



THE TRUMPET

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Church

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Our Mission Statement

*As it has for more than two centuries, Trinity continues to be a community of the faithful,
reaching out joyfully in Christ's name to share God's love and compassion,
ministering to one another, our neighbors, and all creation.*

We pray that the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit will bring new generations to know, love, and serve Him.



A Service of Remembrance 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Sunday September 11, 2011

7:00 PM

Trinity Episcopal Church

500 Court Street

Portsmouth, Virginia

Interfaith gathering for prayer,
Scripture, reflection, music, gratitude
for those who gave their lives that day
and in the last 10 years, and for all who
continue our perseverance of freedom
and hope.



Getting Your *Trumpet* on Time

We have received many questions about the sometimes-late delivery of the printed copies of the *Trumpet*. After checking with the bulk mail supervisor at the Portsmouth Post Office, we determined several causes to the problem, and a couple of solutions.

We send out the *Trumpet* as inexpensively as we can. All mail is sorted now in Norfolk (and at some point soon will be moved to Richmond). Any bulk mail with a mailing code bar can be sorted automatically. Ours does not have such a code, and so must be sorted manually by a clerk—when he or she gets to it.

So what can we do to help you get the *Trumpet* in time for the news to be useful? First, we send it by bulk mail to save money. It would cost a lot more to send it first class.

We are investigating some basic software that can print the coding bar on addresses that we print from the computer (for envelopes and on labels). That will speed up the processing.

We will move the deadline from the 15th of the month to the 10th, with a mailing date on the 20th, so all news will have to come sooner to the office.

We've had a suggestion to go to a print copy of the *Trumpet* on a bi-monthly basis

I'd like to know what you think. Be in touch with me in person, or by phone or email so that I can hear your feedback.

Father John

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(breakfast follows)

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
(September-May)

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Tuesday

12:05 Eucharist & Healing
(All Saints' Chapel)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop
Priest-in-Charge

Ellen Kohls
Parish Administrator

vacant

Director of Music Ministry

Julia Burgess Ballinger,
Director of Child Care Ministries

Linda Torres,
Financial Secretary

Tony M. Macklin, Sexton

VESTRY & OFFICERS

Gene DeNardi, Senior Warden

Sue Jordan, Junior Warden

Malcolm Fortson, Treasurer

Virginia Vail Kolb, Register

Barbara Davis

Sue Everett

Fran Gill

Anna Fay Grayson

Jean Hanbury

Rita Hedgespeth

Elizabeth Hudgins

Irv Lindley

Ron Weiss

Welcome to Our New Parish Administrator

On September 6, we welcome **Ellen Kohls** as our new parish Administrator. Ellen has over 25 years of experience serving as an executive assistant in business, and, for the last three years, as parish administrator at St. John's Episcopal Church here in Portsmouth. Ellen was the choice of the Human Resources Committee, Father John, and the Vestry. She is a lifelong Episcopalian.

We look forward to her warmth, enthusiasm and dedication. She will work for six hours a day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We will have office coverage on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please take a moment to extend a welcome to Ellen!




Mission & Outreach

Food Basket Sunday: September 25

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Food Basket. All items will be gathered on **Sunday, August 28th** for distribution to agencies feeding the hungry. Thanks so much for your help!

Help with Breakfast at Oasis Center

Trinity Church's turn for breakfast at Oasis is **Wednesday, September 7th** beginning at 6 a.m. We need all the help we can get for preparing and serving food to the homeless and the hungry. We work hard—and have a good time! Can you lend a hand? Let Dottie Lindley know—by calling her at 675-4381 or email her at dlindley@paperwhyte.com.

Furniture to Donate? We Can Use It

Do you have furniture in good condition that you do not need any longer? Father John occasionally has a request from a family in need for furnishings. Please let Father John know what you are able to give. ***Please do not bring it to church for storage.*** Father John will keep a list of parishioners who can donate, and types of furniture available, and will call if the need occurs. Thanks so much!

Walk for HOPE

Mark your calendars for the PARC, Inc. 2011 Walk for HOPE, Sunday, October 9 through Olde Towne Portsmouth. Funds raised will help to meet basic human needs for deserving households within our community. For more information, contact PARC Admin at 393-7848 or by email at admin@parc.hrcoxmail.com.

Discretionary Fund Sunday: September 18

The loose offering, offering envelopes for the Fund, and checks payable to Trinity and earmarked "Discretionary Fund" all help to support persons in need.

There has been great demand on the Fund in the past couple of months. Donna Campbell, the executive director of Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition (PARC) reports that calls to this agency have doubled from earlier this year. With job loss, budget cuts to federal and state programs, and sudden illness, needs are greater than ever. Our Fund has helped to keep families housed, children fed, and medications supplied.

Please be generous—and know that your gift will accomplish much in the lives of others.

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 2nd

Bring your beloved pet the annual Blessing of the Animals at Trinity Church on **Sunday, October 2nd at 4:00 p.m.** Along with prayers, readings from Holy Scripture, and a brief homily,

Father John and other invited clergy will be present to bless each of the animals brought forward—and, if weather permits, the City of Portsmouth Mounted Patrol horses. And take this opportunity to invite your friends and especially those who don't attend any church right now.





We had a great time, learned a lot and our pockets are filled with gold, but now it's time to ride off into the sunset. Before we do, we would like to give special thanks to: David Ballinger for the incredible sets and audio/visual services, Jennifer Stinson for many hours of planning, hard work and dirty jobs, Beverly Matias for translating God's message into words little ears could understand, Maria Cartwright for lending her voice to the very beloved puppet (Dakota), Steve Kolb and Mary Caron for an outstanding music program, Joe Cartwright for keeping the energy up with physical activities, Dani Ballinger for the fun crafts, Summer Ligon for team leading, Felicia Sawyer for tending to the nursery, Virginia Kolb for greeting and sign up, Cora Lorkiewicz for coordinating the kitchen, Lee Harbin and Logan Peacock for kid wrangling, and the ECW and Brotherhood of St. Andrews for providing and preparing several fabulous dinners.

Thank you also to everyone who answered the call for donations. Without your help and the financial assistance of the Christmas Shoppe and the ECW's Flower Sale, we would not have had such a fun, successful and meaningful program for the promising, young members of our spiritual community.



*Sincerely,
Julia Burgess
Director of
Childrens Min.*





Christian Formation at Trinity

Adult Christian Formation

On September 18th at 9:30 a.m., in the Common Room, we begin an exciting new series: **My Story/The Story**.

Every one of us has a story to tell. Trinity Church has a wonderful story to tell of its 250 years in ministry in Portsmouth. For some of us, these stories are intertwined. And all of these stories are within the "greatest story ever told" - the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this series, we will feature some very interesting speakers who will help us discover the story of God's loving grace within each of our lives. Topics include the great stories in Southern literature; how to tell a

story; writing a spiritual autobiography; keeping a journal; storytelling, and other interesting and delightful ways to tell our own stories to others so that they can find the presence of Christ in their lives.

For September, the topics include:

- **September 18th:** Highlights in Southern Literature, led by Dr. Phil Hines, retired professor of literature at Old Dominion University and member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Norfolk.
- **September 25th:** Journaling in Christian Life

Kids Corner

Just a reminder about Fun on the Farm
at the Tapman's home!

Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.

Saturday, September 10th
11:00-3:00

There will be games, swimming and a chance to see the horses up close. Or you can sip tea in the shade and watch the day go by.

2640 Freeman Mill Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23438



See you there!

No rain date.



The Treasurer's Two Cents

Linda Torres, our Financial Secretary, mailed quarterly statements in July to each pledging member of Trinity Church.

Several of you noticed that donations were not recorded properly and notified Dickie Gill (Pledge Secretary), Linda or me. We were able to find the donations and properly post them to the correct account. This check and balance is important to ensure we avoid errors in entering the data into the computerized financial system.

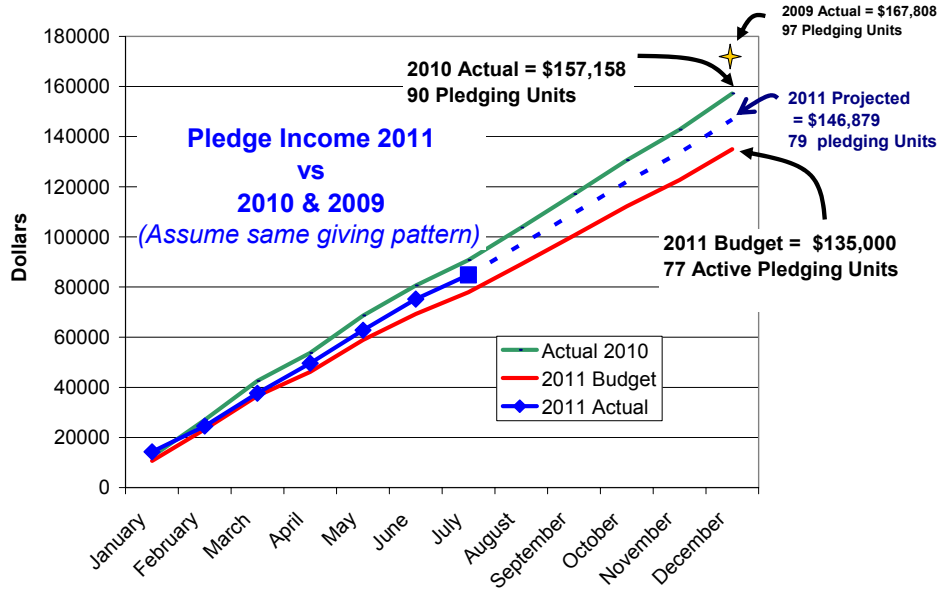
The main issue involved donations for the evensong in June. These were applied as pledge payments instead of being recorded specifically for the event. The following tips can help us enter your donation to the correct fund.

- 1) Only place pledge payments in the pre-printed envelopes.
- 2) Indicate on the check the purpose you desire the funds to be credited.
- 3) Review your statements provided quarterly by Linda to confirm the proper recording of your donation.

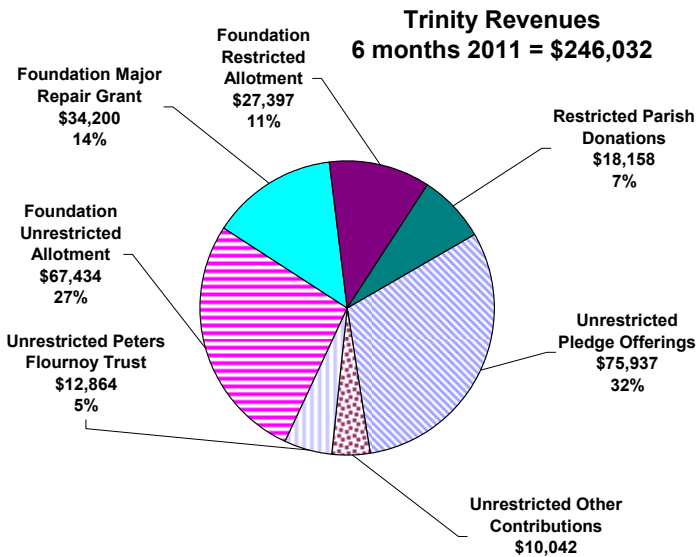
We also had a small problem with the computer posting several weeks of church offerings in the same week. This issue has also been resolved for the future.

I was able to share some good news about the pledges last month. The corrections made for the month of June discussed above have reduced slightly the projected pledge income for the

year. On the "Pledge Income 2011 vs 2010 & 2009" chart you can see that we continue to be tracking ahead of the budget trend line and expect to reach about \$146,879 by the end of the year.



Pledges make up about 54% of the operating revenues. The chart entitled "Trinity Revenues" shows the total Operating and Restricted revenues for the first six months of this year. Note that we received a grant for the new church boiler and church yard wall repairs totaling \$34,200.



Malcolm Fortson
Trinity Treasurer



Episcopal Church Women

The August Newsletter somehow never made it to press, so here it is:

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

As we approach our last month of summer, our thoughts are full of plans for fall...Trinity Fall Fest, that is. We had our first workshop on July 12, 2011. It was a successful session of working, talking and planning for October 7th and 8th. Hope you can join us in the coming weeks at other workshops before our bazaar. Check the bulletin for dates and times.

I recently attended my grandson's birthday party at the "new" Children's Museum on High Street. Many THANKS to Martha Frances Forston and Nancy Perry for their hard work and leadership to make our Portsmouth Museums First Class! Also, Thanks to Gracie Peacock and Patty King, through Mission and Outreach, for donating profits from Santa's Christmas Shop to the construction and renovation of the Children's Museum! Of course, the children loved it...But, it was the parents who REALLY had a great time. Everyone should go and see this beautiful addition to our City.

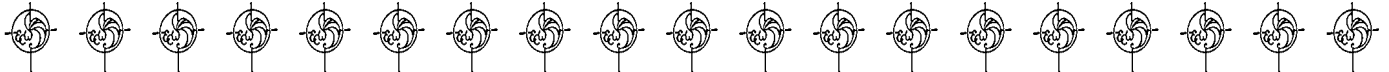
Donating to a cause that helps our City, thrills our children and causes adults to feel like kids again can't be a bad thing. We are very proud to have a congregation that serves God and His Church, but also our community.

With Love, Mary Andrews

Please note: If you wish to attend the September ECW meeting, we will meet on 09/20/11, the third Tuesday of September, instead of the fourth Tuesday of the month.

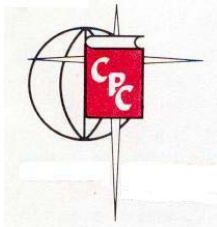
A special Thank You goes to Julia Ballinger and her helpers for making Vacation Bible School so special to all the children. St. Christopher's cooked a meal one night, as did the men of Trinity group. ECW cooked two nights and a pot luck supper was held the last night. Mary Caron taught the children new songs; Beverly Matias was Storyteller and taught the children "how to pray." Dani Ballinger taught them many crafts and games. The children loved every minute, which is our ultimate goal!

Mary Andrews, President



Church Periodical Club Sunday: September 11th

Church Periodical Club Sunday is September 11th here at Trinity Church Through the Miles of Pennies program, CPC supports Episcopal parish libraries and helps to purchase textbooks for seminarians. Please put your pennies and other change in the large container outside of the church office. Silent offerings also are welcomed! We will gather these funds and bring them forward at both services on Sunday, September 11th. Thank you and God bless you for your generous support for this worthy ministry in the Episcopal Church.



Brotherhood of Trinity Men's Group Meeting

Every man at Trinity Church is invited to be a part of Brotherhood of Trinity—for fellowship, study and service. Our next dinner meeting is Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Questions? Be in touch with Larry Peacock at 319-8777 or email him at peacocks2@cox.net.





FALL FEST

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 9AM TO 3 PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 9AM TO NOON

LOTS OF GOOD THINGS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

LUNCH GENTLY USED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PIES
SILENT AUCTION COOKIES BBQ LOVELY HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS
SOUPBOOKS FROZEN DINNERS LINENS
JAMS TOYS BASKETS PUMPKINS STEW CAKES
THINGS FOR YOUR WALL FALL DÉCOR CANDY
CHRISTMAS ITEMS PLANTS
YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

FOR QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS, PLEASE CALL 393-0431

On Search for the Director of Music Ministry

Trinity Church is seeking a Director of Music Ministry. The job description and position announcement are posted on the web site and have been made available through professional networks. For the time being, we have organist on Sundays. The choir will be back in place once an interim musician is in place or, God willing, we find the right candidate.

The selection committee is in formation as of the writing of this announcement, and the Human Resources Committee also will work with committee members and the Vestry for any appointments.

Please keep this search process in your prayers. If you have any questions or know of any potential candidates, please let Father John know as soon as possible.

Confirmation Preparation

In September and the beginning of October, Father John will prepare persons who desire to be confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church. Teens and adults will review essential elements of the Christian faith and Episcopal practices.

Sessions will begin on September 11th at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Chapel. All are welcome—but these sessions are necessary for those who wish to receive the laying on of hands by Bishop Jay Magness on Sunday, October 16th.

Any questions? Please see Father John, call the church, or email him at john.throop@trinity-portsmouth.org.



250th Anniversary Celebration News

The celebration year of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Trinity Episcopal Church begins in two months' time. The celebration covers a full year because the time between granting the church's license in October 1761 and the beginning of its construction in October 1762 leaves wide interpretation as to the date from which to start counting: in any event, this year is one of great rejoicing over Trinity's long service in the cause of our Lord. We, the 250th Celebration Committee, have been moved to feel that the constant and continuous devotion to the service of God by the church community of Portsmouth will be the source of our emphasis during this year.

For this reason, we have focused on emphasizing what this church and community have received from those Christian who worshiped in our beautiful church building. There have been dedicated men of the cloth such as the Revolutionary War chaplain John Braidford, Rev. John Henry Duchacet Wingfield who suffered imprisonment and degradation, and lay members including heroic men of arms like Arthur Emmer-son III who led his men into mortal danger and devoted servants of the church such as the Sexton Bob Butt, who while still a slave risked his own life when the Yellow Fever struck Portsmouth in 1855. Through the years they among many others have answered the call of Christian duty.

We feel, therefore, that to honor the role of service of Trinity Episcopal Church to the town of Portsmouth, it would be fitting to have an appropriate memorial to such people. We are planning to commission permanent works to honor the actions of Bob Butt and Arthur Emerson III to help in telling the story of Trinity's role in service of Portsmouth and the nation.

Next month we will introduce the gala side of our rejoicing in our church through a grand opening parade up High Street from the ferry joined by Old St. Paul's and Christ & St. Luke's Church clergy and people. Presiding will be the Rt. Rev. Jay Magness, Bishop Suffragan of Federal Ministries, including ministry to the armed forces. It will culminate in a choral Evensong from the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* which would have been the form used when the church was founded. It will feature musical leadership by our retired organist Jim Derr along with a special choir formed for the occasion.

This celebration will be followed by a High Tea on Saturday, October 22nd at 4 p.m. Other events will spread through the following months including a home-

coming tented picnic.

We look for your help in refining our plans and your voluntary aid in gathering together current and past members of our Trinity family to remember these two and a half centuries. If you want to help with the celebration contact me.

Souvenirs will go on sale at the Fall Fest in October.

Juliet Quicke, Chair
250th Celebration Committee.

A Celebration of Gifts Stewardship at Trinity



At our last meeting, Father John was our main speaker and emphasized the main things that stewardship is in this order:

- 1) Response to God's blessing.
- 2) Increase in faith.
- 3) A way to order one's life.
- 4) A lifestyle instead of an event.

If you love and believe in Jesus Christ, then you will want to give of your talent. Time and treasure to the church and its activity. Emphasis will be put on pledging through the months of September and October with dinner planned for late October or early November.

The Stewardship Team consists of Keir Balingier, Jean Colonna, Bob Hunt, Beverly Matais, Irv Lindley, Joseph Cartwright, Maria Cartwright, Summer Ligon, Father John Throop and chairperson Ron Weiss. We will be meeting Wednesday evening, August 31, at 6:00 pm, in the conference room. Malcolm Fortson will be our guest speaker, talking about the Foundation money and how it will effect our overall church budget.



The Parish Prayers*

The following people have been placed on the Prayer List at their request or the request of a family member or friend. Please include these intercessions and thanksgivings in your personal devotions.

For our special needs and concerns:

Bobbie Davis, Eileen Foster, Shep Trant, Flo Trant, Patty Outten, and Marianne Nelowet, Irv Lindley, Sharon Stanaway, David Loomis, Macon Williams, Diana Strelow, Peppy Owens, Judy Leach, Norm Ream, Nell Shay, Catherine Blackwood, Valerie Dugan, John Hollowell, Nancy Radcliffe, Ann Dodd, Carol Fitzwater, and Walter Jordan III, Mac Williams, Anne Long, Susan Cooke, Nell Shay, Randy Bowes, Randolph Pritchard, Betsy Mackenzie, Gerald Wells, Eileen Foster, Dusty & Mitch Ash, Robert Nottingham, Margaret Sharrett, Ellen Esleeck, Dick Austin, Shep & Flo Trant, Virginia Andrews, Neale Mayo, Marion Gartman

Our loved ones:

Peggy Howard, sister of Allen Boyd and cousin of Janice Newberry, Robin Vogt and Bobbie Davis; **Langhorne Porter**, mother of Charles Porter; **Katy Klein**, mother of Frank Klein; **LaNette Kardokus**, friend of Felicia Sawyer; **Sherry Tomlinson**, friend of Felicia Sawyer; **Sam Lorkiewicz**, grandson of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Henry Lorkiewicz**, brother-in-law of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Robert E. Whitney**, father of Ron Whitney; **Angela Leary**, sister of Laurie Klein; **Jenny Clayton**, mother-in-law of Peppy Owens; **Dottie Budnick**, sister-in-law of Bob Hunt; **Lynette McLean**, friend of Sue Everett; **John Upton**, brother-in-law of Juliet Quicke; **Walter Meadows**, brother of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Benjamin Williams**, grandson of Dr. & Mrs. Robert McAortor; **Pat Lorkiewicz**, sister-in-law of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Pat Ho**, niece of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Richard Ford**, father of Cindy Ford

For all serving in harm's way: including Barbara Boyd Livreri, Charlie Felps, Justin Lewis, Greg Caron, Frank Sharrett, Paul Byron Radford, and Bob Miller

For all the blessings of this life:

◆ For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this month, especially:

2 Nathan Blackwood	9 Anna Fay Grayson	21 Joan Moore	26 Todd Boyd
4 Elizabeth LeGrande	10 Susan Cooke	23 Stephen Calentine	26 David Gill
Catherine Blackwood	11 Chris Porter	24 Lawrence Outten	28 Richard Fox
6 Keir Ballinger	14 Dean Burgess V	Ben Blackwood	Don Shenenberger
Ann Reed	15 Candice Paige Porter	25 Jean Colonna	
James R. Gill Jr.	18 Anna Kathryn Logue	25 Betty Powell	

◆ For those celebrating their wedding anniversary this month, especially:

6 Greg & Mary Caron	10 Jim & Elizabeth Smith	20 Dick & Randy Fuller
7 Chip & Emily Runyon	18 Allan & Mary Whitney	

*If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the Prayer List, please call or e-mail the church office.

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how we handle each other, deal with differences, or develop priorities. The change may come when we change our minds, hearts and spirits and decide that we do not have to be right. We need to be together in prayer as we seek the grace and glory of God, always available to us and never-changing.

In Christ,
John+



Please Take Note!

The deadline for the October issue of "The Trumpet" is September 15.



The Last Word (from the Priest-in-Charge)

Are you prepared for change? For many in life, change can be challenging. We find great comfort and security in the familiar. We know what to expect, and what is expected from us. In every congregation, indeed, in every organization, there are The Seven Last Words: "We've never done it that way before."

In many areas of life, however, change cannot come fast enough. As we grow closer to Election Day in November 2012, candidates will press for change. "We've had it this way for the last four years," candidates will cry out, "and it's time for a change!" Change is built into nature and seasons. On September 21st, we will move officially from the summer season to fall. The further into the season, the more leaves change color and bedding plants take their last breath. Nature is a great teacher. It inspired the Greek philosopher Heraclitus. He said, to paraphrase, "There is nothing constant but change."

Perhaps, then, resistance to change is working against the energies of nature. It helps to take change out of the imagery of a grasping hand, and place it instead in the imagery of grasping hands. Instead of working against one another, we work with one another. When I taught and consulted in the area of systems analysis, I helped people to distinguish between continuous change and discontinuous change. Anyone who works in the area of science knows that there are certain principles, like biological aging, involve continuous and predictable changes, for the most part. Every day that we awaken, we are older. Other scientific discoveries, however, bring about discontinuous change. When Copernicus discovered, through telescopic technology, that the sun was the center around which the planets orbit, people were shocked. *Everyone knows* that everything revolves around planet Earth. We discovered that the earth is round, and people were shocked. Charles Darwin amazed all when he published *The Origin of the Species* and proposed evolutionary theory. These examples remind us that change can challenge people to the core of their very being.

"Perhaps the change needs to come in how we handle each other, deal with differences ... "

In the Church, we know that God is the creator and sustainer of life and is sovereign over all. We know that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of humankind. We know that God's Spirit is in all who are baptized and, when working within, calls us together for God's purposes. So these are eternal truths. In time, however, our own minds, hearts and spirits move through change. So if God never changes, how is it that we change in our view of God? In prayer, study and reflection, we grow and change in faith because we expand our knowledge and love of God. And if the

Holy Spirit is truly at work, we do not change the fundamentals of the faith. We understand them more deeply.

Back in the 1970s, the Episcopal Church went through a great crisis in changing the *Book of Common Prayer*. When we moved from the 1928 version to the one put into use in 1979, many faithful people could not understand why this change was necessary. What we learned in this change process was that we did not take on modern forms of prayer but, rather, more ancient forms than were available until the 20th century. We became more ancient. We changed to the *really* old ways.

Trinity Church in 2011 is not the same as it was in 1761, or in Charles Vaché's time. Portsmouth has gone through many changes, as has our culture and our understandings of society. We want to recover the "good old days," but we cannot return (even if they existed). Instead, we find ourselves moving forward. Some propose change, and others embrace it. Some accept change, and others resist it. So we can face discontinuous change with all of the pain that goes with it, or we can understand that we are in continuous change, and try to move forward with joy and hope.

As we see in government, people think that changing the people in power will make things stable. Here at Trinity Church, a common view is that changing the Vestry members or the priest or the staff members will stabilize things or solve problems. Perhaps the change needs to come in

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**The Blessing
of the Animals
Sunday,
October 2, 4:00 pm**



Mark Your Calendars!



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