

USE OF OUR BUILDING

Our church is used by a number of community organizations, several of them being engaged in service to others:

- ◆ **AA** A group meets on Monday evenings and a women's group meets Sunday afternoons
- ◆ **NA** A group meets on Wednesday evening.
- ◆ **Boy Scouts** Troop 3 meets here Mondays. Sponsored by the parish, this troop has served young men since 1915.



2001 Youth Group Mission Trip rehabbing homes in West Virginia.

SPECIAL RESPONCES

9-11 Our church responded to the national crisis of September 11, 2001 by providing goods for the workers and taking a team to St. Paul's Chapel to aid the workers at the World Trade Center site. A group of 15 from Trinity Church worked a twelve hour, overnight shift, feeding and providing supplies to the firefighters working at Ground Zero.

2004 Tsunami 2005 Katrina +

We joined many others in giving support to

Episcopal Relief and Development efforts in Southeast Asia when the Tsunami and the Gulf Coast hurricanes occurred. In addition our parish contributed \$1,450 directly to the Diocese of Mississippi to replace Bibles, prayer books, and hymnals.

2005 Refugee Resettlement In May 2005 we welcomed a father, mother and two children to America. From the first call from Lutheran Children and Family Service's Resettlement Program asking if we would be a refugee sponsor to their arrival was a rapid-fire sequence of events that fell into place.

All kinds of ministries burst forth to provide coordination, cleaning, house repair, furnishings, transportation, ESL teachers, child care, food supplies, clothing, etc.

The cottage on our church property became their temporary home as they transition into life in our community.

Trinity's Outreach Programs



*We are a community of
Christian people
seeking to love God
with all our heart, soul,
mind, and strength and
to love our neighbors as
ourselves.*

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OUTREACH

Trinity Church is committed to loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our *Seasons of the Spirit* children's and youth formation curriculum emphasizes outreach and we offer many ways for members to serve Christ in all people.

We have established relationships with agencies that offer opportunities to serve locally, regionally, and at great distances.

In addition to organized programs, each Baptized person "represent(s) Christ and his Church; bear(s) witness to him wherever they may be; and according to the gifts given them, carr(ies) on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world ..."

-The Catechism

Outreach is more than doing good works, Christians do good works as a response to God's love made known to us in Jesus Christ.

St. Francis:
Preach the Gospel. Use words if you must.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Episcopal Community Services is the social services agency of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. If your time and talents do not find a match in the ministry opportunities the parish provides, contact ECS (215-351-1478) to find other ways that you might serve.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

◆ COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Members donate canned goods and other items to this local ministry that provides support to those needing food, clothing, and household items.

Items can be left in the Narthex any Sunday. Roy and Annette Irvin deliver the goods to the Community Cupboard.

Trinity's Carnival has raised funds for Community Cupboard to purchase its new home.

◆ INTER-FAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

One month a year our parish hall becomes a temporary home for up to three families. During this time we provide meals and transportation for them.

Trinity sponsors an apartment at Hope Gardens, transitional housing, for folks moving from homelessness to their own homes.

◆ EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Trinity Church assists the mission of the Episcopal Church in the Philadelphia region through ECS. Each Christmas, gifts are gathered for children and their single mothers overcoming addiction and homelessness.

Each month REAL MEN COOK gather to prepare frozen meals that will be delivered to sick and homebound persons being served by agencies affiliated with ECS.

◆ YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Each year senior high students select a summer mission project. The goal of the project is to do a good work, and develop relationships with people of a different culture while building community among our own group members.

2002 Manhattan New York

2003 Pipestem West Virginia

2004 Anchorage Alaska

2005 Southwest Florida

2006 Man West Virginia

◆ SUMMER SERVICE CAMP

A week in the Summer for middle school students to serve others and work together with some fun activities in the mix. The Summers of 2004-2006 the project has been in Chester.

◆ ST. MARY'S VILLA FOR CHILDREN

Right across the street from Trinity, The Sisters of the Holy Family, care for children who for one reason or another can not live with their families. Trinity members serve as mentors and assist with other projects as St. Mary's.

➤ Each year, we provide wrist – bands for admission to the Carnival.

➤ Trinity quilters are currently making quilts for each child.

◆ Delaware County Housing Coalition

DCHS joins workers with future homeowners in building new or rehabilitating existing homes.