

**Trinity Episcopal Church  
and  
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**SUMMER 2011**



**The Rector's View**

**In Gratitude  
for Alan Murchie**

There is probably no temptation more common than to believe that we are self-made people. Americans, in particular, consider the qualities of self-reliance, independence and risk-taking to be virtues. Our nation's heroes are self-made women and men. The pioneer who tames the wilderness and the poor immigrant who through hard work and undaunted courage rises to become a millionaire are the stuff of the American Dream.

To believe in the potential of the human spirit to rise above circumstances and to gain control over life's opportunities is most certainly admirable. But the dark side of our proclivity toward independent thought and self-reliance is the illusion that we are self-made.

Gratitude is the opposite notion, because it recognizes that even when we are rightly celebrating the rewards of our labor, we are heirs of an incredible variety of gifts bequeathed to us by others. The recognition of our fundamental dependence upon the grace of God for every breath we draw and upon the many gifts others have given us by others is a humanizing grace.

To fail to acknowledge our deep dependence, to fail to cultivate the habit of grace does not make us more human, but less. Ingratitude is nothing more than that self-pride, which the Greek Fathers of the Church called *hubris*, or what the Latin Fathers called original sin. It is the sin of believing that we are self-made.

Much has been accomplished at Trinity Church over the last four years. First among those achievements is



our sacred music program. Alongside our traditional choral program has emerged a cherub choir, regular chapel services for the nursery school and a concert and recital program of nationally recognized artists. The growth of our music ministry took talent, creativity and dedication to build, and one particular person deserves special credit.

For the gift of this legacy, Trinity Church owes our Music Director, Alan Murchie, a debt of deep gratitude. When June concludes, Alan will depart for Grace Church in New York City to pursue ordained pastoral ministry. With the choirs, with the concerts, with the TPNS chapel program, on the piano and on the organ, Alan has given and struggled, sacrificed and ministered, to nurture gifts within us that will strengthen and serve our community for many years to come.

May the love and loyalty he has earned be a source of gratitude, for gratitude is something deep and enduring. Gratitude, like Alan's legacy, gives our lives a center, an anchor, a grounding that orients us in this world and allows us to know that we are secure. What Alan has shared with us has made us secure and prepared us for the next phase in our community's life. Perhaps gratitude is just another word for faith or trust. And it is by faith that we are always called to live.

Thank you, Alan. Thank you for the example and inspiration you have been to us and to our children. You have taught us much, given us more, and you will be missed!

*Pax Christi, Nicholas +*

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## Curate on the Coast

### The Social Church

“*This is the happiest story you’ve ever read.*” So writes syndicated columnist David Brooks in his new book, The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement. It is the story of a contemporary, composite American couple, Harold and Erica, who lead fulfilling lives—but not always by the predictable or conventional definitions of success. They’re both typical over-achievers: Harold is the star athlete, Erica is the scholar, they’re always the most handsome couple in the room, instinctively knowledgeable of unspoken social cues, and others are drawn to them for the ease with which they move through social gatherings.

Impressive as these attributes and accomplishments are, they are not what bring Harold and Erica happiness and fulfillment. It is about the connectedness in their lives. They are successful, Brooks says, because they persevere *and progress*, together and with the help of others, in that universal and unending search to find meaning in life. Harold and Erica learn there are not—and never will be—simple answers. It often takes messy relationships with others, including those generational links with parents and those on up their ancestral trees, to inform Harold and Erica who they are continually becoming, in conjunction with all those others who are simultaneously becoming as well.

Harold and Erica find happiness when they experience what Brooks calls limerence—a yearning for that harmony when people feel themselves fused with God, with nature, and with one another. Despite circumstances, this yearning for harmony can hold together families, co-workers, military platoons, support groups or congregations through all sorts of ups and downs. Derived from the Greek verb, *harmozo*, which means “to fit together, to join,” harmony and its new friend, limerence, offer moments when it is possible to be, as C.S. Lewis writes, “free from all duties but those which love has freely assumed, almost wholly free of jealousy, and free without qualification from the need to be needed.”

Much to my delight, I saw our parish experience limerence during our Radical Sabbatical. With only a few vocal skeptics, our congregation took risks at loving and trusting to *do a new thing*, as I believe Christ Jesus commands. Committing to doing new

things was sometimes risky. But we did them. We challenged ourselves to experience God and one another in new ways by sharing talents (dramatic sermons), personal stories (Ed Michaels and Wendy Safyre), liturgies (Instructed Eucharist, High Mass) and special interests (blogging, creating stations of the cross).

Memorable for me was the Lenten Prayer Program and the group of nearly 30 people who gathered in the Parish Library for an hour and a half each week, trying new forms of prayer and meditation as one Body in Christ. It’s been said that just sitting in a garage does not make you a car. Neither does just sitting in church make you a Christian. Challenged to pray and meditate in ways that were not always familiar, the prayer group participants did far more than just sit and listen to a speaker tell them *how* to pray. We actually prayed, individually and intimately, one on one with our Lord and in the community of shared and significant silence with one another. We experienced limerence and a harmony within our group that transcended any differences. I always looked forward to the end of our meditations when I saw the relaxed and peaceful expressions on people’s faces, reflecting their sense of unified well-being in this collective time of prayer. As one prayer participant commented, “This is good stuff.”

During the past three months, my hope has been that each and every one of us begins to see God and Trinity with a fresh set of eyes. We need those new eyes to help us struggle with our daily worries when the old eyes get us stuck. Hopefully, our new eyes continue to nudge us in new directions and in harmony with one another.

As Bishop Jeffery Rowthorn told us, our ministry is the advocacy of an impossible dream—yet, we know that dream becomes possible through the promises made to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Like Saints Peter, Paul, James, Priscilla, Lydia and John, we are social creatures with extraordinary abilities to love and to achieve. God always gives us what we need to persevere and progress as we build up the Body of Christ in our own lives and through those lives with whom we are closely linked. If we trust enough to keep on pursuing our dreams with new eyes and in new ways, we will experience a holy limerence, with which the loving and harmonious hand of God continues to bless our lives.

*Mother Dawn+*



*Father Nicholas at the Staff Getaway.* Photo: W. Steinfeld



*Mother Dawn reading at the Cloisters/St. John the Divine Retreat on May 7.* Photo: Jean Winton

## Search Committee for Music Director of Trinity Church, Southport

Trinity Church's music program—adult and youth choirs, organ music, concerts and Nursery School chaplaincy—is a central element of our parish's Christian ministry and witness. Alan Murchie has done a truly extraordinary job developing this program over the past four years, brilliantly building on the work of his illustrious predecessors. We have learned much about music, choirs, and concerts, as well as about the position of the Music Director.

Now the parish must find a successor to lead us into the next phase of Trinity's music ministry. To accomplish this, the wisdom and assistance of a Search Committee are needed. Its purpose and goal is to do the research and deliberation necessary to present the Rector with two or three final candidates from which to choose our next Music Director.

The following parishioners have agreed to be the Search Committee: Nancy Edmiston, John Fath, Claire Bollman, Tom Lloyd, Whit Biggs, Adele Moran, Darryl MacPherson, Stephen Stout, Janet Souza and Mark Grayson. Each brings valuable insight and energy about one or more aspects of our music ministry. Using this insight and energy, the committee will be able to listen to and learn from the parish's various constituencies in order to articulate the vision of Trinity's music ministry, advertise the position, and identify appropriate candidates.

This will take time and teamwork. Fortunately, Whit Biggs will contribute his wisdom and experience of leading the last search, and the committee will begin meeting in July. It is the Rector's expectation that the successful candidate will be identified and called during Spring 2012.

So what provisions are being made for music in the meantime? Over the summer, Whit has graciously agreed to play the organ for Sunday worship. From September through May, an interim director will lead our program. God-willing, the Rector and a sub-set of the Search Committee will identify the interim within the next 30 days.

The Committee's mission is important and its outcome will affect us all. Please keep the committee members regularly in your prayers and do pass your suggestions along to them. I am more than confident that the Holy Spirit will lead them and us to a great successor to our fabulous Alan Murchie.

*Nicholas Porter +*

# Godspeed, Alan!



*Alan Murchie at choir rehearsal.*  
Photo: Hannah Brown, one of his Choristers.

*Grace Church in New York City, where Alan will start his ministry in September.*

Alan at work



*Above: Alan Murchie and John Abdenour (organist/choirmaster at St. Paul's Fairfield) acknowledge applause for their historic joint choir concert, May 15, 2011. Photo: Wendy Steinfeld*

*Left: Alan speaks last January at the Trinity Annual Meeting. Photo: Ed Michaels*

*Right: Alan with his kite from the Staff Getaway on May 10. Photo: Wendy Steinfeld*



... and at play!



**SOUTHPORT  
SUMMER  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL  
AT TRINITY  
CHURCH**

**SATURDAYS  
AT SEVEN**

**JUNE 4**

**CHAMBER CONCERT**

ROMIE DE GUISE-LANGLOIS, CLARINET  
ERIC JACOBSEN, CELLO  
ALAN MURCHIE, PIANO

Saint-Saëns | Sonata for Clarinet and Piano  
Saint-Saëns | Sonata for Cello and Piano  
Brahms | Clarinet Trio

**JUNE 18**

**THE KNIGHTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

WITH THE CHOIRS OF TRINITY CHURCH  
ERIC JACOBSEN, CONDUCTOR

Beethoven | Symphony #5 in C Minor  
Handel | Coronation Anthems  
Bielawa | Templehof Etude (World Premiere)

**JUNE 25**

**ALAN MURCHIE & FRIENDS**

MELANIE RUSSELL, SOPRANO  
CASEY BREVES, TENOR  
ERIC JACOBSEN, CELLO  
ROMIE DE GUISE-LANGLOIS, CLARINET

Mendelssohn | Songs With & Without Words  
Poulenc | Clarinet Sonata  
Schubert | "Shepherd on the Rock"  
Fauré | *Élégie* and *Romance*

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(Ticket orders may be placed  
by following a link on the website.)

**Ribbon Girls Wanted for Pentecost!**

The Ribbon Girls will open the annual Sunday, 10AM Pentecost service to be held at St. John's Church in Bridgeport on June 12. Girls 8 - 11 yrs old who want to learn to be one of Trinity's Ribbon Girls will be taught some basic rhythmical maneuvers with 12-foot red ribbons. Training is scheduled for Wed. June 8. A time good for all participating girls will be determined.

If your daughter would like to participate, contact Wendy, Director of Church School:

203-255-0454x309

[ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org](mailto:ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org)

**AN INVITATION TO A  
JOINT CELEBRATION OF**



**THE FEAST OF  
PENTECOST**

**10:00 AM**

***Sunday, June 12, 2011***

***St. John's Episcopal Church,  
768 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604***

***Bishop Ian Douglas, celebrant &  
preacher***

***"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. . . All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."*** Acts 2:1-4

**Nursery care available during the Service  
in the new St. John's Childcare Center.  
For more information, please call: (203) 335-  
2528 or email: [ghahneman@gmail.com](mailto:ghahneman@gmail.com)**

## Reflections On Honduras

*Nick Chandler and Olivia Schneble were on the Mission Trip to Honduras in February, 2011. As part of their journey towards confirmation, they were asked to reflect on their experiences, and were honored to give the following addresses in place of a sermon at the 10 AM Youth Sunday service, May 1, 2011.*

### Nick Chandler

Hello. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nick Chandler. I'm 16, and have been attending Trinity of Southport for about two years now. I'm on this podium today to speak about not only the mission trip to Honduras that was taken in February, but about our church's impact on both Honduras, and myself.

When I was asked to give this sermon I will admit I was hesitant. It's only natural to be, especially when your mom says on the way back from practice, "Oh, by the way, you'll be giving a sermon on Youth Sunday." Now that I think about it though, it's really not that bad. In fact, I sort of like speaking. Call it unusual, but I think it feels good knowing that people are actually focused on what you have to say, at least, that's what I was hoping would happen today. So, hoping that you all are listening, I'd like to talk about a very important trip that was taken about two months ago in February. The trip involved about 12 people, give or take, and a whole lot of work.

This . . . adventure began with a connect flight to a city called San Pedro Sula. From there we journeyed through the lush Honduran Mountains in a three-hour car ride to a smaller city called Copan Ruínas, or in English, The Copan Ruins, named after the Mayan ruins located there. So, in Copan we stayed at Don Udo's inn, and, upon arrival, realized that Mrs. Macpherson's bags had been left in the hotel in San Pedro Sula, three hours away. Despite this, we awoke the next morning to take yet another car ride up a mountain to one of the poorest places I have ever seen. It was there that we would be tasked to build as many brand new heat-efficient stoves as possible. It was not only the village that we worked in that was in such condition, but while traveling to the village we passed through small slums of the likes not seen in this country. It wasn't until this small ten minute ride that I realized how poor that country is. Although beautiful, it takes a trip into the heart of the mountains to see what poverty really looks like.

And through all this I found myself thinking, "Why stoves?" I mean, aren't there bigger things to worry about than putting in a new stove? How about irrigation . . . or maybe a source of clean water? Well, the truth is, it boiled down to the basic health of the people in the village. Without these stoves, an entire family would be exposed to



*2011 Scholarship students from San Lucas Parish photographed with The Rev. Barbara Boghetich, Rector of San Lucas, Sister Heidi, and Father Nicholas during Trinity's February mission trip. San Lucas is one of our sister churches in Honduras, where Trinity has supported students since 2002, and Rev. Boghetich oversees the funding of the scholarships.*

### Trinity Will Raise Funds for Honduran Scholarship Fund During Pequot Library Book Sale, July 23-24.

Trinity will mount a food court in front of the rectory to raise money for the Trinity Honduras Scholarship Fund, as the Honduran government only provides education through grade 6. Many have asked how much money is needed to support students. One hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) a year is needed for middle- and high-school students.

If interested in contributing, make a check out to Trinity with "Honduras Scholarship" in the memo line. *Gracias.*

## Reflections On Honduras

toxic smoke from burning wood, and quickly develop lung issues. Proof of this is the charred walls of many of the homes we visited. It dawned on me that a mother here could not even cook her family a meal without running the risk of permanent lung damage. While these stoves were being built I noticed to my surprise that poverty provokes flawless efficiency. One would think that a poor man lacks the skill of efficiency, but I saw that poverty actually wills it. One of the things that I will take away from my trip to Honduras is that the impoverished are amazingly efficient. Not a single brick, stone, slump of mortar mix, or drop of water was wasted while making those stoves. The experience of simply building a stove gave me more insight into the life of the extremely poor than anything else could have.

I mentioned before that we did not only build stoves. On the last day of work in the village, I was assigned to follow a man up to a family's house on the top of the ridge. With me, I carried on my back a large bag of concrete mix. Upon arrival I asked the man what we would be doing here, and he simply pointed at a large concrete basin filled with water, and made a small hammering motion. "Ok, so a demolition," I thought, "this ought' to be fun". The basin was about four feet tall, nine by four feet, with walls about a half-foot thick. And I did think that it was going to be fun, until the man showed me the tool for the job: a small, foot-long sledgehammer with a shaky head, and a long, heavy steel rod. Never did I think that this would have been possible, but with simply a goal in mind, a lot of time, and a lot of swings, we took it down, and made room for a new one—one that didn't leak.

Although the main purpose of this trip was to work diligently and spread the word of God, which we did, I found that it did as much for me as it did for the families. Not in the same way, of course, but in a way that gives me a new face to put on poverty. This face is one of hope, hospitality, and gratefulness. In fact, the emotion that I saw the most while working was that of gratitude. During the service at the church in the village, the exchanging of the peace was like something out of a movie. Complete strangers were giving me, a foreigner, bear hugs, and were not timid in their approach toward me. I had to keep reminding myself why we were here to understand the massive sense of gratitude that these humble people were giving us.

One of my most memorable moments in the trip was not even in the village, but rather around a small hotel breakfast table with Father Nick. He told me, "Believe it or not, we are fabulously rich." It took me a few days to realize how true those words are, and that a large majority of the world doesn't have access to any of the fortune that we take for granted. I know that when many people hear the words "extreme poverty" they instantly think of Africa, Asia, and places on the other side of the globe, but extreme poverty is just a few hours past our border. One of the things I hope will be an outcome of this trip for myself personally is that I will never forget that we are immensely wealthy. I can say for myself that I will never look at my stove the same way again, or my sink, or my bathroom for that matter. I hope that I will never forget how extremely fortunate we are to live in a world so perfect and peaceful. Where *most* of us rather than a few of us don't have to worry where our next meal comes from. America is an oasis in a world of poverty, but that does not mean that happiness can only be found here. I can say that I saw real happiness and gratitude in the eyes of the villagers, even in the state of wealth that they were in. And I hope that after this trip I will never forget that.

Near the end of the trip, Mr. Van Fleet said that the thing he most fears is forgetting about these people and returning to his normal life. I find myself thinking the same thing. There is a veil around this country that I see many blinded by, and this trip helped me and a few others to see through that veil, and the goal is that I will not let the veil fall again, but rather keep it lifted for the rest of my life. I hope that soon I can return to Honduras, if not there then another place in need. Thank you.

### Olivia Schneble

During my trip to Honduras, what amazed me the most was not the extreme poverty, but the willingness of the people we met to give what little they had. They were not only willing to share their material possessions but generously spread their faith and love. I expected to help the people of Coralitos, the village where we worked, and I wasn't surprised that they were thankful, but I did not think the people we met would give so much back.

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## Reflections On Honduras

**Olivia Schneble** *Continued from page 7*

In some houses we worked at, the homeowners poured us soda from what looked like the only bottle around to try to show their gratitude. Even the twelve-year-old Freddie, whom I met on the first day in the village, brought us chocolate bars as we worked. These small gestures seemed so much larger as I saw how little these people had. Remembering how viciously my brothers and I have always hoarded our belongings, whether it was Halloween candy or our Christmas stockings, made this instinct to give even more special.

Although the Hondurans we met had less than you and I, they seemed to have an abundance of love and faith. In church, for example, their peace is shared with hugs to everyone there, rather than handshakes to the few people near them. They appeared to have something we often miss: they had room in their lives for God. Their love and their faith filled the space where material things often are in our lives.

It sounds so simple to fix this clutter in our lives, but I think we're afraid. We're afraid to give too much, because then we'll have less. When I think of

Concepcion, the pastoral leader who drove around to lead seven parishes but was not ordained because the Honduran diocese could not afford to pay him, I wonder if I could give like he does. Could any of us give like that, so that we are left with less? Could we cook food for strangers when it would have been a wonderful thing to have a little extra for ourselves?

It makes the expense of the trip seem so small when I remember how much we have, compared to the people we met. It reminds me of the parable of the Widow's Mite, where the rich men gave much more money than the poor widow, but the men gave only small portions of their wealth while the widow gave all she had, the greater gift because it was so much more important to her. After our experiences in Honduras, who's gifts, then, were greater? I traveled down to Honduras thinking I was there only to help, but I got so much, I was given so much, that I received more than I gave.



## TRINITY SUNDAY PICNIC - JUNE 5!

The Annual Trinity Church Picnic with a **Farewell to Alan Murchie** will be held on Sunday, June 5 (rain or shine) on the lawn following the 10:00 AM service.

Trinity Men's Group will be working magic at the grill . . .!

Help add variety . . . Please bring one of the following dishes

to serve 8 - 10 people:

Last names beginning with **A - L** bring a **dessert**

Last names beginning **M - Z** bring a **salad**

Besides good food and fellowship, there'll be games, a moon-bounce, and a ball pit and slide for the younger set. This picnic is always a huge success so mark your calendar now! Make plans to attend with your family and friends.

**PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help supervise the children as they play the picnic games!!!**  
Please call Wendy, Director of Church School, to volunteer: 255-0454x309



# Trinity Parish Nursery School

## A Note from the Director...

I am continually amazed by the speed of each school year. What a wonderful year it has been with all of you! My heartfelt thanks for your support, enthusiasm, talents, and children. What an honor it is to watch your children grow, not only in size, but in confidence and wisdom. They are ready for new challenges.

To those children and families who are moving on to other schools next year I wish you our best. We will miss you! To our current and new families, I look forward to a magical new school year filled with wonder and exciting learning opportunities for us all. TPNS is such a special place because of you.

Our 4th Annual "Spring into Trinity" Gala was a huge success! The money raised will be used for enrichment programs and scholarships for our children. Thanks to all the parents who contributed to the classroom baskets, thanks for your help in planning the event, thanks for attending the gala. Thanks to the companies and families who donated items and to you all for bidding on these items. Thank you to all of our staff for contributing their time and talents. Thanks to our chairs, Ashley Gray, Michele Keesser, and Julie Hallama, for putting this amazing evening together.

*Meg Reilly, Director, T.P.N.S.*

## Summer Camp...

Our summer program begins Tuesday, May 31, and will end on Friday, June 17. Hours are 9:15am – 12:30pm. We have an exciting fun-filled program for the children. Please remember to pack a lunch\*\*\* (with an ice pack) and safe shoes (NO Crocs). \*\*\**No nut products please!*

## Enrollment Reminders for 2011-12...

Parents who have children enrolled at T.P.N.S. for the 2011-12 school year are obligated for the entire year's tuition if they decide to withdraw their child and the child's spot cannot be filled by another during the school year. Please keep the office informed of any changes. Paperwork will be mailed in mid-July

## From The Nurse...

Please remember all forms need to be updated and at school by August 15th, for any children attending with any type of allergy.

## Parent Representatives...

Are you interested in being a Classroom Rep for your child's room next year? It's a great way to get involved in your child's school community. We are hoping to fill these spots sooner rather than later for the fall. Stop by or call if you would like more info regarding the responsibilities of this position.



*Last week of school at T.P.N.S. - Murky May seems sunnier with a visit from the Bubble Man!*  
Photo: Mother Dawn

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \* **Fall Registration...** \*  
 \* T.P.N.S. has a few spots \*  
 \* available for the fall. \*  
 \* Please call the office: 203- \*  
 \* 259-8456, or stop in for \*  
 \* more information! \*  
 \* \*\*\*\*\*

## Church School

### Children Plant Courtyard Flowers

Have you noticed the marigolds blooming in the church courtyard? Well, you can thank the Church School children for planting those flowers and for adding the yellow and gold colors to that area. The planting was a service project that the children do annually for the church. The youngest children helped plant the flowers in the three planters on the stone wall while the older children dug into the gardens and planted 7 flats of flowers. The children were pleased to know that the flowers would be enjoyed by everyone that comes to visit Trinity Church throughout the summer and into the fall. Thank you children!



Photo: Wendy Steinfeld

### Dear Parents & Guardians:

*Christian Explorers* is our Summer Sunday program for children 4 to 12 years old at the 10:00 AM services in June and July. Just before the sermon, children are invited to join Wendy in the Youth Room to hear a short Bible message, eat a snack, and then play on the playground (weather permitting). Children return to you in the sanctuary at the time of the Peace.

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us, so please help make the following safety guidelines a reality by discussing them with your child/children and enforcing them.

- Children should be escorted by an adult to and from a scheduled program.
- Before the sermon, *Christian Explorers* are invited to follow Wendy and assistant to the Youth Room where attendance will be taken.
- Children coming late should be brought by a parent and signed in with the adults in charge.
- Children of many ages will be on the playground equipment during a program—it is important that all children follow the same posted safety rules. **Children not following the safety rules will be asked to sit out until they are willing to follow the guidelines.**
- Children must remain until the program ends, the attendance list is rechecked, and they are escorted back to their parents, OR, a parent has picked them up and *signed them out*.

- No child may wander the church or its grounds without an adult chaperone.
- Trinity children's programs and childcare are for supplementing the children's Christian education while adult worship or education is in progress. No child should be dropped off at a program without a parent remaining on the church grounds. (Exceptions: Vacation Bible School and the Bible Party.)

Please join with us in the responsibility of teaching Trinity's children safe living practices when they are in public spaces. Thank you for your loving concern for all of Trinity's children.

**Behold, children are a gift of the Lord.** *Psalm 127:3*

### Childcare Summer Hours

Our Childcare Room will be open each Sunday this summer from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

Our Childcare Room is for children 0 – 3 years old. Children ages 4 – 10 years old are welcome to participate in our Christian Explorers Program (see above).

Our loving childcare staff this summer will be Ada Caputo and Allie Piccolo.

## Church School



### Vacation Bible School 2011

Children will explore the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word at this summer's VBS program, *Shake It Up Café*. Children will become chefs for the week as they learn daily Bible Bites, celebrate Bible festivals, enjoy Spork Sports, create Café Crafts, sing VBS Songs and discover key ingredients to become closer to God.

**Dates: August 22-26, 2011**

**Place: Trinity Episcopal Church**

**Time: 9:30am – 12pm**

**Ages: 4 yr – 10 yr olds**

**Registration: \$100 per child  
(VBS for just \$20 per day!)**

Invite your neighbors, school friends or relatives. What a wonderful way to share a week together and learn about God's love. This will be another great year at VBS. Don't let your child miss the fun!

Questions? Call Wendy: 255-0454x309 or email: [ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org](mailto:ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org)

Vacation Bible School registration forms can be found on the Trinity Website, in the Administration office and in the Church School office

### COME 'N' HELP! Vacation Bible School

We still need to following to make our VBS program a success:

1. Crew Leaders and teen Assistant Leaders (no prep work involved)
2. Craft Leaders, Snack Leaders, Science Leaders and Closing Party Coordinator
3. \$\$\$ donations for VBS operations
4. Decorating Committee
5. Take-down & Clean-up help on August 26
5. Volunteers needed for 1 day: photographer, registration table, substitutes
7. Donations of popsicles, watermelon or pizza

If you can help in any of the above ways please call or e-mail Wendy, Director of Church 203-255-0454 x309 or [ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org](mailto:ws-churchschool@trinitysouthport.org)

### 2010-11 Leader Recognition Sunday, June 5

Church School Teachers and Children's Ministry Committee members will be recognized during the 10:00 AM service, the first Sunday in June.

Many, *many* thanks to the following people for their service and their devotion to the ministry of Trinity's children throughout the Church School year.

#### Children's Ministry Committee Members

Elise Bates, Dabney Bowen, Dawn Hiltz, Catherine Friedline, Barbara Seymour, Steve Smith, Kelly Spencer, and Susan Ludwig, our Vestry Rep.

#### Church School Teachers 2010-2011

Laura Amicucci  
Catherine Avery  
Colleen Bantén  
Michael Bantén  
Mary Field Barrett  
Alison Barry  
Charlotte Bartol  
Lisa Barton  
Elise Bates  
Greg Bates  
Dabney Bowen  
Sheila Capute  
Erin Cody  
Mark Cody  
Megan Cody  
Talli Connell  
Bob Cunningham  
Catherine Cunningham  
Amy Dutter  
Andy Dutter  
Catherine Friedline  
Sandra Funk  
Dawn Hiltz  
Drew Hiltz  
Mackenzie Hiltz  
Holli Horine  
Alexa Horton  
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**10:00 AM** Choral Eucharist, Rite II



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