

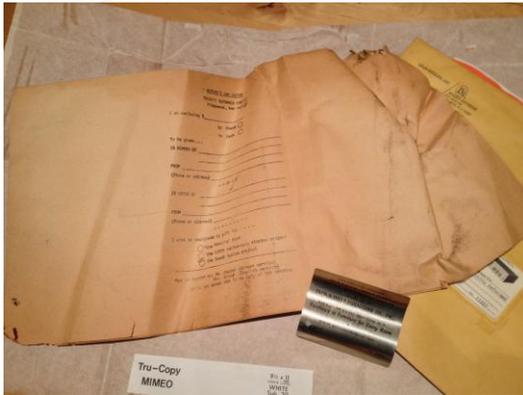
TRINITY CHIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

May 2014

Goodly Heritage

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. - Psalm 16:5-6



A few years ago we did some renovation and remodeling in our church building, converting a rather dank church office/secretary closet/copy room and fellowship hall stage into more open and functional office space. In the process we also updated some office equipment, consolidated various old furniture, and simply retired other pieces that long since lost their usefulness. A few filing cabinets—one a sturdy Steelcase model—remained that were in pretty good condition but weren't really needed. Being both a tidy and a frugal sort, not wanting them to take up valuable space but also not wanting to too readily dispense with them, I put them into storage in the church manse's basement where they have remained until just recently being "adopted out" to someone in need.

Removing the cabinets from storage took a little more work than placing them into it. Here it was necessary to disassemble the drawers, and in so doing, find what in one view might be described as trash that settled at the bottom of the cabinet, but in another, an unintended time capsule! Mind you, it was not that exciting of a time capsule. Some of the better items are pictured above: unused mimeo paper, as well as a used template for a

Mother's Day bulletin insert, a bent metal furniture plate, some old mail. The address label on the mail was of particular interest to me as it had the zip code when the neighbourhood's mail still went through Brooklyn, a detail that preexisted the 1977 New York City Blackout, a little bit of our Ridgewood and Trinity history.

To call these items historic is pushing it. Sure, they're over forty years old, but perhaps due to my own aging I'd like to consider that not old at all. Still, when reading the psalmist's words this past Sunday I couldn't help but think of these items. "The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage." (Psalm 16:5-6) A goodly heritage? Why is it that these words conjure immediately in my mind this particular snapshot in time collected as refuse in the bottom of an old filing cabinet?

Sure, when the history of the church is written it is often about those apex moments. (And also, sometimes those nadir moments too.) But life, even the life of faith is more steady, if at times grueling, than that. Even boring I suppose, although not necessarily boring in a bad way.

Perhaps it is precisely the banality of it all, the mundaneness of the items pictured here and what they represent, of ministry and life where God is experienced and faith is formed and fostered and shared. And maybe because following here between the second and third Sundays of Easter and the intensity of Lent and the exuberance of the Resurrection that we sort of "come down," again not in a bad way, not a boring way, but in a regular way where regularity can be appreciated with joy. Maybe a goodly heritage is also the simple generative practices of worship and study, fellowship and prayer, service and discipleship in all the normal day in and day out activities of life.

On Easter Sunday our church sanctuary is

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filled with the colour and perfume of spring flowers: tulips and hyacinths, daffodils and azaleas, and of course Easter Lilies. They are beautiful and add to the joy and celebration of this ultimate of the Lord's Days, a rightfully high celebration. But by now, the flowers that have been left have all begun to fade. Some need a picking over and may last a wee bit longer but even so, this time for them is done. But not finished. Soon they will be transplanted to the gardens and here they will continue to grow. Bulbs will rest. And hopefully, when spring returns next year, so will their exuberant colours. But in the regular days and weeks and months ahead, they will simply grow. I'd like to think planted with and in a goodly heritage and well attended to by the gardener, they will hopefully flourish.

And so may we. Like the flowers planted in good soil we and our faith are nurtured and cared for by God.

But we also get to be gardeners, are actually called to be! From the first days of our creation, place in the garden to care for it, to our recreation in Christ, called to follow him and to be and make disciples, we are workers in the garden of the Lord. As the blooms turn into verdant leaves and the browns and grays of winter become vibrant and filled with life and abundance of spring, remember your calling, your true identity in Christ. And remember it, even in the most ordinary of your life and growth. You are God's!

In Christ's Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tom

Easter Breakfast and Celebration

Thirty-four people attended the breakfast before the Easter worship service on April 20 and it was a pleasant way to begin the day on which we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Thank you to everyone who decorated the tables, shopped and prepared the food and cleaned up. You helped make the day special. And a thank you to all for the beautiful flowers which adorned the sanctuary Easter morning.



Cake and Rummage Sale



Trinity's annual Spring Cake and Rummage Sale will take place on **Sat., May 10th** from **10:00am to 2:00pm**. If you have **new** or **gently used** items that you would like to donate to the sale, these can be brought to the church fellowship hall on **Tues. May 6th**, or **Thurs. May 8th** during normal office hours **8:30am-2:30pm** - please no sooner. Also, please feel free to bake some of your delicious specialty sweets for the sale, which can be dropped off at church beginning at **9:00 am** on the morning of the sale. Please contact the church office if you can help with set-up the week before the sale, or on the day of the sale. **Any** time you could give would be much appreciated. And if you cannot volunteer, please come support the sale and enjoy your favorites!

Couples and Friends Club Picnic

The Couples and Friends Club will have their annual picnic at Old Westbury Gardens on Saturday, June 21 beginning at 10 a.m. Please feel free to join us if you would like to spend a relaxing day under the trees, touring the beautiful gardens and mansion, and enjoying some fellowship. You just have to bring your own food (**no bar-b-cues are permitted**). If you would like further information or directions please speak with Bill Voges.

Church-Wide Clean-up Day

Trinity's Annual Spring Cleaning day will be on Saturday, May 17th from 9am -1pm. All are invited to join in the fun!



VBS-Save the Date

Trinity will once again engage the children of our church and community with Vacation Bible School July 14-18. Please mark it on your calendars. More information will be forthcoming.



Happy May Birthdays

Margret Shea	1 st	Rosemary Famighetti	5 th
Dorothy Mertens	5 th	Linda Schiefer	16 th
Alexander Burzynski	18 th	Erna Lehfellner	18 th
Dorothy Keeber	22 nd	Puselia Ghioalda	25 th

Mother's Day Poem

Wenn ich gross bin, liebe Mutter will ich alles für dich tun, und dann haben deine Hände endlich Zeit sich auszuruhen
 Wenn die Hähne krähen am Morgen brauchst du nicht mehr aufzustehn, den dann werd ich für dich sorgen und für dich zur Arbeit gehen
 Wenn du gross bist, lieber Junge, dann wird alles anders sein, stehst du draussen erst im Leben dann stürmt soviel auf dich ein
 Du willst niemals von mir gehen und du lässt mich doch allein, Du hast Kämpfe zu bestehen und die Welt wird stärker sein.
 Wenn ich gross bin, liebe Mutter zeig ich dir die ganze Welt und wir bauen uns ein Häuschen wos am Besten uns gefällt,
 Einen Wagen und zwei Pferde und ein Auto hast du dann, den für dich, da werd ich sicher mal ein ganz berühmter Mann.
 Wenn du gross bist, lieber Junge gehst du deinen Weg für dich. Doch mir bleiben deine Briefe und das ist genug für mich.
 Böse Menchen werden kommen und Enttäuschung für uns zwei und dann läufst du in Verblendung an der Mutter tür vorbei.
 Wenn ich gross bin, liebe Mutter, dan such ich mir eine Frau, da will ich nur eine nehmen, die so ist wie du genau.
 Deine Stimme soll sie haben, deine Hände, dein Gesicht sonst bleib ich mit dir alleine, eine andre will ich nicht!
 Wenn du gross bist, lieber June, fliegt der stolze Vogel aus, doch ich warte – fein geduldig den ich weiss, du kommst nach Haus.
 Doch nun leg dich ganz schnell nieder, schlaf nun ein – s'ist höchst Zeit, morgen scheint die Gute Nacht, mein Kind, schlaf ein.

For a translation, see Rosemarie Walz.

Prayer List

Please be mindful of the following members and friends of our congregation in your prayers:

Janet Roth, health; Martha Bauer, health; Frederick Dalm, healing; Groezinger Family; Philipp & Hildegard Febel, healing; Laura Kurtz, health; Debra Meraglia, health & healing; Eleanor Rizzo, health & healing; Donna Dowd, healing; Doris Church, healing; United Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood and Pastor Henry Fury; Bill Albanese, health & healing; Susan Gebhart, health & healing; Maritza Garcia-Castro, health & healing; Fritz & Betty Klaar, health & healing; Anibal Segarra, safety & protection; Martin Seidl, health & healing; Barbara Burger, health & healing; Clara Gomez, health & healing; Mildred Schleeauf, health & healing; Church on the Hill, transitions; Isabel, Marcia, and Jade; Andrew Holbrook, health & healing; Reinhard Groezinger, health & healing; Marie Shanelly Alvarez; Mohr Family; Jennie Cartagena, health & healing; Billie Albanese, health & healing; Trudy Bambach, health & healing; Sara Segarra; Tito Ortiz; Michele Dimino, needs kidney transplant; Alberto Ortiz, serving in military; Erika Brockmann, health & healing; Merylyn Amoroso, health & healing; Family of Felder Williams, peace & comfort; Reformed Church in America, Queens Classis, and Regional Synod of New York; Dave & Char Alexander, RCA missionaries in Taiwan; Doug Leonard, RCA missionary in Oman; Peter Mark Trautmann, The Navigators at NYU; Leonard & Linda Schiefer, Gideons International; Pastor Tom and the Consistory.

Stewardship and Finance Report

<u>Expenditures for Month of</u>	<u>Mar. 2014</u>
Personnel Expenses	\$ 6,891.00
Utilities	\$ 1,747.00
Ministry/Supplies	\$ 399.00
Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Spiritual Life/Outreach/Advertising	\$ 25.00
Other Disbursements*	\$ 2,357.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 11,419.00

<u>Receipts for Month of</u>	<u>Mar. 2014</u>
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 5,787.00
Weekly Plate	\$ 121.00
Benevolences	\$ 608.00
Transfer from Memorial Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Special Offerings	\$ 1,507.00
Annuity	\$ 1,505.00
Other Receipts**	\$ 1,186.00
Total Receipts	\$ 12,714.00

*Insurance, Office Supplies, Coffee Hour, Sunday School and taxes

** Assessment, Sunday School, Coffee Hour, NA & Alanon

Because the offering envelope contributions were insufficient to meet expenses, \$2000 was transferred from the Memorial Fund to make up the difference.

Worship Schedule for May

May 4, 11, 18, 25 – Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

- Communion will be celebrated on May 4 and 18
- Prayer Meeting each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- Junior Church each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prayer Meeting Sundays 9am Junior Church Sundays 10am				1 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm NA Mtg. 7pm	2 UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm	3 Regional Synod of New York Annual Meeting NA Mtg. 7pm
4 Worship Service 10:00 am <i>Their Daily Bread Collection</i>	5 NA Mtg. 7pm	6 Al-Anon 7:30pm	7	8 NA Mtg. 7pm	9	10 Cake & Rummage Sale 10am-2pm NA Mtg. 7pm
11 Worship Service 10:00 am <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	12 NA Mtg. 7pm	13 Consistory 7pm Al-Anon 7:30pm	14	15 NA Mtg. 7pm	16	17 Couples & Friends 6pm NA Mtg. 7pm
18 Worship Service 10:00 am	19 NA Mtg. 7pm	20 Al-Anon 7:30pm	21 Frauenverein/ Ladies Aid 1 pm UPC Welcome Kitchen 4:00 pm	22 NA Mtg. 7pm	23	24 Church-wide Spring Clean-up 9am-1pm NA Mtg. 7pm
25 Worship Service 10:00 am	26 NA Mtg. 7pm	27 Al-Anon 7:30pm	28	29 Ascension Day Service @ Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Village NA Mtg. 7pm	30	31 NA Mtg. 7pm