

Dear Trinitarians,

You have heard the expression "it is all water under the bridge". Well, maybe not.... As we continue to emerge from the isolation of our pods and survival behaviors, it is time to explore our environment with fresh eyes. The image above is not 'doctored' or 'trick photography'. Many years ago a violent and devastating storm in Choluteca, Honduras literally changed the landscape. The water once flowed under the bridge. As you can see, the roadway to the bridge is gone and land has replaced the river.

In a different way our entire planet has experienced something similar. Our relational landscape has changed. That is to say that a threat of death has a way of focusing our attention on the existential and spiritual aspects of our life which are essential to our wellbeing. We often avoid these questions by keeping ourselves endlessly occupied. The collective lament, hope and expectation that has held many together in the fear and isolation was and still is: "when will things return to normal, to the way it used to be?"

It is time for truth telling. Life will never again be as it was. To return to how things used to be is to refuse to engage ourselves spiritually in life as it is, and live it. If all we want is the way it was in 2019 then we are cutting ourselves off from whatever strength we can draw from this nightmare.

Nearly a year ago now I began developing resiliency workshops for clergy to use with their vestries. I have seen firsthand how helpful and meaningful these workshops are. They relieve a burden of exhaustion allowing a new, confident, self-image to emerge. I offer you one exercise for your own personal reflection and for the active members of Trinity together with leadership to identify a river of resiliency in this faith community. This is known as a strength spotting exercise:

- What is one achievement you are most proud of? What made it a success for you?
- What was the most difficult problem you resolved? Identify the strengths you drew on to resolve the problem.

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All during this incredibly beautiful spring, the song Dorothy and her three companions heard as they approached Emerald City kept running through my head: "You're out of the woods, you're out of the dark, you're out of the night! Step into the sun, step into the light!" Easter, with its message of resurrection and new life, was more meaningful than ever this year, as we gradually turned a corner in the battle against Covid-19. We know the war is not over, but the availability and efficacy of the vaccine in the United States has made an enormous difference in our lives. More people are attending in-person services, but Mother Joanne is still conducting Zoom services and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future so that all Trinity parishioners can be accommodated.

- The church applied for and received another round of Paycheck Protection Program funds in the amount of \$57,000. Last year's PPP for \$27,000 was officially forgiven by the bank because the funds were spent for salaries and other items that were in accordance with loan regulations.
- The Child Care Center is gradually increasing its enrollment, which means we need more teachers, which means there are more salaries to pay, which means the enrollment needs to keep increasing. It's a constant balancing act, and Leslie Weible works very hard to keep on top of it.
- The acquisition and installation of new sound and video equipment in the sanctuary is still in the works.
- Together with Salem AME Church in Roslyn, Trinity began a new Outreach mission. Beginning on February 27 and continuing on the last Saturday of each month, 100 backpacks full of food items and other necessities donated by Trinity and Salem parishioners are packed up and distributed by parishioners of both congregations to the "Hidden Homeless" and other needy persons in the vicinity of the Hempstead Transit Station.

The church will be on summer schedule for the months of July and August (schedule TBD as of this writing), and we will all take some time to see family and friends, enjoy the beauties of a Long Island summer, and cash in on all the hugs we've been missing. God willing, when you next read Trinity Bells in September, the epidemic will be under control and we will once again worship the Lord in spirit and in truth—and in person.

Sheila Platt for the Wardens and Vestry

BURNING BOOKS



After our stimulating discussion of Warlight, we'll celebrate summer with a get together about The Silent Patient on Monday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. Written by first-time novelist, Alex Michaelides, a native Cypriot living in London, "The Silent Patient is a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive," according to Amazon. Entertainment Weekly called it "a mix of Hitchcockian suspense, Agatha Christie plotting, and Greek tragedy."

Due to its length, we've decided to postpone The Splendid and the Vile until September.

Happy reading!

John Platt

PARISH HAPPENINGS



To My Trinity Friends,

Although this "thank you" is long overdue our heartfelt gratitude is not the least bit diminished.

At a time when no one knew what was safe to do, you left your homes, headed to the stores and despite the many empty shelves somehow found a way to stock the Respiratory Therapy department with much needed supplies. From purell to coffee, brown paper bags to gloves, paper towels to spray cleaners, you found it and in record time too.

The therapists were in awe of your generosity, and your selflessness energized us all. So from the bottom of my heart and the hearts of my colleagues, a resounding "Thank You!"

Mary LaSala and

the Respiratory Therapy Staff at St Francis Hospital



Helen Oehrlein visiting Robert Chapman, whose wit, she says, is as sharp as ever!



Chris Alexander graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology on May 14th with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.

While at RIT Chris was a member of the Formula 1 Racing Team, specializing in carbon fiber fabrication. In addition, he held several leadership positions as a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. While a student, Chris had the opportunity to work at Optimax in Ontario, NY. Optimax is a manufacturer of custom optics for various industries including the space program where they created lenses for the Mars Rover "Curiosity".

Chris will be working In Endicott, NY as a Logistics Engineer with BAE Systems.



Paul Carola ringing bells with Mike Callahan

FAREWELL TO SARANE ROSS

Sadly, long-time parishioner Sarane Ross is moving to Palm Beach in June, and Trinity will miss her dearly. On Sunday, May 23, Trinity honored her with a lovely luncheon on the front lawn with many in attendance. Sheila Platt presided as emcee and offered words of gratitude and appreciation for all that Sarane has done for Trinity over the years. A photo book of "Trinity through the years" has been ordered for Sarane, and we hope to have as many people sign it as possible before Sarane leaves. Trinity also plans to install a special garden in Sarane's name, appropriately located near the front entrance to the choir room. Photos of this garden will be sent to Sarane when finished.



Sarane Ross & Karl Hansen



Aleta Crawford



Bob Henning, Peter Fick, Jean Henning et al



Don Kavanagh, Helen Oehrlein, Bob Seaman, Liz Kaye, Brigitte McConnell, Laura Kavanagh



Sarane enjoying the festivities



Kathy Mendall, Larry Arnold, Mother Joanne, Ariann Forella



Rob Alexander, Mike Callahan, Ann Mingorance, Karl Hansen, Alexis Alexander & Sheila Platt



Rob Alexander, Mike Callahan, Ann Mingorance, Karl & Maryellen Hansen, Ronit Meyers & Alexa Alexander



Mother Joanne, Ted Weill & Tom Cammisa



Ariann Forella entertaining the crowd



Ariann Forella leading the choir in tribute to Sarane: Ken Bongort, Bob Seaman, Jim Crawford, Larry Arnold, John Platt, Kathy Mendall, Sheila Platt, Helen Oehrlein & Barbara Holzkamp



This has been a wonderful Spring for the children. They planted their own garden, full of herbs and vegetables. They even planted lima beans from the seeds that they watched germinate. We also have perennial flowers that we can enjoy year to year. Our butterfly bush they planted last year hasn't made an appearance yet. The border around the garden is made up of bricks that the children, teachers and even parents decorated. Learning to care for the garden and finding out what makes plants grow is a very important part of our Science program. The children will also learn that we can grow foods and herbs that we will add to our lunch this summer. The Spirituality part of this, is to learn about this great earth that we live in, and that it is our responsibility to take care of it. We bring that into many lessons throughout the school year.



We have a new unit weekly, and one of our favorite units was learning about Dinosaurs. After trying to learn about how long ago dinosaurs lived, we did a dig and found dinosaur bones. We also found out how large a dinosaur's foot is, in relation to our feet. We drew a dinosaur foot (3 and a half feet long and 1 and a half feet wide, in case you are interested), and had them estimate how many of their feet it takes to fit in to a dinosaur foot. We traced their feet to find out how many it did take, after they guessed. They had fun laying in the foot, too. It really gave them an idea of how big the dinosaurs really were. They finished the week by baking and eating dinosaur cookies.

Every Friday they have music with Miss Ari, whom we are also lucky to have working in the Child Care every day. Miss Ari brings in instruments to accompany the children's singing. Her name might sound familiar, because she is also the Music Director at the Church. See how lucky we are. The children sing every day, but Miss Ari brings music to a different level with all of her talent and knowledge.



This is just a little taste of all that we do during the school year. Our summer program will be lots of fun too. We have so many outdoor activities planned. A soccer coach is coming one time per week to teach soccer to the children. There will be two sessions. One for the Toddlers and one for the Pre-K. Soccer is a great sport because it really teaches teamwork and co-operation, not to mention the amount of physical activity it entails. They are also making passports and "visiting" different countries to learn about different cultures. We will learn songs, and make food, learn games the children in that particular country play, just to name a few things. They will get a stamp in their passport for every country we "visit."

This year we are having our first Graduation/Moving Up day for the children in the Pre-K class. We have 2 children moving on to Kindergarten and the other children will be in the more structured part of our Pre-K, getting ready for Kindergarten. They have been practicing songs and dances, and our graduates will receive diplomas. It is really a bittersweet day.

The secret must be out about our wonderful Child Care. By June we will have tripled our enrollment from what it was in September. We are getting many calls and we have tours set up for after hours, so that number should go up very soon. Right now we are one child short of the most the Child Care had since opening five years ago. The majority of the calls are from recommendations from our satisfied parents. This is the best compliment of all.

The next Trinity Bells we will tell you all about our "travels." We wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Leslie Weible-Consultant Joanna Sapienza-Center Director

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

I am happy to share with you upcoming events being planned by Rural & Migrant Ministry to share our important work in empowering rural farmworkers and rural youth while creating a more just rural New York.

There are many opportunities to become involved in this amazing organization and I thank all Trinity members who have already generously supported our work. For more information on any of the below events please feel free to reach out to me.

Saturday, June 26th Open House for the Amandla Center – Worker Education Center located in Riverhead.

Food, music, workshops and the newly created Long Island Farmworker Cooperative selling seasonal plants and vegetables for your garden and yard!



RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY JUSTICE WALK

Join us for a Justice Walk **July 17**th **& 18**th to raise funds for RMM. If anyone would like to join a team or have a Trinity team let me know!



RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFO \Rightarrow

Kathy Mendall

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND

Join us on **October 9 & 10th** for a celebration of the 40 years of Rural & Migrant Ministry. This will be an event filled with good food, celebrations and inspiration from our youth, farmworkers and allies! We will also be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Rev. Richard Witt, Executive Director of RMM.





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 (in person & via Zoom)

The Rev. Joanne Izzo, Interim Priest in Charge

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Larry Arnold, Organist Ariann Forella, Minister of Music Michael Callahan, Sexton Ronit Meyers, Office Mgr. Office Hours: 8:00- 10:00 (M-F); 9-1 (Sun)

Vestry

Wardens: Alexis Alexander & Sheila Platt

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