

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
13106 Annapolis Road  
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# The Trinity Tidings

**FEBRUARY 2009**

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

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Fill your family's ark during Lent  
AND,  
with the proceeds, Holy Trinity plans to buy  
a Heifer



While an average family in Tanzania earns less than \$200 a year, the average Heifer Project International dairy farmer there earns about \$700 a year in milk sales from one cow alone. Plus two quarter quarts of milk a day are left for the family to drink. The animals also encourage environmental care as families plant trees and grasses for fodder and to prevent erosion.

The Hunger Committee will be passing out arks on February 15 and 22. The cost of one heifer is \$500. The full arks will be collected on Sunday, April 19. Donations in honor of a special person, in thanksgiving for countless blessings, or in memory of a loved one can also be made. If you decide to make a donation in lieu of filling the arks, special cards are available to announce your gift.

In advance, the Hunger Committee thanks you for your support.

**Almighty God, you have created us  
out of the dust of the earth:  
Grant that these ashes may be to us  
a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
that we may remember that it is  
only by your gracious gift that  
we are given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

*prayer if ashes are to be imposed  
and words said at the imposition of ashes  
from The Book of Common Prayer, Ash Wednesday service, page 265*



### **Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center**

12711 Milan Way  
Bowie, MD 20715  
301-805-2740



**Elyse Hurley, Principal**

January 9, 2009

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Hunger Committee  
Bowie, MD

Dear Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Members,

The Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center's Family Involvement Committee would like to thank you for all of the help you gave us in making the December holidays more joyous for many of our Chapel Forge families. Your generous donation of \$600 in food gift cards for the holiday season helped us to provide our needy students and their families complete holiday meals.

Your partnership with our school is so very important to us that we continue to list you as a Community Partner on our website <http://www.pgcps.org/~chapel/>. In May we honor our benefactors with a special luncheon we would like you to attend. Please look for the invitation to arrive closer to that time.

Again, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your help!

Elyse Hurley, Principal

Family Involvement Committee

Prince George's County Public Schools



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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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## I Invite You into Lent. Surrender!

by the Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis, Rector

We are about to enter the season of Lent. Lent will begin this year -- on February 25 -- with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday as it has for centuries. Lent officially ends on Holy Thursday or Maundy Thursday at sundown with the beginning of the feast of the Lord's Supper. We then move into the Triduum or Great Three days, which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter. Lent, "the great forty days," exists for the specific purpose of moving us toward the Triduum, not as a season unto itself.

Nevertheless, Lent is a season with a specific purpose; it is a season of soul-searching and repentance, a time of reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the early church as a time in preparation for Easter, a time when the faithful rededicate themselves to Christ. By observing the forty days of Lent the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. So now each of us prepares for our own wilderness journey.

"Where do I stand at the beginning of this particular Lenten journey?" Each of us will have our own particular and peculiar answer. We each are at our own point in this journey; perhaps this year we have moved far from the place we found ourselves last year; perhaps we have moved backwards, or hung back or stayed circling the same spot. But the question of Lent -- the journey of Lent -- invites each of us to make our annual pilgrimage to the same place, that certain common point for starting over again, in the company of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of Mark gives us that place, that reference from which we start:

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him." (Mark 1:9-13)

From here we can close our eyes and imagine this vantage point, taking in the movement that Mark's gospel describes, following the journey of a young man from the banks of the River Jordan and Jericho to Galilee, to Jerusalem, to Golgotha. This is the journey we are all invited to take from river to desert, from earth to heaven, from life to death to life. And in this journey to encounter the season of Lent as the season of the Spirit of Truth. It is the Spirit of Truth which drove Jesus in to the wilderness and it is this same spirit that drives us in our journey through Lent. It is the "pneuma," the spirit, wind, the breath of God, that pushes us into our own wilderness to experience the truth of God's love and be freed.

*See Lent, page 3, column 2*

## Heat Up the Night

by Susan Croft, Hunger Committee

By attending the Hunger Committee's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 7 in the Parish Hall. The chili categories will be Best Overall, Hottest, and Healthiest, so begin now to get your best recipe. Of course, you don't have to bring pot of chili, you can just come to eat and enjoy great fellowship. All proceeds will be used in our community to help the hungry.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person; however, children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under will be free. In addition to chili there will be cornbread, hot dogs, chips, and desserts.

Everyone is asked to bring their own beverages).



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



### Ash Wednesday Services February 25, 2009

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| 8:45 AM  | Lower School Service   |
| 10:00 AM | Middle School Service<br>(no 10:15 Holy Eucharist Service at Holy Trinity)   |
| 12 NOON  | Joint Service with St. George's and St. James' at St. James'; Rev. Connie Reinhardt, Rector, St. George's, preaching |
| 7:30 PM  | Ash Wednesday Liturgy at Holy Trinity; Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis preaching  |

**St. James' is located at 13010 8th Street, Bowie, MD 20720.**

### *Lent, continued from page 2*

The forty days for Jesus began with his handing over of himself to the Spirit. "The wind blows where it chooses and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Perhaps the better word is "surrender." Jesus surrenders to the spirit. Perhaps this should be our prayer for Lent, not as in surrender to an enemy, but in the laying down of our resistance to the One who loves me infinitely more than I can know, the One who is on my side even when I am not. Living in this experience of surrender will bring us much closer to the experience Christ had during the first forty days. What we are called to give up in Lent is control itself. All our deliberate efforts to impose discipline in our lives will lead us away from the freedom Jesus attained and that we are called to through surrender to the Spirit. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Lent is about the freedom that is gained only through exposure to the truth. And just what is truth? This is the question we will hear Pilate ask our Lord as he prepares to hand him over to death. The Greek word is "aletheia" which means "unhiddenness." You see, truth is not a thing to obtain; it is an event to experience. Truth happens to us; it happens to us when the illusions are stripped away and what is real emerges. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:13) The truth we are promised if we surrender to the demands of this season is our exposure to the reality of God's presence in ourselves and in the world. The Spirit promises into truth by stripping away our insulations and barriers which separate us from daily, living contact with that which is real -- the real and living God, -- the real and living Kingdom and the truth of our place therein.

I invite you into Lent. Surrender!

### **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.



## News from the Day School

by Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications

The philosophy of the School is represented by triangles that indicate an interwoven relationship of Faith, Knowledge, and Arts. Working with an inner core of parents, teachers, and child, we strive to foster academic excellence as well as self-confidence, character, and respect for self and others. Three recent events at the Day School clearly illustrate our success with our students.

Fifth and sixth graders at the Middle School are giving up freely their cherished recess times to share some special reading moments with their younger friends in the preschool/kindergarten division. The little children adore their Reading Book Buddies.

At the Lower School, instead of exchanging gifts with each other over the holiday season, the second graders decided that they would donate money to someone less fortunate. They looked through the Samaritan's Purse catalog and decided that they would like to "Feed a Hungry Baby" for as long as they could. They are so excited to announce that the 60 second graders and their families have donated \$600.00! This money will go towards feeding a hungry baby for 1 year, 3 months, and two weeks. The school is proud of the generous spirit of these students.

Creativity in the Arts is fostered throughout the School for the three-year-olds to the eighth graders. Recently, the artistic skills of two students were publicly recognized. Congratulations to Middle School students Michael Glynn who was awarded first place and Kenya Raines who received honorable mention for the Prince George's County Fire Prevention Poster contest hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary.

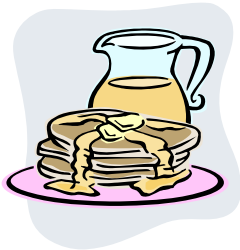
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### Support Holy Trinity Day School Give to the Annual Fund for Excellence Today

The Holy Trinity Annual Fund for Excellence provides classroom materials as well as the resources to enhance the technology, music, drama, and athletic programs that benefit students.

For more information,  
please visit the School's website at [www.htrinity.org](http://www.htrinity.org)  
or contact Corlessia Daniel, Director of Development, at [Cdaniel@htrinity.org](mailto:Cdaniel@htrinity.org).

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### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall

**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. Proceeds benefit the Youth Programs 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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrove_Tuesday)*



photo by Sherrill Bower

## Rectory Renovation Update

by Evelyn Kirby, Vestryperson

As part of its effort to consider renovating the Holy Trinity Rectory, the Vestry sought the input of congregation members through a survey, available both in print and online.

In addition, on Sunday, January 25, Holy Trinity's Generis Capital Campaign Consultant Anita Colley met with small groups of parishioners to discuss the preliminary drawings and the financing involved for this project.

The Vestry (whose names appear on the second page of this newsletter) invites your comments, concerns, and questions. Please let them hear from you.

Watch for more information about the Rectory Renovation Project in the Sunday Bulletin, online, and in The Trinity Tidings.



## Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's Mardi Gras Celebration

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington invites you to its Mardi Gras Celebration honoring the Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington, and Christiana Carter for their significant contributions to Samaritan Ministry on **Friday, February 6, 2009**, from **6:30-9 PM** at the **NRECA Conference Center**, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, **Arlington, VA** (Ballston Metro accessible). Ticket price **\$50** each (\$25 is tax deductible). Live auction of vacation get-aways; music by the Next Steps Dixieland Band; wine, beer and New Orleans-style food; cocktail or Mardi Gras attire and mask optional. For additional information, contact Mary Belknap at 202-722-2280, ext. 327, or [mbelknap@samaritanministry.org](mailto:mbelknap@samaritanministry.org).

## Holy Trinity Acolyte News

### by Diane Clark, Acolyte Coordinator

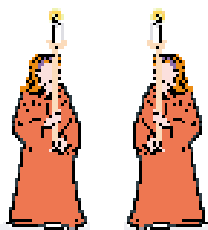
The acolytes have been very busy this year with many changes in the service. We have added the Book Bearer. The Crucifer performs the duties of the server, assisting the celebrant in "setting the table" for Eucharist. As Rev. Leslie often says, "They are just awesome!"

Currently, the acolytes are raising money for new cassocks. Bonnie and Darrell Williams have generously donated enough money to purchase 10, so the acolytes need to raise the money for 10 more. Several fundraising events are in the works. Please look for the announcements in the Sunday Bulletin. Also, see the article below for one!

There will be an Acolyte/Family Event on Sunday, February 22, 2009 at 1 PM in the Parish Hall, with a pot luck meal and training for the acolytes in preparation for Lent and Easter.

We are always in need of acolytes and anyone that would like to become an acolyte should contact Rev. Leslie (301-262-5353) or Diane Clark (301-805-4638). There is not age limit on becoming an acolyte. It is often considered a leadership role because the acolytes are leading us into worship.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for ensuring their acolyte sons and daughters attend training and are always prepared on Sunday morning. I would also like to thank the congregation for their support in this vital ministry.



### Acolytes' Robes Fundraiser

The Acolytes will provide **babysitting** services for the parents of the church, Middle and Lower School on **Friday, February 13, from 6-10 PM, in the Parish Hall**, in order to raise monies for new cassocks. Babysitting will be **\$15 per child or \$20-25 per family**, depending upon the number of children. Adults will supervise the entire time. All ages are welcome and snacks, drinks and pizza will be provided for an extra fee. Please contact Diana Eichhorn to sign up, [Thepoggles@aol.com](mailto:Thepoggles@aol.com) or call her at 301-572-2288. The **deadline** to sign up is **Wednesday, February 11**.

### Parish Milestones

#### Baptisms on January 11, 2009

Alexander Harvey James,  
son of Kimberly Neutrice James and Jason Andre James  
born May 29, 2008

Emilee Lane Schwier,  
daughter of Danielle Schwier and Donny Schwier  
born June 12, 2008

*"We receive you into the household of God."*



photo by Curt Reiber

## Wooden Dutch Barn Garage Completed by Curt Reiber, Buildings and Grounds

Andrew Brow of Holy Trinity Church Scout Troop 403 successfully completed his Eagle Scout Project which included: removing the destroyed red garage, leveling and compacting the stone foundation for the new garage and replacing defective plywood on the roof of the two small sheds next to the new garage. Andrew re-shingled the two small sheds, replaced the

trim boards, and painted the sheds to match the new garage. The project included cutting low, overhanging tree branches near the shed parking area. Unfortunately, a large tree had crushed the old garage in May 2008.

Andrew secured a gift of building material and paint supplies from the Bowie Home Depot. Parishioner Mark Powell and the Scouts removed most of the debris from the project site and took it to the dump, which greatly facilitated the project. Approximately 440 man-hours were expended on the project.

The cost of the new garage was \$5,650. Twelve tons of CR-6 crushed rock for the foundation was \$300. Insurance provided \$4,012 of the expense. Donations covered \$1,938 of the remaining cost. The estimated Eagle Project savings for the Church was \$2,300.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernie Smolen donated the original wooden garage in 1990. The two small sheds were placed on the property in 1990. One shed is for Day School physical education equipment and the second shed is used for Extended Day equipment for the Day School. The Church, the Day School and Cub Pack 403 will continue to have organized storage access in the new garage.

Building and Grounds volunteers Harold Sandy, Dick Blass, and Curt Reiber prepared the final foundation footprint before the new garage was delivered.

Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this Eagle Scout project.

## Rectory Readers by Mary Yuhás



On January 7, the Rectory Readers were happy to welcome Joan Trisko back and Tom Kirby for the first time. We are a very full living room when all 13 members attend, but, oh, so interesting to have those varied ideas and opinions put forth!

We are finding *A Path Out of the Desert: A Grand Strategy for America in the Middle East* another informative and kind of mind-boggling book. We've only read 101 of the 435 pages but have already learned of about a zillion trials and tribulations of the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region and I, personally, am looking forward to hearing HOW getting out of all this, or even part of it, is even remotely possible! God bless our new President Obama as this is only one of the new and heavy weights on his shoulders.