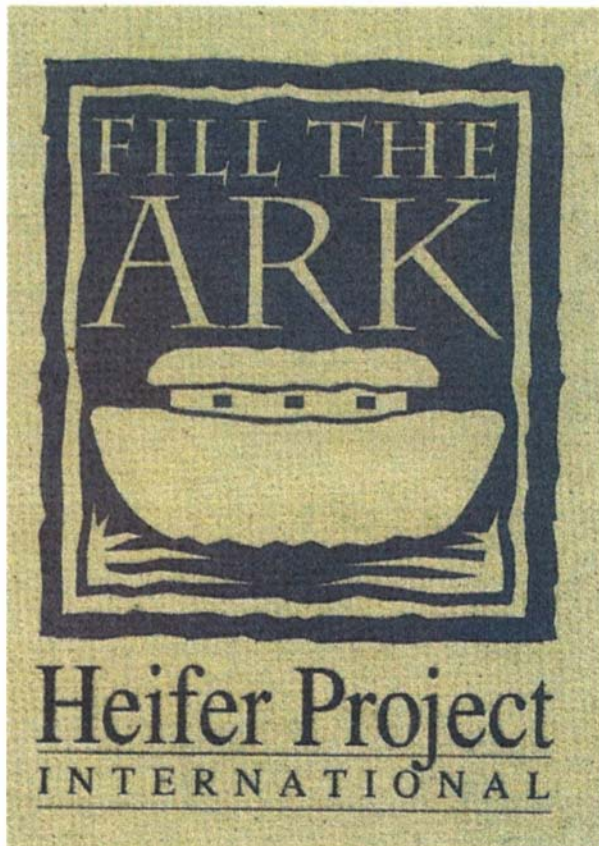




Holy Trinity's Mission: Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries.



Altar Guild member Barbara Arnold makes the the altar ready for a worship service. The Altar Guild currently invites new members to join this vital ministry! Please contact Pam Harman at 301-464-5244 or harmanp@comcast.net. See article on page 6.



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 passed 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.



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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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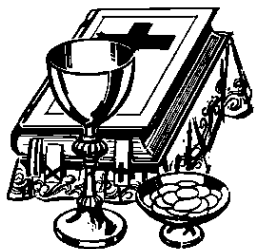
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At “press time,” Rev. Leslie was out of town and sent word that her message to us is in a computer that crashed. Her message will again appear in the April issue of The Tidings.



Plus Ha change, plus la mAme chose.
 ("The more things change,
 the more they remain the same.")
 from *Les Guepes (Janvier 1849)*,
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Annual Meeting Set for March 29

Please plan to attend Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 29, at 11:00 AM.

As a congregation we will gather to celebrate the year just past and look forward to our visions for the future.

Also, voting members of the congregation who attend the meeting will elect a warden, three vestrypersons, one Diocesan delegate and alternate, and School Board representatives.

Postage Costs Cause Cut-Back in Mailing of Tidings by Evelyn Kirby

Postage costs are going up again! And the cost of mailing The Tidings to everyone is prohibitive.

So starting with this March 2009 issue The Tidings will be available for everyone to pick up at church on Sunday or in the church office. It will also be available on Holy Trinity's website (you will be notified by email with a link to the Tidings).

For some people, the best way to receive The Tidings is still through regular mail (USPS), and we are happy to do that.

Please help us by letting us know your preference. (Many already have). You may call the church office 301-262-5353, Evelyn Kirby 301-262-6641, or Karen Sharp 301-262-8425, to let us know your preference.

YOU WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE TIDINGS DISTRIBUTION LIST. We just want to give better service with less cost.

Thank you for your understanding.

New Tidings Editor by Evelyn Kirby

Welcome to Shay Waye who will take over as editor of The Tidings in the near future. She will "shadow" the current editors for a couple of months and then take over for a year.

Thank you, Shay, for taking on this important ministry of communication.

We are also looking for a co-editor who will "shadow" Shay for a year and then take over for an additional year.

This process makes sure someone always has a back-up available to produce the newsletter, so the editor doesn't feel constrained by the deadline. Please contact Karen Sharp 301-262-8425 or Evelyn Kirby 301-262-6641 to ask questions about this volunteer position and talk it over.



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

The students at the Day School enjoyed a wonderful day with various members of the Vestry Board and Board of Trustees. These special guests joined in the chapel services, listened to the Middle School musicians as they practiced their pieces, and dropped in to visit many classes in all three divisions.

We hope that our guests observed how engaged the students were in the stimulating environment fostered by our talented faculty.

February was a busy month for the children in the Preschool/Kindergarten division. As they prepared for Valentine's Day, they learned all about the postal services. They used their imaginations in dramatic play to create a post office. They were busy writing, addressing, stamping and mailing letters. After they picked up their mail from the mailbox, they processed the letters at the post office, and delivered their special cards to post office boxes that had their names. First grade students at the Lower School enjoyed a bugfest. A scientist from Neptune's classroom shared interesting information about the habitat, life cycle and many features of bugs. Middle School students generated great excitement as they tried out for the upcoming spring drama fest. This year, our wonderful drama director Mrs. Patricia Firmani is staging "Alice in Wonderland." The cast has been selected; as usual, Mrs. Firmani makes great effort to allow all interested students to participate, and the talented actors will be deeply involved with learning their lines over the next several weeks. We welcome our friends in the church community to watch the performances on May 6-8...please save the dates!

**Support
Holy Trinity Day School
100%
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 and click on *support ht*.



Acolyte Update by Diane Clark



Acolytes Raise Funds for Twenty New Cassocks

Thanks to the generosity of the following parishioners: Bonnie and Darrel Williams, Gilbert and Daphne Taylor, Candace Carlisle, Diana and Bill Eichorn, John Daniels, Karen Sharp, and Curt Reiber, we now have the funds to purchase 20 new cassocks for the acolytes.

The acolytes also raised an additional \$435.00 hosting a babysitting event on Friday, February 13, 2009. Thirty-one children attended the event that included crafts, games, a movie, pizza, popcorn, snacks, cookies, and cupcakes. The following parents and acolytes ensured the event was a great success: Bill, Diana, and Sara Eichorn; Julie and Will Gordon, Michelle and Russell Bowen, Sydney Garner, Elizabeth Chamberlain and Ken and Mary Wenzel, Claud and Daphne Taylor, Melanie Johns, Laura Tompkins, Danielle Ocampo, Brianna Yancy, and Zoe Boone.

I think we have many future church leaders in the making. As Rev. Leslie often says, "Our acolytes are awesome! Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Acolyte-Parent Lunch and Training

On Sunday, February 22, 2009, from 1-3 PM the acolyte/parents lunch and training for Lenten services took place. The upcoming Lenten Season is going to be very busy for our acolytes and the training was held in preparation for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter.

Once again, thank everyone in the parish for their generosity and support of the acolytes. Our acolytes are truly committed and dedicated to this vital ministry.

Harlan Tucker Recalls Garden on Rectory Drive by Harold Sandy

It was on a Blue Jeans Sunday some years ago when Craig Ryan suggested that we should clear the center island along the rectory drive, ridding it of the weeds and huge mound of ground left by the Boy Scouts when they built the brick walks. Job done! New grass was planted and nourished, trees pruned and limbed up, *and then the cars and SUVs arrived!*

As all gardeners know, compacted soil and plants do not work together. The Building and Grounds Committee assessed the ensuing damage: cars stuck in mud, four peony bushes gone, nine hosta plants gone, a large section of the historic boxwood at the entrance broken off, tree roots compacted, and vehicles starting to drive across the center island where Harlan Tucker recalls that the rectors used to enjoy a small patio garden with a bench in the old days. A beautiful scene we can only imagine!

The County's Historic Preservation Society has designated Holy Trinity's grounds as a historic site and our church and rectory as historic buildings. Since the rectory drive is a critical link between these historic buildings it is important to do some restoration work. To this end, the Day School instituted a new parking plan for staff and parents and will no longer use the rectory drive. As a temporary measure, we have installed a sign, "Parking for Rectory Meetings Only," and roped off the north perimeter of the drive to allow restoration work. Limited parking along the southern rim of the drive is allowed during worship services for the handicapped or anyone with a health need.

Youth Group to Attend *OMAN...O Man!* by Chaplain John Daniels

On March 15, 2009, the Youth Group will attend a showing of Emmy winner and Kennedy Center favorite Debbie Allen's *OMAN...O Man!*, a world premiere Kennedy Center commission presented in association with the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center of Oman. Created and choreographed by Allen, this ground-breaking, dance-driven extravaganza explores the culture of Oman. It features young Omani performers collaborating with their peers from Los Angeles and Washington, DC to original music composed by Grammy-winning trumpeter Arturo Sandoval.

At the center of the work are two young men--one Omani, another American--who meet at a military academy with cadets from all over the world. Though similar in age, these roommates don't really understand each other. However, through music, movement, song, and dance, they take a magical journey together and discover the similarities and the differences between their two cultures, and learn much about each other. *OMAN...O Man!* will transport you from where the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea meet to where the desert dunes mystify, from the ancient past to the immediate present.

The Youth Ministry has purchased 25 tickets, at \$18.00 per ticket, available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Michelle Upton at mupton@htrinity.org or Chaplain John at jdaniels@htrinity.org to reserve your tickets and make payment arrangements.

Altar Guild by Pam Harman

Over the past year, we have lost several members at both the 8 o'clock and 9:30 services who have moved away. We would love to have new members join us! Please contact Pam Harman at 301-464-5244 or harmanp@comcast.net. Training is easy and we always work in pairs.

The Holy Trinity Altar Guild assists the Rector in her preparation for each worship service and getting the church ready for the service. An Altar Guild member is on duty for two weeks approximately every three months; there are always two members assigned for each Sunday. During Easter and Christmas, the entire Guild comes together to clean and decorate the church for the holidays. Altar Guild members also help with weddings and funeral services.

Won't you think about donating a few hours of your time to Holy Trinity?

Rectory Readers by Mary Yuhas



Within the next several weeks the Rectory Readers will complete the last chapters of *A Path Out Of the Desert: A grand strategy for America in the Middle East*. This has been a critical analysis of the problems of the region and the author, at the completion, will lay out a strategy to encourage the region to pursue a gradual process of economic, political and social reform and what the United States' role in this process might be.

Having spent some time reading of the Muslim world in Asia and the Middle East our next book will take us to the Christian world again when we begin reading *Basilica: The Splendor and the Scandal: Building St. Peter's*, by R. A. Scotti. It is a great history of the era of building from 1506 to 1607; also about popes, politicians, architects, artists and artisans in Rome and the rest of Italy.

We'll read about the not-so-grand part, too; how most of the artists (inclusively) were consumed by pride, lofty ambition and professional jealousy. We'll also learn how their contributions to the raising of the grand cathedral brought to life this fascinating tale of genius, power and money. How did this ambitious project help to ignite northern Europe's Reformation? We shall see...

New Shed Arrives



photo by Curt Reiber

This shed replaces one destroyed by a falling tree. Thanks to Harold Sandy, Curt Reiber, Dick Blass and the Boy Scouts for setting it level and securing it in place.

Hunger Committee's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off A Real Success by Susan Croft, Hunger Committee



photo by Karen Sharp

A special thank you to all who attended the second annual Chili cook off sponsored by the Hunger Committee. Everyone enjoyed an evening filled with lots of fellowship and an abundance of good chili. Judges Bonnie Branham, Nick Short, and Craig Ryan had a hard time picking the winners. It was a tough competition and the winners were: Ed Sobansky was a repeat winner from last year for the hottest, Marti Tracy made the healthiest, and Peggy Keller repeated as the category winner for the best chili of the evening. However the real winners were the area hungry who will benefit from the \$350.00 raised.

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.