



**TRINITY MEMORIAL CHURCH
444 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST
WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA**

ANNUAL REPORT

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2007**

AGENDA

- 1.) Opening Prayer
- 2.) Necrology

*Frances Doud
Roger J. Horsfield
Meredith A. Johnson
Molly Meacham
Helen W. Summers
Robert E. Weiland*

- 3.) Approval of Minutes
- 4.) Senior Warden's Report
- 5.) 2006 Treasurer's Report, 2007 Budget: 2006 Endowment Trust Fund, Other Funds
- 6.) Elections to Vestry (Note: In accordance with our By-Laws, no nominations will be received from the floor for Vestry.)
- 7.) Other Business
- 8.) Adjourn

Following the service, please join us at the China King Buffet on Pennsylvania Avenue West for lunch. All are invited, and Trinity will put everything on one check and receive a 10% discount. If you are able to contribute the cost of yours (or even others') meals, please give cash or a check to Barb or Adam either today or in the next week.

*Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church
Rector's Annual Report
January 28, 2007
The Reverend Adam T. Trambley*

GOT LOVE?

Got Love? Paul's great chapter on love in First Corinthians is one of the most popular parts of the New Testament. This reading gets used at weddings and other times when we want a bit of "warm fuzzy" scripture. Of course, Paul wasn't writing to a bridal party. He wrote about the greatness of love in the midst of a letter talking about spiritual gifts and proper behavior and dealing with conflict in a church community. Certainly, what Paul says is true to the love between a married couple, or anyone else, but his words hold particular sway when asking if a church has "Got Love."

All of our readings this morning speak of love in their own ways. Their different perspectives on love provide a framework for how I would like to break down my message this morning, which also serves as the rector's report for our annual meeting today. While "LOVE" is in all the readings— as Paul says, it always abides and never ends—the "GOT" part can be broken out to:

God
Ourselves **LOVE?**
The rest of the world.

OK, so maybe it's a bit forced, but we can work with it.

If we are going to talk about love, we have to start by talking about God's love for us. The First Letter of John says, "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." We couldn't even speak of the slightest shadow of love if we hadn't first experienced God's love for us. We hear God speaking of this love to Jeremiah in our first reading. This first chapter of Jeremiah is Jeremiah's call and the Lord says to young Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." Even before we are preparing to be born, God already loves us and knows us and has set out parts of our life for us. Jeremiah is afraid, because God's presence is awesome. The Lord's love is overwhelming, and when we realize how intimately he knows us, and yet still loves us and still has a way for our broken selves to be a part of his providential design, our lives can't help but be changed. Jeremiah had a specific commission, but we all have a role to play in living into the Kingdom of God, and God's love gives us the confidence to walk boldly into God's purpose for us.

God's love for us makes it possible for us to take bold risks and do amazing deeds for God, because once we realize that God loves us and cares for us, nothing else is particularly worrisome. God says to Jeremiah, "Do not be afraid...for I am with you to deliver you."

Today's psalm expresses the same thing from our perspective: "In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge...be my strong rock...For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young...from my mother's womb you have been my strength." Whatever love we may want to give or to receive, love starts with God's love of us. Then we have the strength and courage to live out that love, because loving others is dangerous and can cause us to be hurt. John says that's true even for God, who sent his son to die for us. Immersing ourselves and feeling God's love is for us is the necessary preparation to love others, and our ability to take real risks of love is one indication of our ability to accept God's love and care for us.

Over the past year at Trinity, we have made real progress in accepting and believing in God's love for us. God has not loved us any better than in the past, but as a community of faith we are tapping into that love more richly. One of the chief ways we come to experience God's love for us as real is in prayer. Prayer can take any number of forms from Bible study, to sitting quietly with God, to song and even dance, to the daily office or the Forward Day by Day. Over the past year, the collective prayer life of Trinity has been steadily deepening. Many of the individual stories of getting closer to God aren't my stories to tell, but I encourage you to talk with one another about how a more intentional prayer life is bearing fruit. Yet, I can say that more than a handful of people in the congregation have bought new bibles, a number of people are gathering at different times and places just to pray with or for each other, and some among us are feeling a sense of God's love and care in a much deeper way than they had before. Some of the fruits we see in the parish of a growing comfort of being in the loving hands of God are an ability to take risks on God. One way this is happening is in the relationships being built in the Bible studies and faith groups meeting at different times. Small groups are not always easy as we struggle to learn about God, ourselves, and one another. But the willingness of our small group members to be honest and vulnerable has allowed deeper relationships to blossom and provided new possibilities for mission, ministry and evangelism.

Another clear fruit of our increasing sense of God's care for us is our ability as a congregation to give back to God in faith. A number of people are now tithing or moving toward tithing, because they know that God is willing and able to provide enough to meet our needs and allow us to be generous. As you will see later, our estimated contributions for 2007 will be about \$126,000. This is a \$17,000 increase from our projections one year ago, and would be the largest amount of general operating contributions ever provided to Trinity in a single year. These figures are in addition to this congregation's generosity to the discretionary fund, to projects like the House of Hope, and to other outreach efforts. These gifts have not increased because our congregation has gotten significantly richer or larger in numbers, but because many of us have decided intentionally to risk living into God's love and generosity to us by being generous and loving ourselves.

The second aspect of our love which we hope to have got is love for ourselves. Here I don't mean self-love or even a healthy self-esteem for ourselves as individuals, but the love we have for one another within our community of faith. This love is what Paul is talking about so beautifully in Corinthians. Whatever we do, however spiritually flashy like tongues or prophecy,

however noble like sacrificial generosity or martyrdom, however pious like moving mountains, if we do not do it for love of one another, then we are wasting our time. Paul knows what he's talking about, because the temptations for less than loving behavior in Corinth are all still present today, which is why we keep reading Paul's letter. We know it's easier, and sometimes more self-gratifying, to do the good work ourselves, that to be patient with someone else who could learn. It's easier, but less loving. We know it's better to insist on getting things done the right way, I mean, our own way, then to listen to people who aren't as experienced. Maybe better, but less loving. We know that we feel more justified being upset and resentful at things that don't go our way than finding the courage to speak the truth to one another and rejoice in working together to get things sorted out. It feels better, but is less loving. But when we allow ourselves to really love one another, then all the spiritual gifts God puts at our disposal and all the sacrifices we are willing to make become powerful engines of grace that drive us forward into the love of God.

Many areas of our common life exhibit people using their gifts to build up their neighbors out of love. The range of gifts and ministries being undertaken in our parish is quite broad, and I could probably mention almost everybody for something.

Perhaps the place to start is in our Sunday morning worship. While certainly this is a place we feel God's love, our Eucharist on the Lord's Day is also a great gift we give to each other. All the different people involved in the service offer an opportunity for us to give thanks and praise to God with our all different parts of our being. Starting with the work of the Altar Guild before the service even starts, to the acolytes, the choir, the lectors and Eucharistic ministers, our ushers and the oblation bears of all ages who bring up the gifts, many people play a variety of important roles in giving us worship that is beautiful and uplifting. We also could mention both those who do a great job cleaning for us and those guys who have really tall ladders and changed our light bulbs.

Other ways that we are showing our love for each other is in the work being done in a variety of ways by people overseeing a parish life that is growing, deepening and becoming more healthy and fulfilling. Our vestry has done an excellent job over the past year of discussing some difficult issues with grace, humility and love for one another and the congregation as a whole. Sometimes laughing is even heard at the meetings. The vestry has continued to grow as leaders individually and collectively, and I am very grateful for their all of their work. Another group, the Natural Church Development Church Health Team has also been meeting over the past year to pray, learn and set the next right goals for the parish to grow in that particular way God is calling us forward. More details will be heard about their work later.

Other members of our congregation have been reaching out to love others in the congregation in a variety of ways. Our Eucharistic Visitors have been an essential part of sharing the love of our parish with those who are sick and shut-in, and their work is very much appreciated by those they visit. The hospitality committee helps coordinate coffee hour and welcome people entering our community for worship. A variety of people help with special events and meals, and a small group of people regularly help with various mailing, office and organizational tasks. Our Sunday school teachers love our children by teaching them about God, and our littlest ones feel God's care for them in the nursery. Perhaps even more important are the variety of ways that people

call, visit, and share meals together, not as part of the “official” church schedule, but as ways to live our common life of faith more deeply.

One other way that we love ourselves is to take care of the buildings that we have been given to use. As most of you know, we have been looking at a variety of renovation plans. We are in the process, still, of purchasing the A&B Building next door when they finish building their new facility. We have also had a few contractors around the building this fall. A very dedicated group of people on our building committee has been sifting the best next steps on all of these items. More details will come during the business portion of our meeting, but as we discussed renovations, the strongest sentiment expressed consistently was first to take care of what we have. The building committee is working very hard on taking good care of what we have, so that not only we, but also the next generation or two of our congregation will have a facility to express our love for one another. One other building project underway to help us provide a space for offering ourselves to God’s love is the renovation of our chapel space. With a few small changes, we hope to allow the space to be used for more columbarium niches, while also making it easier for individuals and small groups to have a warm, inviting space for prayer.

The last part of our “GOT LOVE” is love for the rest of the world. Luke’s gospel this morning talks clearly about that love. Jesus goes back to his home synagogue and preaches beautifully. The people who knew him growing up have also heard about all the signs and wonders he has been doing, and they want him to show them some lovin’. After all, they’re his people and they’re entitled to it. If Jesus was able to be a good rabbi, he obviously learned everything important in their synagogue, right? Jesus doesn’t let them focus on themselves, however. He talks about the gentile widow that Elijah helped and the gentile leper that Elisha healed. Love that stops at the boarder isn’t really love that reflects God’s love, because God loves everybody. When we experience God’s love and begin to live it out by loving ourselves, we don’t stop, but we continue out to love those beyond us, as well.

In our NCD group, one of the prayers we sometimes use prays that God will help us love others enough to value their needs over our own comfort and convenience, to break our hearts with those things that break God’s heart. Whether people need a meal, a visit, or a relationship with God, our prayer is that we can have the wisdom, commitment and strength to offer others what they need rather than simply sitting back pondering whether or not we are in the mood to do a mighty deed on God’s behalf today.

For years, this congregation has had a heart for reaching out to others. Gail, our deacon, has been prophetic in providing us with opportunities to serve over the past ten years, ever since he and Jim McCollough started the holiday program that now provides thousands of meals each year. We, as a congregation, through the outreach budget and the discretionary fund have provided almost \$15,000 to organizations and individuals in need, whether by providing building funds to House of Hope in India or by helping someone in Warren get their gas turned back on for the winter. Our small groups have purchased alternative Christmas gifts through Heifer and sponsored a child in Kenya, and our knitting group has made shawls for our shut-ins and hats and scarves for sailors. Individuals have supported Episcopal Relief and Development and other groups appealing through the church for needed funds. Many people have felt God’s love in some way through our parish’s generosity.

At the same time, over the past year we as a congregation have begun to understand more deeply the call to love others through evangelism as well as outreach. Our NCD process this year has focused on Needs-Oriented Evangelism, and a number of people have begun to work and pray that God would be able to use us to help bring others into a relationship with Jesus. I said at last year's annual meeting that I believed Trinity could plant another church in the next ten years. My own initial research into Trinity's history has shown me that when Trinity has been at its healthiest, it has been reaching out to plant missions in neighboring communities. So far, I have found at least five other congregations sponsored by Trinity, including churches in Tidioute and Kinzua, as well as St. Francis in Youngsville, a parish that has for years had a vital ministry in that community.

Little did I know last year how quickly that evangelical challenge to start a new mission would be answered. Through much prayer and discernment, Gail has it heavily on his heart to start a new mission and ministry in Marienville. What that will look like or how it will combine an outreach ministry to visiting families of those in the new federal prison with a worshipping community we still see only through a glass darkly. Yet a number of people are interested in helping, some intercessory prayer teams are offering up this new ministry, and Gail is taking the next right steps. Over the next year, Gail will be in special need of all of our prayers and a variety of other support. Speaking for myself, I can't wait to see what avenues of love God is going to open up for us through this new ministry.

GOT LOVE? Yes, we do, and we may be giving and receiving that love in greater measure now than we were a year ago. We've got God's love and we are sharing it with ourselves and with the rest of the world. Yet the really good news is that God has got even more love to give us. We're barely scratching the surface of the fathomless depths of love God yearns to pour out to us and to the rest of the world through us. So what's the plan for next year? Opening ourselves to more of God's love for us and then giving that love back to others both inside our parish and outside. Thanks be to God,

WE GOT LOVE!

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting
January 29, 2006, 10:30 am**

1. Adam opened the meeting with a prayer and then remembered those members of our parish who passed away this last year, giving thanks for the life and witness of Martha M. Biekarck, Doris A. Brennan, Phyllis L. Davis, Clyde M. Harman, Ann N. Kopf, Earl R. Nobles and Estella C. Wolstencroft.
2. The minutes from the meeting held January 30, 2005 were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as written.
3. The 2005 Treasurer's report and the 2006 Budget was presented. Thanks was given to all who help on the finance and audit committees.
4. Election of Vestry members: There were two nominees for Vestry, Elaine Rhodes and Jerry Davis. A motion was made, seconded and approved to cast a ballot of unanimous consent for the nominees.
5. Gary Landrio gave a building committee report, noting that we are in the discernment process and participation is encouraged.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 11:30 am.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Michell
Clerk of Vestry

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Dear Friends in Christ,

I’m curious. How many of you feel a change when you come to Trinity these days? I do, and other people have said that they notice something different, too. It’s hard to put your finger on it, but it reminds me of a favorite hymn of mine, “There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.” (#120 LEVAS)

Last year at this time, my report to you focused on the Natural Church Development (NCD) program we were starting and the “needs-oriented evangelism” that was identified as our “minimum factor” – the quality characteristic we needed to work on first to grow and develop. This year, I’m taking a brief look at the progress we’re making and asking for your continued prayers and involvement.

In September 2006, the vestry adopted a list of needs-oriented evangelism goals to be accomplished by May 31, 2007. The NCD church health team, still only starting to learn about NCD, didn’t feel at all “gifted” in evangelism and wasn’t sure how the whole goal thing was going to work. Slowly, led and fed by Fr. Adam (both spiritually and with brownies), we prayed, went to meetings, tried to evangelize each other, and somehow, that “sweet Spirit” started to make things happen.

For instance, the Monday night adult faith group decided to study the Gospel of Mark, then “The Purpose-Driven Life.” They got excited. They were happy. They started doing intercessory prayer, using their spiritual gifts. They love getting together and are still going strong.

Another small group began meeting Sunday mornings, between the services. They started studying an NCD book, “The 3 Colors of Ministry.” Now they’re working through “The 3 Colors of Love.” Friendship, trust, sharing faith, conversation and prayer requests are always part of the agenda.

The Mothers Group, providing support and fellowship for moms, moved into discerning their spiritual gifts through “The 3 Colors of Ministry.” Prayer for children is an important part of their mission.

The hospitality group is launching a gift-bag-for-visitors project that includes personal contact and welcoming activities for newcomers.

An active healing ministry is emerging, with people being healed physically, emotionally, and spiritually, and other individuals discovering a call to cultivate this spiritual gift in an intentional way.

The vestry met for a retreat earlier this month, recited Morning Prayer, celebrated Eucharist, and worked on “The 3 Colors of Ministry.” The day closed with a powerful experience of prayer by the group for each individual.

These are only a few of the positive things that are happening as a direct response to the NCD goals. We still have some work to do, but upon reflection, I see us meeting most of the goals, setting some new ones in the spring, and possibly taking another survey to learn if our “minimum factor” has changed.

This ongoing synergy of individuals in small groups, studying, praying, sharing and being moved by the Spirit to grow, is gradually transforming our parish and each one of us. Even though the gift of evangelism is not given to everyone, we can each be a part of the process that will raise up those who have this gift, identify those who are the support network, and help us all take part in the plan that God has designed for Trinity.

If you are still on the sidelines, unsure or maybe feeling like you don’t see a difference, please take a minute to talk to me or Fr. Adam. We want your interest, your ideas, and your insight into unmet needs. You see, we know that Trinity needs the spiritual gifts that God has placed specifically within you, and we can’t wait to see what good things that “sweet Spirit” will do with them.

Yours in faith,

Elaine Rhodes, Senior Warden

2006 Treasurer's Report and 2007 Budget

Beginning Balance	\$20,718	\$20,718	\$20,597
	2006	Actual to	2007
	Yearly Budget	December 31, 2006	Yearly Budget
INCOME			
Pledges	\$96,371	\$95,280	\$107,590
misc regular givers	\$546	\$1,685	\$500
Give regularly/don't pledge	\$9,340	\$16,279	\$14,000
Pre-Paid Pledges	\$3,560	\$4,425	\$4,425
Member Contributions	\$109,817	\$117,669	\$126,515
Other	\$2,500	\$2,390	\$2,200
Plate	\$1,500	\$1,744	\$1,500
	\$113,817	\$121,803	\$130,215
Income from Endowment	\$115,896	\$115,896	\$117,180
Total Income	\$229,713	\$237,699	\$247,395
EXPENSES			
Building			
Cleaning service	\$7,800	\$7,938	\$8,060
Cleaning Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,288	\$1,200
Equipment-Small tools	\$350	\$312	\$350
General Insurance	\$8,529	\$7,433	\$7,763
Major Renovations:	\$15,500	\$2,990	\$0
Minor Repairs	\$1,275	\$1,068	\$1,275
Snow Shoveling	\$400	\$0	\$400
Utilities	\$20,194	\$13,104	\$18,182
	\$55,048	\$34,133	\$37,230
Office			
Equipment	\$2,500	\$1,738	\$4,300
Supplies	\$2,500	\$3,307	\$3,500
Postage	\$1,500	\$1,427	\$1,500
Telephone	\$1,000	\$1,111	\$1,000
	\$7,500	\$7,583	\$10,300
Other			
Misc.	\$500	\$106	\$300
Petty Cash Exp	\$200	\$556	\$600
	\$700	\$662	\$900
Outreach			
Diocesan Assessment	\$41,948	\$41,948	\$42,582
Outreach:	\$10,000	\$9,858	\$12,652
	\$51,948	\$51,806	\$55,234
Programs & Parish			
Advertising	\$500	\$272	\$500
Altar Guild	\$1,200	\$900	\$1,200
Education:	\$4,500	\$1,950	\$4,500
Convention/Vestry Retreat	\$700	\$823	\$1,000
Dues-Consort. Endowed Parish	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Fellowship	\$3,675	\$523	\$1,000

	2006	Actual to	2007
	Yearly Budget	December 31, 2006	Yearly Budget
Music	\$1,000	\$798	\$1,000
Nursery	\$500	\$51	\$500
Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
Pastoral Care	\$500	\$167	\$500
Professional Deve.-Lay Leaders	\$2,700	\$2,056	\$2,700
Youth Group	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Worship Aids	\$500	\$296	\$500
	\$21,525	\$9,086	\$20,150
Staff Benefits			
Clergy Continuing Ed	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Clergy Pension	\$9,863	\$9,577	\$9,884
Deacon Reim.	\$750	\$718	\$750
FICA (church)	\$3,019	\$3,085	\$3,237
Income Replacement Insur.	\$72	\$78	\$72
Lay Pension	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$2,138
Medical & Life Insurance	\$17,807	\$16,379	\$18,556
Rector's Housing & Utilities	\$12,560	\$12,560	\$12,925
Rector's Prof. Exp.	\$4,500	\$4,497	\$4,500
Rector's S.E.T.	\$3,781	\$3,781	\$3,902
Worker's Comp.	\$1,300	\$1,810	\$1,100
	\$57,042	\$55,875	\$58,565
Salaries			
Choir Director	\$4,861	\$4,861	\$5,021
Organist	\$13,099	\$13,099	\$13,531
Rector	\$36,868	\$36,868	\$38,085
Secretary	\$23,002	\$23,376	\$23,761
Supply Clergy	\$1,200	\$371	\$1,200
Supply Organist	\$300	\$100	\$300
	\$79,330	\$78,675	\$81,898
Total Expenses	\$273,093	\$237,820	\$264,277
Difference (Inc. - Exp.)	-\$43,380	-\$121	-\$16,882
Ending Balance	-\$22,662	\$20,597	\$3,715

2006 - 2007 Budget Annotations

Income

Member Contributions - Offerings designated as Pledges, offerings made but no pledge card signed

Other - Interest on the checking account and other misc. donations (eg. group meetings, votives, Christmas, Easter offerings, etc.)

Plate - Free will offerings from Services not credited to specific people. (Second Sunday each month is designated to the Discretionary Fund.)

Endowment - Income generated from the endowment fund for the operating budget

Expenses

Building Expenses

Cleaning Service - Outsourcing the church cleaning to a professional cleaning service

Cleaning supplies - paper products, ice melt, light bulbs, etc.

Equipment- Small tools- Hammer, screwdrivers, etc.

General Insurance - Insurance for building and extended liability

Major Renovations - Major improvements

Minor Repairs - Routine maintenance for buildings and grounds

Snow Shoveling - Clearing church sidewalks and porch as needed

Utilities - Gas, water, electric, garbage pick-up, alarm, etc.

Office Expenses

Equipment - Maintenance, repair, and replacement of office machines, internet

Supplies - Office supplies: paper, toner, computer supplies, etc.

Postage - Stamps, bulk mailing of newsletter and permit

Telephone - Telephone expenses for the office.

Other

Miscellaneous expenses -

Petty Cash -

Outreach

Diocesan Assessment - Recommended by Diocesan Council and Convention and accepted by the Vestry on behalf of the Parish -- Our fair share to help defray the cost of operating the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and the National Episcopal Church.

Outreach - Funds to be used for outreach into the greater community.

Program and Parish Expenses

Advertising - Using various media so others may know our mission & ministry

Altar Guild - Altar Guild/worship supplies: wine, wafers, linen cleaning, etc.

Education - Curriculum and supplies needed for all educational programs from the Pre-School to the Adult programs.

Convention - Expense reimbursement for delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Vestry retreat.

Dues-Consortium of Endowed Parishes -

Fellowship - Coffee, tea, meals, etc.

Music - Music, memberships, etc.

Nursery - Nursery supplies and equipment

Organ/Piano Main. - Maintenance agreement - inspected & repaired, if necessary

Pastoral Care - meals for parish family due to illness, for funerals, etc. & gifts for shut-ins

Professional Dev. Lay Leaders - workshops, seminars, etc. for lay development

Youth Group -

Worship Aids - ex. Forward Day by Day

Staff Benefits

Clergy Continuing Ed/ - Continuing education for the Rector, Deacon, - (mandated by the Diocese - at least \$750 per year - figure set by parish.)

Clergy Pension- Rector's Pension (based on 18% of salary, housing, Social Security reimbursement mandated by National Church)

Deacon Reim. - Automobile and other professional expense reimbursement for the Deacon - (mandated by the Diocese set by the parish.)

FICA - Social Security for all staff

Income replacement Insurance - for full time lay employees

Lay Pension - Pension of staff based on 9% of salary of full time lay employees - (mandated by National Church)

Medical & Life Ins. - Insurance - health, accident, life - for Rector and staff

Rector's Housing & Utilities - Housing is 30% of stipend & Utilities - \$1500

Rector's Professional Expense - Automobile and other professional expenses reimbursement (Diocese recommendation of \$4500)

Rector's SET - One half self-employment tax of Rector (Clergy are considered self-employed by Social Security but not by the IRS. This reimbursement is mandated by the Diocese.)

Worker's Comp- Worker's compensation - (mandated by State).

Salaries

Choir Director

Organist

Rector

Secretary

Supply Clergy- Stipend for clergy supply when interim priest is away

Supply Organist- Stipend for substitute organist when organist is away

Endowment Trust Fund - PNC Bank

Fund Value	at Cost	at Market
Beginning Value 1/1/2006	2,083,886	2,294,148
Ending Value 12/31/2006	<u>2,099,878</u>	<u>2,401,217</u>
Change in Value	15,992	107,069

Fund Operation - January 1 - December 31, 2006

Dividends & Interest Earned	81,098
Security Sales	97,929
Management Fees	(21,514)
Pay out to Operating Fund	(115,896)
Pay out to Capital Improvements	<u>(25,625)</u>
Net Operating	15,992

Trinity Women's Guild Investment at PNC

Fund Value	at Cost	at Market
Beginning Value 1/1/2006	16,310	17,731
Ending Value 12/31/2006	<u>15,913</u>	<u>18,788</u>
Change in Value	(397)	1,057

Fund Operation - January 1 - December 31, 2006

Dividends & Interest Earned	465
Security Sales	80
Management Fees	(87)
Pay outs to Oper. Fund - Scholarships	<u>(855)</u>
Net Operating	(397)

Trinity Women's Guild Treasurer's Report

Balance Checking Account, January 1, 2006	\$262.42
Balance Savings/Scholarship Account, January 1, 2006	<u>18.85</u>
	\$281.27

Receipts

PNC - Investments - Scholarships	\$855.00
Donations to the Scholarship Fund	<u>138.00</u>

\$993.00

Disbursements

Scholarships	\$1000.00
Program	30.00
Graduating Seniors Cake/Gifts	<u>78.78</u>

1108.78

Balance Checking Account, December 31, 2006 \$146.64

Balance Savings/Scholarship Account, December 31, 2006 18.85

\$165.49

Memorial Fund**Balance - January 1, 2006**

Altar Guild		\$20,080.00
General Memorial Fund		<u>4,085.80</u>
		24,165.80
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Calendars	23.00	
Memorials	<u>170.00</u>	
		193.00
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Calendars	43.75	
Columbarium	<u>6861.78</u>	
		6905.53

Balance - December 31, 2006

Altar Guild	\$13,197.47
General Memorial Fund	<u>4,255.80</u>
	17,453.27

Trinity Youth Fellowship

Checking account balance January 1, 2006	750.19
Checking account balance December 31, 2006	<u>750.19</u>

Trinity Discretionary Fund**Beginning Balance 1/1/06** **\$1522.87****Income Sources**

Parishioners Donations	3858.00	
Funerals	775.00	
Plate Offering- 2 nd Sunday of mo.	394.29	
Convention Eucharist Offering	406.50	
Reimbursements	<u>171.20</u>	
		5604.99

Expenses

National	191.00	
Diocesan	825.00	
Local - Rent/Utilities	3206.81	
Food/Clothing	262.66	
Medical	192.75	
Other	17.10	
Reimbursements	<u>171.20</u>	
		4866.52

Ending Balance 12/31/06**\$2261.34**

Other Funds - 2006	Balance			Balance
	1/1/06	Income	Expense	12/31/06
Capital Improvement Fund- <i>Income is from parishioner donations - \$641 and the endowment fund -\$25,625; expenses incurred for improvements made to our physical plant</i>	\$-5,746	\$26,266	\$10,733	\$9,787
Columbarium Fund- <i>Income is from individuals purchasing a niche, expense for the set of niches, urns, and framing for installation.</i>	\$509	\$600	\$415	\$694
Clergy Continuing Education Fund - <i>Income and expenses for Father Adam Trambley</i>	\$873	\$2,976	\$2,936	\$913
Clergy Continuing Education Fund - <i>Income and expenses for Deacon Gail Winslow</i>	\$1,836	\$750	\$1,060	\$1,526
Health Care Plan Fund - <i>Employees withhold tax advantaged dollars for valid non-insurance reimbursed medical expenses. Fund shows income and expense flow.</i>	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Music Program Fund - <i>Donations made specifically for the music program, expenses for purchases as directed by the choir director or organist.</i>	\$355	\$130	\$83	\$402
New Building Fund - <i>Income received and expenses incurred in the process of purchasing the A & B Building.</i>	\$5,191	\$0	\$8,500	\$-3,309
Outreach Grant Fund - <i>Income is from diocesan grant - \$12,500, donations from meal recipients and others - \$1647. Expenses are for the meal program</i>	\$1,146	\$14,147	\$14,236	\$1,057
Reimbursement Fund - <i>In and out money for books, supplies, etc by parishioners</i>	\$169	\$530	\$539	\$160
Transient Fund - <i>Non budget flow of funds for designated accounts - in/out - altar flowers, decorations, food pantry, special offerings, etc.</i>	\$3,677	\$6,516	\$5,564	\$4,629

2007 NOMINEES

Treasurer Nominee:

Patrick W. Hesch

I have been attending Trinity for 20 years. I am currently a Lay Eucharistic Visitor with my wife, Jane, an usher, active in outreach, and previously served on the Finance Committee.

I was born and raised in Warren. I graduated from Warren Area High School (1974) and Clarion University (1978). My degree was in Business Administration with a concentration on Marketing Management. I've held numerous positions with the American Cancer Society, including Vice President of fund raising, Treasurer, Nominating Committee Chair and a board member for 12 years.

I was employed at Blair Corporation for 18 years in Credit Services and am currently an independent insurance broker.

I believe my business background and financial experience would be an asset to the Vestry. Also I believe we need to increase attendance and participation of our current members while moving forward in a concentrated effort to get new members. We need to obtain younger members to increase the future growth of the parish. To do this we should work together as a congregation to generate new ideas and plan for the future at Trinity Memorial.

Vestry Nominees:

Mary Lou Campbell

I have lived in the Warren area for most of my life. I have three adult children and have been blessed with three grandchildren.

Recently I graduated from Jamestown Community College with an associate in science degree in human services. Currently I am working as a home health aide for Care Unlimited Inc., A life skill coach for Bolleinger Enterprises Inc., and provide respite care for families who care for their children with disabilities.

As a life long member of Trinity Memorial Church I have grown spiritually and personally through Bible study, fellowship, and serving the church. In the past I taught Sunday school, currently I am an usher, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Vestry member, and serve on Altar Guild. In the future, I look forward to serving the body of Christ.

Lana Creal

I have been a member of Trinity Memorial Church since 1972 and attend regularly. When my children Marisa, Case, and Drew were babies, I worked in the nursery. When they became school age I taught Sunday School. My husband Chris served Trinity as treasurer for many years. So it was easy to offer to do that job in 1997.

Professionally, I have worked with computer systems for over 30 years. I developed Creal Computing Associates, an IBM business partner firm, and Penncom as an originating partner. Currently I work at Whirley Industries, Inc.

I am always happy to serve with friends at Trinity Memorial Church in whatever capacity is helpful.

Ian J "Keith" Hinsdale

I am originally from Toledo, Ohio, where I grew up attending St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Eventually, I moved to Columbus and attended Ohio State University, where I graduated with a degree in psychology. Over the years, I became involved in Baptist, Alliance, Catholic, and Methodist churches. However, I returned home to the Episcopal Church in 2002 when I became a member of Trinity. Since I never reached confirmation as a child, I was finally confirmed shortly after coming to Trinity.

Today, I am a member of the Trinity choir, where I sing bass. I live in Pleasant Township with my partner of eight years, Randy Swanson.

Despite my psychology background, I am employed as an anti-money laundering compliance officer for HSBC Bank. Prior to that, I was a branch manager for HSBC (as well as Fifth Third Bank in Columbus). I feel very blessed to live in this community and be part of a church that truly feels like family to me.

Addy Landrio

Raised in the Episcopal Church, I have been active in church activities all my life. Growing up I sang in Jr. Choir, worked on Jr. Altar Guild, and was an acolyte. Through my teens I was active in youth group and Faith Alive weekends. Church remained an important part of my life during college. While attending school in Syracuse I joined St. Stephen's Church where I got involved in lay reading, youth group, acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Ministry. When Gary and I married we moved to York, PA where I was a Lay reader, taught Sunday school, altar guild, worked on buildings and grounds, and assisted with community lunch meal program.

Spiritually I was active the Cursillo movement. Here at Trinity I have taught Sunday school, and been scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 1. As an active member I also participate as: an altar guild member, director of acolytes, vestry member, knitting group, adult study group, Sunday morning adult study group, lay reader, NCD, and work on the outreach meal program.

Outside of church I work full time as a Dental Hygienist, and have raised two children, Paul 23 and Peter 21.

Deacon's Report

*Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace
that was given me by the working of his power. Ephesians 3:7*

- Our Lay Eucharistic Visitors are a blessing to our homebound and those in nursing homes. The visitors have faithfully made sure that our shut-ins receive communion once a month. Their faithfulness and commitment is what it means to be a part of the body of Christ. Many blessings to Pat & Jane Hesch, Patty Bratz & Marya Yurick, and Jerry & Deb Davis.
- The Food Pantry continues to serve those with emergency food needs. Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the pantry each month. There is one slight problem though - outdated food. Please check expiration dates. Over the holidays there were two full bags of outdated food that had to be thrown away.
- The generous support of our outreach ministries in India is greatly appreciated. We regularly receive correspondence from our brothers and sisters in Christ at the House of Hope and the Birds of the Sky. They are very thankful for our prayers and financial support. They have used the money wisely and prayerfully. They continue to keep Trinity in their prayers and thanksgivings. Thank you Sunny & Siby Thomas for making it possible for us to take part in this ministry.
- The Holiday Meals Program continues to be a blessing to our elderly and economically struggling brothers and sisters. Serving over 1000 people at Thanksgiving and Christmas in Warren and Forest Counties. I feel God has called me to a new ministry and Thanksgiving was the last time that I will be in the kitchen preparing meals or giving out food baskets. It has been over 10 years of blessings in my life at Trinity. My prayers are with Diane Groszek and Jerry Davis who have graciously volunteered to take over the leadership roles. I want to give special thanks to Jim & Lynda McCollough, without whose love and support this program would have never been born. They were there when we started with two families and we delivered out of the back of Jim's pickup for the first three years.
- My call from God is to plant a church in Marienville. The planting of a church is a slow and prayerful process, but is where I am being led my God. A small group has offered to help me discern this ministry. We have had one meeting and we are all reading the book "Big Dreams in Small Places". Barb and I went to Marienville on Saturday, January 2, 2007. We drove around the surrounding area and up & down all the streets, searching out the town, just as the Israelites did before going into Canaan. We prayed there and talked to some local people. The next step will be to go with someone else from the group and do the same thing again to see how the Holy Spirit moves. I ask for your continuing prayers as this ministry moves forward.
- Outreach monies were used for the following ministries in 2006:
 - Local**
 - ▶ Faith Inn \$2,400.00
 - ▶ United Fund \$500.00
 - ▶ Food Vouchers \$415.83
 - ▶ Hospice \$300.00

▶ Warren State Hospital Indigent Patients	\$200.00
▶ Warren County Jail Ministry	\$200.00
▶ Struthers Library Brick	\$100.00
▶ Muscular Dystrophy	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$4,215.83

Diocesan

▶ Heifer Project - (In honor of the Hathaways)	\$300.00
▶ Peace mugs for convention	\$250.00
▶ Utility assistance for the City Mission in Erie	\$200.00
▶ Happening	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$850.00

International

▶ House of Hope	\$2,000.00
▶ African Priest continuing education	\$1,092.00
▶ Episcopal Relief and Development Fund	\$750.00
▶ Birds of the Sky	\$500.00
▶ Books for Spanish Clergy Children	\$400.00
▶ Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation	<u>\$50.00</u>
	\$4,792.00

Total	\$9,857.83
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Yours in Christ,
Deacon Gail

Trinity Building Committee Report

The committee focused on two fronts, significant needs of the existing structure and changes to make our facilities better fulfill our spiritual needs. The repairs took care of leakage problems with the entrance area and steps to the narthex. We are just completing a major improvement in drainage around most of the church foundation. That effort found that overall the church foundation is solid, in most places over two feet thick. The area along Third Avenue was very wet, allowing moisture to seep into the basement creating mold and mildew.

A new drainage system connected all the roof drains on the north side of the church, tied them into a new French drain system and now takes all that moisture out into the city storm sewer system on Poplar. This repair together with planned humidifier improvements should make a significant difference in the summer humidity of the basement. We are also working with a contractor to assess needed repairs on our roof, tower and stonework, including sealing and some repointing.

We worked with various contractors and architects gather insight as to how best improve our meeting space and providing the best facilities to serve both our spiritual needs and future possible outreach programs. The structural options have educated us as to the costs of various approaches and we anticipate coming up with a plan in 2007 which will provide a practical vision for our future building plans.

Gary Landrio



The Right Reverend Robert D. Rowley, Jr. announced his plans to retire not later than August 2007. This was affirmed at the 2005 Diocesan Convention. The Standing Committee, Search Committee (appointed by the Standing Committee) and the Transition Committee (appointed by Diocesan Council) met in June of 2006 to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in establishing procedures, affirming necessary skills, and creating the framework around which candidates would be chosen and forwarded for election.

One of the initial tasks was to meet with the clergy and lay of the diocese to solicit input to determine the profile of the candidates to be considered and a profile of the diocese. Focus groups, which were very well attended, were held throughout the diocese. This information was collated so that it could be included in the profile. The Search Committee presented the Profile at the Diocesan Convention held in October. Applications and referrals were then received until December 25.

The Bishop Search Committee met on January 6, 2007 to consider the applications that were received and reported that a sufficient number of applications were received and that the process is moving forward. It is very important that all the people of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania keep this process in their prayers. All individuals are asked to join the Search Committee in days of Prayer and Fasting for the search process. Specifically they would ask that individuals and parishes join in prayer and fasting on the days that the committee meets and on each Friday in Lent preceding the election of our next bishop, May 19, 2007.

The next steps are:

- The Search Committee will chose three to five candidates to be nominated at Election Convention.
- Nominees will tour the diocese and meet with congregations.
- The Election Convention will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul on May 19, 2007.
- All other Diocesan Bishops and Diocesan Standing Committees will be asked to consent to the person elected.
- Bishop and Nancy Rowley will be recognized for their ministry.
- The Consecration of the next Bishop of Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania to be celebrated at Grove City College, September 8, 2007, Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori will preside.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Small Groups & Ministries

Sunday School (Sunday 9:15 am)

We have two Sunday School classes that gather each Sunday. Jane Crouch teaches our youngest children Pre-school through 2nd grade using the curriculum "Godly Play". Lynn Shultz teaches the 3rd through 5th grade using the "Faith First" curriculum. Nursery is also available during Sunday School and the 10:30 am church service for infants through first grade.

Adult Study Group (Sunday 9:00 am)

The Sunday Morning Study Group meets between services at 9:00 for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. We started our class last summer with a spiritual gifts inventory and are currently studying a book titled, "The Three Colors of Love". The group is currently made up seven people- Diane Brant, Mary Simmons, Mary Klancher, Elaine Rhodes, Addy Landrio, Leslie Baldensperger, and me. I know that for me, the experience of getting to know these people on a personal level has been a true blessing. I invite anyone who may be looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth or simply has a desire to share in Christian fellowship to join us. We would love to have you and look forward to seeing you.

Your brother in Christ,
Bill Shultz

Mothers' Group (Sunday 9:15 am)

The mothers' prayer/study group meets each Sunday at 9:15 am. This time allows us to encourage and comfort each other with God's help. With insightful books as resources, we are able to reflect and pray together. We are currently using the 3 Colors of Ministry book to not only discover but to use our spiritual gifts.

This last year through Children's Christian Fund, we adopted a 5-year-old girl from Kenya. Her name is Nameni Moding. She, her siblings and her grandmother live on less than \$200 per year, so our contributions will help to ensure that Nameni receives adequate food, medical care, and school supplies. In June a church-wide rummage sale was held netting \$368 with most of these funds going to support Nameni. We also hosted a baby shower in May and donated all items to A Safe Place.

We welcome all actively parenting mothers to join us.

Youth Group (Sunday 6:00 pm)

Beginning last November, Trinity's Youth Group for grades 6-12 has started meeting again on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Trambleys' house. The youth group provides a time of prayer, fellowship, discussion, and learning. This spring, we are focusing many of our discussions around *The 3 Colors of Ministry* and exploring spiritual gifts. All young people in our parish are invited. For more information, please contact Adam or Jane Trambley.

Knitting Group (Third Sunday of the month, 4:00 pm)

Our ministry involves making prayer shawls for our shut-ins & others, making scarves and hats for the Seamen's Institute for international seafarers, blankets, mittens, hats and scarves for those in need, and other projects we are doing for family and friends. Knitting, crocheting, needle pointing, etc., occupies idle hands, calms the mind, quiets the internal static and invites prayer.

As we gather we chat a bit about what's been going on in our lives and then while working on our particular craft, we pray, have some time of silence, chat some more and end our gathering in prayer.

We would love to have you join us. We are willing to teach knitting and have a supply of needles and yarn for beginners.

Diane Brant

Prayer and Share (Monday 7:00 pm)

We meet in the parlor, but start each evening with prayer in the church for our rector, deacon, church family, community, family and friends. We pray for all the physical and emotional ill and financial concerns. We pray for all needs and give praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. The Holy Spirit is so close as we study God's word. This group has grown spiritually and each person shares their Christian beliefs. The love of our Lord joins us in our prayers and sharing. If anyone is interested in attending the group, we would love for you to join us.

Lynda McCollough

Wednesday Morning Service (10:00 am)

Every Wednesday morning about ten people gather for Eucharist or Morning Prayer. Many share a cup of coffee together beforehand, or stay afterwards to help put together the newsletter or other mailings. Occasionally a movie has been shown after the service or a book read for discussion. All are encouraged to join us for our common prayer and whatever else develops.

Stewardship

We often think of stewardship as the pledge drive, however it is far more than just a pledge drive. Stewardship is how we use what God has given to us, such as our time, talent, and treasure. God gave us the gift of His only Son, and all that He asks for in return is that we give a tithe. As you read through the annual report you will see how many of the members of Trinity Memorial Church use their time and gifts from God to serve the body of Christ. In 2006 new groups have developed at Trinity Memorial. Many of you increased your pledges this year, which shows that we are growing spiritually as individuals and as a parish.

For 2007 we have received 62 pledges for a total of \$108,115. Thirty-two of these pledges came from people who have responded to God with increased giving.

Mary Lou Campbell

Pastoral Care

Gifts were given on Easter and Christmas for our shut-ins. Cards are sent for their birthdays also. Many parishioners generously gave meals for those who needed them this year. There are also several groups do intercessory prayers each week.

Clare Glarner

Hospitality

Trinity Memorial Church is making strides towards being a more welcoming place towards visitors. We have taken "Welcome to Trinity" gift bags to eight families. Five of these families are listed in our latest directory, and three families have joined our parish family.

In October, Trinity hosted an all day hospitality workshop presented by the Diocese Hospitality Task Force. Approximately 25 people attended, more than half coming from Trinity and St. Francis.

In the coming year, we plan to create gift bags to be presented to visitors during the service, and to continue visiting newcomers.

Thanks to committee members and contributing partners: Mary Lou Campbell, Ed Ball, Ralph Brown, Dick Klancher, Addy Landrio, Gary Landrio, Richard West, Chris Mesmer, Jerry Davis, David Thomson

Dee Stewart

Trinity Women's Guild

Donna Ball, president; Connie Michell, secretary; Barb Winslow, treasurer.

Trinity Women's Guild gathered for fellowship and support at tureen dinners in the TMC dining room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. We choose fabric to make quilts for a girls' school in Mexico. This need came to our attention through Father Robert Sutherland, a supply priest. In May we hosted Mary Lou Watt, Priscilla Starrett White and others who presented "Walking through Israel", a musical narration of women in the bible, written by Priscilla a former Trinitarian. In June we treated ourselves to dinner at a Acocks Restaurant in Pittsfield. In July we hosted the Chauatuqua Tea where we always enjoy meeting old and new friends. We also awarded two scholarships to Rachel Drennen and Mary Lou Campbell.

Plans for 2007 are in the works. We are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 31 (a fifth Wednesday!) for a Brainstorming Tureen Dinner. Please come with a tureen and lots of ideas for our new year of fellowship, service, support and worship together.

Altar Guild

Directress - *Connie Michell, Barbara Willis*, Flowers - *Ann Soderberg*, Candles - *Sharon Drennen*

The Altar Guild of Trinity Memorial Church has an active membership of 17. The membership is divided into four groups. Each group serving 13 weeks out of the year.

It is the responsibility of the members to prepare the altar for all services held in the church under the direction of the rector. Also, they are responsible for the care of the linens, silver, candles, and vestments. At the close of the Sunday services, the altar flowers are taken by the Altar Guild members to the hospital, nursing homes and shut-ins.

Arrangements for the Altar flowers may be made by calling Ann Soderberg at 723-8257. Anyone wishing to give a memorial may contact the church office.

After serving faithfully for 25 years Connie Michell has stepped down as directress. Our many thanks to Connie for her leadership and ministry. Barb Willis will serve as directress for the coming year.

The following is a list of the Altar Guild members: Sylvia Anderson, Donna Ball, Mary Lou Campbell, Sharon Drennen, Rachel Drennen, Donna Harman, Linda Jensen, Stacy Jones, Addy Landrio, Chris Mesmer, Connie Michell, Marcy O'Brien, Dee Stewart, Mary Lou Watt, Barbara Willis, Susan Wolfe, and Marya Yurick.

New members are welcome at anytime.

Trinity Music

The Trinity Choir had a successful season under the direction of Choir Master, Richard West with Organist, Paul Crouch.

In addition to the weekly services, the choir sang at the Great Easter Vigil, Christmas Eve, funerals, the annual Christmas Hymn Sing and other services as requested. Eighty different anthems were performed during the season.

Richard West announced that he will retire as choir master at the end of the choir season, May of 2007. Father Adam will appoint a new choir master.

There are 18 full and part-time members. Membership is open to anyone who enjoys singing.

Richard West, Choir Master