



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



Welcome to our new Vestry members, shown here attending their first Vestry meeting.
(L-R) Vincent Boone; Steve Esmacher, Junior Warden; and Nikki Clowers

Education for Ministry by Arleen Dale Kirtland, EfM Mentor

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!



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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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Vestry

The Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis – Rector
through 2011: Craig Ryan – Senior Warden
through 2010: Steve Esmacher – Junior Warden
through 2010: Rick Anderson Ames Perry
Evelyn Kirby
through 2011: Candace Carlisle Eric Maurer
Trish Butler
through 2012: Vincent Boone Nikki Clowers
Claud Taylor

Ex officio

Michelle Upton – Secretary
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Susan Krueger – Chair, HTEDS Board

Diocesan Convention (term expires)

Delegates:

Kirt Kirtland (2010) Diane Clark (2011)

Alternate Delegates:

Jim Diggs (2010) Mary Yuhás (2011)

Message from the Rector

It Has Been A Year!

I was reminded as I drove onto our close the other day that it was a year ago that I first came to “be” in this place we all call home. I wandered the grounds that day looking at the bulbs in bloom and the roses just beginning to leaf and sat for a minute or two under the dogwood that would soon burst forth in the cemetery, and marveled at the time that had swiftly passed by.

I may have shared with some of you that my grandmother, whom I dearly, dearly loved, was a master gardener. I spent much of my life following on behind her in gardens all over the world listening as she imparted words of wisdom about this plant or that plant.

She taught me that you had to spend a year with any garden you were given, living with it through the seasons of its change, watching what sprung up in spring and where the wanton weeds would grow, sitting with it in its summer slumber before the blaze of autumn's glow, holding one's breath in winter as the world's deep, deep rest restores the strength for spring.

She taught me that there were some things that you tamed and some things that you trained and that you had to know the difference between the two and that sometimes you just had to know the places where the wild things were.

I have come to realize that as I walked with her, her shadow incarnate, that the lessons she shared were more about life than about plants and more about love than about gardens. You see, it occurs to me that our lives are a verdant garden given to us to tend, to spend the seasons of change watching carefully for all we have to learn, to train that which needs our training and to tame that which needs taming, to marvel at the places where the wild things grow, to nurture the young and revere the old, to bless the dying and to pray for those yet to come.

It is our task to plant as carefully as we are able and to tend as thoroughly as life will allow for in this place, this garden, our dreams and wishes grow.

Thank you for inviting me into this garden!

Rev. Leslie

In loving memory of my grandmother, Beulah Clark Noyes
03/17/12-04/30/03



**Feast of Pentecost
May 31, 2009**

Known by many as the Birth of the Church. The color for the day is red. Come to church on Pentecost to celebrate... and wear your brightest RED.

Vestry Elections

At the Annual Meeting on March 24, Gerry Perez, Senior Warden, and Annie Beckley and Tom Lackey, Vestrypersons, retired after many years of service. Holy Trinity thanks them for their dedication and hard work

Newly elected were: Craig Ryan, Senior Warden, and Steve Esmacher, Junior Warden. Vincent Boone and Nikki Clowers were elected Vestrypersons, and Claud Taylor will continue for another term as Vestryperson.

Please welcome them and support them with your prayers.

Parish Milestones

Baptisms

Daniel Araujo Stein
Saturday, April 11, 2009

"We receive you into the household of God."

Deaths

Emma Katheryn Clark, Diane Clark's mother
April 8, 2009

Daniel Ellis Howe
April 10, 2009

"Give rest, O Christ, to your servants."



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The Needs of the Hungry and Afflicted Are Greater Than Ever Four Ways You Can Help Holy Trinity Help Meet Those Needs!!

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Make Sandwiches for Martha's Table on the 3rd Sunday of Each Month Especially the Summer Months of June, July, and August by Elizabeth Chamberlain, Hunger Committee



Each month since September our parish has consistently made about 250 sandwiches for Martha's Table in Washington, DC. This has been a great response, but in years past, our average totals were even greater, above 500 sandwiches. When you consider the big picture, 250 sandwiches, which seem like so many, are 8% of the sandwiches Martha's Table hands out in **one day**. On the Third Sunday of each month we ask for you to provide a donation of lunchmeat (bologna), cheese, bread, and sandwich bags, peanut butter and jelly.

One loaf of bread can make about 10 sandwiches. One package of Oscar Mayer Bologna has about 16 slices. We also need to increase our supply of peanut butter and jelly so that when we run out of lunchmeat and cheese we can continue to make sandwiches with the bread we have. But most importantly we need people to assist in making the sandwiches. Really, it's not difficult, and you don't need to participate for the full 30-40 minutes. Even 5 minutes of stuffing sandwiches into bags can be a great help. It also provides a great way to share in fellowship. One of the best parts of sandwich making is that even our young preschool members can participate. What a joyful way to do good works as a family!

Furthermore, in years past we have suspended sandwich making for the summer months because of lighter attendance and conflicts with vacation schedules. However, if anything, the need for assistance increases in the summer months, as children no longer have free lunch and breakfast available at school. The Hunger Committee would like to continue making sandwiches throughout the summer, but to do this we will need volunteers to step up and offer to assist in organizing sandwich making in June, July, and August. This does not mean you will be doing it alone, but this may possibly require delivering the sandwiches on a Sunday afternoon. Please, if you are even considering it, email me, [Elizabeth Chamberlain](mailto:Elizabeth.Chamberlain), with any questions or reservations you may have.



Mary Wenzel to Participate in Triathlon

Mary Wenzel will once again be participating in the Make A Wish Triathlon on May 3. Anyone interested in sponsoring can visit www.midatlanticcommunity.org/netcommunity/marysfundraising to make an online donation. Last year Mary raised over \$200 dollars for Make A Wish, and came in first place in her division. This year she hopes to raise over \$300.



Food Basket for Bowie Community Pantry

By Evelyn Kirby

The Bowie Community Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food. Please bring your donations on Sunday morning (or anytime) and place them in the basket in the narthex. Tom (shown here), Mary and Keith Sykes periodically take the food to the distribution point at Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Please give generously. The need is great.



Steve Esmacher to Participate in Ride for the Feast in Support of Moveable Feast

by Steve Esmacher

I will be doing the Ride for the Feast again this year to support the clients of Moveable Feast and, as in the past, I need your prayers, thoughts and donations.

As you may recall, Moveable Feast provides nutrition and support to people living with HIV/AIDS, Breast Cancer and other life threatening diseases in Baltimore, MD and its surrounding counties. They have also recently begun providing meals to the Jericho Project Carrington House and the Transitional Housing Program. These are emergency shelters for Baltimore City. All totaled, Moveable Feast provides 2,940 nutritious meals per week to people in need and the need is greater than ever in these tough times.

The Ride for the Feast is a 2-day bicycle ride covering 100 miles on Saturday, May 16 when we ride from Rehoboth Beach, DE, to Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD. The next day we will ride 40 miles from Sandy Point Park to Moveable Feast's facility in Baltimore, MD. It is a long tough ride because strong winds –always headwinds it seems – and almost always a rain shower or two frequently buffets us. There's nothing quite like riding with wet feet and wet shorts! It is well worth it though, as it is a great opportunity for us to help those who are hungry. It is as simple as that.

You can make donations online by clicking [here](#) or mail a check to Moveable Feast at PO Box 2298, Baltimore, MD 21203. If you send a check, please indicate my name in the comments section.

As always, know that 100% of your donations are used to fund Moveable Feast's programs to provide nutrition to those who are hungry. Ride for the Feast expenses are covered by the riders themselves and by in-kind donations from corporate sponsors.

I've been training hard these past few months so I can ride every mile. So far, so good!

Thank you in advance for your prayers, thoughts, and donations.



**Katherine Ragsdale, Former Seminarian Named
Dean of The Episcopal Divinity School
by Karen Sharp, Tidings Co-editor**

The Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) of Cambridge, MA, recently announced the selection of The Rev. Dr. Katherine Hancock Ragsdale as the seminary's sixth President and Dean. Many of you will remember Katherine who was a Seminarian at Holy Trinity from 1986-1988.

The Search Committee found that The Rev. Dr. Ragsdale's "life work and ministry exemplify EDS' mission, and that her gifts, skills, and experience closely match the criteria established by" it, "both in terms of the current challenges and opportunities at EDS and the personal attributes it was looking for in a new leader."

The EDS press release further states that "the Search Committee and the Trustees see in Katherine the right combination of a person of immense faith, demonstrated organizational and team leadership ability, a passion for academic excellence and quality theological education, formidable development skills, and the ability to be a strong, articulate, and inspiring voice for the mission of EDS, both within the Episcopal Church and beyond."

She will assume her new roles at EDS on July 1, 2009.

**Holy Trinity Foster Child
by Chris Wehrenberg, Foster Child Coordinator**

Cristy Sencio, our foster child from the Philippines, wrote the following to express her gratitude to Holy Trinity. There's quite a time lag between when we send notes to one another, so please understand this thank you note is not as late as it appears...and Tagalog is her native language, not English!

Cristy writes in beautiful handwriting, "I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. You know I enjoyed so much during the holy season I spent time with my family and friends especially Christmas because some of my friends and my brother and sisters we go to the church. I hope you enjoy too spending time and celebrating the birth of Jesus with your family. **I just want to say hello to all the people of the Holy Trinity Church and thank you all**--and take care always of yourself and I just want to say I love you from the bottom of my heart".

Cristy would enjoy cards and letters directly from Holy Trinity members—just to say hello, encourage her studies, tell her something interesting about our church or Maryland, or whatever you like. If you wish to forward a card or letter to me through the church office, I'll gladly place the proper postage on it and send it for you. Or address and mail it yourself using the below address (Airmail is best/2-week delivery):

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Thank you for your support and prayers.



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

Eighth grade students and their parents recently enjoyed a special breakfast -- a new celebration initiated by Ms. Marcy Cathey, Head of School -- honoring the students' successful years at Holy Trinity. HTEDS students have been accepted in a variety of high schools and many received academic and music scholarships. Many thanks go to all the faculty and staff, from preschool to eighth grade, who have played key roles in nurturing the academic and social development of these wonderful young men and women.

Last month was also an opportunity to honor the younger students in the Lower School who had earned gold medals in the Lower School's newly introduced Character Education program with a pizza party. Over 80 students earned 15 or more wooden nickels for their demonstrations of respect, caring, persistence, and cooperation. Many thanks go to Mr. Nick Antonelli, Head of Lower School, and all the teachers for implementing the program. The input of the School counselor, Mr. David Kellner, deserves special acknowledgment for his help throughout the start of the program.

The Wind Ensemble, made up of about 50 HTEDS students, recently participated in the Dixie Classic Festival in Richmond. These young musicians, having put in many hours of practice, earned an Excellent Rating. How proud we are of music director, Mr. Brian Hollar, and all the students for an outstanding effort!

Holy Trinity's 5th graders Tabon Ward, Joshua Hardy, Dana McCoy, Monique Muse, Ashley Estes, and Maya Hartwell performed a solo with a pianist at the recent PG County Solo and Ensemble Festival. This was the first time for most of them to play in front of a judge. All of them received a rating of I (outstanding). Congratulations to them all; they are to be commended for their hard work!

We would like to invite our friends at the Church to join us at 2 wonderful events:

- The Middle School Drama students will perform "Alice in Wonderland" on Wednesday, May 6-9, 2009, at 7 PM, and
- All of HTEDS' bands will participate in The Spring Bands Concert on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, at 7 PM.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

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.