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EVENTS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2006

Sunday	July 16	High School Youth Trip to Tennessee leaves	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	July 22	Youth return from Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
Friday	July 28	Middle School Youth Retreat, St. Mary’s City	
Sunday	July 30	St. Mary’s Trip returns	

SUMMER 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	Boy Scouts Vestry (3 rd Thursday)	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery Rector’s Office	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday			
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.

(All other regular church groups and activities will return from hiatus after Labor Day)

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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

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VACANT – Rector
Gerry Perez – Senior Warden
Craig Ryan – Junior Warden

Outreach: Eric Maurer, Debbie Robinson
(Focus: Evangelism and Community Service)

Christian Formation: Candace Carlisle, Tom Lackey, Craig Ryan

(Focus: Education, Youth, Stewardship)

Worship and Music: Gloria Jarmon, Kathryn Zarate

Parish Life: Annie Beckley, Dan Howe, John Kunkel

(Focus: Parish Life, Episcopal Church Women, Pastoral Care, Seminarian's Lay Committee, Communication, Day School-Church Relations)

Parish Operations: Christine Bell, Gerry Perez
(Focus: Administration, Personnel, Leadership, Finance & Budget, Building & Grounds)

Ex officio

Jeane Scott-Treasurer
Helen Meagher – Secretary
John Kunkel – Chair, Holy Trinity
Episcopal Day School Board

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thank you for the wonderful retirement party Saturday evening, June 17. It was a tremendous event, a warm, friendly, loving event; so nicely done, so beautifully done, with the many, many friends and family, and present and former parishioners; the tents, the food, the flowers, the CAKES!

The “service” in Church was very nice. The choir was outstanding, Cara Hamel’s piano solo, and the Vivaldi “Gloria,” and Ed Sobansky’s moderating; we had a great time. We thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Thank you.

Thanks particularly to the committee for the evening: Bonnie Branham, Craig Ryan, Peggy Reiber, Dave Nelson, Patty Lewis, Karen Sharp, and so many others who worked to make the evening such a grand event. And the golf cart drivers! Thank you.

Thank you for the check, the very generous check. That is very nice, and we will be thinking of you and thanking you as we enjoy some travels in the near future. Thank you.

In my remarks Saturday evening I thanked the many officials who brought formal resolutions marking my retirement: Jackie Brown told some good stories of our times together as well as formal greetings from County Executive Jack Johnson. Delegate Jim Hubbard, County Councilman Doug Peters, Bowie City Councilman Kevin Conroy. Long-time friend of Holy Trinity, Audrey Scott brought some memories of local involvements as well as greetings from Governor Ehrlich, and there were greetings from State Senator Leo Green.

It was wonderful to have Bowie Clergy Association members and good friends Rabbi Steve Weisman and Khalil Shadedee with us and taking part. Old friends of Holy Trinity Julie Murdoch, and her family – I think I called Julie a “child of Holy Trinity”—could have been better phrased, but you get the idea—and Elizabeth Carl and her partner, Tori, were here—Elizabeth began her journey towards ordination working here as an intern prior to seminary.

There were so many people over the years who have made this such a wonderful loving community of faith. All those who have stepped up to lead: the Wardens and Vestry members; Oden Bowie who was Senior Warden for many years and worked to keep this place going through lean years; John Powell and John Kreutter who were the wardens when I was called here; Ruth Powell, Bruce Stoner, Bill Murphy, Glenn Harwood, David Sammons, Bill Pierce, John Horrocks, Susan Croft, Curt Reiber...

Thank you to the Calling Committee: John Cox, Peg and Russell Johnson, Susan Croft, Oden and Laura Bowie, John and Ruth Powell. We remember your visit to us in Westfield, NJ. Thank you for your confidence in a very green guy.

Keep the current Wardens and Vestry in your prayers as they lead you through this exciting time of transition. Gerry and Craig lead a very good team and will be working hard to involve you and will keep you informed along the way.

Thanks to all the leaders of the Day School, the members of the Board of Governors, the School Heads, the teachers and staff....they are such a vital part of the Parish. Thanks to Peggy, and to Marcy...Marcy has completed her first year, an excellent year.

Thanks to the Seminarian Lay Committees, and the seminarians who have shared their talents with us and learned from us here as well. The leaders of the Youth programs and the Altar Guild, and the Music ministries, the choirs, and their leaders, Patty Lewis, Michael Arrington, Jessi Lackey. Thank you.

Thanks to the Church secretaries with whom I have had the good fortune to work over the years, and who have put up with me. And so many ministries, so many who have seen a need and responded ...Oden Bowie worked to keep the grounds up for many years, sometimes

driving his tractor up the highway to cut grass. Curt Reiber has spent many hours on the buildings and grounds, and Harold Sandy, Harold is here as I write, planting and watering and beautifying.

Thank you to Sherrill Bower for her work on restoring the pictures of former rectors in the sacristy. She saw their deteriorating condition and has restored, reframed, and re-hung them. She even located the picture of an early 19th century rector of whom we had none. Thank you, Sherrill.

Thank you to Mariann Babnis who has been working with me these past two years. Mariann is gifted in so many ways and always willing to share her gifts. Thank you.

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to us, to Kathy and Meredith and David, and me, with all your kindnesses over the years. Thank you. And thanks to the three of them and their families for their support of me, putting up with me over the years, waiting 'til after all the Christmas services, and all the Easter services, and all the other times.....thank you.

We will miss you. God bless you all.

Tom

Please remember to.....

Check out our website. It contains up-to-date information about what's happening here at Holy Trinity. Also, don't forget that the Tidings is online as well and you can see the Assisting in the Service schedule at the beginning of the month if you have not received your paper copy.

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Rectory Readers Summer Books

Each book club member has chosen to read one book of personal interest this summer. When the club reconvenes for its third year on Wednesday September 13, each person will make a book report and then recommend, or not recommend, the book for future group reading. The club's guidelines are that books are related to religion in some way, and that we prefer to read books that members have read and can recommend for group reading and discussion.

Here is a taste of some of the books selected: a family novel; an Episcopal minister combines theology and cooking; the world before and after Jesus; the Chinese people, yesterday and today in a changing world; healing and solidarity stories by the group known as 'Doctors Without Borders'; a Zulu pastor and his son in an African country; Bill Moyer's PBS series on the book of Genesis.

A good time for new members to join the book club is at the start of new books. Ask for any club member to discuss, or just come on Sept 13. After discussing our summer readings, our next book for discussion is Barbara Kingsolver's bestseller novel, "The Poisonwood Bible".

Father Tom's Retirement Celebration

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those who made June 17 possible. The core group of Joan Trisko, Peg Reiber, Craig Ryan, Dave Nelson, Glen Harwood and myself began the process in October of last year. Trish Butler joined the planning committee in December. Subcommittees and participants followed and they include Patty and Floyd Lewis, Peg Johnson, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Susan and Jack Croft, Helen Meagher, Karen Sharp, John Horrocks, Pete Branham, Catie Vandermeys, Dan and Matt Ryan, Kathryn Zarate, Cherie

Harmon, Michael Arrington and the choir, Cara Hamel and Ed Sobansky. A heartfelt thank you to each of them for their devotion to this project.

Patty Tunnell-Kennedy was our caterer and many of you have asked for her green bean recipe. It is written below. This was Patty's largest endeavor to date and we appreciate her generosity and the performance of her staff. Patty can be reached at 240-508-2244. Several companies donated goods or talent and they are Linens of the Week, Bowie Comfort Inn and Old Bowie Town Grill.

The evening was a great success and thanks for attending! Bonnie Branham

Amo's Green Beans

2 lb package fresh French green beans (Costco has them)
6 TBSP butter
Up to ½ cup plain bread crumbs

Cut off the ends of the bean. Using a steamer basket, scald beans in boiling salted water for 10-15 minutes. Drain. Melt and slightly brown butter. Add a pinch of salt and stir bread crumbs in the butter. Cook on medium-high heat for 1 minute. Toss this mixture over the beans. Freshly grated nutmeg may be added, just 3 or 4 turns of the grater. This mixture is also good on steamed cauliflower. Enjoy!

Children's Chapel Leader Needed

Our youth ministry is in need of one person who will help to lead our Children's Chapel for 3-to-7-year-olds. They meet every Sunday morning (except the first Sunday of the month) at 9:30 a.m., to learn about our church service, concluding in time to meet their parents in church for Eucharist. Kathryn Zarate is in need of a co-leader who will work with her or who will alternate Sundays with her. If you are willing to serve the children of Holy Trinity in this way, please contact Craig Ryan, youth ministry chair. [Email: cmrdes@comcast.net 84]

Crab Feast Alert!

Save the date - Sun., September 10! The Hunger Committee will sponsor their annual crab feast, after the 9:30 service. As we did last year, we'll offer BBQ from Red, Hot, and Blue (pulled pork & chicken, baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad) as well as the regular crab feast menu of crabs, corn on the cob, and watermelon. Bring your own beverage (NO GLASS). All tickets must be pre-paid and prices are as follows:

	Crab eaters		Non-Crab eaters
Adults:	\$27	Adults:	\$17
Children:	\$17	Children:	\$7
		Pre-Schoolers:	Free

Tickets will be available for sale after church services in Aug. and up until Wed., Sept. 6. For more info, please call: Susan Croft .

Search Update

Gerry Perez

The celebrations of Fr. Tom's ministry are pleasant memories now, and the work of transition is moving full speed ahead. The Diocesan Deployment Officer (DDO), Mary Sulerud, met with Craig Ryan, Tom Lackey and me, last month, and presented several names of individuals to consider for the interim rector position. The names of four candidates were presented to the vestry at the June meeting, and interviews were set up with each candidate. Although led by the wardens, the vestry was invited to participate in the interview process. The plan is to select the interim by mid July and have them on board by late Aug or Sept 1. During July and Aug, Mother Mariann will be with us full time.

Names of individuals who have expressed interest in being on the search committee, and nominees from the vestry are being collected. The plan is to talk with the DDO and the individuals in early July, and present names to the July vestry meeting for appointment to the committee. This would allow the committee to

be commissioned in July and begin work in Aug/Sept depending on their schedules.

That keeps us on the timeframe that I've outlined earlier this year. Hopefully this will be a relatively smooth transition, and will be a time of positive excitement. But as with all things, there will be some bumps in the road. Please have patience, and feel free to give me or Craig a call at any time, with any concerns.

Rectors Gallery Rehab

If you haven't already done so, check out the newly refurbished wall of photographs of all our past Holy Trinity rectors in the sacristy. Thanks go to Sherrill and Wayne Bower, who volunteered their time and talents to spruce up the photographs. They preserved the old photographs, and enhanced them when making copies for the new gallery. They contacted other parishes, locating photographs that we did not have. All the new photographs have been reframed and elegantly captioned. It looks wonderful!

SAMARITAN
MINISTRY
of Greater Washington

Stepping into Our Third Decade 1986-2006

May 25, 2006

The Rev. D. Thomas Andrews, Rector
 Holy Trinity Church
 13106 Annapolis Road
 Bowie, MD 20720

Dear Mr. Andrews, *Tom*

Thank you for Holy Trinity's recent generous gift of walking food & toiletries. Your support to Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington helps us continue to offer employment and social services to homeless individuals and others willing to take control and make steps toward a stable and independent life through our unique and empowering next step program approach.

With your partnership, we are able to serve those in need on a day-to-day basis, allowing our participants to continue to set long term life improvement goals and work at making manageable changes in their lives.

As you may have heard, 2006 is Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington's 20th Anniversary, as we were incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1986. We are planning a number of events to celebrate our "birthday" this year. Some of our upcoming events include Spamalat at the National Theater on Father's Day, June 18th and a service and picnic at the National Cathedral on October 14, 2006.

We hope you will join us at these upcoming events.

Sincerely,



David Downes
 Executive Director

cc: Verene Smith ✓

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Rite 13 Leader Needed

The following article is from Leader Resources, which created the Journey to Adulthood program that we use at Holy Trinity for our youth program.

My Life As A J2A Leader

Volunteering as a J2A leader was not what I expected to be doing in my church, nor did I feel particularly well-suited for the role. The seed was planted when I saw a Rite 13 ceremony during Sunday worship. My eyes filled with tears watching a handful of 13-year-olds as they symbolically leave their parents' sides to begin their "journey to adulthood."

After a week of pondering, I said yes to our youth ministry's request to serve as one of the leaders of our J2A group. For two years I volunteered to sit in a room with a group of teens while I slowly fell in love with each one. In the J2A program, we have a supportive clergy, grateful parents, collegial, fun-loving co-leaders, and a framework for incorporating young people more fully into a parish. The teens become more visible and well-known, more involved and, I think, more cherished. The culminating event, which we had to raise money for and fret about, was the J2A pilgrimage. After a yard sale, car wash, pancake supper and talent show, our group went to southern England for ten terrific days.

My stint as a leader ended a year ago - two years is the recommended term of service - and I've had time to reflect. Yes, it was hectic, on top of my full-time job and other commitments. No, I wasn't wise and witty like Maggie, who coordinated most of the instruction. Nor was I like magnetic, mischievous Arthur, who engaged participants in conversation and fun. I was more like a mom, quietly present almost every Sunday and in between. I was there as our kids goofed off, struggled and matured. I was there, keeping in touch by e-mail, coordinating publicity, carrying all the passports as we visited those English cathedrals.

Last fall, our group continued in Young Adults in Church (YAC) for senior high youth. Recently I had the honor of joining my co-leaders to present them to the bishop at a diocesan confirmation. And there were tears in my eyes again, not because of what I missed out on, but because of what I had gained: a dozen more kids to think about, pray about, be proud of and love from afar as they move through achievements and setbacks, joys and sorrows.

I often think about those beautiful young people sprawled on the couches and chairs of our J2A room or on the pilgrimage bus. When I see them serving as acolytes, lectors, intercessors or in some other role, I'm delighted and always grateful to connect with them or their parents. Now that I've turned over my responsibility to others, it's gratifying to realize that other members of my parish will get to know and appreciate them, too. I'm really glad I did something I didn't feel particularly well-suited for. It wasn't so difficult after all. Like adulthood, it's all about the journey.

Holy Trinity is currently looking for a male and female to lead our new Rite 13 group of students in grade 6 and grade 7. If you are willing to serve as a youth leader, please contact Craig Ryan, youth ministry chair, or Jessi Lackey, J2A Coordinator.

Finance update

Gerry Perez

As of May 30, we are doing well, but running a bit behind. Pledges are below budget by \$12,866, and investment income is ahead of budget by \$4,300. But we continue to be very careful with expenses. Utilities are still the source of greatest concern. We are working through the challenge of absorbing the water bill, and watching the electric and gas bills. Overall expenses are below budget by \$19,435. Although comparisons to the budget are an important measure, the real test is actual income (\$143,675) vs. actual expenses (\$145,740). By that measure we are running \$2,065 in the red.

Spirit of Change

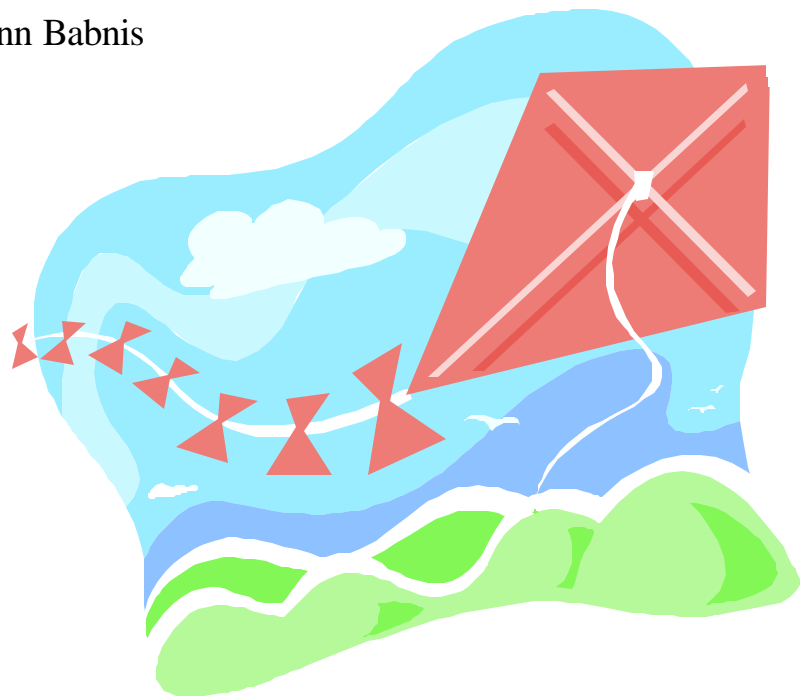
As I write I'm catching up on the news out of Columbus, Ohio, on the election of The Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori as the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. This is *big* news, and a certain sign that this tri-annual Church meeting will never be classified as 'business as usual'. For the Holy Spirit blew through that gathering and took many folks by surprise! The Spirit does indeed move in stunning and mysterious ways.

Closer to home we, too, are experiencing Spirit's winds of change at Holy Trinity. We do not know 'where the Spirit comes from nor where she blows' during our time of transition to a new rector. An unsettling, yet exhilarating thought. Will we experience the gentle breezes of lazy summer days during our rector search? Or will we be buffeted by stronger bursts, coming up from unexpected places? Perhaps a cleansing wind that blows the dust out from under the rugs? Or a playful breath that holds the dancing kite aloft?

No matter what form the Holy Spirit takes we will benefit from her grace if we open ourselves to receive her. The breath of God, the spirit of God has been since the beginning when God blew life into creation. Spirit knows us from before our births, and seeks the best for us always. She blows through and around us, and expects us to take notice.

New and exciting things happen when we face into this wind, and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us forward into our future.

The Rev. Mariann Babnis



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
July 2	S. Fallon J. Scott	D. Clark	S. Allen		H. Tucker T. Kirby
July 9	C. Wehrenberg P. Ballish	J. Trisko	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo L. Anderson
July 16	D. Whorton R. Curbelo	S. Cone	J. Diggs		R. Trisko H. Tucker
July 23	S. Allen N. Yuhas	R. Longmire	S. Cone		T. Kirby R. Curbelo
July 30	Wade Brown B. Spehr	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		L. Anderson R. Trisko
August 6	R. Anderson V. Esmacher	S. Esmacher	S. Allen		H. Tucker T. Kirby
August 13	M. Fallon M. Yuhas	J. Trisko	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo R. Trisko
August 20	Wade Brown S. Bower	D. Clark	S. Cone		L. Anderson R. Trisko
August 27	J. Scott R. Curbelo	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		H. Tucker T. Kirby

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
July 2	M. Baird C. Bell	U. Cooper	T. Lackey S. McGeiver	G. Sparks	R. Blass A. Sparks
July 9	J. Gordon G. Harwood	C. Ryan	T. Cloutier D. Clark	H. Cloutier; R. Bowen; S. Eichhorn	N. Evans K. Kowalewski
July 16	C. Carlisle C. Townsend	G. Jarmon	G. Perez C. Harman	A. Jarmon; R. Bowen; L. Tompkins	K. Kirtland M. Powell
July 23	T. Jones K. Evans	R. Stimpert	B. Nelson A. Kirtland	D. Nelson; A. Nelson; G. Sparks	R. Stimpert A. Beckley
July 30	A. Zarate R. Sanchez	E. Maurer	T. Cloutier K. Kirtland	W. Gordon; P. Gordon; H. Cloutier	T. Sykes G. Perez
August 6	C. Andren E. Glover	T. Lackey	G. Perez C. Harman		R. Blass A. Sparks
August 13	E. Chamberlain K. Wenzel	D. Clark	B. Nelson S. McGeiver		N. Evans K. Kowalewski
August 20	N. Reger W. Jarmon	K. Kirtland	G. Jarmon T. Lackey		K. Kirtland M. Powell
August 27	N. Short B. Sharland	R. Stimpert	D. Clark A. Kirtland		R. Stimpert A. Beckley

Altar Guild: July 1-15: Jill Anderson and Pam Harman (Linens: Harman)

July 16-31: Barbara Arnold and Bess Sharland

August 1-15: Kirt Kirtland and Marcia Edelschein (Linens: Edelschein)

August 16-30: Betty Spehr and Marge Laios

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

- 8:00 Holy Eucharist - Rite I (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)
- 9:30 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 families).
- 10:45 Fellowship & Refreshments –Start in the parish hall and then on to:
- 11:00 Education Hour – (September-mid-June)
Sunday School - various rooms in the parish hall
Rite 13 - Ages 12-13 - in the rectory
Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 - in the rectory
Youth Adults in Church (YAC) Ages 16+ - in the rectory
Discussion Hour - Topics of current interest and fellowship in an informal setting
Bible Study - Room 204 (September -June)
Healing Prayers – Prayer Garden



Photos from "Father Tom Day" at the Day School



Holy Trinity's School and Church Leaders

The students presented their best wishes and thanks to Father Tom and Kathy.



Beth Hadley, director of the Lower School, presents Tom with a gift from the school.