



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

### Psalm 96:10-13

10 Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king!

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with equity.'

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the Lord; for he is coming,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with his truth.



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### Support the Rectory Preservation! Affordable Notecards Coming Soon!

by Karen Sharp, Rectory Restoration/Preservation Group



photo by Sherrill Bower

Sherrill Bower's beautiful, limited edition print of Holy Trinity will soon be available as affordable notecards. A shrink-wrapped collection of 10 cards with envelopes will sell for \$10.00 (ten dollars), \$6 of which is tax deductible. Proceeds will benefit the Rectory Restoration/Preservation project. To order please contact [Bonnie Branham](mailto:Bonnie.Branham@trinityepiscopal.org), 301-503-3172, or [Karen Sharp](mailto:Karen.Sharp@trinityepiscopal.org), 301-262-8425, or [Michelle Upton](mailto:Michelle.Upton@trinityepiscopal.org) in the Church office, 301-262-5353.



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**8:00 AM** – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**9:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**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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## Community by The Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis

On June 1 at five in the evening we will gather to mark in the presence of God our new life as community and to celebrate the new ministry in which we have engaged. I am extremely excited about this service and I hope you are as well. I know for the Vestry and for the Search Committee it brings to an end the long and deep process of discerning the next steps for Holy Trinity. For me, it is the culmination of a journey which started now over eight years ago when I first spoke of the groanings of the spirit to my mentor Rhonda McIntire, the urgings and the callings from God, callings to become a priest in God's Holy church.

As I have reflected on the coming of this day, one of the things that has come consistently into my mind is the question of who are we? What is this community that is coming together to mark this day, this ministry and to intentionally seek to discern the will of God in our lives individually and collectively? We come to this day as a specific community, a scriptural community. What do I mean by that. Author Verna Dozier writes that scripture communities have five characteristics, they are communities with "a memory; with a ritual life that keeps the memories fresh; with a passion for justice; with a commitment to love; and with a mission."

We are one such community and we come to mark this day with deep memories as God's chosen people, people who hold the memory of God's call to Abraham, in which God said, "Go from your country, and your kindred, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Gen. 12:1) We know, too, that we are people of the New Testament in which we find these words: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness, into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9) We are the ones who have been chosen, called together to proclaim in word and deed the mighty acts of God. The God of grace, whose hands swept over the darkness and chaos, to bring from the swirling waters all there is and to call it good.

It is this God who calls us into the fields to labor for the purpose of justice. Hebrew scriptures are rooted in justice; Micah's vision of all the people of the world sitting under the fig tree and no one making them afraid comes to mind when I think of this community gathered here, surrounded by the trees of the cemetery. Jesus' inaugural speech, if you will, proclaims these things: "good news to the poor; release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind; to set at liberty those who are oppressed;" (Luke 4:18) These are beliefs that this community has taken on as its identity in spades.

Scripture communities are communities that have a commitment to love. With the Great Commandment Jesus tells the young lawyer and us, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And your neighbor as yourself." In 1 Corinthians 4-7, Paul uses these words to describe Christian love to the New Testament Church: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth." Never has this description of love been surpassed.

Finally, Scripture communities are communities with a mission. Our mission, in part, is to speak a new word to a world that desperately needs it, to proclaim for the entire world what God intends. I believe Scripture communities can and will change the world; I believe they will shake up all that is even-tempered and complacent in our lives.

So we will gather on June 1 as this kind of community to make memories, to mark with rite and ritual this time and this space, and to engage deliberately in the work that God has set before us. What an exciting time! What wonderful work! What a blessing!

## **Mission Trip**

### **by The Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis**

Have you ever been on a mission trip? It is often a very meaningful experience for a church either to go on a trip or sponsor a group for a trip. We have a rather unique opportunity here at Holy Trinity to do a mission trip right close to home, on June 8, in fact, right after church.

You know mission trips usually go to some far off place and often there is not very good plumbing and not good drinking water and usually not great heat or air conditioning. Most often you can't use your wireless and your cell phone doesn't work. The buildings are often old and worn down if there are any and there sometimes is a rag tag mix of furniture from who knows where.

Typically the group going in has some mission to improve the conditions in the places in some way or another. Maybe it brings money, or helps rewire a building or puts on a new roof. Sometimes, like with Habitat for Humanity, the groups build an entire new structure! I invite you on our First Annual Holy Trinity Picnic Sunday Mission trip, groups will gather outside the church every half hour to make the long and arduous trek to our mission field in the land known as THE RECTORY! Won't you come!

## **Rectory Readers**

### **by Mary Yuhas**

The Rectory Readers are approaching the conclusion of our fourth year before we take our summer break. Well, it's not exactly a clean break because we do continue to read, we just don't meet. During the year, from September to May, the group decides on which books we will read and discuss but during the summer members read books that they may or may not choose to recommend to the group. Those books are shared with the group during our first two September meetings and a list is compiled for later. Have you read something you'd like to share and have discussed? If so, think about joining us in September.

Our last book for this year is Three Cups of Tea, One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School At a Time by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, currently #2 on the paperback Bestseller list. We just read chapters at a time, not the whole book; this is for fun and not intended to be hard work! While this particular book is a true story, we have read fiction, science, history and -- oh, yes -- religious books though I'd more likely call them books of faith, like our first book of the year, Desmond Tutu's No Future without Forgiveness.

We meet on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 AM in the rectory. We begin with a half hour of food and fellowship and stop promptly at 10. All of us take turns providing the breakfast food and acting as leader for the discussion for the group of seven to twelve, about equal numbers of men and women. Not only do we get to stretch our minds but also we get to have fun, too. Think about it and I'll remind you again of our activities in the August issue of *The Tidings* -- maybe you'd like to join us? Please feel free to give me a call at 301-262-1827 if you have any questions.

## **A Prayer from the Bishop of Honduras,**

### **The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen**

Alleluia, the Lord Is Risen,

God sent His Son to take the punishment  
For all the thoughtless sinful things we do;  
Jesus gave his life because he loves us;  
His love is boundless, sweet forever true.

On Easter morn he showed he is our Savior  
His resurrection proves he is our Lord.  
This is why I say to you today, "HAPPY EASTER!"  
He secured our heavenly reward.

Alleluia, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

## **Samaritan Ministry Food/Toiletries**

### **Drive**

#### **by Verena Smith, Hunger Committee**

The Hunger Committee will be collecting food and toiletries in honor or memory of parents, grandparents and others who have been like parents to our parishioners. These items will be given to Samaritan Ministry to share with the homeless and others in need who are taking Next Steps toward greater self reliance. We will send letters to your loved ones telling them that a gift was made in their honor or in memory of a parent/parent figure. We are asking that you donate, during June, "walking" food (any food items that can be eaten without being prepared) or toiletries. Samaritan Ministry greatly needs both. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Grocery bags will be available during June after each Sunday service and can be returned to church or to me at your convenience. For more information please contact Verena Smith at 301-464-0188.

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

## Altar Guild

by Pam Harman, Altar Guild Director

On April 26, the Altar Guild met for a luncheon at the Old Bowie Town Grille to honor several past members and to thank them for their service. Liz Biddle retired after 10 years as Director and is well-remembered for her tireless organization and commitment. Marcia Edelschein served on the Altar Guild for 40 years, and Sally Gilbert, Ila Burnell, and Betty Scott put in countless hours of service to Holy Trinity in their years on the Guild. Many thanks to you all; you will be sorely missed!

We would love to have some new members join us; please contact Pam Harman at 301-464-5244 or [harmanp@comcast.net](mailto:harmanp@comcast.net). Training is easy and we always work in pairs. Service requires only a commitment of a couple of hours/week over 2 weeks, 3 or 4 times a year. Won't you think about giving that much time to Holy Trinity?



photo by Pam Harman

Holy Trinity Altar Guild members: Marcia Edelschein, Ila Burnell, Charlotte Zarate, Mary Milan, Sally Gilbert, Janice Vettel, Ruth Simons, Liz Biddle, Marge Laios, Pam Harman

### Check It Out!

in the May/June 2008 issue of *Maryland Life* magazine, available at your local library branch:  
"Rebel with A Cause," the story of Confederate spy Wat Bowie, by parishioner Earl Eisenhart



## Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School News

by Laykin Zarro, Marketing and Communications Director

The month of May was a wonderful time for the Holy School community. There were numerous opportunities to appreciate the outstanding talents of our students.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the Dream Flag Project, inspired by Langston Hughes and the tradition of Buddhist prayer flags. The Dream Flag project is an annual poetry, art and community connection project for students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It has spread to more than 40 schools in 12 states and, to date, more than 10,000 students make Dream Flags. At HTEDS, this project was a collaborative Literature and Art unit where the 8<sup>th</sup> graders wrote poems about their dreams for the world and transferred their writings onto little cloth flags. Each poem reflected a dream of the author and these flags flew at the main entrance of the Daisy Lane campus. During a presentation at chapel, all the middle school students and faculty enjoyed the moment when several 8<sup>th</sup> graders read their poetry. We thank Mrs. Louise Sledz and Mrs. Eden Ertle for making this project a reality at Holy Trinity. Poetry was also greatly appreciated at the Lower School when the students had the opportunity to enjoy a performance by artists from Poetry is Alive! The group uses performance techniques to improve literacy and help students self-actualize reading and writing. As part of the presentation, the artists held interactive lessons for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

The Middle School drama production of “Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” was an outstanding success. The technical effects and surprises throughout the show were amazing. The audience particularly enjoyed watching Violet swell into a very large blueberry! Bravos and congratulations go to Patricia Firmani and Peter O’Malley as well as all the parents who helped make this show a reality. The Spring drama production involved more than 100 students in grades 5 – 8, both on stage and behind the scenes. Even some alumni returned to help with the wonderful production. It was a grand event made possible through the commitment of our dedicated drama team and parent volunteers.

Once again, under the excellent guidance of our Band Directors Mr. Brian Hollar and Mrs. Sara DeVillano-Tabin, the Middle School students entertained the Holy Trinity community with their musical skills in the Spring Band Concert. The five bands -- Jazz, Cadet, Concert, Symphonic, and Wind -- played a variety of pieces ranging from Over the Rainbow, Boogie Blues, Volcano!, John Williams Trilogy, and The Candy Man. We were please to see many alumni among the audience.

Fourth graders enjoyed a fabulous trip to Camp Wabanna as part of the Outdoor Education program. The students participated in group problem-solving activities, climbed a rock climbing wall, enjoyed the excitement of the high swing, and explored wetland plants and food chains. As a special part of the program, the students were involved in a service project. Prior to the trip, the each 4<sup>th</sup>-grade homeroom sponsored a bake sale during the month of April. The parents donated items to sell and the kids were responsible for taking the items to the various homerooms, collecting money, and making change. The total raised was \$436.00! The groundskeeper at Camp Wabanna was thrilled! He bought lots of plants and the kids worked while they were there, weeding, planting, and mulching. The flowerbeds looked great and the kids were quite proud of what they had accomplished.

Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 20078: June 3 at 7:00 PM – Reid Temple

We welcome all to join the Holy Trinity School Community as we honor our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Campers can enjoy a fun-filled summer during our Summer Celebration summer camp program, developing athletic skills, exploring the fine arts, enhancing study skills, and more. To view the full brochure and to register, visit [www.httrinity.org](http://www.httrinity.org).

### Thank You from the Day School

The families, administration, faculty and staff, and students of the Day School extend their warmest thanks to the members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church who supported the Annual Fund for Excellence. Funds raised will provide classroom materials as well as the resources to enhance the technology, music, drama, and athletic programs that benefit students. What a blessing these donations will be to our school as we strive to offer the best possible environment for children as they learn and grow. Thank you!

**EfM**  
by Arleen Dale Kirtland

Education for Ministry has a limited number of openings for the Fall. New or returning students are most welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Arleen Dale Kirtland at [lawnranger@unidial.com](mailto: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!

**Holy Trinity Sunday School**  
by Dave and Donna Rand, Sunday School Superintendents

The school year is quickly coming to a close but our thoughts are turning to the next school year already. We are very interested in growing this wonderful program at Holy Trinity and we need your help! We are actively seeking teachers and, of course, always love to welcome new students. If you are able to volunteer then we ask that you please consider spending some time with our youth after church on Sundays. If you have an interest in leading a Sunday School class please contact Dave or Donna Rand for more information at [d1rand@comcast.net](mailto:d1rand@comcast.net) or [dma21@juno.com](mailto:dma21@juno.com).



## Martha's Closet, Inc.

*An Interfaith Service Center*

5601 Randolph St. Hyattsville, MD 20784 Telephone (301) 699-8001

February 26, 2008

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**  
13106 Annapolis Road  
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**Dear Holy Trinity:**

On behalf of the board of directors of Martha's Closet, I would like to thank the church and its members for their contribution of \$500 to our program. This has meant a great deal to us and we are truly blessed to have such people like you to help and support us.

Thanks for all you do and may God continue to bless you as he has blessed us.

Sincerely,

Ariel Henry  
Manager

## ...from The Stimpert Family

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone at Holy Trinity for making May 4 a special day in our lives and one that will be remembered by our family for a very long time. First of all, our heartfelt and humble thanks again to Diane Clark and her family for their incredible generosity in presenting Benjamin Hill Clark's sword to Sian, as well as his New Testament and prayer book. We are still and will always be in awe of this very special gesture. Thank you also to Rev. St. Louis for being so receptive to our desire to share this event and the story of Benjamin Hill Clark with the Holy Trinity family and for her inspiring and prayerful words to Sian. After Diane, Ron and I approached her in mid-April with the very tentative idea that we had for sharing the presentation of Diane's gift, Rev. St. Louis knew exactly how to weave it into the service and expressed so beautifully what this moment meant for Sian and for all of us. The perfect ending note was Rev. St. Louis leading us in that wonderful chorus of "Amen" afterwards. Sian especially appreciated that, as she has been an enthusiastic member of the Naval Academy Gospel Choir for the past three years. Last but not least, our thanks to all of you for sharing this with us and for your good wishes as Sian completes her time at the Naval Academy and begins her career aboard the U.S.S. Essex. Please know that she treasures the amazing gifts from Diane, as well as your friendship and love, and will strive to serve God, our country, and the Navy with courage, honor, and commitment, just as Benjamin Hill Clark did so many years ago.

Ron and Connie Stimpert  
MIDN 1/C Sian Stimpert (ENS after May 23, 2008)



photo by Chip Harman

Left to right: Connie Stimpert, Diane Clark, MIDN 1/C Sian Stimpert and Ron Stimpert

### Holy Trinity at Bowiefest by Tom Lackey

Holy Trinity will have an information table at the Bowiefest celebration on Saturday, June 7, from 11 AM to 6 PM, at Allen Pond Park, located at 3330 Northview Drive. Parish volunteers will give out bottles of cold water with a distinctive Holy Trinity label to thirsty visitors at the festival. Those working the table will also tell of the activities and location of our Church.

If you can help for a little while with this fun project, please contact Eric Maurer of the Evangelism Ministry at 410-280-9313 or [mowser3@verizon.net](mailto:mowser3@verizon.net), or Michelle Upton in the Church Office at 301-262-5353.

### Vestry News

by Tom Lackey, Vestry Member

At its May 15 meeting, the Vestry authorized the restoration of the rectory, pursuant to the recommendations of the Rectory Preservation Group. This Group has previously presented detailed information on the project to the congregation. The Vestry also authorized the hiring of a Capital Campaign consultant to assist in efforts needed to accomplish the restoration project.

In another action, the Vestry authorized the purchase of some folding chairs with armrests for use in Parish Hall by those who may need such extra support.

### 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.

### Milestones in the Parish

#### Baptism

*May 11, 2008*

**Ava Eleanor Maria Powell**, daughter of  
Jason Francis Dennis Powell and  
Kareen Aisha Efia Powell

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