



Dedication of Baptismal Font at Church House



A new baptismal font for the Church House Chapel was designed and fabricated by David B. Kriebel of Green Lane, and member of Trinity Church, Collegetown. He is the son of the Revs. Martha and Howard Kriebel. David says, "The six-sided supporting top symbolizes the six days of creation and our human nature.

The hand-blown basin's blue rim represents the waters of creation and the Prayer of Baptism that recites Scriptural waters. When looking through the clarity of the bowl, the sign of the Trinity is visible and held within three supporting members. Both they and the symbol of the Trinity make the Baptismal formula: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The skillfully crafted basin is the work of Taylor-Backus of Boyertown, PA. The font is placed centrally below the cross at the entrance to the Church House and the Chapel to signify that it is in baptism that we are initiated and commissioned into the body of Christ. It is a constant reminder of our belonging to Christ and to one another.

The font is a gift of the Kriebel family and will be "dedicated to the Glory of God to celebrate the ministry of the Rev. Dr. F. Russell Mitman, Conference Minister 1993-2010." The dedication liturgy will be part of the Service of Word and Sacrament at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 18. Russ comments, "I am truly grateful to David and his family for this significant addition to the liturgical furnishings of the church house, and I am humbled that the Kriebel family has gifted it in honor of my ministry."