

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
13106 Annapolis Road
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The Trinity Tidings

November, 2009

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



COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees..."

Genesis 1:11

Potluck Dinner and Jazz Fundraiser to Support Music Program

Featuring

The Dan Ryan Jazz Quartet

By Craig Ryan



You are invited to a potluck supper followed by a jazz concert on Saturday, November 21 from 5:30 'til 9:00 P.M. in Parish Hall. The potluck supper will be from 5:30-7:00 P.M., then the Dan Ryan Jazz Quartet will perform from 7:00-9:00 P.M. Tickets for the concert are \$10/adult, \$5/child (including teens), with \$25 maximum per family. **Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the Holy Trinity Church Music Fund.**

Dan Ryan was a long time participant in the church youth groups. Some of you might remember that Dan actually began playing guitar in Jessie Lackey's beginning guitar class at church, and played in the church praise band while in middle school. He later went on to become an extraordinarily accomplished young player. He is now a sophomore at Towson Univ., majoring in jazz and commercial performance. He is also a graduate of Holy Trinity Day School, class of 2004.

Please come for some great jazz, but even if you don't stay for the concert, come to the potluck supper for good food and fellowship.



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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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Message from the Rector

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Mt 6:19-21)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this stewardship letter to you I listen to the sounds of children's voices outside my door and marvel at the work this institution has done for forty-five years now in educating the future generations. Work that was conceived and executed by disciples of Christ and still is today!

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship that "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Ps 24:1) Recognizing that we are recipients of and caretakers of God's abundant gifts, and in grateful response each of us seeks to find ways to give back to God for the building of God's kingdom.

Jesus' invitation to follow him is addressed to people of every time and condition. Here and now it is addressed to us— Christian citizens of a wealthy, powerful nation facing many questions about its identity and roll in an ever changing global economy, members of a community of faith blessed with many human and material resources yet often uncertain about how to sustain and use them.

Once one chooses to become a disciple of Christ stewardship is not an option, it is an imperative. It is the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and becomes an instrument for the spreading of the good news of life in Christ. Disciples, and thereby Christian steward's contribute their time, talents, prayers and financial resources with a willing and joy filled spirit.

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. I ask you to prayerfully consider your response to Jesus' invitation to follow him, to become a disciple, a steward. Please consider what and how you will pledge, if you are pledging have you reached the level of the tithe (10%); if you have not can you increase your pledge this year. If you are not pledging, why not? What is standing between you and God's call to you? What about your time, your talent, your presence and your prayers? Please take time to consider these questions and fill out **the pledge form at the bottom of this page**, send it to the church, or put it in the offering plate by **November 8**.

Faithfully,

Leslie

The Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis

**Parish Milestones
Deaths**

Francis Newton
Fran Harwood's mother

Marquerite Benedict, former member
And mother of Jane Watson

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



**GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS MOVE
FORWARD**

by Harold Sandy

We welcome Nikki Clowers, who makes the 14th "new" grounds volunteer. All volunteers, except one, have now accepted their portions of the grounds work. We are especially pleased with two small groups that will take care of all tasks around the church, and we're thinking that perhaps we will be able to increase the beauty of the lawn area in front of the church with more flowers and flowering bushes. Pruning work has already begun, and a "Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry" tree has been planted outside the Choir Room.

Blue Jeans Saturday will bring many of you together for raking the grounds on Nov. 7. We truly want to thank all of the men, women, boys and girls that plan to put in their sweat equity. THANKS!



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

Pledge 2010 *(Please detach and return to the church office or place in the collection plate).*

I/We plan to give \$ _____ as follows: weekly monthly quarterly other (please describe):

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



A Message from Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, Head of School

Dear Holy Trinity Church members and friends,

The School's theme for the year is "Our Cup Runneth Over" and the chapel theme for the month of November is Thanksgiving. The past year has taught us a lot about what is really important in our lives and how God has given us a life of abundance. For this abundance, we give thanks to those we know and sometimes to those we don't know. I am sharing with you a few thanksgivings from the School that started before Thanksgiving and that will continue until the Christmas Break:

- The Preschool/Kindergarten Division will gather hats and mittens on the "giving" Christmas tree.
- The Lower School will continue to collect hundreds of canned and non-perishable food items which will go to the Bowie Pantry to help feed our local families. This is an on-going project for the Lower School.
- The Middle School students collect children's gifts for those in need in our area communities.
- Many of our students of all ages have written and will continue to write holiday wishes to our service men and women serving in Iraq, fill gift boxes to overflowing with personal care items and special treats for the homeless.

I hope that your Thanksgiving will be full of giving thanks for those near and far, healthy and sick, and those known and unknown in need. Please know how thankful we are for you, our parish church. The faculty, staff, students, and I wish you the very best for this holiday season.

With gratitude,
Marcy Cathey

Marcy

Head of School

American Girl Dolls Help Fight Hunger

By Susan Croft, Hunger Committee Member



During Advent, the Hunger Committee will sell chances on two (2) *American Girl Dolls* to help end hunger in the Bowie community. The cost will be one (1) chance for \$1.00 or six (6) chances for \$5.00. The dolls will be Gwen (a girl who along with her family has been homeless) and a "just like me" doll.

The winning tickets will be drawn after the 9:30 service on December 20. All monies raised will be given to Warm Nights or the Bowie Pantry. If you don't have room in your home for one of the dolls, the Hunger Committee will gratefully accept a donation from you to help these two very deserving causes in our community.

Bring Canned Food For the Bowie Pantry The Need is Great

Please bring your donations of canned and non-perishable food on Sunday morning (or anytime) and place them in the basket in the narthex.

Tom Mary and Keith Sykes periodically take the food to the Bowie Community Pantry the food distribution point at Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Please give generously. The need is great.

Worth Noting

Congratulations to John Daniels, Youth Minister - John was formally accepted for Holy Orders by the Diocese of Olympia, in Washington State. A date for his ordination to the Diaconate will be announced soon

Blue Jeans Saturday - November 7th, Rain date November 14. Bundle up, bring the children and have fun making new friends and sprucing up our beautiful grounds.

Church Breakfast - November 8, following the 9:30 service. Coordinated by the Stewardship Ministry, it will be designated as "Commitment Sunday." Please contact Tom Lackey (email Thomaslackey@mobroslaw.com or 301-262-2495) to volunteer to help.

Your Pledges And Gifts At Work! New Protective Panels on Stained Glass Windows, Trim Repainted, and Exterior Lights Replaced



By Craig Ryan

Have you noticed the work going on outside the church? At long last, the old discolored Plexiglas protective panels covering the stained glass windows will be replaced. Currently, the wood trim on the exterior of the church is being scraped and painted, and the windows on the Sacristy re-glazed. New panels of clear laminated glass will be installed. They will not yellow over time, and will allow more light in the church, and brighten the outside look. All of the work will be completed in early November. ...Also, all of the exterior lights around the church will be replaced with new fixtures. Work on this job is expected to be complete next month.

These improvements are made possible from a combination of a very generous gift from the Claggett family, income from the Roberts Trust, (a bequest to the church in 1984, for the maintenance of the church and grounds), special gifts from parishioners, and of course the funds directed for "church maintenance" in the Annual Operating Budget.

So that we might replenish the funds for future improvements to our historic buildings, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a year-end contribution to the ongoing care and improvements of the church, rectory, and grounds.

Thank you all for your continued generosity.

**Trish Butler and Craig Ryan Travel
to the Holy Land
with
Bishop John Chane and Others**

Trish Butler and Craig Ryan along with members of other parishes in the Diocese have joined Bishop Chane in the Holy Land in hopes that “congregations will develop a relation with congregations in the Diocese of Washington.”

The group will return in mid-November. At that time Trish and Craig will give us a full report during Sunday Discussion. Pray for them until they return and plan to hear them speak about this exciting opportunity for Holy Trinity and the Diocese.

For all the information about this trip read the article in the July/August issue of the Washington Window. To view it online go to the Diocesan website: www.edow.org. click on News and Calendar, then Washington Window and then on July/August 2009. The article is entitled “Chane to Lean Holy Land Pilgrimage.”



**Holy Trinity Church
Youth Ministry Activities**

Youth Events for the next few Months

November 7 & 8, 2009 – Shelter feeding
November 13 & 14, 2009 – Cathedral
Lock-in

November 28, 2009 Wreathing the
cemetery.

Dec 6, 2009, Ice skating Location (TBA)

Dec 18, 2009, Parents Night Out! Parish
Hall

Dec 20, 2009, Shelter feeding

Jan 10, 2010, Bowling

Jan 24, 2010, Lunch and a movie

Feb 7, 2010, Shelter feeding

Feb. 16, 2010, Pancake Supper

Feb 19, 2010, HS Retreat

Feb 21, 2010, Laser tag

Mar 19, 2010, MS Retreat

Mar 26/27, 2010, Passover Temple visit

Apr 11, 2010, Lunch and a movie

Apr 24/25, 2010, Shelter volunteering

Apr 30, 2010, Parish Hall game night

May 9, 2010, Zip Lining Terrapin
Adventures- Savage

Invite a friend and join in service to our
church and community as well as fun
and fellowship.

Get A Jump On The Holiday Rush!

The Hunger Committee Will Accept Scrip Orders Until December 1' For Gift Cards.

By Sandy Short

What is "Scrip"?

Scrip is another name for a gift certificate or gift card. It is a program in which these gift certificates are issued by many stores/restaurants in our community where you already shop regularly. examples are Outback, Macy's, Starbucks, Panera) The Hunger Committee is able to buy these certificates at a negotiated discount and resell them to you at full face value. The discount is the net contribution retained by the Hunger Committee. All proceeds go to benefit hunger relief locally, regionally, and internationally! Gift cards are great for gifts or to use in your every day shopping experiences.

You can find a full list of retailers at www.glscrip.com. Contact Sandy Short at 301 805-1915 or sandymc1@aol.com to place your orders!

The order form is available on the church website, www.holytrinitybowie.edow.org, and in the back of the church!



News from

The Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School

by Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications

Holy Trinity's all-school Homecoming Day turned out tremendous and attendance was great. We were delighted to see so many students and their families come together to have fun. Many alumni returned to share the day that was filled with activities. The Moon bounce, Trike Races, and Carnival Games were among the busiest centers. Thanks to a wonderful parent who offered his DJ expertise, students and parents danced the afternoon away. The traditional alumni/staff/parents team against the Hawks A team was enjoyed by all. The Hawks A team rose to the challenge and were victorious in the soccer game. Many thanks go to the HTSA Board members and parent and staff volunteers for making this a special day for the school community.

The 6th grade traveled to the National Cathedral for the annual Episcopal Schools Day on Wednesday, October 15. They participated in a service with other schools from the Washington region and then toured the Cathedral. After lunch, the students went to the National Gallery of Art for a scavenger hunt of various French, British and Italian paintings from the collections.

The Day School welcomes prospective families to visit our upcoming Open House on November 11, 2009. For further information, please contact admissions@htrinity.org or call 301-262-5355.

Holy Trinity's Vision

...To be 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.