts.
- 'Journey to Adulthood' uses thoughtful discussion to help children of middle school age think creatively about their emerging spirituality and growing maturity.

FOR ADULTS

- Every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. there is a discussion group held on the day's Lectionary readings. The group is open to anyone who wants to listen, share, laugh, challenge and learn about these readings. The coffee is ready!



Blessing of the Animals

- EFM (Education for Ministry Program)- a four year theological education program during which participants study the Bible, church history and twentieth century theology. Led by a trained mentor, participants commit one year at a time to weekly seminars, September through May.
- Special programs, such as a Lenten Series
- Friday afternoon Art History Group
- Ongoing Spiritual Formation Groups
- The Trinity Labyrinth- dates and times vary. The labyrinth is an ancient tool used for contemplative prayer and meditation. Each walk into and out of the labyrinth is a unique opportunity to meet our creative, loving God through contemplative prayer. Trinity's labyrinth is based on the pattern built into the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France more than 800 years ago.

OUR GIFTS OF PASTORAL CARE

WE ENDEAVOR TO CARE...to develop a loving, caring Christian Community of people who nurture and support one another. We strive to reach out to our parishioners in times of crisis, celebration or sadness and maintains regular contact with shut-in members of our Trinity Family.

OUR GIFTS OF OUTREACH

CHRIST CALLS US...to love our neighbors as ourselves. Trinity has a long tradition of mission concern and giving. We reach out through time, talent and resources to care for those in need- both in and beyond our parish.

We do this in many ways. Some examples are...

- volunteering for such organizations as St. Luke's Soup Kitchen, St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Project Feed, and Habitat for Humanity.
- providing Root Cellar suppers, supporting 'The Giving Tree', 'Sock It To 'Em', and collecting food and other essential for local organizations.
- direct sponsorship of programs both local and international, such as Heifer International, the renovation and equipping of the Mundri Parish Primary School in the Sudan and the Maine Council of Churches "Hear Our Stories! Know Our Names!" homeless play.