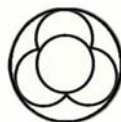


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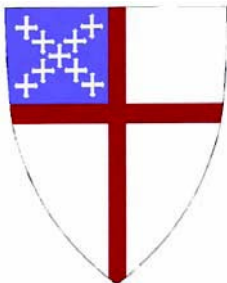


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Check Holy Trinity's website for the link to the document:

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Don't have internet access?

Printed copies are available in the Church office, upon request.

Holy Trinity Web Site New and Improved by Chip Harman. Webmaster

Have you seen the new Holy Trinity web site? <http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/>

Among the new features, you will find more information about the various active ministries with contact information, a tutorial of our worship services; historical information, links to the monthly *Trinity Tidings*, information for potential newcomers, and routine updates on the search for a new rector.

In the coming months you can expect more information on planning activities and special events. Please feel free to send suggestions to the webmaster -- chipharman@yahoo.com -- or contact any one of the Communications Ministry:

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(w/Children's' Chapel 2nd-5th Sunday
- Parish Hall)

10:45 AM – Fellowship & Education:
Sunday School, Youth Group,
Discussion Hour, and Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

(September -May)

10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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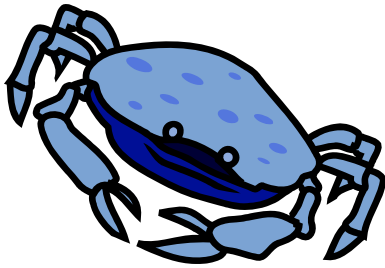
The Community That Is Holy Trinity by Rev. Bruce McPherson, Interim Rector

The community that is Holy Trinity has many faces, lives and works in many places and is active in many different phases of Parish life. This community consists of members who have formally joined the ranks of Communicants in Good Standing and many who are not formally members but are faithful in worship. And this community includes the Day School and all who are part of it: students, their families and its many supporters. Holy Trinity is a community without walls.

Above everything else, Holy Trinity is a community of faith. Everyone who is part of us is on his/her own personal and particular journey, a journey which brings each person closer and closer to God. This journey for some includes only participation in worship, for others it includes only participation in the social life of the parish and for most, the journey includes both. Most support Holy Trinity financially and many with volunteer time. This community does not have rigid boundaries, but rather its boundaries are soft and indistinct. This is because no single person's journey is more or less valid than another's. Every person and his/her life's journey is sacred; not any one more than any other one. There has never been a time that was more sacred than this time, nor a place that was more sacred than this place. Holy Trinity is itself on a sacred journey; a journey that will bring new leadership, a journey that will bring new life, a journey that will bring all its members and friends into a closer relationship with God as God is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Holy Trinity is a Christian community, not because it is a part of the world-wide Anglican Communion, thought that is true, but because it is a part of the journey of so many who in various ways come to know Christ. Faith in Christ opens for us the possibility of knowing more about God, which is to say, more about the meaning and purpose of life and of death. Jesus Christ is about life and death. And Christ is revealed in scripture, in prayer and, perhaps most vividly, in the faces of all those who are part of the Community That Is Holy Trinity, no matter what the level of their participation. Every time someone new joins his/her journey with that of this community, Christ is more fully revealed. Because our boundaries are imprecise, even porous, it is our mandate, our command, to welcome the stranger. Every time we do, we welcome Christ himself.

At the conclusion of each Vestry meeting we pray, "Give us the grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name and the courage to be the Christ for others. Amen"



**Hunger Committee
Annual Crab Feast
by Verena Smith**

Remember to save **Sunday, September 9, 2007**, after the 9:30 AM service, for the Hunger Committee's Annual Crab Feast! Crabs, corn, Red Hot & Blue BBQ and more. More information will be forthcoming in the September Tidings and summer Sunday bulletins. Call Susan Croft for details at 301-262-8970.

**Dominique Davis Is Presented
the Eagle Scout Award
by Curtis Reiber, Buildings and Grounds
Chair**

Scout Dominique Davis was presented his Eagle Scout Award on June 15, 2007. His Eagle Scout project was an update of Holy Trinity Cemetery records. The award of Eagle Scout rank requires the scout to accomplish a large community service project. We thank our dedicated Holy Trinity Scout Troop 403 for their support.

Dominique took pictures of each grave stone in the Church Cemetery and the Oden Bowie Historic Cemetery, recorded the information from all of the stones, and located the stones within the established maps for each cemetery. Karen Sharp served as the editor and designed the computer database for the records. Sherrill and Wayne Bower provided pictures of the Rectors of Holy Trinity Church. Curtis Reiber served as the Church project coordinator. This is one of the most intensive Scout projects completed in the past 30 years. Thanks to everyone for their support.

**The Closeout
by Debbie Robinson**

Forbes once said, "It may be all right to be content with what you have; never with what you are." For many years, I was content with my understanding of my faith. I was a cradle Episcopalian and, until I began EFM, believed that I knew all there was to know.

The EFM experience was unique in that all that it did not teach; it made you think about. I realized early on the format of EFM was not so much about teaching me as it was about improving me.

I have improved! I firmly believe that I am better able to discover the intent of biblical passages and feel confident that I can stand on my own while dialoguing with others on the interpretation or intention of passages so often quoted and taken out of context.

Through EFM I have learned all I wanted to know about circumcision, the cycle of disobedience, smite and repent, and what it means to flagellate. I take with me the techniques of centering prayers, the ability to reflect on everyday events that elate me and deflate me, and to be still and discern God's call.

I want to thank all of my EFM Mentors: Mary, Steve, Elizabeth and Vicki. For my remaining classmates, thank you and stay prayed up. To my fellow graduates, Linda and Diane, our walk together has been a lifetime memory.

EFM is an enjoyable learning opportunity and if you are interested in enrolling or learning more about EFM, contact Vicki Esmacher at vickiesmacher@yahoo.com.

Holy Trinity's Vision

...to become a dynamic spiritual center that reflects our community in its diversity. Here people will be welcomed and accepted and will find growth and fulfillment in the vitality of the Spirit.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School Graduating Class of 2007

by Lisa Hawkins, HTEDS Communications Director

The Class of 2007 celebrated its graduation on June 5, 2007, surrounded by family, friends, family, faculty, and the entire Holy Trinity School community. We wish them well as they venture to the next phase of their lives. The following list represents those high schools the 2007 graduates will attend, as well as any scholarships awarded Holy Trinity Graduating Class of 2007:

Schools

Academy of the Holy Cross
 Archbishop Spalding High School
 Arundel High School
 Bishop McNamara Catholic High School
 Bowie High School – Summit Program
 DeMatha Catholic High School

 Eleanor Roosevelt High School –
 Science and Technology Program
 Elizabeth Seton High School
 C. H. Flowers High School –
 Science and Technology Program
 Gonzaga College High School
 Grace Brethren High School
 Indian Creek School
 Mount Saint Joseph's School
 South River High School
 St. John's College High School
 St. Mary's High School
 St. Vincent Pallotti High School
 The Severn School

Scholarships Awarded

Instrumental Scholarship
 Instrumental Music & Academic Achievement Scholarship

 Music Scholarship

 John L. Moylan Band Award, Fr. Cyprian Nusca Academic &
 Band Scholarship, Honors Program

Music Scholarship

Art & Music Scholarship



OUR GROUNDS HELPERS

by Harold Sandy

Let all readers join me in giving hearty thanks to the following persons: Don Evans, who regularly takes care of the north end of the grounds along the fence-line; Dick Blass who helps weekly with watering, weeding, pruning, enlarging the cemetery, tree cutting; Alonzo Jarmon who is donating work to earn required high school service hours; Carl Vettel and Tom Lackey for helping with much needed cleaning of the church rain gutters; and to Sally Gilbert for donating the four beautiful boxwoods planted in front of the sacristy. Our sincerest thanks to all.



photo courtesy Karen Sharp

Thanks to the generosity of Carl and Janice Vettel, new benches grace the area in front of the Church.



photo courtesy Karen Sharp

The new steps and the wall enhance the east side of the Church, graced with four mountain green boxwoods donated by Sally Gilbert.

Search Committee News

by Steve Esmacher, Chair

We have gotten resumes from 18 rector candidates and have begun the screening process. We have asked each candidate for additional information centered on the goals and objectives we identified through the information gathering process and communicated in our Parish Profile. Responses are due back in early August. We will further screen candidates and begin phone interviews shortly thereafter. Things are moving along well and we are very excited by the candidates we received.

The Diocese will continue receiving names for our opening through August 2.

Please continue to keep us and our next rector (whomever she or he may be) in your thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

by Kimberly Evans, Education Ministry Chair

Summer's rushing to a close too early, and we'll soon have plunged back into Fall's whirlwind. Here are some highlights of our Christian Education groups for adults – ways to help you think about broadening your knowledge and experience at Holy Trinity. All the groups will be starting back up in September. Check the bulletin or the calendar for details.

On Sundays, after the 9:30 service, we'll again offer a choice of the Sunday Discussion Forum or our Bible Study Group.

The Bible Study will be continuing its exploration of Mark's Gospel with William Barklay's Commentary.

Some highlights of Sunday Discussion will be:

- Christianity in Africa Today. Some of our African members from Nigeria and Sierra Leone will present their experiences,
- Saints (and Ghosts) of Holy Trinity's past. We'll be finding out about some of the past years at Holy Trinity through the lives and deeds of those in our churchyard, and
- Faith & Science. How are they compatible?

The Search Committee will also use this forum to keep us up-to-date on the search for a new rector. And, we'll continue to make sandwiches once a month – a time to share chat and laughter while we work to feed the hungry.

For those who can find some spare time mid-week, there are other exciting opportunities. Education for Ministry (EFM) will be meeting on Tuesday nights this year. There are a few places left for first year students in this in-depth, university-sponsored study of the Bible, the Church and Christian Theology. Arleen and Kirt Kirtland will be coordinating EFM this year, so contact one of them if you're interested.

On Wednesday mornings the Rectory Readers will again offer breakfast and book discussion from 8-10 AM. What a way to start the day! The first book in September will be *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill. Let Bob Laursen know if you want to participate, so he can include you in the book order.

At 11:00 AM on Wednesdays, just after the mid-week Eucharist service, Searching Spirituality will continue delving into the psalms. From there, the group will choose other aspects of spirituality to explore.

Welcome Back!

by Tom Cloutier

As you read this I hope that you are enjoying the summer with all its glory. Looking forward, we are energized by the return to the Sunday School program. Unless you have already enrolled your "young parishioner", we invite you to do so on Sunday, September 9, after the 9:30 AM service. Classes for the lower school will be held in the Day School classrooms (attached to Parish Hall). Upper school students (Rite 13, J2A and YAK) meet in the Rectory located across from Parish Hall.

Your support of your child in the youth program at Holy Trinity is paramount to the success of our parish. Please support them by bring them to church, dropping them off at 11:15 AM (after donuts and coffee!) and picking them up by 11:45AM.

Take a moment to thank the teachers and mentors for all they do every Sunday.

Milestones of Note

04/28/2007 marriage of Donna Michele Anderson & David Kenneth Rand

05/20/2007 marriage of Julie Oglivie Lowe & Scott Douglas McElroy

06/20/2007 birth of Torah Kailin Love, daughter of Alicia & Dan Love; granddaughter of Sue Love

07/07/2007 marriage of Kaynesha Patterson & Thomas Shaw

07/11/2007 birth of Mesomachi and Omasirichi Madueke, daughters of Jennifer & Godwin Madueke

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THE FUTURE OF THE RECTORY

by Thomas Lackey, Vestry Member

Our rectory is a beautiful building which was built in 1829 and has housed many a rector for Holy Trinity over the years. It has served that purpose well. However, in present times, rectors want their own independent housing, often to build equity for retirement. On Tuesday, July 17, some parishioners met for the first time as a Rectory Preservation Group. In attendance were Craig Ryan, Curt Reiber, Bonnie Branham, Harold Sandy and Tom Lackey. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to think about future uses of the rectory and how it might be altered to fit the changing needs of Holy Trinity.

The present rectory contains small rooms for our youth groups and other meetings as well as a tiny office for the assistant rector and a make-shift parking area. There are plumbing, electrical and structural concerns, as well.

The Day School, as part of its Long Term Planning, has suggested some alternative ideas which could redesign the rectory in a way to be mutually beneficial to Holy Trinity and the Day School. Some of the options would include building a large conference room and a large youth meeting room where the present "porch" exists on the east side of the rectory. The Church Office would also be consolidated into a renovated rectory. All work would have to be approved by the County and the Historic Society of Prince George's County. Any changes to the rectory will cost a significant amount, to be funded by a joint venture of the Church and the Day School. There may be grant money available from the Maryland Historic Society which could defray some of the cost.

This is all in the developmental stage right now and no final decisions have been made. However, this is a great time to be thinking of future uses for the rectory, working with the Day School to meet mutually beneficial goals, and discussing how to fund our share of any cost for a final project.

The next meeting of the Rectory Preservation Group will be on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 PM in the rectory. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. There will be future announcements of developments in this area and a Sunday Discussion session sometime in the Fall to elaborate on these matters.