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EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2007

Thursday	Feb 1	Communications Ministry Meeting	Rectory	9:00 pm
Friday	Feb 2	Red Hot & Blue Dinner (preparation)	Parish Hall	4:00 pm
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Sunday	Feb 4	Adult Discussion: Via Media (3 of 8)		10:45 am
Tuesday	Feb 6	Finance Ministry Meeting		7:30 pm
Sunday	Feb 11	Adult Discussion: Via Media (4 of 8)		10:45 am
Thursday	Feb 15	Vestry	Rector's Office	7:30 pm
Sunday	Feb 18	Sandwich Making/Via Media		10:45 am
Wednesday	Feb 21	ASH WEDNESDAY		
Sunday	Feb 25	Adult Discussion – Search Committee Forum		10:45 am

FEBRUARY 2007 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Children's Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Contemplative Eucharist	Church	10:15 a.m.
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30 p.m.
	Quiet Prayer sessions	Rectory	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery	7:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 p.m.
	Vestry (3 rd Thursday)	Rector's Office	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Junior Girl Scouts	Room 208	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.
	Quilting Group (1 st & 3 rd Saturday)	Kirtland's home	10:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

10:45 -Fellowship & Education
Sunday School
Youth Group
Discussion Hour
Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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From the Interim Rector

Rev. Bruce McPherson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here's a little doggerel from the pen of Ogden Nash:

Here is one fault that I must find

With the twentieth century,

And I'll put it in a couple of words:

Too adventury.

What I'd like would be some nice dull monotony

If anyone's gotany.

It has often been observed that the only constant in our lives is change. It is a cliché and, like all clichés, it is a truth that we overlook because it is so obvious. The best observer of change that I know of is a business consultant named William Bridges. He is widely admired and has written a number of books on the subject, most importantly, *The Way of Transition*, written several years ago. This was written after the death of his wife, an event that caused him to apply the principles developed in his business career to his personal life. In general, Bridges' fundamental understanding is that it's not change that is the issue. The change happens and forces us to adapt to a new reality. That adaptation is what is so challenging. He refers to this time of transition as a "neutral zone." This, he writes, "is both a dangerous and an opportune place... It is the place and time when the old habits, which are no longer adaptive to the situation, are extinguished and the new, better-adaptive patterns are beginning to take shape. It is the winter in which old growth returns to the soil ... while next year's growth begins to stir. It is the night in which we are disengaged from yesterday's concerns and prepared for tomorrows. ... It is the seedbed of the new beginning that you seek." In short, "it is the gap between the old and the new. It is the time when innovation is the most possible and when revitalization begins."

My time with you in this "neutral zone" has been a great blessing for me as I have come to know and love the people of Holy Trinity. You are a remarkable people; a community which is a seedbed in which the Word of God, properly fertilized and watered, is a rule of life. Everyone is honored for, his or her own gifts and contributions to our communal life and everyone is encouraged in their individual and corporate journeys in faith. In important ways, this journey is about the

search for meaning and purpose; for meaning that transcends, but includes, the ordinariness of life; a purpose that is more than simply growing old. In some traditions, God is thought of as “More” – meaning beyond meaning; purpose beyond purpose. It is this search for More, that engages the life of this great community.

February is Black History Month. In our search for “More,” in our search for God, we may discover this month that God is most visible in each other. Every week in February, I will post on the website a brief meditation taken from, or about, an important and influential Black theologian. Be on the lookout for that. Better understanding the great contribution of African-American preachers, teachers and theologians is central to our journey. This is not a time for nice dull monotony; nobody’s “gotany.”

Faithfully yours,
Bruce

Ash Wednesday Services

9:00 am	Lower School Service
10:00 am	Middle School Service
Noon	Joint Ash Wednesday Service with St. George’s and St. James at St. James; Rev. McPherson preaching.
7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the Church

Become a Tidings Writer

To enhance the information contained in the Tidings, the Communications Ministry has established the position of Feature Writer. With the help of church leadership, the Communications Ministry, and clergy, the Feature Writer will identify a different ministry to feature in the Tidings each month. The writer will then prepare a short “human interest” article for the Tidings. A good example of this type article is the write-up in the January 2007 Tidings about the new parish secretary, Joanne Bauer. Contact Bob Laursen (410) 721-9289 for more information.

Vestry / Search Committee Retreat

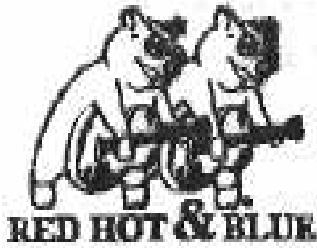
The Vestry and Search Committee held a combined retreat the weekend of January 12-13. We started out by watching the video “How Cultural Trends Affect Your Congregation,” and discussed how generational changes affect churches today. Saturday, Steve Esmacher, Elizabeth Chamberlain, and Chip Harman presented the lessons learned from the Search Committee’s Sunday Discussion on November 19th. We also discussed the relationship between the church and the Day School, and the role of the Holy Trinity Rector in the Day School. Rev. Bruce led a session on demographics in the church and surrounding community. Rev. Betty McWhorter, our search consultant, led a discussion on parish life cycles, and what they mean to Holy Trinity. We ended the retreat by participating in a Holy Eucharist in Collington’s chapel.

The retreat was very productive, and will help us as we prepare the Parish Profile that will be used in our search for our next Rector.

Thank You, Website Committee!

In late 2005 the Communications Ministry established an *Ad Hoc* Website Redesign Committee to define ways to revise and update the architecture, layout and flow of the current Holy Trinity site to make it easier to use and more appealing for both church members and the outside community. This committee has completed their work and we thank the members for their effort: Steve Esmacher (Chair), Wade Brown, Jim Diggs, Dan Howe, Wesley Jarmon, Jr, Tom Kirby, Karen Sharp, and Matt Gracie.

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

Holy Trinity Church - Hunger Committee's


“Heat Up The Winter”

February 2, 2007

6:00-7:30

Parish Hall

Featuring **Red Hot & Blue** pork barbeque, chicken barbeque, coleslaw, potato salad, beans, hot dogs, drinks and dessert

Advance Ticket Sales Only, Last Day to Order is Jan. 29

Advance Sale tickets may be used for dine-in or take-out

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$10.00

Children (5-10): \$7.00

Seniors: \$7.00

Pre-school: Free

*Make checks payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (bbq on memo)
Please call Elizabeth Chamberlain at 301 464-5897 with any questions*

Update on Search Committee Activities

Just a quick update on what's in store for the Parish and the activities surrounding the Search Committee. Be on the lookout for the survey sometime around MID-February. We have developed a list of questions (from your Sunday Discussion input), which will be vital in writing our Parish Profile. The Parish Profile helps identify to prospective candidates who we are and what type of rector we are looking for.

Each household member (13 and over) should take the survey (available online or hardcopy). The results will be compiled quickly. Once you hear the survey is available, please take the time to make this a successful effort. As always, keep the Search Committee and Vestry in your prayers as we do the work God has given us to do.

Sunday Discussion in February – VIA MEDIA continues

John Horrocks will lead the next two sessions of Via Media On February 4 and 11. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit will be the topics for those two sessions. Kimberly Evans will return on February 18 to lead the session on the Bible. We've got the DVD player figured out now, so barring any further glitches, the videos will be there to enrich these sessions. On Feb 25 we'll be talking about our search for a new rector.

Mark your calendars...

The annual meeting of Holy Trinity Parish will be held on Sunday, March 25th, after the 9:30 am service. This is the time for elections, adoption of the budget, and reports to the congregation from various ministries and programs. Please plan to attend.

A Letter from Mother Mariann

Dear Friends,

A Blessed Epiphany and Happy New Year to all of you. I know that Bruce has been keeping you up to date on my surgery and progress. Finally I'm feeling well enough to begin to engage the outside world and thought I'd drop you a few lines about my health and progress.

First though, THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU for all of the prayers, cards, notes, flowers, handmade "comfort" items, a tread mill (!) and FOOD, FOOD, FOOD! Jesus said: what you do for the least of these you do for me. I am overwhelmed by the support of so many. You are a blessing to me. My period away from HT is being greatly eased by your Christian generosity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul!

Regarding my recovery – it's a slow process and I get winded easily. But I saw my surgeon on Wednesday, and he said I was right where I'm supposed to be at this point - not yet a month out of surgery.

As you may or may not know, my surgery was more extensive than any of us originally anticipated. I expected to have the upper lobe of my left lung removed to take out the cancerous node within it. When the surgeons began the operation they realized that the location of the tumor was such that it ultimately was more beneficial and less traumatic to me to remove the entire lung. That was quite a shock. But the docs tell me that the lung was very compromised by the earlier radiation treatment on it and had lost some of its capability. Also, the right lung expands some to compensate for the loss of the other lung. I will probably be shorter of breath than I have in the past but most of my breathing capacity should come back.

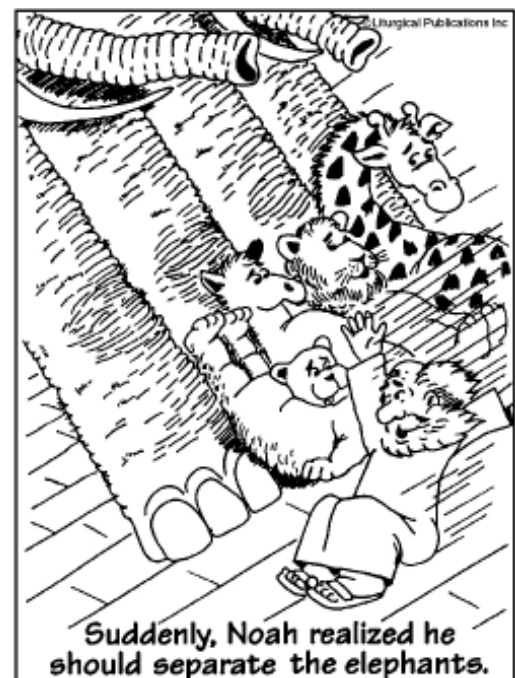
I'm hoping to return to HT at the beginning of Feb. Just don't expect me to go from zero to 60 quickly!! I'm trying to walk a little more each day, which is what was recommended for my physical therapy.

My head is beginning to clear as we lessen the pain medication, and I'm hoping I can drive again soon. Once this period of active recovery is over the doctors and I will assess if any further treatment is needed.


Please keep your prayers flowing. Knowing that so many are lifting me in prayer gives me a great deal of comfort. I hold you in my prayers each day.

Blessings, Mariann

Reminder!
Holy Trinity Yard Sale is coming!
April 28
Contact Beth Nelson for info



No-ah Kidding!



**The Holy Trinity School Association
Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
Gala and Auction**

Join Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School as we *Reach for the Stars* at this year's gala dinner and auction.

Saturday, March 3, 2007

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

**The Inn and Conference Center by Marriott
University of Maryland University College**

\$55 per person (purchased by February 9)

\$60 per person (purchased after February 9)

Enjoy dinner, music, a silent and live auction, and a best of live raffle while supporting educational excellence at Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School.

Visit our website at www.httrinity.org and click on *Support HT* to see a preview of available auction items.

To purchase tickets email collins418@aol.com or contact Idenna Russell, Director of Development, at 301-464-3215 or e-mail to supportht@httrinity.org.

2006 Sunday School Christmas Pageant



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Euch. Min.	Acolyte	Usher
Feb 4	S. Bower R. Curbelo	R. Longmire	B. Brown		T. Kirby L. Anderson
Feb 11	C. Wehrenberg B. Spehr	D. Whorton	K. Sharp		R. Curbelo R. Anderson
Feb 18	J. Scott M. Yuhas	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		R. Trisko H. Tucker
Feb 25	R. Anderson V. Esmacher	D. Robinson	S. Gilbert		L. Anderson T. Kirby
Feb 21 (Ash Wed)	Trisko		S. Cone		

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Euch. Min.	Acolyte	Usher
Feb 4	S. Eichhorn A. Nelson	B. Branham	B. Nelson A. Kirtland	W. Gordon, P. Gordon, M. Wenzel	K. Kowalewski K. Kirtland
Feb 11	C. Stimpert T. Vandermeys	C. Ryan	G. Jarmon C. Harman	A. Jarmon, S. Eichhorn, L. Tompkins	A. Sparks A. Beckley
Feb 18	M. Baird C. Townsend	K. Kirtland	D. Clark S. McGeiver	D. Townsend-Gray, C. Taylor, H. Hownsend-Gray	T. Sykes G. Perez
Feb 25	N. Reger E. Kowalewski	D. Clark	E. Maurer T. Cloutier	H. Cloutier, G. Sparks, A. Maurer	N. Evans R. Blass

Altar Guild: Feb 1-15: Betty Spehr & Pam Harman Feb 16-28: Della Whorton & Janice Vettel

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 am Eucharist - Rite I
(healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)

9:30 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)
*Nursery care provided for your infant,
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Children’s Chapel – Ages 3-6 – Parish Hall
(Except 1st Sunday: Children attend church with their parents)*

10:45 am Fellowship and Refreshments
Start in the Parish Hall and on to:

11:00 am Education Hour (Sept to mid June)
Sunday School - var. classrooms in Parish Hall
Rite 13 – Ages 12-13 – in the rectory
Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 – in the rectory
Discussion Hour – Topics of interest and fellowship in an informal setting
Bible Study – Room 204 (Sept-June)
Healing Ministry – Prayer Garden