



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



photo by Karen Sharp

A picture is worth a thousand words. Shown is the Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis, Rector, at last year's Crab Feast, her first at Holy Trinity.

September 9 is the deadline for making reservations for this year's Crab Feast, scheduled from Noon to 3 PM on September 13. The flyer on page 7 of this issue of *The Trinity Tidings* presents additional information.

All proceeds go toward alleviating hunger.



Preparing For Sunday School

By Dave and Donna Rand, Sunday School Superintendents

Another Sunday School year is about to begin. Classes are available for children of all ages. The first day of classes will be September 20, following the 9:30 service. A registration table will be set up prior to the crab feast on September 13. If you are unable to register on the 13th, you may obtain forms from Dave or Donna Rand in church or from the church website.

In addition to students, we are also looking for teachers. If you are available to teach or to be called upon as a substitute please let us know. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Sunday School program, please contact us at dave.donna.rand@gmail.com.



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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

THE TRINITY TIDINGS

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Rectory Readers Resumes By Mary Yuhas and Karen Sharp



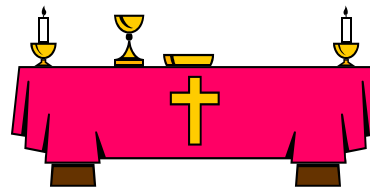
Just a reminder: the Rectory Readers will begin again on Wednesday, September 9. The group meets from 8 until 10 AM and begins with a half hour of food and fellowship before its opening prayer and book discussion.

During the first week's meeting, the group will clean the Rectory. Newcomers are welcome to join the group in preparing the space it uses each week for the fellowship and discussion.

The second week's meeting, September 16, would be a good time for new, interested persons to attend since the group will discuss books that members have read over the summer and decide on some of the group's future books. At that time, you could evaluate if this is an activity for you and decide after that if you would choose to continue, or not.

This is a fun, informative and inspirational group – come give the Rectory Readers a try, won't you? Please contact Mary Yuhas at 301-262-1827 if you have any questions.

All Are Welcome at the Contemplative Holy Eucharist



Wednesdays at 10:15 AM

Education for Ministry, EfM

On Tuesday, September 8, the program year begins with Arleen Dale Kirtland mentoring newest members BJ James, Kimberly Evans, Bonnie Mistichelli, Donna Rand, and David Rand; and returning members Sue Love, Trish Butler and Karen Sharp.



Upcoming Acolyte Training
By Diane Clark, Acolyte Mistress

Please mark your calendars for the Acolyte Training Sessions that will occur on the following dates:

- Oct. 24, 2009 from 10 AM-12 Noon -
 Makeup session will be Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 after the 9:30 service
- December 12, 2009 from 10 AM-12 Noon -
 Makeup session will be Sunday, December 13, 2009 after the 9:30 service
- March 20, 2010 from 10 AM-12 Noon -
 Makeup session will be Sunday, March 21, 2010 after the 9:30 service.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

Blessing of the Animals
October 11, 2009
4:00 PM

Parish Milestones



Baptisms

Tobias Kason Arnold,
 Olivia Min Khelawan,
 Crystal Onyekachi Oparaugo,
 Camden Jason Emmanuel Powell,
 August 16, 2009

Jeggan Joshua Chukwuemeka Taylor,
 August 9, 2009
"We receive you into the household of God."

Wedding

Jane Vermillion and Donnie Wells,
 August 8, 2009
"Make their life together a sign of Christ's love."

Deaths

Philip Kornreich,
 July 26, 2009
 Martha Simmons, sister of Ruth Simons,
 June 2, 2009
"Give rest, O Christ, to your servants."

Tidings Seeks Apprentice Co-Editor

By Karen Sharp, Past Editor



The Tidings is eagerly looking for someone to step into the job of apprentice Co-editor. Please consider joining this important team of volunteers who endeavor to get the word out to members of the parish with the newsletter. Please contact Evelyn Kirby at evelynk7@verizon.net or 301-262-6641 or Karen Sharp at karenmsharp@comcast.net or 301-262-8425, or Shay Waye at tidings@htrinity.org to find out more about this position.

As you know, Shay Waye assumed the position of Editor of Holy Trinity's monthly newsletter with the June/July 2009 issue. For the past few months Evelyn and Karen, the Past Editors, have shadowed Shay.

You will continue to hear from Shay 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.



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

Day School begins with a flurry of activities

Based on the volume of excited chatter, it was evident that students were delighted to reacquaint with their friends and teachers. New students were welcomed heartily and included in the busy conversations. Thanks to the wonderful teachers who worked hard over the summer break to prepare the classrooms and lesson plans, students successfully made a smooth transition back to the school routine. The HTSA sponsored refreshments for parents on the first day of school. Like their children, the parents were happy to re-connect with the Holy Trinity family again. Once again, HTSA has planned many events to promote community spirit, so be on the lookout for announcements. The School wishes to include our extended family in the church community in our activities.

As always, the new school year is especially relevant for two particular grades. This will be a bittersweet year for our 8th graders as they undertake their final year at Holy Trinity. These students will have to face high school choices and challenging placement tests. The Day School is proud of its track record of placing all their graduates in excellent high schools. Last year, over 50% of the class of 2009 received academic and music scholarships. We wish our 8th graders good luck and hope that they will make wonderful memories this year and excel in their achievements. Let us not forget the other group of special students...the little ones in the Discovery classes that make up our youngest students. They are taking steps into their first school. Holy Trinity prides itself on stimulating the joys of learning and this mission begins with our youngest class. To all students in every grade, the faculty and staff offer a resounding welcome and together we will make this another wonderful school year.

Mark your calendar! The admissions team has organized the annual **Secondary Education Night** for Tuesday, September 22 from 7-8.30 PM at the Daisy Lane Campus. Over 30 area high schools have been invited for this informative evening. Please join us and meet the high school representatives who will be available to assist you with questions on high school choices.



Grounds Maintenance Volunteers Needed

By Harold Sandy

Watering, weeding, pruning, limbing up trees, raking, picking up fallen limbs, picking up along Rte. 450, and other tasks maintaining Trinity's beautiful surroundings needs many volunteers. You can work alone at your leisure or accompany others. We would especially like a volunteer to form a small garden club to take care of all chores around the church building throughout the year. Other tasks vary hugely in time required: occasional, regularly during growing season, or year around.

A list of maintenance tasks for volunteers is available for pickup in the church after services, or call Michelle in the church office to have a copy sent to you. Please see or call me (301-262-6463), or Curt Reiber (H-301-262-1612, C-301-213-1602) to discuss or volunteer.

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.

Results of the Music Ministry Parish Survey

By Susan Love



Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the music ministry survey. It certainly helped us gauge the level of interest in the parish concerning the music program and what people felt it should consist of. We received 86 responses. Based on the May 31 attendance records, this represented 57% of the total attendance at both the 8 o'clock and the 9:30 services, and 73% of the 9:30 attendance assuming that nearly all of the people responding attend that service. That is an excellent response rate to a survey like this and indicates a high level of interest in the parish's music program as we search for a new director.

Now for the results.

Question 1 asked "is music important to you in a service?"

- 86% (74) of you responded Yes,
- 6% (5) responded No, and
- 8% (7) responded Not sure.

Question 2 asked "What do you want in a music program? (Choose all that apply.)

- Everyone (100%; 85) who expressed a preference wants an Adult Choir. One person chose not to answer the question. In addition to an Adult Choir,
- 85% (72) want a Youth Choir,
- 75% (64) want a Children's Choir
- 47% (40) want a Bell Choir, and
- 34% (29) want a Contemporary Band.

89% (76) of the respondents wanted at least two voice choirs, and 70% (60) want all three—Adult, Youth, and Children's. When we compared these responses to those for **Question 4** that asked "Will you be willing to financially support the music ministry at Holy Trinity, above and beyond your current pledge"

- 50% (38) of those who want at least two voice choirs answered Yes
- 36% (27) answered Not Sure, and
- 13% (10) answered No.

- 55% (33) of those who want all three voice choirs answered Yes
- 30% (18) answered Not Sure, and
- 15% (9) answered No.

- 15% (13) of respondents selected all five types of choirs and band,
- 38% (5) indicated a willingness to financially support their choice,
- 38% (5) were Not Sure, and
- 23% (3) answered No.

The overall response to **Question 4** was

- 45% (39) answered Yes
- 14% (12) answered Not Sure, and
- 41% (35) answered No.

Question 3 asked “What types of music would you like to hear or would enhance your worship experience? (Choose all that apply.)

- 69% (59) chose Classical
- 82% (70) chose Traditional Anglican
- 65% (55) chose Gospel
- 60% (51) chose Spiritual
- 65% (55) chose Contemporary
- 27% (23) chose African, and
- 49% (42) chose African American

Forty different combinations of these 7 types of music were selected. Only 10 of them include less than three types. All other combinations consist of at least 3 choices.

- 5% (4) of respondents picked only 1
- 19% (16) picked 2
- 20% (17) picked 3
- 17% (15) picked 4
- 13% (11) picked 5
- 9% (8) picked 6, and
- 17% (15) picked all 7.

The 40 combinations selected show widely diverse preferences, with the pair most often seen in combinations of 2 or more types—Classical and Traditional Anglican—selected by only 59% of respondents.

- 24 combination selections include Classical
- 27 include Traditional Anglican
- 25 include Gospel
- 23 include Spiritual
- 23 include Contemporary
- 8 include African, and
- 18 include African American

The last question, **Question 5**, asked “Are you interested in volunteering in the music ministry at Holy Trinity?” The results are

- 21% (18) answered Yes
- 46% (39) answered No, and
- 32% (27) answered Not Sure.

Over half of the respondents to the music survey are either interested in volunteering or may be interested. This is great news! The answers to Questions 4 and 5, the support for an additional one and possibly two choirs, and a diverse music preference indicate that the congregation is willing to work toward the development of a dynamic music program for all ages and backgrounds. Thanks again for providing your input!

Holiday Greens Are Coming!



Look for ordering information in upcoming issues of The Tidings and the Sunday bulletin!

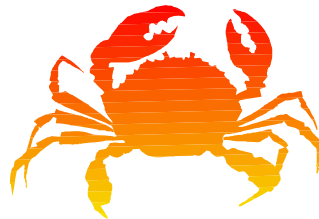


Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
14th Annual *Hunger Committee* Crab Feast

Sunday, September 13, 2009
12 Noon - 3 PM

Holy Trinity Church grounds
for reservations, call Verena Smith
at 301-464-0188

deadline to make reservations: Wednesday, September 9



PRICES

<u>Price by Age</u>	<u>Crab Eater</u>	<u>Non-Crab Eater</u>
13+	\$30	\$20
5-12	\$20	\$10
birth-4	free	free

crabs,
BBQ chicken & pork from ***Red, Hot & Blue***
cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans,
corn on the cob, hot dogs, watermelon

bring your own beverage of choice
-- beer permitted

please make check payable to Holy Trinity
with **Crab Feast** in the memo line

all proceeds go toward alleviating hunger

