

The Trinity Tidings

DECEMBER 2009

Holy Trinity's Mission: Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- 12/24 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist
7:30 PM Holy Eucharist
10:00 PM Holy Eucharist
- 12/25 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 12/27 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 01/03 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Lessons & Carols
& Holy Eucharist



The early Church instituted the season of Advent as a time for reflection and repentance. Each Sunday a candle is lit. The pink candle is lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Day. Even as the Feast of the Epiphany approaches, all the candles are lit in anticipation of Christ's arrival and then the celebration of his presence on earth.



photo by Evelyn Kirby

**Dan Ryan Jazz Quartet Concert
Raises Money
to Support
Holy Trinity Music Fund
By Evelyn Kirby**

The Dan Ryan Jazz Quartet was rewarded with a standing ovation at the end of its concert late in November. The four talented musicians entertained the gathering amid shouts and whistles for more than 2 hours with original compositions by Dan Ryan. If you missed the evening, you missed what people called, "outstanding music," and "impressive young talent."

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this program possible. Proceeds from the concert will be used to fund the music program at Holy Trinity.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

10:45 AM – Fellowship & Education,
Sunday School, Youth Group,

Discussion Hour, and Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



photo by Karen Sharp

Buildings and Grounds gardener Harold Sandy stands atop the mounting stone as webmaster Chip Harman positions himself in place of a horse. Altar Guild head Pam Harman looks onto the bridle path where parishioners of days gone by would prepare to head for home following services on this holy hill. The three, along with some 20+ other parishioners, had just finished raking the property on Blue Jeans Saturday. Here at Holy Trinity many volunteers wear various hats.

Holy Trinity Needs You!! By Tom Lackey, Stewardship Ministry

Unless you have already submitted a financial pledge for 2010, please do so right away. In December, the budget is drafted with the input of many dedicated parishioners. January is the month that the annual budget is finalized and we need the most accurate information that we can get as to what resources will be available for the year. So far, pledges have been coming in at a quicker rate and higher amounts than for 2009. This is very encouraging! Holy Trinity is growing and 2010 should be an exciting year and we want everyone to feel a part of the ministries of our service. Pledge forms can be obtained on the table in the back of the church and can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the Church Office. Also, you can use the link on the Church website to pledge on-line.

Thanks for your generous support in so many ways to the good work done at Holy Trinity.

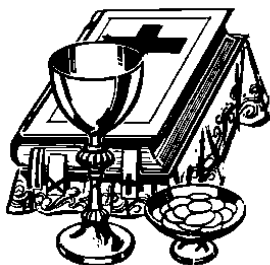
Parish Milestones

Baptisms

Jalyssa Mae Elias, grandchild of Janet Paul
Jayla Maya Elias, grandchild of Janet Paul
November 1, 2009

Deaths

Gordon Gustin,
Saturday, September 19, 2009



<http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/>



Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry Knit-Ins

By Arleen Dale Kirtland and Karen Sharp

A combination of fellowship and prayer, healing and practicality, the prayer shawl ministry has knit-ins from time to time. Please consider joining them and helping make prayer shawls for the ill, the bereaved, any who need comfort and healing and warmth. Arleen Kirtland, a professional knitting teacher, has volunteered to teach any new knitters at no cost! The knitters use size 13 needles, so if you can bring a pair when you come, that would be grand. They have a "stash" of yarn waiting to be knit. For more information or directions to the next Prayer Shawl Ministry Knit-in, call or e-mail Arleen Dale Kirtland at 240-305-6514 or lawnranger@unidial.com.

For unto us a child is born,



unto us a son is given.

Rectory Readers

By Mary Yuhas



In October we read the very informative and provocative *Evangelical Christianity* by Wendy Murray Zoba. We learned about the history of Evangelicalism, what evangelicals believe, their thoughts on women in church leadership and mission roles, differences with fundamentalism, ongoing conflicts within evangelicals and their approaches to changes in our culture. Rev. Leslie happened in one morning in the midst of our lively discussion on being "born again".

We are currently reading our fourth book in The Hinges of History series by Thomas Cahill, *Mysteries of the Middle Ages: the Rise of Feminism, Science, and Art from the Cults of Catholic Europe*. While Cahill begins his story in Alexandria about 350 BC, he defines the Middle Ages as follows: Early Middle Ages (the Dark Ages) fourth through eleventh centuries; High Middle Ages, twelfth, thirteenth and first half of fourteenth centuries; Late Middle Ages, second half of fourteenth century and the fifteenth century. His focus for this book is the High Middle Ages, the time when Europe experienced a rebirth of art, literature, scholarship, philosophy and science and began to develop a vision of Western society that is still the basis of our civilization today. The stories will visit the people and places important to these foundations of our world. Thankfully, the book has maps, charts and art work that help to enlighten us further about these historic times. With breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas we propose to finish this book in January.



Christmas Poinsettia Ordering Form

Every Christmas season Holy Trinity decorates the church at Christmas week with poinsettias paid with memorial donations from parishioners, brightening the atmosphere and adding to the joy of our celebrations of Christ's birth. A tribute is added to the Christmas service bulletins acknowledging the donor and recognizing the loved ones or reasons for each donation.

I (we) would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary -

Given by: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

OR

In memory of: _____

OR

In honor of: _____

The cost of each plant is **\$20**. Please include your check **with this form** and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Julie Jones or Pam Harman in person. Make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Altar Guild* with *Christmas Poinsettia* in the Memo portion of your check. You may also pay in cash, in a properly labeled envelope ("*Christmas Poinsettia*"). **Payment is due no later than Sunday, December 13, 2009.**

** Thanks to webmaster Chip Harman, you may also submit your poinsettia dedication online at the Holy Trinity website, <http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/>. Payments must still be placed in the offering plate, as instructed above.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Jones at mjjscout@verizon.net or 301-262-8923 or Pam Harman at harmanp@comcast.net or 301-464-5244.

THANK YOU!



Holy Trinity Foster Child By Christen Wehrenberg

This fall we mark a happy milestone: another Holy Trinity Foster Child “graduates” from our care. Cristy Sencio was our 6th child; she and her family have enjoyed your care since 1995, when Cristy was just 5. ChildFund International (formerly Christian Children’s Fund) asked us to support Cristy as she completed school work that would help her secure a better future. Cristy turned 19 on November 4 and we received notice a few weeks ago that Cristy is no longer enrolled in ChildFund’s program.

Cristy and her family moved to another place where her father found better job opportunities. They will be staying there permanently...Cristy will continue her studies in their new place. Cristy and her family had been active members of the community. She participated in various developmental activities which helped improve her personality. From a shy little girl, Cristy had become an active and smart child. Cristy and her family express their heartfelt gratitude for your kindness.

Cristy wrote in an October letter, "I am happy because you support me... **and I would like to thank also all the people there in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.** Thanks a lot from the bottom of my heart for supporting me always. I am also very thankful to the Lord that he gave me very wonderful persons. Stay health and be happy. I love you."

And so we begin a new support chapter with our 7th foster child—Denise Faith Galias of the Philippines, born June 30, 2005. She is adorable; her photo can be seen hanging on the Church office bulletin board. Denise’s father, Rico, is a farmer who earns a modest \$43 per month. Her mother, Jonalyn, is a devoted homemaker. Denise attends preschool classes in their community; and it appears she has at least one sibling.

Children love to hear from their sponsors. I encourage you to write to Denise. If you wish to forward a card or letter to me through the church office, I’ll gladly place the proper postage on it and send it for you. Or feel free to address and mail it yourself using the address below; airmail postage is 98 cents; use the church address for return address:

Denise Faith Galias
135/42708/3005
Bicol Area
ChildFund
PO Box 13225 Ortigas Center
Emerald Avenue
1605 Pasig City, Metro Manila
Philippines

Thanks for your support and prayers.



A Unique, Affordable Gift for Christmas By Karen Sharp

Sherrill Bower's beautiful, limited edition print of Holy Trinity as affordable notecards is an excellent Christmas gift! This shrink-wrapped collection of 10 cards with envelopes sells for \$10.00, \$6.00 of which is tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the Rectory Restoration/Preservation project. To order please contact Karen Sharp at karenmsharp@comcast.net or 301-262-8425.



News from
the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
 By Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications

In keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving, the children in the preschool and kindergarten division launched their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. All non-perishable food items collected were contributed to the Bowie Pantry. What a wonderful way to teach the children about helping others who are less fortunate during the holiday season!

We would like to welcome our friends in the Church community to two annual events: The DramaFest featuring the 5th and 6th graders in Aristocats will occur on December 8 and 9 at 7 PM at the Daisey Lane campus. The performances are directed by Mrs. P. Firmani who is an expert in drawing out the best acting skills from the children. The winter concert on December 16 at ERHS at 7 PM showcases the musical talent of our Middle School students. Six bands (Cadet I and II, concert, symphonic, wind and jazz ensembles) will perform a variety of pieces to entertain family and friends. Music directors Mr. Brian Hollar and Ms. Sara Delvillano, together with the students, are preparing with great determination a delightful musical evening for you.

Many thanks go to Mrs. K. Layne and her merry helpers of the HTSA who hosted the recent Mothers' Brunch for the School community. The event was a wonderful success. The ladies enjoyed a sumptuous meal and were inspired by motivational speaker Dr. L. Fleet.

The faculty, staff, and students of the Day School wish our friends at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Support Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School students in becoming Tomorrow's Leaders!

Please give online at www.htrinity.org.



New Year's Eve Semi-Formal Celebration and Holy Eucharist
Thursday, December 31, 2009, at Holy Trinity

By Janet Paul

7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

In the Parish Hall: Small Plate Party (Beer and Wine Will Be Served) and Dancing to Tunes Spun by a DJ

11:00 PM - 12 Midnight

Holy Eucharist in the Church

12 Midnight

Champagne Toast in the Parish Hall


Cost: \$25.00 per person; tickets must be purchased by Sunday, December 20, 2009

Committee: Janet Paul, Peggy and Richard Keller, and Gloria Jarmon

For additional information, contact Michelle Upton in the Church Office at mupton@htrinity.org or 301-262-5353.

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.



During the Advent Season,
the Hunger Committee
of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
will sell tickets for a drawing for
2 American Girl dolls.

Tickets are \$2.00 each.

Tickets will be sold after church each week
and at HTEDS' Breakfast with Santa.

The drawing will be held at Noon on December 20.

Winners will be notified by phone.

All proceeds will go to Warm Nights.

Warm Nights operates during the winter months
(mid-November to March) to provide overnight shelter
to individuals needing to escape the cold temperatures.
Individuals stay at area churches and are provided meals.

There are no prerequisites for Warm Nights.

The Hunger Committee will gratefully accept
all free-will donations in support of Warm Nights.