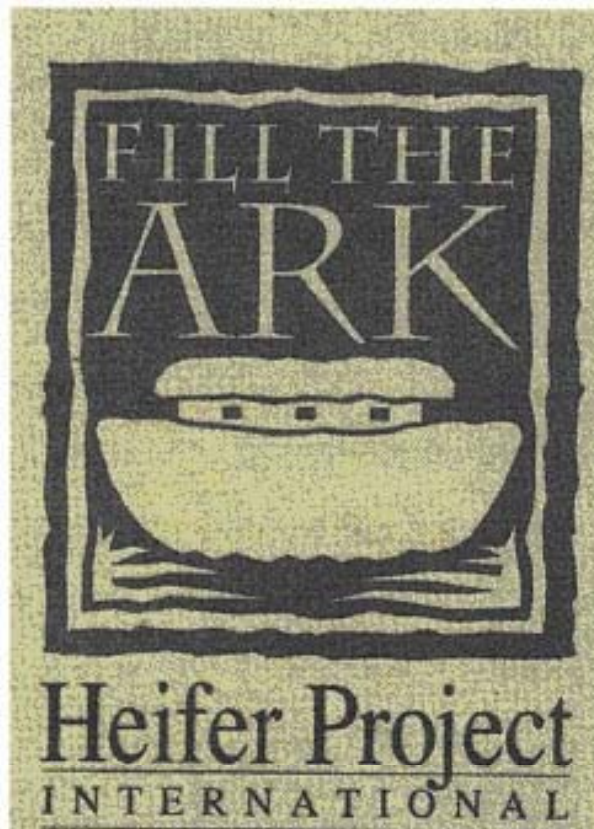




Holy Trinity's Mission: Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries.



Heifer Project International to Support Ongoing Relief in Haiti By Susan Croft, Hunger Committee Member

Each year the Hunger Committee collects money during the Season of Lent in support of Heifer Project International. This year's contributions will go to help families in Haiti.

Heifer, which has worked in Haiti for 10 years, currently supports 16 projects with more than 16,000 families and several farmer associations.

Organization projects are scattered around the country and range from training in sustainable farming and crop diversity to gifts of livestock, seeds, trees and grains to training in nutrition, aquaculture and fish production

Members of the congregation are invited to pick up an Ark at either Sunday service on February 7 or February 15. Take it home, fill it up, and bring it back to church on April 11, the Sunday after Easter. That's

all there is to it.

"It's essential," says Steve Dene, CEO of Heifer, "that we prepare to follow the important work of first responders. While they provide emergency food, medical care and aid, we offer our hopes and prayers for the victims and families, but at the same time, we must prepare for the next wave of help — giving people the tools and the ongoing help to rebuild their lives and their livelihoods."

The Hunger Committee thanks you in advance for your support of this effort.

The next Hunger Committee Meeting will be Sunday, February 7, 2010, in the Spanish Room, following the 9:30 AM service. All are welcome to attend. Come help us decide what fundraisers we will plan next, how we will execute them, and who will be the beneficiary of your generous support.



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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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2010 Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: The 2010 Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, March 7**, following the 9:30 service. The voters list is posted in the back of the church. If you were accidentally omitted, please email Michelle at mupton@htrinity.org

Holy Trinity Church Youth Ministry Activities

February 7, 2010 Shelter feeding



February 16, 2010 Pancake Supper
\$5.00 per person; \$20 Family maximum cost
check the Sunday Bulletin for start time

February 19, 2010 HS Retreat

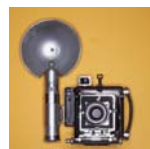
February 21, 2010 Laser tag

Holy Trinity Responds to the Needs of Haiti

Holy Trinity Church responded to the needs of Haiti with a special collection on Sunday, January 17. Treasurer John Horrocks states that parishioners contributed \$2,146 to the effort. In addition the Hunger Committee gave \$1,000 and the Vestry voted to contribute an additional \$1,000 from this year's budget, for a total of \$4,146.

John also said that you may continue to contribute to Haiti relief with checks written to Holy Trinity Church, with "ERD – Haiti" in the notation line. He will forward the money to Episcopal Relief and Development.

Coming Soon!



New Pictorial Parish Directory

Watch for upcoming announcements in the Sunday Bulletins for more information.

**Hunger Committee Announces
American Doll Winners**
By Susan Croft, Hunger Committee Member

Congratulations to the winners of the two American Dolls. Lexie Antonelli won the Gwen doll and Bonnie Branham won the "Just Like Me" doll.

The proceeds from the purchase of the tickets for the drawing benefited Warm Nights in the amount of \$500! The Hunger Committee thanks all those generous people who supported this fundraiser.



photo by Karen Sharp

Hunger Committee member Susan Croft calls to congratulate Lexie Antonelli, American Doll drawing winner.

Parish Milestones

Baptism

Ethan Murphy Lutz,
grandson of Julie and Scott Jones
January 10, 2010



Prayer for Ash Wednesday

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*

Help the Holy Trinity Hunger Committee

“heat up the night”

at the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday, February 27

Parish Hall

5:45 pm-8:00 pm

*Prizes for
hottest, best, and healthiest chili*

No entry fee!

Cost: \$10.00 a ticket (maximum \$25.00 per family)

6th grade and under free

you supply the chili

and

*we'll supply chili fixins, cornbread, salad, chips ,
buns & hot dogs, and dessert.*

BYOB

sign up at church or

call Susan Croft at 301-262-8970

Warm Nights and Holy Trinity Snowed Out – But Undaunted By Steve Esmacher, Junior Warden

Holy Trinity's volunteer chefs were excited about the opportunity to support Warm Nights guests at All Saints Lutheran Church on December 19. We had our cooking and serving tasks well at hand. The spaghetti sauce was simmering. The pasta was staged. The salad was tossed. The brownies were baked. Bagged lunch supplies were gathered. But, the snow was falling, and falling and falling. It kept getting deeper and deeper and deeper. Four-wheel-drive vehicles and hearty (brave) drivers stepped forward to help with delivering food and volunteers. But the snow kept falling and getting deeper to the point where it wasn't safe or prudent to be on the roads and things just had to be called off.

Fortunately, our neighbors at All Saints had planned well and had stocked up on supplies just in case everything and everybody got snowed in. It turns out they had 11 Warm Nights guests stay at their church from Friday night through Sunday at noon. Normally, guests leave at 7 AM and arrive back at about 7 PM each day but because of the snowfall and freezing temperatures no one could go anywhere. Hats off to All Saints for their wherewithal and spirit at a time of dire need!

All of which brings into sharp focus the great need to feed people right in our community who otherwise would go hungry and sleep in inhumane conditions. These are people with stories to tell that may be different from our own – but really not that much different. People who would enjoy sharing a simple meal with people who come as strangers and leave as friends. We were all looking forward to that with excitement but God had other plans for us that day. Perhaps it was to whet our appetites to serve and build an even stronger level of commitment to feeding people and sharing stories.

Holy Trinity had an impressive group of volunteers to prepare a Warm Nights' meal. Many thanks to Tom Sykes (our pasta cooker), Eric Hein and Trish Butler (our sauce chefs), Mary Yuhas and Diane Clarke (our healthy salad makers – and Diane doesn't even like salad), Team Maurer (our brownie makers – hmmm, where did all of those brownies go. Sounds like a New Year's resolution may have been a result!), Team Zarate for volunteering to serve our dinner, and to John Daniels, Team Nalikka, and the Youth Group (bag lunch preparers). All were shining examples of Holy Trinity's commitment to helping our neighbors.

We learned a lot about Warm Nights' volunteering to the point where we are working out the details to volunteer for a week next year. Stay tuned for more in the months ahead.

Editor's Note: *The Warm Nights' program, sponsored by Community Ministry of Prince George's County and funded through grants and donations, 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.*



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

Day School students showed their compassionate side as they came together to make monetary contributions to our global neighbors in Haiti who are suffering from the tragic consequences of the recent earthquake. The students generously gave their own money that was collected during chapel services. This "coins in chapel" initiative was directed by Ms. Marcy Cathey, Head of School, who, together with Rev. Leslie St. Louis, Chaplain John, faculty and staff, actively encourages the growth of Holy Trinity students as caring and individual children. All the money collected will be sent to the Episcopalian Relief Fund.

Congratulations go to our talented Lower School students who exhibited their art work at Bowie City Hall: Jada Hill, Kaitlyn Watson, Kenedi Jordan, Leila Woods, Danielle Clayton, Adi Nayak, Shannon McLaughlin, Olivia Fenwick, Jacqueline Venable-Craft, Gabriella Lucombe, Holly Klug, Aaron Baldon, Cameron Hedgspeth, Regan Swann, Nnamdi Boulware, Ryan Knox, Rama Somborac, Timi Sanni, Kyra Wilcox, Nadia Cooper, Sloane Butler, Nicole Veney, Juliet Jack, Anthony Blunt, Jordan Carter, Grant Commodore, Gabriella Williams, Steven Day, Jillian McIntyre, Jamil Perry, Alexandra Baron-Garcia, Ellen Rauck, Jaxon Stewart, Hailey Williams, and Peter Smith. We are grateful that the students are receiving outstanding support from Art teacher, Mrs. Bonnie Fleisher.

Themes for the preschool/kindergarten division for the month will include Winter Weather, Winter Fun, and Polar Animals. The children are hoping for cooperation from Mother Nature to send snowflakes so the children can play with the snow.

Students at the Lower School are enjoying Physical Education activities that are in keeping with the winter season. They are completing football passing and punting skills as well as our "Reindeer Games" that include the Jack Frost Tag, Reindeer-Santa Relay, The Snowman Build, The Jingle Bell Relay, Elf Dodge and some winter surprises. For their Christmas service project, the Second Grade classes decided not to have a gift exchange, but instead collected money to feed a hungry baby. The children gave their birthday money and emptied their piggy banks. A total of \$450.00 was collected which was sent to the Samaritan's Purse organization. This amount will feed a hungry baby in an underprivileged area for 50 weeks! We are very proud of our compassionate children.

Members of "Poetry Alive" recently presented a wonderful program to all students at the Lower School campus. The presenters recited a selection of poetry using a variety of voices, tones, and motions that brought the poetry to life for the students. They also invited many students to participate in the program. After the program, third and fourth grade students participated in break-out sessions with the presenters and learned how they could actively share poetry with others.

For Black History month, the 5th graders researched the Underground Railroad and followed a path to freedom as pretend runaway slaves on the National Geographic web site.

Sixth graders are working on a "fraction recipe" project. They have to find a recipe, convert it to feed 100 people, and then convert the new ingredient amounts into more workable units - like, 48 teaspoons into 1 cup.

Under the supervision of guidance counselor, Mr. Kellner, Middle School students were introduced to an "Anti-Bullying Initiative" program. During the assembly Mr. Kellner discussed the causes and preventive measures against bullying.

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.



photo by Karen Sharp

Curt Reiber and Sherrill Bower store wreaths for another year.

Beautiful Advent Decorations Stored until Next Year

On Saturday, November 28, Holy Trinity parishioners and friends assembled to decorate the historic Cemetery for Advent and Christmas. The removal of the wreaths took place January 5, 2010, the day before Epiphany.

The doll and poinsettia decorations were removed when cemetery grounds began to thaw, some three weeks after the big snowstorm.