

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

HTEDS Supports Troops

Col. Calvin A. Shivers delivered cards, magazines, and sun catchers to soldiers in Baghdad sent from Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School 3rd graders, including his son. The recipients expressed their sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the young students.

Pictured is Col. Shivers, holding a Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School t-shirt. Upon seeing the t-shirt, one of the Colonel's bomb techs announced that he had attended HTEDS from 1980-1986.



Upcoming Youth Activities

By John Daniels, Youth Minister



Nationals Baseball Game: Join Holy Trinity's Youth for a fun filled afternoon of baseball in the Washington Nationals new stadium. On Sunday June 6, Holy Trinity Church will attend the 1:30 PM game as the Nationals host the New York Mets. We have 25 tickets valued at \$16 each and we are asking for only \$10 per ticket. Contact John Daniels at jdaniels@htrinity.org or Michelle at mupton@htrinity.org or call 301-262-5353.



Summer Mission Trip to Grace House on the Mountain in Saint Paul, VA: This mission trip, from Sunday, July 26 through Saturday August 1, 2009, is our second year participating in the rehabilitation of homes in the Appalachian Mountains, where youth work to repair roofs, rotten steps and porches, replace ceilings and gutters, clean and paint homes, build storage sheds or handicap ramps for families struggling with poverty or physical disabilities. Last year our youth left feeling inspired and spiritually enriched; most are eagerly anticipating this year's trip. Please mark your calendar and watch for the upcoming fundraisers to help cover our expenses.



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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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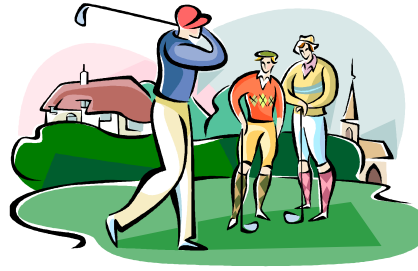
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Musings about Summer

Well, the temperatures are rising and the humidity is too; can summer be far behind? I know the kids at the school are counting the days until they are free for the summer. I know a few adults who are doing the same thing as well! For some reason many people think that church is something we do only in the months from September through the end of May. It has never been clear to me what folks think we use the buildings for over the summer months and where the staff goes during the long languid days of summer but on a regular basis I have conversations that entail some degree of surprise when people realize that, yes, we'll be here on Sunday and, yes, the work of the church continues twelve months of the year.

I hope that you do have wonderful plans for some down time this summer. Maybe you will head to the beach or to the lakes or maybe there is some good grilling to do right here at home. If you are traveling, I pray that you will include in your plans a visit to the Episcopal (or some other denomination) church wherever you are. If you do visit, be sure to bring home one of their bulletins; it's always fun to look at what others are doing. If you're here I hope that you will join us for church on Sunday mornings. Summer is a time when lots of folks move and often when folks go church shopping so you may see some new faces in the crowd. Summer is also a time when the pace changes and we have more time to visit and get to know one another, so I hope you'll be here.

And one more thing about summer: the work of the church does go on, the bills come in, people need help, planning for next year happens and so on. Please, please...whether you are in the pews or out on the golf course keep your pledges up to date so that we can continue to do the good work we do from this Holy Hill!

Peace,
Rev. Leslie

Education for Ministry By Arleen Dale Kirtland

It's that time of the year to think about beginning or completing Education for Ministry. New or returning students, are most welcome! Please contact Arleen Dale Kirtland at lawnranger@unidial.com or 240-305-6514 for more information. **Education for Ministry**, affectionately known as EfM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work. Come and join us for fellowship and fun as we learn about God's Word!

The Healing Power of Prayer By Ames Perry

Every Sunday, during the 9:30 service, healing prayer is offered at the baptismal font in the back of the church. Healing ministers are present to pray with you for yourself or a loved one. If you can't walk to the back of the church, an usher can ask the ministers to bring the prayer to you.

The process is simple; it begins with the healing minister taking your hands or placing hands on your shoulders, asking what your prayer request is, beginning with a short prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, and then praying in response to your specific request. During the following week, the healing minister will continue to pray for you.

If you would like to join this prayer ministry, please contact Ames Perry at 301-809-9336.

Parish Milestones

Confirmations at the Washington National Cathedral

May 16, 2009

Alexandra Daniels
Maxine Boone
Russell Bowen
Odion Ovbiagele
Barbarol James

"Almighty God, look with favor upon these people who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name."



Annual Church Picnic – June 14

Everyone is invited to our annual picnic. We will gather right after the 9:30 service on Sunday, June 14, on the lawn outside of Parish Hall. There will be plenty to eat, games for the children and a fun time for all in our Church family and it's always a great time to get to know some of our new members.

We need help in a number of areas for this to be successful. The Church will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers. If you are planning to attend, we would ask that you bring the following:

- Last Name A-L -- Side Dish (Pat Howe must bring Potato Salad)
- Last Name M-Z -- Dessert

We also need someone to organize and run games for the kids (water balloons, tug of war, soccer, etc.). Are you that person? Please step forward for this opportunity to be with our children.

We need volunteers to help set up the tent, tables and chairs starting at 8:00 that morning and/or help break things down at the end.

If you are able to transport a grill to or from the Church that day or can pick up ice or make a cool drink that day, let **Tom Lackey** (301-262-1881) know.

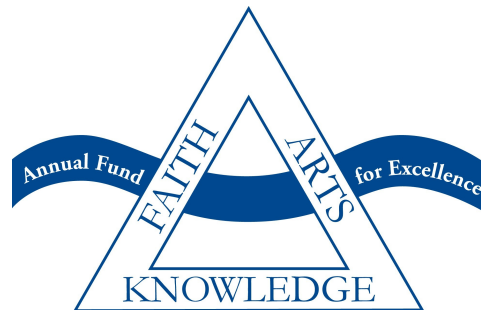
We also need a few good cooks to take turns over the grills. There is something for everyone to do and "many hands make light work". See you on the 14th!!!

Anecdotal Story from Our Day School **By Harold Sandy, HTEDS Board of Trustees**

A few weeks ago every class in our Day School spent a day performing community service projects of many kinds. In one class, Karron Shiver told his fellow Third Grade classmates that his dad is serving in Baghdad, Iraq, so they all decided they would make cards and other things for Col. Shiver and his men.

At the May Board of Trustees meeting, pictures of some of the many class service projects were passed around for us to see, and this one really got my attention! It seems that as Col. Shiver opened his box of gifts for him and his men, he told them that the gifts had come from his son's class at Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School. One of his men asked, "Would that be Holy Trinity Episcopal in Maryland?" and Col. Shiver said, "Yes." It was then that the soldier, James Walsh, Jr., said, "Well, I went to school there from 1980 to 1986!"

It's just another great "It's a small world" story, and we could wish for so many more stories about our school's former students. According to Karron's dad, Mr. Walsh is one of his bomb experts, and he is also an FBI agent from Houston, Texas. Peggy Reiber remembers James and his family fondly. Do any of you remember him, as well?



Holy Trinity
Annual Fund for Excellence

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.httrinity.org and click on *support ht*.

Please consider your gift today.

Heifer Project International Update

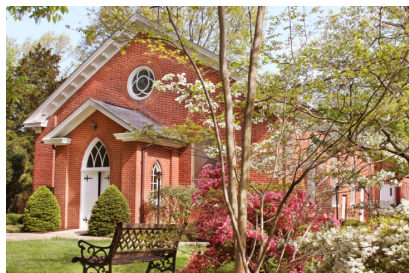
By Susan Croft, Hunger Committee



Thanks to the wonderful generosity of Holy Trinity parishioners, a total of \$1050. was raised for Heifer Project International during Lent. The Hunger Committee was hoping to purchase a heifer but thanks to everyone who contributed we were able to purchase a heifer plus a llama, a sheep, a goat, a flock of ducks, a flock of chicks, a trio of rabbits, and honeybees. These wonderful gifts will offer many families around the world the ability to practice sustainable farming methods in harmony with the culture and the environment. The families we have helped will experience dignity and hope AND, in the future, they will share their gift with others in their community.

A Unique, Affordable Gift for Graduation

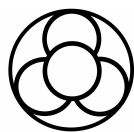
By Karen Sharp



Sherrill Bower's beautiful, limited edition print of Holy Trinity in affordable notecards is an excellent gift for that high school or college graduate. Just the thing to thank those who have celebrated this milestone occasion by giving the graduate a gift.

The shrink-wrapped collection of 10 cards with envelopes sells for \$10.00, \$6.00 of which is tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the Rectory Restoration/Preservation project. To order please contact [Karen Sharp](mailto:Karen.Sharp@htrinity.org) (301-262-8425) or Parish Secretary [Michelle Upton](mailto:Michelle.Upton@htrinity.org) (301-262-5353).

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The Trinity Tidings Gets New Editor

Past Editors Evelyn Kirby and Karen Sharp are pleased to announce that Shay Waye has assumed the position of Editor of Holy Trinity's monthly newsletter. For the past month or so, Shay has shadowed Evelyn and Karen. Now it is Evelyn and Karen's turn to shadow Shay. Please welcome Shay as she takes over this important communications task with the June/July 2009 issue. You will be hearing from her each month when she sends out the call for copy. Feel free to contact her any time with news of importance to the parish at tidings@htrinity.org. She looks forward to hearing from you. Please consider joining the editorial team as the apprentice Co-editor.



News from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School

By Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications

Holy Trinity students participated in a school-wide Faith in Action Service Project recently. This was an opportunity to give back to the community at large and learn about volunteerism. All three divisions were actively involved in this worthy project. The PS/K division planted geraniums, marigolds, and Dusty Millers on our school grounds. Some children decorated a marker for the flowers they planted, colored a wall-sized picture and decorated signs to place in the garden. The children also planted Douglas fir seedlings. All the children had fun working the soil and placing their plants in the dirt. Later on, the children drew pictures of their activity and celebrated with ice-cream treats. The Explorer children also created dandelion paintings as they shared what they would wish for as the seeds were blown away. One child wished for the power to run fast so he wouldn't have to use a car. Another child wished her dandelion seeds would turn into daisies. At the Lower School campus, there were a variety of different service projects. The first graders planted flowers around the school and church. They also made cards for wounded soldiers at the Walter Reed Medical Center. The second graders traveled to the Collington Life Center to perform for the residents. They sang 12 of their chapel songs and were delighted to have the residents join in the singing. After the concert was completed, the students sat and read their favorite books to the residents and shared a snack of punch and cookies. The students greatly enjoyed their time at Collington and, if smiles and applause are a good measuring stick, the residents enjoyed having them there. Third graders sent a package to a Holy Trinity parent who is serving in the Middle East. The students painted plastic sun catchers, wrote patriotic letters, and included other much needed items such as magazines, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and pencils that will be shared with many service men and women. The fourth grade students made note cards and included postage stamps for hospitalized vets at VA hospitals and Walter Reed. The students in the Middle School adopted various military units. Each homeroom wrote letters of appreciation to soldiers at the Walter Reed Hospital, made cards and packed care packages for the troops serving overseas. We thank all our parent volunteers and teachers for helping make this wonderful project run smoothly.

Talents and Treasures from the Day School

The Middle School students staged a wonderful performance of "Alice in Wonderland." These talented students enacted amazing dance routines, British pantomime styles, and circus participation. The audience was enthralled and joined in at various opportune moments. Over 80 students (and a couple of teachers!) participated in this performance as actors or technical crew. As always, the success of the drama program rests on the outstanding skills of Mrs. Patricia Firmani. This year, we were fortunate to have the creativity of Mrs. Jen Bailey (a favorite faculty member from years past) and Austin Holmes (class of 2008) and Alessandra Firmani (class of 1998).

The Spring band concert was also another outstanding success due to the efforts of all the Middle School students. All five bands (Jazz, Cadet, Concert, Symphonic, and Wind) played very well. Under the guidance of band directors Mr. Brian Hollar and Mrs. Sara Delvillano, the musicians played an assortment of music that delighted family members and friends.

We thank all the parents for their continued support to enable these enrichment programs for the students. The Arts program at Holy Trinity is supported by funds from the Annual Fund of Excellence.

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.

Ride for the Feast: Note of Thanks!

By Steve Esmacher

I successfully completed my seventh Ride for the Feast in May! I finished in one piece and managed to stay upright for the entire 140 miles. But that pales in comparison to your generosity in enabling me to raise \$2,255 for Moveable Feast. Thank you so much for that and for enabling me to do the Ride again.

Further, my brother Matt and a good friend of ours, Tom Pearl, formed a team for the Ride and named it "S.T.M.O.B.S. – Spends Too Much on Bike Stuff" which, by the way, is quite fitting. Together we raised \$5,125 for Moveable Feast. All totaled, this year's Ride for the Feast raised just under \$200K for Moveable Feast and contributions are continuing to come in. I think it will go above that total soon. How about that!

Once again, my wife Vicki worked tirelessly as my personal crew person shuttling me and Matt wherever we needed to go in her Honda Odyssey which was filled to the roof with bikes and gear. Thanks Vicki!

And **thank God** for keeping us safe and for giving us perfect weather for riding that day and for ending the rain soon after we got started.

I couldn't have done this Ride for the Feast without your generosity, prayers, and kind thoughts. Together we have done wonders for Moveable Feast. It is a GREAT organization and we have enabled them to continue providing nourishment, care, and love for those who are desperately ill and who have little.

As I said before, it just doesn't get much better than that. Thank you again!

Be safe, happy and healthy.

Samaritan Ministry Food/Toiletries Drive

By Verena Smith

The Hunger Committee will be distributing grocery bags to receive offerings of "walking" food and toiletries, during the month of June, in honor or memory of parents, grandparents and others who have been like parents to our parishioners. These donations will be given to Samaritan Ministry who will share them with the homeless and others in need who are taking Next Steps toward greater self reliance. We will send letters to your loved ones, letting them know that these donations were given in honor or memory of these people. Please take a bag and return it to church during the month of June. Please contact Verena Smith at 301-464-0188 if you need a special pick-up or more information.

Another Spring of Flowers

By Harold Sandy, Buildings and Grounds

Tom and Kathy Andrews' gift of Holland tulips bloomed again gorgeously in April. Children in the first grade planted 100 flowers around the Day School and they will again be beautiful. At this writing, our three Tulip Poplar trees on both sides of the rectory are filled with their white and orange tulip-shaped flowers. The Japanese Snowdrop tree next to the nature trail entrance is coated with its tiny white flowers and three Knockout Rose bushes are being planted in front of the rail fence. The rectory drive now shows four Peony bushes and five Dwarf Mugo pines. Please take some time to enjoy these gifts of God's nature on our grounds as much as you can.