



The Trumpeter

November 2011

The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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IT'S A TIME TO BE THANKFUL! November offers a variety of opportunities to share your blessings with your neighbors

We have a lot to be thankful for this month as we head into the Christmas season. So help everyone get into the mood by inviting your friends and neighbors to join you at Trinity at one of the many celebrations this month.

Up first is Trinity Day School's **Spaghetti Dinner** on November 4. This event benefits both Day School and the Church and promises good food and good company. Not to be outdone, the men of Trinity will have their **monthly breakfast** the next morning, November 5, so mark your calendar for both these events.

All Saints Sunday, November 6, is a time to remember and thank God for the saints who have been a part of our lives – mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors whose examples inspire us, and whose love has enriched our lives. This year, All Saints Sunday is a Family Sunday, with the Children's Choir. Children should gather at the parish hall at 9:45 am as they will be included in the procession.

We continue **Fall Soup and Study** on the Gospel of Mark on November 2 and 9.

To make sure the kids are happy, our **movie night** this month is on November 18 when we'll be showing "Cars 2". Bring your jammies and curl up on the floor. Yes, parents too!!

We will continue the Thanksgiving theme on **Thanksgiving Day**, November 24, with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. The following Sunday, November 27, the **First Sunday of Advent**, we begin preparing for Christmas, and God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ.



Threaded throughout November are preparations for our **Christmas Bazaar** on December 3. It is never too early to prepare for this. Everyone is working hard to make this the best Christmas Bazaar ever so be sure to help where you can. And whatever you do, absolutely do not miss Santa who is making a special trip to see us.

And, of course, we continue our popular Sunday School program and regular Sunday services throughout the month. Please join us!

- Fran Stanford -



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Daylight Savings Time Ends—Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on November 5!



FRANFARE

Dear Friends:

On old Olympus towering top, a Finn and German viewed some hops.

Learning something new often requires memory aids. This ditty was helpful in memorizing the twelve cranial nerves (olfactory, optic, oculomotor, trochlear, trigeminal, abducens, facial, auditory, glossopharyngeal, vagus, spinal accessory, and hypoglossal). The mnemonic helped me remember the names of the nerves and keep them in order.

Similar mnemonics exist regarding prayer. ACTS – adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication. Author Brian McLaren’s book *Naked Spirituality* makes use of 12 simple words to guide one’s life with God. I have been savoring this book since I discovered it this summer and intend to use it as the foundation for the Lenten teaching series. However, in keeping with November as a time of giving thanks, I will give you a preview of the first three words.

Here – Begin every prayer by starting where you are, here. Acknowledge what your senses are telling you about your surroundings. Then focus on the “here” of your spirit or soul. Are you troubled, anxious, happy, depressed, hurting (physically or spiritually), lonely, hungry (again either physically or spiritually) or in love. Whatever your physical, emotional, or spiritual state, use the word *Here* to focus your attention on that. Then remind yourself that God is *Here*.

Thanks – Give thanks for each element that has come to mind during the *Here* portion of your prayer. When the *Here* is positive, giving thanks is easy. A new grandchild, fall colors, a warm sweater, hot chocolate, crisp apples, turkey dinner, family, a new job, a raise, a favorable medical report – these positive aspects of our lives readily lead us to give thanks to God. But with a little work, we can learn to give thanks for things that are not so positive. My mother gives thanks for being able to make twenty circuits around the inside of her house using her walker. One member of our congregation gives thanks for the fine shock-trauma unit that is helping her husband recover from a serious fall. A friend with melanoma gives thanks that once more the cancer has been completely removed, even though the surgery required extensive removal of skin and muscle. Sometimes it is challenging to find a reason to give thanks in the midst of tragedy or pain, but, the reward is worth the effort. My personal experience has been that finding a reason to give thanks for some problem or pain shifts my attention and so lightens my mood. I need to spend more time practicing this word!

O – Paul says it this way in his letter to the Philippians, *Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice*. Once we have settled ourselves firmly in the present (*Here*), and found a reason to give *Thanks*, we move naturally into celebration, worship, and awe. I was amazed as I began to practice these first three words, at how much joy filled my heart. I wanted to sing and dance.

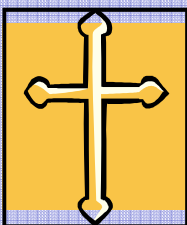
Here – Thanks – O

I invite you to join me as I make these three words part of my prayer life in this month of Thanksgiving.

Here thankfully as your sister in Christ,

Fran+

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT



The First Sunday of Advent, November 27, will arrive before the next issue of the Trumpeter. Consider how you can prepare for the coming of the Christ Child through prayer and charitable giving. Quiet Prayer will continue on Tuesdays at 6 pm. The monthly healing service continues on the Second Monday of each month at 6 pm. Advent Wreath guides will be available by the end of November for use at home.

Take a few minutes each week in the middle of this busy season to be still and listen for God. Make plans to attend services on Christmas Eve at 5 or 10 pm or Christmas Day at 10 am.

- Fran Stanford -

WORSHIP NOTES

Christmas Celebrations – Trinity will observe the Nativity of our Lord with three celebrations:

On Christmas Eve, we will have two services.

- The first service will begin at 5 pm and will include a Christmas Pageant as well as Eucharist. Bring the family and invite your neighbors.
- The late service will begin at 10 am and might best be described as a “Festival Eucharist.” This service will be followed by the Trinity Traditional Christmas Eve reception in the parish hall.
- There will be a third Celebration on Christmas Day at 10 am. Many find this quiet service particularly meaningful. As Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year, there will be no 8 am service that day.

- Fran Stanford -

TRINITY DAY SCHOOL

The Trinity school year is off and running. It was heartening to see the number of attendees at the recent Art Auction. There were parents from the day school as well as Trinity Church members, their friends and neighbors. Movie night has also been a big hit especially, the recent showing of Tangled. Movie Night is a family night for some, an inexpensive date for others and fun for everyone!

Please mark your calendars with the upcoming events in November. The **Spaghetti Dinner** is November 4th. Seatings will be at 5, 6 and 7. The **TCDS Fall Open House** will be held on Monday the 7th, Wednesday the 9th and Friday the 11th. Please let any interested or just curious parties know that they are welcome to visit on those dates. The times for all 3 days are 9:30 AM till 11AM. **Thanksgiving Chapel** will be on November 23 with one service at 9:30 AM and the next at 10:30. We look forward to attending these events as we head into the Holiday Season.

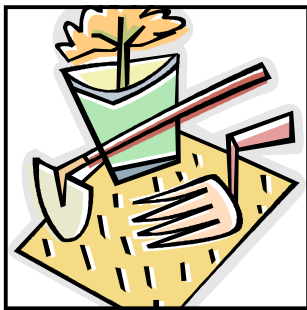
- Joanne Maits -



From the Potting Shed



Project Boxwood



Many of you will have noticed that the 2 flowerbeds in front of the church have been replanted and Project Boxwood is completed. The waterproofing should be finished by the time you read this and the piles of earth put back in the trenches.

To ensure continuity the plants were ordered from a local nursery at a generous discount. The total cost for this project is \$1200, and will be an off budget item paid for 100% by donations. We need to pay for the plants this month so if you plan on participating in this renovation please send your check to the office marked “Project Boxwood” on the front. You can also see me at coffee hour if that is easier.

Many thanks to Kevin, Sherry, Lindsay and Bailey Rast, Ross Jones, Carol Knight, and Bill Wiley for a great job in planting the flowerbeds, and to Russ Tagg for all the hard work on the waterproofing.

See you in the garden!

- Susan Wiley -

VESTRY NOTES



OUTREACH



We're gearing up for the holiday season at Paul's Place. Already canned and boxed goods are being stashed away to fill the bags that are given out to families - 250 last year and they expect more will be needed this year. The day school is collecting for Paul's

Place and I will gather the items after their chapel service and take them downtown.

I've started the appeal for gifts and toys for the Christmas "market". A list of suggested items has been posted in the church hall. The Day School is helping with this as well along with donated mittens from their mitten tree.

We continue to send a group from Trinity to Paul's Place each week and this month we were mentioned in the Paul's Place newsletter *The Messenger*. Roger, Anita and Linda are stalwarts in the food service line on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in being a substitute server or with gathering and preparing the casserole that we send down to the center please contact Linda Smith. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, we have a group coordinating the men's clothing service. We are getting a reputation for bringing good stuff and the line always increases when word gets out that we have arrived. We try to bring new underwear and socks with us each time we serve (be on the lookout for Boxer Days just after Christmas!) and we also have developed a network of shoppers who regularly mine area thrift shops for men's clothing. Thanks to Melissa and Sue Berry, Barb Newton, Mary Chastka and Lynn Jones for your good work. Thanks, too, to the members of TAT for mending those items that are in need of repair.

- Carol Knight -

FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

It sure seems like the time flies by every month. Fall is definitely here and although some of the mornings are quite cool now the days are nice. It is a beautiful time of the year with the foliage, etc.

There are a couple of things on the calendar from now to Christmas. The Art Auction was held and much fun was had by all who attended. Thanks to you all. The front of the church will have new plantings by the time you read this. There are the movie nights every month along with the Friends & Family breakfasts. Of course the next big event is the Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd. Don't miss it.

Work continues around the grounds all the time, with much of it behind the scenes. Russ Tagg is working on the water problem at the base of the walls of the bell tower; Bob Newton and his crew is working on the insides of the hall and church. We are always in motion at Trinity.

The Vestry is always looking forward and trying to make things work out. We are getting a new computer program that will keep better track of our finances along with lots of other information regarding the church and its members. This will help Fran with her never-ending job of keeping track of people and important dates, etc.

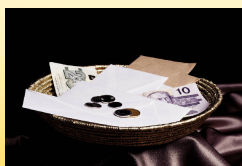
The main event now is the Stewardship Campaign that started on the 23rd. Please consider this with great care and thought and get your pledges back in. This is how the Vestry will set the budget for next year. Do the best you can and we the Vestry will do the best we can.

A nomination committee has been formed to find three new members for the Vestry this year. If you, or someone you know, wants to "work" for the church, please contact one of us. The members are: Bill Litsinger, Russ Tagg, Nancy Bainbridge, Bruce Nelson and myself.

As always enjoy the weather and keep Trinity in your thoughts.

- Jonathan Deford -

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER



The vestry will settle the 2012 budget in the next few weeks. Please return your pledge cards as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Thanks to all those who have already pledged and those who will pledge their support to the ministry of Trinity Long Green.

- Fran Stanford -

MEMBERSHIP

For the last 12 months ending in September, average attendance was 73 compared to 65 for the same period a year earlier. In fact, for every month this year, the average of the last 12 months has been greater than the previous year's 12-month average.

The Family and Friends monthly breakfasts continued on October 9. About 35 adults and children attended. Hosts for October through December are in place, all are vestry members, and several parishioners have offered to host the remaining months. The next breakfast is Sunday, November 13, 8:45 to 9:45.

Movie nights continued on October 21 with *Tangled*. About 30 adults and 35 children attended. This time everything worked just fine, the picture quality is quite good, and once we are able to purchase the additional components of the surround sound system, the whole set up will be complete. The movies are on the third Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, starting promptly at 6:30 pm. The movie for Friday, November 18 is *Cars 2*.

After purchasing the screen, projector, mounting hardware and shipping there was about \$10.00 left in the projector fund that was almost \$1,400.00 as of August 31. There is now about \$215.00 after the September and October donations. Estimated cost for the new receiver/amplifier and the sound system is about \$800.00.

In addition to greatly improving movie nights, we will use this equipment for children's and adult education, presentations, and town hall and annual meetings. We can also play CDs through the system for the Christmas Bazaar and other events.

Efforts have begun on the Christmas Bazaar and Advent mailing. Your input is crucial!

- Mike Berry -

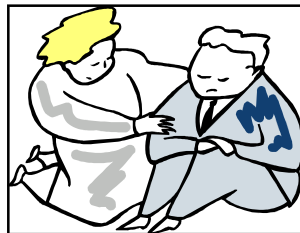
PARISH LIFE

- The Men's Breakfast is on Saturday, November 5 at 8 am - all men are welcome
- Plans are well underway for the Candy Cane Christmas
- Great Art Auction thanks to Susan, Tanya and Rob and all the other volunteers
- Looking for a Country Fair Chairperson or persons - let me know



- Bill Litsinger -

PASTORAL CARE



Pastoral care continues to send out birthday, anniversary and get well cards. Phone calls have been made to parishioners unable to attend services regularly. Additionally, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has delivered 2 prayer shawls to our expectant moms. TAT visited with Thelma Lawrence on Thursday, October 13 and the visit was enjoyed by all. If anyone is interested in joining us on future visits please talk with Diane Pierce, Joyce Jennings or Nancy Bainbirdge.

- Sherry Rast -

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday school is well underway and very well attended. The children start each Sunday off with worship led by Dr. Fran with lively music and a lesson. The lessons are then reinforced with activities done by the children in class. A good example would be the posters of the Ten Commandments that the kids worked so hard on. We hope you enjoyed them.

The nursery is a busy place and we are always looking for volunteers. We would like to have two volunteers each Sunday. Please consider signing up for this very worthy ministry. Dads are always welcome, as well as any teenagers looking to fulfill some of their service hours required.

It's hard to believe the first six weeks of Sunday school are over. I would like to thank Sue Berry, Joanne Maits and Jenn Rommell for teaching our first session and doing a terrific job!! We would like to welcome Melissa Meyer, Barb Newton and Diane Pierce for volunteering to teach our next six week block of time.

- Carol House -

FINANCES

2011 NARRATIVE BUDGET

A narrative budget explains where we get our income, and where we spend that income.

INCOME:

PLEDGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS: (\$120,100 or 67%): The bulk of our operating funds come from your pledges and regular contributions.

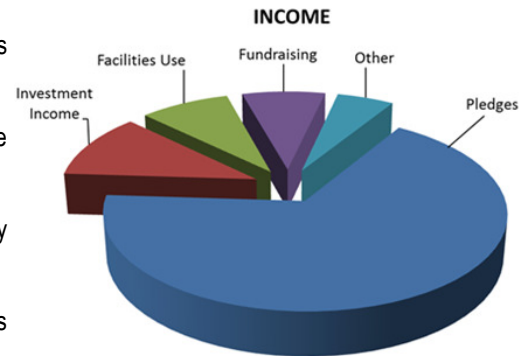
INVESTMENT INCOME: (\$20,100 or 11%): Thanks to the generosity of members in the past, Trinity receives regular dividend income from investments.

FACILITIES USE: (\$15,200 or 9%): Trinity Church Day School contributes to Trinity Church to cover shared expenses.

FUNDRAISING: (\$14,000 or 8%): Each year the parish sponsors fund-raising activities such as the Country Fair and the Christmas Bazaar to help balance the budget.

OTHER: (\$9,600 or 5%): This part of our income pie reflects all other sources of income, including designated gifts.

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 178,985



EXPENSE:

WORSHIP (\$ 98,900 or 55%): Worship is the central piece of a church's ministry. The worship wedge includes all worship and altar supplies, a portion of the parish administrator's and rector's salaries, the organist/choirmaster's salary, a portion of building and grounds maintenance expenditures, office expenses, and a portion of fuel and insurance expenses.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION (\$18,100 or 10%): This aspect of parish life includes the various ways in which we nurture our faith. It includes: Sunday School, teaching series and sacramental preparation (baptism, confirmation, marriage). Included in this budget category are: a portion of the rector's salary, a portion of building and grounds maintenance, and a portion of fuel and insurance costs.

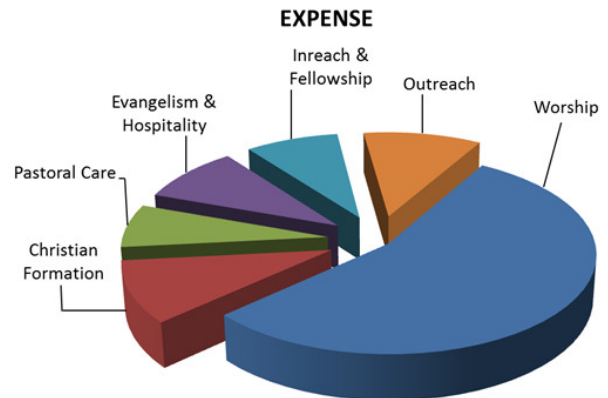
OUTREACH (\$18,800 or 10%): This ministry of the parish involves those activities through which we help others outside of our parish. Much of Trinity's Outreach is voluntary, but expenses include the Diocesan allocation, and portions of the rector's and parish administrator's salaries.

EVANGELISM AND HOSPITALITY (\$16,600 or 9%): This category includes the ways we attract people to Trinity, such as our Country Fair, Christmas Bazaar, postcard mailings, and website. A portion of the parish administrator's salary, office expenses, building and grounds maintenance, and the rector's salary are part of this expense.

INREACH AND FELLOWSHIP (\$14,800 or 8%): This part of parish life includes all those activities that nurture the members of the parish, including coffee hour, the Trumpeter, special events and various mailings. Included in this category are: a portion of office expenses, part of building and grounds maintenance, and a portion of the parish administrator's and rector's salaries.

PASTORAL CARE (\$12,700 or 7%): This category involves care for parish members. While much of this ministry is done by volunteers, this expense category includes a portion of the rector's and parish administrator's salaries.

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES for 2011 is \$180,000. Trinity has 185 members, 32 of whom are under the age of 16. The vestry hopes that this first attempt at a narrative budget will demonstrate how important each person's contributions of time, talents and treasure are to the mission and ministry of Trinity Long Green, MD.



VESTRY NOTES

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, the vestry reported that:

- The art auction was well attended, with an enjoyable evening had by all.
- Sunday attendance is up by 10% - Great Job!!!!
- Our summer shredding event made a profit.
- Trinity's 15th annual golf outing is planned for October 24th.
- Mark your calendars for the Spaghetti Dinner on November 4th.
- The boxwood project is underway, with planting scheduled for October 22nd.
- On October 30th and November 6th there will be an in-gathering of pledge cards.
- Planning for the Christmas Bazaar is well underway.
- There is a constant need for volunteers for the nursery each Sunday.
- We have enough donations to cover the casseroles for Paul's Place through January.
- The search is on for a new Day School Director.

- Carol House -



THINKING AHEAD FOR THE HOLIDAYS????

TRINITY CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FLOWERS & EVERGREENS

As you start thinking ahead for the holidays, please include Trinity's sale of Greens, Wreaths, and Christmas Flowers to your to do list. We will be supporting local suppliers. All their Greens are fresh and are cut just north of us in PA.

Pre-order forms are in this issue of The Trumpeter and need to be completed by Friday, Nov. 18th. By ordering early you will receive the benefit of a lower price than waiting for the day of the Bazaar. Pre-orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, Dec. 2nd in the church Parish Hall.

Pick up a supply of Pre-orders from the church office for your neighbors and friends. Saturday, December 3rd will be the Candy Cane Bazaar with more items for sale and the fun that happens at Trinity in preparation for Christmas.

The Greens Committee will be in need of interesting evergreen foliage, evergreen boughs and berries. Also important supplies such as foam, decoration picks, pine cones, etc. Please drop off your contributions beginning Sunday, November 20th by the outdoor Paul's Place Drop Off.

- The Greens Committee -

Trinity Episcopal Church 2011 Christmas Holiday Flowers & Evergreens

All orders must be turned in to the church or school offices no later than Friday, November 18th. Prices for Pre-orders are lower than the day of the Bazaar. Please include payment for your order. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church with Christmas Greens on the Memo line. Orders should be picked up on Friday, December 2nd from Noon – 7PM.

Poinsettias/Flowers: (Circle Color)

		Price	Quantity	Total Amt.
4" Single bloom poinsettia	Red White Pink	\$ 3.50	_____	_____
4.5" Triple bloom poinsettia	Red White Pink	\$ 5.50	_____	_____
6" 5-8 Bloom poinsettia	Mixed Red White Pink	\$ 9.50	_____	_____
8" 12-20 Bloom poinsettia	Mixed Red White Pink	\$22.00	_____	_____
10" Hanging Basket 12+blooms	Red White Pink	\$19.50	_____	_____
6" Cyclamen	Red White Pink Purple	\$ 8.50	_____	_____
10" Xmas Cactus	Red White Pink Purple	\$11.00	_____	_____

Evergreens: All Evergreens are fresh cut and come from local growers.

75 ft. White Pine Roping	\$23.00	_____	_____
24" Mixed Noble Fir Wreath	\$21.00	_____	_____
10" Fraser Fir Wreaths	\$ 9.50	_____	_____
12" Fraser Fir Wreaths	\$12.50	_____	_____
16" Fraser Fir Wreaths	\$17.50	_____	_____
16" Douglas Fir Wreaths	\$17.50	_____	_____
10" Douglas Fir Wreaths	\$ 8.50	_____	_____
10" Balsam Fir Wreaths	\$ 8.50	_____	_____
Door Swag	\$ 8.50	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

This year Trinity is supporting local suppliers from our area. Buying from our sale helps Trinity as well as our Community businesses. We thank you for your support! Merry, Merry Christmas!

Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar

Many hands make for light work! And this isn't even work – it's downright **FUN!!!**

Check out all the places where you can join the **FUN!!!**

Please call me with any questions – Anne Brandt 410-913-1199



Tina Fiorelli 410-549-9343

Cell: 443-690-8267

Susan Embich: 410-666-6268

Bring baked goods to Parish Hall on Friday, Dec. 2

Notify the Bake Ladies that you will be providing a home baked item.



GIFT BASKETS

Carol Knight: 410-592-6928 Adoptions: \$20 - \$50

cjcknight@verizon.net \$ Donations of any size

Making 30 baskets this year. Supplies welcome

Seeking Apprentice to help with shopping

Adoption list will post Nov. 13; Assembly week of Nov. 28



FROSTY CAFÉ

Tanya Ruppert 410-382-3574

truppert@me.com

Need People: Kitchen help; servers, cashier

Need Dessert: pies, cakes, sweets

GREENS



Diane Pierce 410-817-4317

Carol House 410-592-2596

Barb Newton 410-661-6119

PRE-ORDERS

See separate pre-order sheet – share with co-workers

Indoor sales folks/outdoor sales folks

Seeking: specialty greens from your home

centerpiece containers & picks



Lil' Elves Workshop

!! CHAIRPERSON NEEDED !!

Give the mom's a break and watch the kids while they enjoy shopping at the bazaar.

(already have 2 young teens planning to face paint)



Christmas Treasures Shoppe

Edie Wood 443-299-7914 Pat Pandolfini 410-668-3667

edith.wood@dunbaramored.com

Donate your gently used Christmas ornaments and décor.

Look for specially marked containers in the Parish Hall Parlor.



Santa Portraits

Tell your friends! \$10 for 1 or 2 children

10am – 3pm with (occasional breaks)



Mike Berry- Membership Committee

Greeters! Parish Hall & Day School entrances

Raffle tickets to sell and Thank You Gifts

Seeking Donated Restaurant Gift Cards

VENDOR

SPACES: Contact Edie Wood 443-299-7914 or church office 410-592-6224



Strong Men Needed

Friday: Set Up

Saturday: Clean Up



PARKING

Ross Jones 410-560-7445


Two-men teams work best



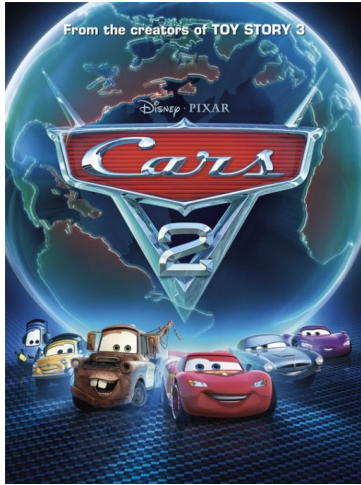
TRASH

Please volunteer to be on hand throughout the day.

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cemetery Monitor: Ross Jones Please remove birthday memorials 15 days after the holiday. Thank you.		1 11:00 am TAT 6 pm Quiet Prayer	2 6:00 pm Soup and Study	3 7:15pm Choir	4 5:00 pm TCDS Spaghetti Supper	5 8 am Men's Breakfast SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR TONIGHT
6 All Saints Sunday Family Sunday 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11am Coffee Hour	7 TCDS Fall Open House 9:30am - 11:00am	8 11:00 am TAT 6 pm Quiet Prayer	9 TCDS Fall Open House 9:30am - 11:00am 6:00 pm Soup and Study	10 7:15pm Choir	11 TCDS Fall Open House 9:30am - 11:00am	12
13 8am Holy Eucharist 8:45 - 9:45am Family and Friends Breakfast 9:45 am Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	14 6 pm Healing Service	15 11:00 am TAT 6 pm Quiet Prayer	16	17 7:15pm Choir	18 6:30 pm Movie Night "Cars 2"	19
20 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	21	22 11:00 am TAT 6 pm Quiet Prayer	23 TCDS Thanksgiving Chapel 9:30 & 10:30 am	24 Thanksgiving Day 10am Holy Eucharist	25 Church Office Closed	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	28	29 11:00 am TAT 6 pm Quiet Prayer	30			

Hey! Let's go to the movies!



Friday, Nov. 18, 6:30 pm
Trinity Long Green Parish Hall

*Free will donation requested. - Includes popcorn
and drinks. Bring your parents and pillows.
Wear your jammies if you'd like!*



*For more information please call the church office.
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