

Trinity Episcopal Church  
845 Chestnut Street  
Escondido, CA 92045-5257

# Annual Reports

Presented at the

Annual Meeting

January 29, 2012

**Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, awaken the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Agenda**

**Hymn: Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
Prayer**

#### **Initial Business:**

- Minutes**
- Memorials**
- Nominations (vestry and convention delegates)**
- Voting**

#### **"Strengthen the Faithful, awaken the careless, and restore the penitent":**

**How Trinity's life is lived:**

- Spiritual Growth**
- Fellowship**
- Service & Advocacy**
- Worship**
- Connections & Communications**

#### **"Grant us all things necessary for our common life":**

- Thanksgiving for 2011 Finances**
- Budget for 2012**
- Perpetual Memorial Fund**

#### **"and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church":**

- Thanksgivings for 2011**
- Future: Lent, prayer, and/or participation at Leadership Retreat**
- Introduce new leaders: Vestry and Delegates**
- Cook-off winners**

**Blessed God, who makes all things new: Grant that this community of Word and Sacrament may be leaven for the world's bread, and wine of delight for hearts in need; a gathering strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence in their midst; through Jesus our redeemer and steadfast companion. Amen**

ANNUAL MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2011

Meeting opened at 12:00 PM with a prayer from Meg.

The reading of the minutes from last year was waived and a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

Memorials- Meg asked for a moment of silence as we remembered those who died this past year: Penny Ponder, Dick Mette, Pauline Stein, and Chris Mills. A prayer followed.

Nominations for Vestry are: Milly Burruss, Cass Martensen, Jeanette Monsegur, and Bill Salomone. A motion was made to close the nominations. It was seconded and approved. A motion was then made to accept all nominees by acclamation. It was seconded and approved.

Diocesan Convention Delegates- Meg opened nominations for Convention delegates. The following were nominated: Sandy Dabasinskas, Cindy Shamel, Kathleen Robertson, Cheryl Gilbert, Chelsea Quick, Harley Earwicker, and Scott Sexton. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to close nominations. Ballots were distributed and collected. Delegates for 2012 are: Sandy Dabasinskas, Cindy Shamel, and Chelsea Quick. Alternates will be Kathleen Robertson, Harley Earwicker, and Scott Sexton.

Opening Discussion- Meg asked those attending the meeting to form small groups (each table) and a) describe the ministries, witness, practices, behaviors that fulfill Christ's mission at Trinity and b) describe the ways Trinity has yet to meet the Gospel call, the work that could/should be done. After some discussion everyone moved to a different group and further discussed the two items. The Vestry member at each table made notes that will be used at the upcoming Vestry Retreat.

2011 Budget- Holly Savarese and Emily Cutrer shared the 2011 budget put together by Matt Pastell and Jim Murtland. Pledges to date are \$253,350.00. Expenditures are \$289,205.00. This leaves a difference of \$35,855.00. If we don't get the additional money needed to we have to go into our equity funds. The following suggestions were made to help bridge the gap: Sandy Dabasinskas- add more to your pledge when you can; Maddie Bruhn- online payments; Enrique- charge card billing; Suzan Reiner- register the church on "Good Search" and "E-Script"; Joe Stanford- a fundraiser with Richard Letterer; Julie Carroll- silent auction or art auction where people who have talents could donate works in place of a financial contribution.

Meg stated that our money management is good. She complimented and thanked Colleena Waldron, bookkeeper, Keith Relph, head of audit team, Jim Murtland, treasurer,, and Matt Pastell, head of finance committee. She encouraged others to get involved and passed around clipboards, "Fund Raising" and "Finances," for people to sign up.

Perpetual Memorial Fund- Matt and his committee will make the decisions on how to use these funds. We have received little monies, but are always accepting donations.

Thanksgivings- Meg began by giving thanks for the four retiring Vestry member, Michal McKee, John Monsegur, Matt Pastell, and Paul Des Forges and the Trinity staff, Colleena Waldron, bookkeeper, Suzan Reiner, parish administrator, David Lewis, music director, Dana Stanford, Choristers director, and Enrique Serrano, youth group director. She then asked us to share the ministries at Trinity that we are thankful for. Parishioners gave thanks to and for the various ministries and their members.

Winners of the Chili Cook-off- First place- Joe Stanford; second place- Paul Des Forges; third place- John Martinet. Tender Tummies- First place- Julie Carroll; second place- Dave Cowles; third place- Cheryl Gilbert. Desserts- First place- Georgina McKee; second place-Sandy Dabasinskas; third place- Milly Burruss. A total of \$774.00 was raised.

Meg closed with installation and introduction of parish officers and a prayer for Diocesan Delegates and new Vestry members. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Smith, clerk



<p><b>Spiritual Growth Ministry</b>          Nursery          Sunday School          Vacation Bible School          Trinit'Youth          Daughters of the King          Bible Study          Rector's Forum          Seasonal Programs          Stewardship</p>	<p><b>Fellowship Ministry</b>          Pastoral Care          Monthly Breakfast          Coffee Hour          Movie Night          Newcomers Committee          Group Outings          Special Events          Parish Hall Art Wall          Summer Picnic</p>	<p><b>Service &amp; Advocacy Ministry</b>          Prayers &amp; Squares          Diana's Angels          Rotational Shelter          ICS Breakfast          Trinity Toymakers          Kairos          African Team Ministries          Buntu Community          Nursing Home Ministries          World AIDS Day          MDG-ONE          CROP Walk          Camp Stevens Camperships</p>	<p><b>Worship Ministry</b>          Acolytes          Choristers          Choir          Organist          Accompanists          Guest Musicians          Bell Choir          Altar Guild          Worship Leaders          Audio Recording          Third Tuesday Taize Service</p>
<p><b>Bedrock Ministry</b></p>	<p>Connections (Diocese of San Diego, ICS Interfaith, National Network of Youth Ministers...)          Communications (Web Presence, Print Media, Social Media, Advertising, PR, Calendars...)          Finance (Accounting, Investment, Audit, &amp; Fundraising – Pledges, eScrip, GoodSearch...)          Buildings &amp; Grounds          Office Administration</p>		

## 2012 WORKING BUDGET

	2011 Working Budget	2011 YTD actual	2012 Working Budget
<b>Receipts, Budgeted Items:</b>			
Facilities usage	\$18,500	\$21,158	\$22,000
Columbarium Receipts	\$1,000	\$800	\$1,000
Memorial Receipts	\$1,650	\$1,275	\$1,000
Pledges & Recorded Gifts + initial offering	\$214,000	\$231,399	\$214,000
Interest & Investment Income	\$4,000	\$7,999	\$4,000
Other Gifts	\$3,200	\$42,007	\$7,200
Plate	\$6,000	\$8,440	\$8,000
Fellowship Activities Receipts	\$4,000	\$2,263	\$3,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000	\$1,429	\$2,500
<b>Prior Year Giving</b>			<b>\$37,734</b>
Total:	<b>\$253,350</b>	<b>\$316,771</b>	<b>\$300,434</b>
<b>Disbursements, Budgeted Items:</b>			
<b>Clergy:</b>			
Health Insurance	\$10,000	\$7,823	\$10,000
Housing	\$18,900	\$18,900	\$18,900
Pension	\$14,287	\$14,287	\$14,860
Stipend	\$60,473	\$60,473	\$63,648
Subtotal	<b>\$103,660</b>	<b>\$101,483</b>	<b>\$107,408</b>
<b>Worship&amp; Music:</b>			
Flower Disbursements			
Organist/Choirmaster, Salary	\$23,184	\$23,141	\$24,120
Organist/Choirmaster, Medical Ins.	\$7,585	\$7,293	\$8,000
Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$771	\$525	\$500
Supply Clergy	\$950	\$525	\$800
Altar Supplies	\$2,200	\$1,263	\$1,800
Youth Choir Director	\$2,484	\$2,484	\$2,592
Subtotal	<b>\$37,174</b>	<b>\$35,231</b>	<b>\$37,812</b>
<b>Outreach:</b>			
Aims	\$750	\$750	\$750
Diocesan Share	\$27,200	\$27,200	\$26,700
ICS Contribution	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,920
MDG Support	\$300	\$300	\$500
Subtotal	<b>\$30,050</b>	<b>\$30,050</b>	<b>\$29,870</b>
<b>Education:</b>			
Youth Program Expense	\$500	\$500	
Nursery Salary	\$1,012	\$785	\$1,000
Clergy Conference	\$200	\$165	\$200
Clergy Continuing Education	\$300		\$150
Christian Education	\$1,000	\$112	\$500
Vestry - Leadership Retreat	\$200		
Youth Director	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,808

## 2012 WORKING BUDGET

	2011 Working Budget	2011 YTD actual	2012 Working Budget *
Youth Director, Medical & Dental *	\$5,000	\$4,115	
Subtotal	\$28,212	\$25,677	\$22,658
<b>Administration:</b>			
Assist Treasurer	\$8,110	\$8,110	\$8,448
Secretary Salary	\$9,863	\$9,863	\$10,272
Payroll Tax Expense	\$5,000	\$4,563	\$5,993
Bulletins/Printing	\$260	\$158	\$260
Clergy/Staff Business Expense	\$1,200	\$563	\$1,000
General Insurance	\$9,500	\$10,210	\$10,000
Lease Expense/Copier Rental	\$5,000	\$4,700	\$5,000
Office Supplies	\$3,600	\$2,561	\$3,000
Postage & Delivery	\$1,300	\$1,312	\$1,400
Stewardship	\$300	\$9	\$200
Telephone	\$2,500	\$2,696	\$2,800
Miscellaneous, incl bank service charges	\$1,000	\$674	\$800
Diocesan Annual Convention	\$230	\$180	\$200
Subtotal	\$47,863	\$45,599	\$49,373
<b>Building &amp; Grounds:</b>			
Janitorial supplies & services	\$11,000	\$10,357	\$11,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Property Maint & Repair	\$5,000	\$4,858	\$5,000
Utilities	\$14,500	\$16,062	\$16,500
Property Tax & Fees	\$50	\$50	\$50
Subtotal	\$36,650	\$37,327	\$38,550
<b>Fellowship &amp; Other:</b>			
Fellowship	\$4,000	\$2,936	\$3,000
Church Growth/ Marketing	\$1,000	\$735	\$700
Subtotal	\$5,000	\$3,670	\$3,700
<b>Budget Items Disbursements Total</b>	<b>\$288,509</b>	<b>\$279,037</b>	<b>\$289,372</b>
<b>Excess Budget Income - Expenses</b>	<b>(\$35,159)</b>	<b>\$37,734</b>	<b>\$11,062</b>

\* Youth Minister health insurance funded by Youth Ministry Fund, (Lederer Event)

Trinity Episcopal Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of December 31, 2011

	<u>Dec 31, 11</u>	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
Pacific Western Bank- E\$cript	959.85	674.43	285.42
Pacific Western, Main Checking	19,584.68	10,930.05	8,654.63
Pacific Western, Bldg Fd Savings	0.00	436.01	-436.01
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>20,544.53</u>	<u>12,040.49</u>	<u>8,504.04</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	20,544.53	12,040.49	8,504.04
<b>Other Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets, Property & Equip.	2,385,728.50	2,385,728.50	0.00
Schwab Investment Account	94,556.78	111,353.26	-16,796.48
The Vanguard Group	115,599.75	59,690.07	55,909.68
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>2,595,885.03</u>	<u>2,556,771.83</u>	<u>39,113.20</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>2,616,429.56</b></u>	<u><b>2,568,812.32</b></u>	<u><b>47,617.24</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			
Altar Guild Projects Fund	557.55	413.32	144.23
Calvin Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Campership Fund	4,237.90	5,522.90	-1,285.00
Chancel Bells Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cursillo Fund	2,882.73	2,978.73	-96.00
Daughters of the King Fund	461.28	403.12	58.16
Deaf Fund	350.00	0.00	350.00
Diana's Angels	1,400.63	1,443.49	-42.86
Envisioning Capital Drive	21,816.37	19,891.37	1,925.00
Flower Fund	1,851.77	1,521.36	330.41
Health Insurance Payables	1,402.00		1,402.00
Library Fund	169.61	169.61	0.00
Music Fund	1,364.26	3,355.51	-1,991.25
Order of St.Luke	143.50	743.50	-600.00
Organ Fund	1,351.53	351.53	1,000.00
Outreach Fund	2,419.74	2,419.74	0.00
Pass-thru Donations	293.33	0.00	293.33
Payroll Liabilities	1,923.23	2,475.70	-552.47
Perpetual Memorial Funds	25,860.30	24,438.24	1,422.06
Prayers & Squares Fund	607.65	468.82	138.83
Pre-paid Pledges, 2012	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Property Maint. Contingency	6,717.78	6,281.27	436.51
Trinity Toymakers Fund	4,971.50	5,284.86	-313.36
Youth Fund	980.24	1,306.36	-326.12
Youth Ministry Fund	4,442.96	0.00	4,442.96
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>91,205.86</u>	<u>79,469.43</u>	<u>11,736.43</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	91,205.86	79,469.43	11,736.43
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	91,205.86	79,469.43	11,736.43
<b>Equity</b>			
Buildings & Grounds	2,385,728.50	2,385,728.50	0.00
Financial Resources	129,664.21	130,115.72	-451.51
Opening Balance Equity	8,380.62	9,782.62	-1,402.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	-36,283.95	-6,665.44	-29,618.51
Net Income	37,734.05	-29,618.51	67,352.56
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>2,525,223.43</u>	<u>2,489,342.89</u>	<u>35,880.54</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>2,616,429.29</b></u>	<u><b>2,568,812.32</b></u>	<u><b>47,616.97</b></u>

## Rector's Report

If you've been hanging around the Episcopal Church for any length of time, you know that scripture for us is...nuanced, shall we say? Rather than mining the chapters and verses of the Bible for particular lines giving advice or to support some decision, we tend to focus on bigger scriptural themes. Scripture, Episcopalians like to say, "contains all things necessary for salvation" (Article 6 of the Thirty-Nine Articles, found in the historical documents of the Book of Common Prayer, p. 868). Naturally that still leaves lots of room for discussion—which things in scripture are necessary for salvation being the main question.

I bring this up because the other day I saw a description of the journey of God's people through the ages, from biblical times to our own, as the "Great Conversation," God has spoken, and still speaks. What does that mean and what is our part of the conversation? Interpretation, even the writing of scripture is part of that Conversation. Then there's the question of who gets to make a response. Whose answers bear authority? Whose voices are left out? You can see how the answers to those questions have changed over the centuries as believers insist on bringing their own experiences of faith to the Conversation.

When I think about where Trinity has been in the past year, it's this very Conversation that I hear. The world has changed in so many ways in the last decade; the place of religion in society has changed in so many ways—demographics, politics, communication, economics, possibilities—how could our Christian response remain the same? We did not choose the issues that form the backdrop to contemporary faith, but we can't avoid the conversations. Over the years we've weathered storms of controversy, and those controversies have been the opportunities to engage our faith and find our voices. So now we find ourselves with something to say about our particular experience of God's call. In many ways, Trinity is talking.

Take prayer, for example. For many years at Trinity, we seemed content to let a few do the praying. Usually those few were older women with time available during the day. This past year's "grape project," with paper grapes representing spiritual growth gathered on our altar, demonstrated that we no longer need the words of prayer to be spoken only by a few. Prayers of thanksgiving, prayers looking for answers or help, prayers for discernment, these and more found their way onto our altar. All these grapes represent Trinity members finding their voices and expressing how God might be present in their lives. During Advent we used paper "hay" as a way to allow individuals to respond to the Gospel. We've

known for a long time that our Christian faith is not a passive thing, and now we are making that true in worship. This is a start toward engaging more voices in the interpretation of scripture in worship so that my voice is not the only one engaged in the great conversation of faith. Our participation in these activities is probably one reason why Trinity was selected as one of eleven congregations participating in a nationwide preaching research project, run by Luther Seminary in St. Paul's, Minnesota.

Another conversation taking place at Trinity involves belonging. Who is included and how? Some of Trinity's work in hospitality has been going on for years—we have a strong ministry to provide a caring community to those who grief through our funeral receptions, that's been true for a long time. We welcome guests to worship and have been providing a superb coffee hour with refreshments for all dietary needs. But there are other concerns to address. Trinity has included the voices and gifts of children and youth in our worship services for a long time. In June when we reorganized the Sunday School, we discovered that the best gift Trinity could give to our families with children is to better support the work of parents trying to bring their children up as Christians. We have begun doing that through online resources and our Advent worship, and the next year will find us looking for more opportunities through Holy Week and Easter. This is one example of how we can belong to one another and support each other in the challenges of an active faith life.

We also had a great time making new friends through the Trinity Tribal Times activity. While it seemed complicated—Tribal leaders, Tribal members, hunter-gatherers and all the rest—it really was just about getting together, and so that's what we did. We simply were trying to have conversations, and that's something to celebrate in our busy lives.

Trinity has also worked to find our voice in our community. This past year we hosted our first-ever fundraiser, with Richard Lederer as the featured speaker. This evening, with its glorious atmosphere, music and art offered the opportunity for Trinity members to bring friends to share in Trinity. Our monthly breakfasts continue to be an opportunity for invitation as well. We have also worked to enhance our service to Escondido through Interfaith Community Services and other contacts. There is more to be done, but we have made a beginning to be seen in our community and invite others to join us.

Supposedly, St. Francis said, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words if necessary." There are times when words are necessary, and I think Trinity is beginning to use them to say something about why we do what we do.

As we talk, and we might even argue, I think we know now what Christians, even

Episcopalians, haven't always known so well, and that is that we need each other as conversation partners and faith-bearers. We cannot be believers on our own, nor can we be surrounded only by Christians who look just like us and expect to hear God's call. Different ages, races, politics—we need to welcome them all in the name of Christ because if we don't hear all the voices, how will we ever hear what God is saying? How we do that is the real challenge, but it is something we can do because we know that this is what God is calling us to be.

Mother Meg Decker

**Friday Nite at the Movies  
Report for the Annual Meeting**

In 2011, we met and enjoyed the following movies along with good fellowship, popcorn and other snacks accompanied by a variety of beverages including water, soft-drinks, wine and coffee:

**Stairway to Heaven  
The African Queen  
It Happened Tomorrow  
The Man Who Would Be King  
The Americanization of Emily  
1776  
King Solomon's Mines  
The Wheeler Dealers  
The Tall Target  
The Final Countdown**

While we've varied in size from 4 to 13 in every case we've had a good time of Christian fellowship. Join us in 2012 on the first Friday of each month, you'll like it.

Respectfully,

Matt Pastell

## ALTAR GUILD 2011

Altar Guild members prepare the altar for services throughout the year. This sometimes includes "overtime" by our members who are very conscientious about taking care of all that goes into preparing for the various church services. In addition, Altar Guild members are responsible for decorating (and undecorating!) the sanctuary at Easter and Christmas.

Our Flower Chairperson is in charge of a committee of 5 women who see that the altar is adorned with flowers each appropriate Sunday. Our wedding coordinator oversees all details for weddings held at Trinity.

After most Sunday services Altar flowers are available for delivery as "spirit lifters." A flower donation chart is maintained at the back of the church. Donations for altar flowers may be made by signing up for the Sunday of your choice, and leaving a check or cash with the church office personnel. The suggested donation is \$35.00. Thanks to all members of the congregation who have made donations to the flower fund.

We currently have a need for new members! Anyone interested can let Mother Meg know. Training is provided.

Sandy Dabasinskas

### Communications Ministry Annual Report

In 2011 the Communications Ministry was responsible for publishing the parish newsletter and web site. Dave Cowles and Suzanne Schaffner managed the web site. Greg Wasson and David Valiulis handled the newsletter. In 2011, the newsletter and office staff explored and adopted a new way of preparing the server and event calendars by using Google Docs. This makes it easy for the office to enter the information and share it with the newsletter editors. The main goals of the Communications Ministry for 2012 include:

- Updating and publishing the parish directory in February
- Training new editor(s) to take over the newsletter. Greg Wasson and Dave Valiulis are beginning their transition to life on the coast (in Oceanside) and will no longer be able to continue doing the newsletter. They have agreed to do the newsletter through May 2012 (the June issue).

- Unveiling a revamped web site for the parish, utilizing software resources that will enable more parishioners to contribute. We especially need photographers and writers to cover parish events.

Greg Wasson and Dave Cowles

## World AIDS Day 2011

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On December 1, 2011 Trinity recognized World AIDS Day with a Eucharist service and the display of one 12' x 12' panel from the AIDS Quilt.

Leading up to World AIDS Day, Brendan Mendenhall visited the Sunday School on November 19. Brendan lived in Kisoro, Muhabura, Uganda as a child and could talk to the children about life in Kisoro.

This year Trinity brought back to the parish the panel from the AIDS Quilt that includes a 6' x 6' portion created here in North County. The panel is described in detail in the Annual Report from 2010. Nine (9) parishioners contributed the \$738 that it cost to bring this quilt from Atlanta (\$578 quilt fee plus \$151 shipping and handling.)

Approximately 75 people attended the service, which is more than 2009 but about the same as 2010. The Right Rev. James Mathes, Bishop of San Diego, preached and Through the Storm Gospel Chorus provided music. The service lasted about an hour and a quarter, and it included Eucharist and a blessing for the donated block. Several people interested in the quilt came to the service. One person from San Diego called in advance and asked whether a specific name appeared on the quilt. Since it did not, we offered to pray for that person and did so by naming him aloud during the service. A reception followed the service. The collection from this service was given to Episcopal Relief and Development and to the Buntu Christian Community Development Initiatives in Kisoro Uganda. <<http://buccodi.org>>

The service was announced in the *North County Times* and in the *San Diego Union Tribune*.

Team leaders for the World AIDS Day service include David Lewis, music; Barbara Vander Lyke and Milly Burruss, reception; Meg Decker, worship; and Blair Shamel, quilt display.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Shamel  
January 13, 2012

### **Trinity Choristers 2011 Annual Report**

Once again it is time to reflect on the Chorister program that I am privileged to be directing for our lovely children here at Trinity Church. Our group of 18 members, ages six through fifteen, meets every week to learn music and practice their skills in a loving, sacred environment. The children enjoy the harmonic sounds they make together combining their voices in two-part singing, rhythmic study, instrumental ensemble, and musical expression of spiritual texts for service and meditation. We learn how to be liturgical leaders in our church community, mentors to each other in our musical community, build our confidence and poise in performing, and acquire musical skills that will be long lasting.

Last November our Choristers joined several other children's church choirs in a festival to share their own prepared pieces and to join with the larger group in singing three pieces as a larger choir. This experience gave the children the opportunity to meet and perform with other children in a different setting. They benefited from other director's instruction and the joy of their accomplishment and hard work.

As a preparation for the Christmas season just past, the Choristers joined the Trinity Choir in the Advent Procession and participated in telling the coming of Jesus and responding in song. The Choristers enjoyed, and took very seriously, their role in this lovely service once again. Many of our Choristers took part in the Christmas pageant preparation by rehearsing the traditional Christmas Carols, as well as a special anthem that was featured during the pageant. The Choristers did a wonderful job being the song leaders on Christmas Eve for all the children of the parish. Their preparation made all the difference in the confident way they were able to tell the story of Jesus coming for the whole congregation.

The music that the children learn during their chorister experience comes from the early church composers such as Bach, Tallis, Mendelsohn, Mozart, and Pachelbel. They also learn pieces from our folk heritage and contemporary composers such as Bedford, Shram, Martin and others. The experience of singing

from our liturgical and musical history and present helps the children be active participants in a meaningful way in their faith. Instrumental additions by the children and members of our congregation help the children get a sense of the ensemble working together toward a goal of beautiful music and meaning.

Thank you, as always, to the parents and families who consider music and musical worship to be important for our children's experiences, and to the staff and congregation of Trinity Episcopal Church for the support of the children's music program.

Dana Stanford  
Director, Trinity Choristers

### **Trinity ToyMakers Annual Report for 2011**

The conclusion of our 2011 season of toy making with the Trinity ToyMakers marks the ninth year of our work. We have learned a lot about toys in the past 9 years, and we have become aware that the making of toys brings us together as a church community. We know each other better and have broadened our base of friends through our woodworking efforts. Our toys for this season were placed on the church altar on December 18th for all to see and to receive a blessing before we distributed them. The toys this year were really beautiful, so if you missed seeing them, just take a look on our website to see photos.

Many have given their time and energy to getting this job done. There were a number of workers who came to the workshop in Fallbrook, and many of them came numerous times to put in work hours. Many hours were dedicated to the toys in addition to the Fallbrook workshop hours painting little people, and making quilts, bedding, and dolls for the doll cradles. Special thanks go to all who had a part in making our special toys.

This year we received good public recognition through the efforts of Cindy Shamel, who advised the North County Times of our toy making. We received a nice article in the NCT. A reporter from Channel 5 in San Diego saw the newspaper article and called chief elf Stanford for an interview and filming. A short story about Trinity ToyMakers appeared on the evening news on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Joe Stanford  
January, 2012

## Trinity Bells Annual Report for 2011

Trinity Bells has had a successful and enjoyable year ringing our hearts out (so to speak). We have played in our services on several occasions, particularly Christmas and Easter. This year our ringers include Jonathan Cartford, Sandy Dabasinskas, Kathleen Hawkins, Jan McDaniel, Leslie Mette, John Nonomura, Brian Quick, Cindy and Blair Shamel, Pat Thompson, Barbara Vander Lyke, and David Lewis. A new ringer we welcome this year is Felicity Carroll.

Ringing bells gives us much pleasure, particularly knowing that when we play in our services we are contributing an element of beauty to the worship that takes place in our church, and at the same time we are learning to be musically expressive, which is deeply satisfying.

Joe Stanford  
January, 2012

### STEWARDSHIP 11/11 - 1/12

The Church is like a bank...  
The more you put into it,  
The more interest you have in it.

The committee of seven, magnificent as we tried to be (movie reference for those of you who "get it"), came up with another creative theme: mustard seeds and the Biblical quote.

After meeting several times, we held another Ministry Fair, and placed a tree with seed packets in the Church from October through December. We then invited "pledging units" to remove the seed packets and replace them with lovely, colorful birds. 89 units have been received thus far (two less than 2011, ten less than 2010) at \$231,400.

We know that those of you who can... will. Each amount helps, but please do not forget the relevance of your time and talent. Giving makes a difference. Trinity needs all three Ts: time, talent, and treasure.

Donna Kerwin

## Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) was founded in 1885 by Margaret J. Franklin in New York as an outgrowth of a Bible class named Daughter of the King. Seven years later, fifty chapters had formed and the National Order was established. By 1911 the Order had 883 chapters worldwide, with councils in Australia, Canada, England, South America and the United States. In 1999, fifty new chapters were chartered in the first quarter of the year alone, and global membership was over 18,000. Trinity's Chapter of Daughters of the King was founded in 1993 by Moina Lucent and Margaret Nugent (both still active members), along with six other women. In 2011, Trinity's DOK Chapter officers remained: President, Stephanie Tobin; Vice President, Patty Stein; Secretary, Cindy Shamel; and Treasurer, Milly Burruss. One new member, Jamie Engleman, was installed and total current membership is 24.

The purpose of the Daughters of the King is best described by the Vision Statement provided in the National Handbook: "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and become reflections of God's love throughout the world." Daughters meet in Trinity's (Dove) library after service on the first Sunday of each month to pray, study scripture, and share news of individual and joint avenues of service.

Trinity Daughters have continued their service in the following activities:

- † hosting fifth Sunday Coffee Hours
- † supporting the Rector as needed
- † recognizing and praying for those baptized
- † facilitating receptions and memorials
- † maintaining a prayer list for concerns of all Daughters
- † sponsoring two orphans at the Buntu Mission and writing letters to the children each month
- † assisting Mother Meg with the "Preparation for Advent" workshop

In addition, Daughters made two new service commitments in 2011. The first was to begin a prayer partnership with an International Chapter of Daughters. In September 2010, Trinity Chapter inquired about being matched with a prayer partner and in September 2011 (5 days shy of one year!) we were informed of our prayer partnership with St. Alephar Chapter at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Mchinji, MALAWI!! The second new commitment was to extend the Chapter's intercessory prayers to include requests from the congregation. Prayer Request cards were created, discussed and recreated. Distribution of cards to the pews is planned for January 2012.

As Chapter President, Stephanie Tobin continued attending the Diocesan DOK Board Meetings to increase Trinity Chapter's knowledge of and involvement in activity on the Diocesan level. Trinity Daughters participated in the following Diocesan events in 2011: a Lenten Quiet Day (*An Unhurried Day with Jesus*) at Christ Church in Coronado; the Spring Assembly (*Generations: History Repeating*) at St. Dunstan's in Serra Mesa; the Fall Assembly (*Being Blessed to be a Blessing*) hosted here at Trinity in Escondido; a Quiet Day (*Finding Rest in God through Silence, Solitude & Contemplative Prayer*) at St. David's in Clairemont; and an Advent Quiet Day at St. Michael's in Carlsbad.

At the Provincial level, Karol Brown attended the Province VIII Retreat (*Meeting in the Heart of Jesus: Community Across the Miles*) in Burlingame, California. This retreat was facilitated by Jane A. Tomaine, an Episcopal Priest and author of St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living.

At the National level, Trinity Daughters made a donation to the Endowment Fund in memory of Pauline Stein, who passed away in December 2010.

Other events organized by Trinity DOK members, and open to the public, in 2011 included the eighth World Aid's Day Service at Trinity for North County and the Third Annual Mother's Day Fancy Dress Swim Against Malaria in Oceanside. Daughters also provided service to the larger community by: Leading Prayers and Squares activities; participating in Habitat for Humanity & Crop Walk efforts; and sewing clothing and blankets for the Trinity Toymakers.

Stephanie Tobin, President



### *Looking back*

This year we did some consolidating after a few experimental moves the previous year. We're developing good cohesion and regularity in attendance, which is proving good for group dynamic and programming. The kids ask great questions, seek out honest answers, and continue to show care and interest in what trinityYouth is. The kids and I, with the support and guidance of Rev. Meg, have tried to create some structural elements that lend a little more predictability to our youth group activities. Here are some of the programming elements put into effect this past year:

- meeting time moved to Sunday evenings from 6p-7:30
- age range put back to grades 7 - 12 after allowing 6th graders the year previous
- group re-combined into middle and high school meetings after separating by level for awhile the year previous
- each Sunday of the month set for a different type of activity: games, learning/discussion, worship/prayer, service, 5th Sunday movies
- institution of 'Second Adult' scheduling, inviting Trinity adults to partner with the youth group for safety standards and relationship

The summer saw our annual weekly beach days, movie nights, and the completion of our year-long exploration of other church and religious traditions. The highlight of the latter was our visit with the youth of the Islamic Center of San Diego, in which mutual understanding and respect were sought.

### *Looking Ahead*

In the effort to dedicate one Sunday per month to service, trinityYouth has scheduled itself to be a regular meal provider for a local transitional shelter for women. Every second Sunday of the month, the kids will be planning, providing

ingredients, preparing, and delivering a meal for some people trying to get back on their feet.

We will be attempting this year to create more regular connections between the youth of the church and broader membership. The Second Adult efforts have gone very well, support from parents and non-parents alike. Cassie Lieurance has committed to once-a-month participation with the kids. While I feel unconditional support from our parish community, my hope is that this next year can bring more of what the Second Adult effort has started - more Trinity adults directly connected with, encouraging, and participating with Trinity teens. Did you know that if a young person has a connection with five adult church members other than their parents, that young person is more likely to not only feel more connected to their current church community, but is also more likely to continue in their faith once they leave for college? (Powell & Clark, *Sticky Faith*....) That's what we want, right? I would ask you to consider in these next few months how you might make some space in your life for the lives of our teens.

Enrique Serrano  
Youth Minister

### Music

2011 was another good year for our Trinity Music Ministries which include the Parish Choir, directed by moi, The Choristers, directed by Dana Stanford and the Trinity Bells, directed by Joe Stanford. There are also a number of individuals who play from time to time for special services and for Meg's services at a local convalescent home. The choir, just this past Christmas, reached the 20 member mark. This is a *big* accomplishment for a church of our size. Having that number "on the rolls" means that there is security in numbers. For years there was enormous pressure on the smaller choir just to show up. No colds, vacations or personal problems allowed.

The Choristers has 16 energetic, young singers who keep "Miss Dana" very busy learning musical skills and learning to be "young adults". The Trinity bells also has 16 people playing, though not all at the same time. The group who play and sing for the once a month Tuesday night service are dedicated and dependable and then

there are our instrumentalists who play violin, flute, harp, piano, guitar, drums, bagpipes, trombone, clarinet and sax among others. All in all, there are 56 people involved in our music program. Yes, there is some cross over between the various groups, but that number is amazing. There are local churches with less than that number in their entire congregations.

We have a tradition here at Trinity of singing and playing a lot of good, traditional, time honored music that reflects our own musical and liturgical history. We have also been successful at giving fair time to more contemporary works and spirituals. The Choir even sang some jazz arrangements this past year. As their director, I am so blessed to have such a talented and supportive choir to work with. It is such fun and also so inspiring. It is, of course, the mission of all of our ensembles to provide music that is spiritually uplifting and inspiring to you, the congregation, as well. I hope and pray that we never lose sight of that goal.

This is the official time of year when a director of music thanks, in print, everyone who directs, sings, plays, rings, taps, or otherwise helps us do our job and those who support our work throughout the year. My most heartfelt gratitude goes out to you all, especially to Dana and Joe Stanford for the fine work they are doing, and to Mother Meg, who makes my work such a joy. She and the Vestry are unwavering in their support. Thanks to Suzan Reiner who puts up with my musical whims and changes of mind with the bulletins. Thank you all.

The wonderful growth in our music programs over the past few years has created a bit of a problem for us. We are experiencing growing pains in a number of ways. Not enough chairs, barely enough space to rehearse, time conflicts between rehearsal groups and most critically....we are running out of music. A church music library is an interesting thing. Something very few people ever see or think about. There are copies of music going back to the first days of Trinity, with price tags in the top corner of ten cents per copy. Every year new music is added to keep up with liturgy, changing times and tastes. There needs to be music that is accessible to all levels of expertise and for small as well as large choirs. Music is also purchased to ensure that the library is relatively flexible and complete, in regards to our historic traditions and on-going needs. The choirs go through a huge amount of music in a season, trying not to repeat things too often. During Holy Week alone, we sing 16 different anthems *plus* all of the related service music. We have a fantastic and eclectic music library and it is and should be always growing.

Here is our situation....Over the years, choir directors purchase only a few more individual copies of music than are needed for the size of the current choir. In the recent past that would have meant 10 to 15 copies of each piece. Add to that the usual attrition due to damaged and lost copies. When I first began here, eight

years ago, the choir had seven very devoted and accomplished singers in it. We had enough copies of music then. Many of the older, classic pieces had only eight or ten copies left. Counting on some growth, I began filling out the library with 20 copies each of the new music, never expecting that we would ever need even more. Well friends....we are there !!!!! I am delighted to have this problem. God Is Good !

We must begin to re-stock much of the library if it is to remain viable. We will have to count every copy and then try to find out if that music is still in print. It is possible to get permission to photo copy out of print music, but that would be our last resort. Also, as you may have gathered, music no longer costs ten cents a copy. More like \$2.00 a copy. Some of our very useful anthem books cost over \$20.00 each. This project will take a long time to complete but it must be done eventually. I already have some volunteers ready to begin. We have over 400 titles in the library. This endeavor will also have the benefit of coming up with a good insurance value.

The expense will be the main hurdle, as we have NO music budget. We depend on your contributions to the *Trinity Music Fund*. For the past few years, with budget tightening, we have been purchasing 100% of our music supplies, for those 56 people and three different groups, out of the Music Fund. If you are so inclined, please consider making a donation now and then, whatever the amount, to help us out. It is our desire to ensure that the *Trinity Music Ministries* will continue, far into the future, to be an aid in our worship and to be a defining part of who we are as a parish.

I want to end this report with another sincere thank you to all of you, the *Trinity Congregation*, for your many kind words and constant support, not only for our many musicians, but especially for me personally. I feel so loved here, I cannot imagine being anywhere else. *Trinity is a very special place.*

David Lewis  
Director of Music

### Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares had a busy year in 2011, generating 47 prayers quilts for parishioners, friends and relatives. Prayers & Squares is an interfaith ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The purpose of Prayers & Squares is to promote prayer for healing and comfort through the use of quilts. Each knot tied in the quilt by a parishioner represents a silent prayer for

someone in need.

At Trinity we are blessed to have eleven women who do the quilt top sewing and meet at church twice a month to finish putting the quilts together. Not only do they give their time and talents, but also they give generously of their own fabric stash and donations of fabric and thread to this Trinity ministry.

It's more than sewing. One parishioner donates her time organizing our fabrics and closet. This year we have added another parishioner who uses her special talents in photography and record keeping to keep a scrapbook with pictures and stories about the quilts and their recipients. Look for it at today's annual meeting.

As with most church ministries, working together in a prayerful ministry has brought us closer in fellowship and friendship. Actually, we have a lot of fun at our twice monthly meetings. So, please join us when you can. Come to work or just to hang out and visit.

Prayers & Squares meets on the first Saturday and third Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. - noon. For more information, please contact Dru Cowles at 858-485-5585 or [prayersandsquares@trinityescondido.org](mailto:prayersandsquares@trinityescondido.org).

Dru Cowles

### Pastoral Care Report, 2011

In 2011, Trinity's Pastoral Care Committee consisted of Dru Coles (coordinating meals for parishioners emergency needs), Barbara VanderLyke (arranging rides to church), Karol Brown (visits to shut-ins), and Milly Burruss (coordinating receptions for funerals). Karol Brown moved away mid-year, so we no longer have a coordinator for that ministry. After recruiting at several church services in 2010, we have compiled a list of parishioners who are willing to help in one or more of the areas of care.

We had no requests for emergency meals this year, and are thankful that no one had this need.

For rides to church, several of our parishioners have been providing rides for some time, and continue to do so. Barbara is available to co-ordinate this if requests are received.

For receptions, we have provided receptions for 6 funerals, and coordinated the food for the Arts Alive Auction.

If you are interested in helping in any capacity in this ministry, please be sure to speak to Barb, Dru, or myself at any time.

We are fortunate to have so many willing volunteers to help with these activities. A huge thank you to all who have provided kitchen help, food, decorating, and service. It is my pleasure to work with our Trinity faithful as we strive "To bring people to Christ, to bring Christ to the people"

Milly Burruss

### **African Team Ministries**

In 2011, Trinity hosted two African Team Ministries craft sales. One was held during the spring when the late Bishop Shalita visited us, and the second one took place at the usual time in the fall. Proceeds from the sale of these jewelry and craft items go to help people in East Africa obtain medical services, electricity, schooling, clothing, and food. Thank you for your generous support of this most worthy organization, which has been giving the people of East Africa a reason to hope for a better future.

Suzan Reiner