



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



photo by Karen Sharp

Jacob's Ladder by Arleen Dale Kirtland

The quilt which I designed and made for the back of the piano was inspired by the Spirit and the choir as they sang *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* one Sunday while I was serving communion. The blocks are made from a traditional pattern called Jacob's Ladder and represent the steps (see the piano key squares?) and/or the ramp to a temple mount as one would see in ancient times. The red triangles represent the Holy Spirit. The black fabrics have angels coming up and down the ramp as well as musical instruments and notes.

All 3 of the ladders point towards the altar as a doorway to heaven and the throne of God. Golden stars are everywhere. The quilting in the plain areas represents God's breath, or, if you like, the swish of angel wings and robes. May it inspire you as it did me in its making – *To God be the Glory!*

City of Bowie Gives Thanks to Holy Trinity

Dear Holy Trinity Friends:

On behalf of the City of Bowie I would like to thank you for your recent donation to Bowie's adopted city of D'Iberville, Mississippi, which was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. It will be sent to the D'Iberville Volunteer Foundation which has been the driving force behind recovery in that city. The Foundation uses donations to purchase equipment or gift cards from Lowe's, Home Depot and other home supply places. The cards are distributed to the volunteers who come from all over the country to use as they work on the homes.

Those involved with the Foundation will tell you that they want to make their town whole again. They will also tell you that the donations and the constant stream of volunteers who come to work, give the townspeople hope and reassurance that they have not been forgotten.

On a personal note, what started out for me as a work assignment to find a city in the Gulf Coast region that the City of Bowie could help, quickly became something very near and dear to my heart. I'm proud of Holy Trinity's generosity and I can tell you that having been down there twice to volunteer, your donations are truly making a difference. At last count, over 700 families have livable homes again thanks to the donations and volunteer efforts.

Bowie High School is sending another group down to help during Spring Break in March. Hopefully my daughter Patricia and I will be able to join them and we can report on the latest progress. Thank you.

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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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Last Things

by Rev. Bruce McPherson, Interim Rector

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."

Thus Paul ended his letter to the Ephesians. It speaks to us of the greatness we can achieve through the power given to us by God through Christ by the Holy Spirit. It has been such a great privilege for me to serve you at Holy Trinity for the past 16 months and for me to come to know and to love you. You have the ability to achieve great things in this place. You have the land; you have the talent; and now you have new and vigorous leadership. But most of all, you have the power of the Holy Trinity that enables us to accomplish more than we can ever ask or imagine.

As Holy Trinity turns the page to a new chapter in its life, I would ask that you remember these things:

1. It's not change that is such a problem. What is sometimes so vexing is adapting to new realities. Holy Trinity is both very old and very new. Both ask to be embraced as you move forward.
2. Holy Trinity is the only church that I have served that so completely embraces everyone, regardless of who they are, where they come from or how long they have been a member. This is extremely important. It is not just a nice thing to do; it is a gospel imperative. Christ requires it of us, because "In Christ there is no east or west; in him no north or south. Just one great fellowship of love."
3. It's not your church and it's not my church and it's not the Bishop's church. Everything we do is for the greater glory of God. God demands of us that we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and bring everyone within his loving arms so that all may enjoy the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, gentleness, patience, kindness, generosity and self-control.

Thank you for being so kind to me. Thank you for being the warm and wonderful people that you are. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet in the world today.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper by Trish Butler and Ken Wenzel

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Adults: \$5; Seniors and Kids (ages 3-12): \$3,
under 3: free; maximum \$20 per family.**

Everyone is invited to the Annual Pancake Supper. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, and apple sauce. Then compete in the Pancake Races--prizes will be given!

Proceeds benefit the High School Youth Program at Holy Trinity.

Shrovetide, the three days before Ash Wednesday, was a time of confession and absolution; in some countries, it was also known as a season of merrymaking before Lent.

The Episcopal Church historically marks Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the observance of Lent, with the eating of pancakes, a feast before the liturgical fast. Here at Holy Trinity, the Youth Group has traditionally sponsored this annual supper. Learn more about it at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrove_Tuesday

Milestones in the Parish

Baptisms

January 6, 2008

Taylor Elise Richmond
Lucas Patrick Khelawan

"We receive you into the household of God."

Deaths

November 10, 2007

Maresa Burris Arrington

January 5, 2008

Catherine "Kay" Hobart Kaplanis

"Give rest, O Christ, to your servant"



Ash Wednesday Services

8:45 AM	Lower School Service
10:00 AM	Middle School Service
12 Noon	Joint Service with St. George's and St. James at St. George's, Rev. Mariann Babnis preaching
7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Liturgy at Holy Trinity

St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769.



"Blessed is She, Living Lent with Mary" - Lenten Study by Arleen Dale Kirtland

As hard as it is to believe, Lent will soon be here – February 6 is Ash Wednesday! This Lent, I will lead a 6 session study called, “Blessed is She, Living Lent with Mary.” We will be using a study guide by that name which was written by Tim Perry, a fellow Anglican and Professor of Theology at Providence College in Ontario. The study is one on discipleship, using Mary’s example as our guide. The study will be held during the Sunday School hour beginning February 10. To sign up and to get more information, please call me at 240-305-6514 or e-mail me at lawnranger@unidial.com

Meadowbrook Mornings

Under the moniker Hindsight, lyricist Russ Johnson, a former parishioner (and son of Holy Trinity's Peg and the late Russ Johnson), along with musician Rick Whitehouse, composed this song about Bowie. You may have recently read about it in *The Bowie Blade-News*. Russ has graciously granted *The Trinity Tidings* permission to print the words he penned on a flight to London:

Lost in time through history
And I found myself alone
But something seemed familiar
On the footpath overgrown
It led me to an archway
Of tall and mighty oaks
I must have been here later
Among the Tulip Groves

(Chorus)

*Before the Meadowbrook mornings and after the
Kenilworth nights
Lay warnings of the end of a time
The Somerset shadows across the Buckingham
heights
And the Heather on the Hills gave a tell-tale sign*

The Lords in the mansion
Atop the Foxes Hill
Calling down to stables
I may hear it still

Falling in procession
And marching to the north
For vespers as the sun fell
In a Chapel on the Forge

(Chorus)

(Repeat Verse 1)

(Repeat Verse 2)

Among the Tulip Groves...
Before those Meadowbrook mornings...
Among the Tulips...
Those Meadowbrook mornings...

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To listen to the song, go to
<http://www.acidplanet.com/artist.asp?PID=852116&t=8424>. Contact Russ by e-mail at
johnsonrkkm@lexcominc.net

Troop 2044 Girl Scout Cookie Sale by Diana Eichhorn

Holy Trinity Junior Girl Scout Troop 2044 is now selling Girl Scout Cookies. Proceeds from the sale of the cookies will help supplement the cost of the girls up coming adventure, traveling to Savannah, Georgia to visit the home of the Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low.

Please see Sarah Eichhorn to place orders or she can be reached at 301 572-2288. Additionally, donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated.



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

Looking Ahead ...to Sunday, March 3 Presentation by Our Day School's Head by Harold Sandy, Board of Governors, HTEDS

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Sunday Discussion Hour on March 3 to hear Marcy Cathey talk about the latest developments in our wonderful Day School.

In 1965, our members (some of you may have been among them) voted to establish the Day School as a mission of our congregation, so it is very important for us to be fully aware of our school's work for the children of our community.

Marcy will show and talk about Phase 3 building plans on the Daisey Lane campus and needed expansion plans on the Holy Trinity campus, respond to your questions, and tell you about curriculum developments that benefit our children -- academic, religious, and extra curricular.

We should all be excited about this event and make plans to attend.

'Chill with the Spirit' at Camp Letts in the Spring

All senior high students are invited to come for "Chill with the Spirit" at YMCA Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD, the weekend of February 8-10, 2008. Holy Trinity Parish youth will participate in this fun-filled Diocesan Youth Retreat and the cost for the weekend is \$85.00.

The middle school retreat is scheduled for March 7-9, 2008, with a theme of "The Born Identity," and will also be held at YMCA Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD, also for \$85.00.

Registration forms are available by email from Chaplain John Daniels jdaniels@htrinity.org or from Michelle Upton mupton@htrinity.org in the Parish Office.



Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School News by Laykin Zarro, HTEDS Director of Marketing and Communications

Lower School students enjoyed celebrating the Feast of Epiphany, or King's Day, in their French classes. Students learned about the French tradition of Epiphany where a bean (la feve) is hidden in a special dessert called a galette des rois. Everyone gathers to enjoy the cake and carefully eat a slice, hoping to find the bean or feve. Whoever finds it is crowned king or queen for the day, and is crowned with a glittering gold crown. At our school, instead of cake, we use cardboard shaped in pieces of cake. Whoever selects the piece with the letter K written on it becomes king or queen for the day.

The following 8th grade students were selected as winners in a recent Naval Academy poster competition: congratulations go to Vania Brown, Danielle Clark, Lerae Ettienne, Trevor Irish, Jorre Jackson, Celina Mbale, Ava McCoy, Zarina Meer, Kathleen Senecal, and Emily Toth. The winning posters were displayed at the Naval Academy Alumni Hall when the Naval Academy Midshipmen played against Longwood. These students received complimentary game tickets. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Middle School art teacher, Mrs. Eden Ertle, for her hard work in coordinating these Toulouse-Lautrec posters as part of the art curriculum.

Enjoy a fun-filled summer during our Summer Celebration summer camp program (Preschool to grade 9). Campers can develop athletic skills, explore the fine arts, enhance study skills, and more. To view the full brochure and to register, visit <http://www.htrinity.org>.



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.

Parishioners Honor the Memory of Catherine "Kay" Hobart Kaplanis by Karen Mallon Sharp

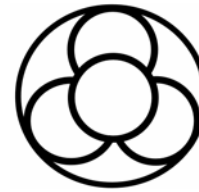
After a brief illness, parishioner Kay Kaplanis, age 78, died on January 5, 2008. A member of Holy Trinity for well over 40 years, Kay faithfully served the church for decades as a member of The Altar Guild. She was truly one of Christ's servants.

To honor Kay's memory, parishioners assisted in her funeral service, celebrating her life: Diane Clark, Eucharistic Minister; Karen Sharp, Acolyte; Sally Gilbert, Lector; Bonnie Branham, Intercessor; Jack Croft, Curt Reiber and Harlan Tucker, Ushers; Liz Biddle, Bess Sharland and Janice Vettel, Altar Guild.

Other members of the parish performed reception set up and clean up: Peg Johnson, John Danks, Bryan Robinson, Donna Anderson Rand, Bert Sobers, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Catherine Hamel, Peg Johnson, Karen Sharp, Evelyn Kirby, Sandra McGrady, Joan Trisko, Kate Cooper, Margie Laios, Jack Croft, Harold Sandy, and Bess Sharland.

Still others provided delicious food for the reception in the Parish Hall: Sue Croft, Evelyn Kirby, Peg Johnson, Karen Sharp, Verena Smith, Kimberly Evans, Beth and Dave Nelson, Pat Howe, Petey Nettles, Karen Kalber, Arlinda Andrews, Ila Burnell, Margie Laios, Debbie Leilich, and Liz Biddle.

The family gratefully acknowledges the assistance of all who helped with Kay's memorial service. In lieu of flowers, those interested may make a donation to the Holy Trinity Memorial Fund.



Q: What is this symbol and why has it appeared as a logo on *The Trinity Tidings* for the last 9 issues?

A: The figure is a modified trefoil, which, in Gothic architecture, is the overlapping of three circles. It can also appear with a circle on top, as above. You may recognize this minor symbol of the Trinity from the stained glass window of the agricultural sower, located at the entrance to the church.

(You may also remember that the trefoil is both the shape and name of the *Girl Scouts'* shortbread cookie.)

Early last year, during Communications Ministry discussions, Interim Rector Bruce McPherson suggested that the Committee develop a logo to go on its *Trinity Tidings* banner. As one suggestion, he specifically referred to the stained glass window, because of Holy Trinity's name. The Committee researched various trefoil designs and the co-editors decided upon the shape above.

Former Holy Trinity member Eleanor Sharp hurriedly created the logo while visiting Bowie last March; parishioner Wayne Bower then fine tuned the graphic. We are grateful for their professional contributions.

Chili Cook-off

Sponsored by the Hunger Committee

Saturday, February 2 in the Parish Hall

6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Prizes for hottest chili, best chili,
and healthiest chili
\$10.00 entry fee for your chili

Cost: is \$10.00 a ticket
(maximum \$25.00 per family
Ticket fee waived for chili chef

You supply the chili and we will supply chili
fixings, cornbread, salad, chips, dessert

BYOB



photo by Sherrill Bower

Healers Wanted by Rev. Mariann Babnis

Have you ever wondered what the healers are doing in the back of the church every second Sunday of the month? Well it's not hard to imagine. They're laying hands on people who are troubled in their souls and sometimes in their bodies.

We'd like to have this ministry every Sunday but need enough people to staff the healing center. If you've ever been curious about what the healing ministers do or just wanted an explanation please join me on Sunday, February 10, after the 9:30 AM service in the church. We're going to try to see if we have enough people interested in this ministry to do it full-time.

If you would like to talk to me about the healing ministry just send me an email at mbabnis@htrinity.org, and I'll get back to you. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Holy Trinity Donates to Local, Regional, and International Charities by Evelyn Kirby

At the recommendation of the Missions Committee, Holy Trinity has made donations for 2007 to the following charities.

Local charities are: Bowie Emergency Aid Fund and Community Ministry of Prince George's County.

Regional charities are: Transitional Housing Corporation, Inc., Fisher House Foundation, Inc., Episcopal Senior Ministries, Street Church, and Monacan Indian Tribe, Inc.

International charities are: Holy Trinity Honduras Committee Fund for Mission work, Episcopal Relief and Development, D'Iberville, Mississippi--City of Bowie's Mission, The Baltimore International Seafarers' Center, Doctors Without Borders, Jerusalem 2000, and Companions in World Mission.

MAJOR GIFTS' CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR BISHOP JOHN T. WALKER SCHOOL excerpted from *The Washington Window* by Lucy Chumbley

On November 13, the Bishop John T. Walker School launched its first major gifts campaign with a luncheon at the Metropolitan Club designed to introduce business community leaders to the school.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who was in Washington, DC to receive the first Cathedral Prize, spoke at the luncheon, and described the need for the school, which he said was a perfect legacy for his good friend, Bishop John T. Walker.

The elementary school for boys in the District's Ward 8, will be housed initially in the Church of the Holy Communion in Congress Heights beginning with Pre-K through third grade and adding a grade a year through eighth grade.

For more information about this vital mission of the Diocese of Washington, visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.edow.org>.