

On October 2 We Said Good-bye To Our Dear Friends Stephen and Gillian Booth

The children sang:
Thank you, Lord, for sending us STEPHEN,
Thank you, Lord, for sending us GILLIAN,
Thank you, Lord, for sending them both, right where we are.

Alleluia, praise the Booths!
We will miss them both, yes we will!
Alleluia, praise the Booths! And we wish them well!

Stephen has been off salmon fishing in Cape Breton, and Gillian sent this note while waiting for the moving van to arrive at their new home in Chester, Nova Scotia:

Dear Trinity Community,

Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 provided memories for Stephen and for me that shall be etched in our minds as long as they may endure. What a perfectly marvelous send off you planned and executed in our honour! Everything was lovely from the Godly Play singers to the speeches, the presentations, the amazing array of food and most of all to having so many children and adults present - people who have meant so much to us throughout our eight years at Trinity. It is difficult to imagine life outside the Trinity community, removed from all its members who have touched our lives with grace. The affirmation of our eight years with you is a wonderful gift that we shall carry with us always and that will help to sustain us in the next chapters of our life.

Please extend to the entire Trinity congregation our deep gratitude for all that we received during our eight years with you. The trefoil pendant I wear close to my heart as a reminder of all that Trinity is and has been to us.

*With bountiful blessings, multitudinous thanks and love to each of you,
Gillian*

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Now Trinity Moves Into Its Transition

This is a phase of reflecting on Trinity's strengths and future hopes, identifying candidates, and selecting a new Rector. The Vestry has selected two committees to lead this work:

Profile Committee: Debbie Burke, Susan Dana, Marian Rutledge, Ann St. Clair, Gail Street, John Veague and Claudia Wells	Search Committee: Ned Dana, Jim Fawcett, Jesse Goodman, Heather Heim, Dick Jackson, Marnie Miller, Catherine Taylor-Williams and Eleanor Velez
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The Vestry's Executive Committee will serve ex-officio on both committees: Senior Warden Reggie Cooper, Junior Warden Steve Peters, Treasurer Eugenie Fawcett and Clerk George Bergen.

Committees will begin their work with the guidance of The Rev. Canon Sarah Shofstall of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, starting in mid-October. There will be focus groups and discussions, and plenty of opportunity for all members of the Trinity community to contribute views and hopes for our parish. The details, including ways for you to participate, will be shared as they become available.

Communication is particularly important in a transition, so the Vestry has initiated a communication committee to look at our newsletter, website, bulletin, and other media and messages. This one, also eager for your input, is lead by Debbie Burke and includes Susan Dana, James Journey, Marnie Miller, Robert Serrell, John Veague and Claudia Wells.

And We Welcome our Interim Rector Rev. Dr. Randy K. Wilburn

Our Wardens have chosen Randy Wilburn as interim rector. Randy is a Lutheran minister with extensive experience working with Episcopal seminaries and congregations. Since 2005 he has served four New England congregations, including Zion Lutheran in Pittsfield, as an intentional interim. Randy was in parish ministry for 37 years in Wisconsin, Dallas, Wayland (Mass) and Palo Alto. He has also served as an organizational consultant and marriage and family therapist. He was educated at St. Olaf College and Andover Newton, where he earned a doctorate of ministry in psychology.

Randy and his wife, Karin, have been married forty-seven years. She has been a Montessori teacher and administrator, and she and their daughter-in-law are leaders in Godly Play. The Wilburns have a bed and breakfast in Amherst (homesuitehomeamherst.com). They have three adult children, two adopted, and four grandchildren. They also have a wonderful dog, named Sadie. They enjoy reading (especially poetry), art, music, travel, and conversation.

Randy will stay in the rectory several nights during the week and on Saturday night. You can reach him 24/7 at rkwilburn@comcast.net or on his cell phone, 413-687-5568. Do not hesitate to make contact and share conversation, concerns, or emergencies. Randy's favorite treat is chai tea latte from Lenox Coffee. He's always ready to meet for a cup.