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# Trinity Tidings

## April 2005

Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

Th, Fr Sat	April 14, 15, 16	EFM Mentor Training	Rectory	
Saturday	April 16	J2A Game Night	Parish Hall	7:30p.m.
Thursday	April 21	Communications Ministry	Conf Rm – Daisey Ln	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	April 23	Diocesan Sex Abuse Awareness Training	Parish Hall	9:00 a.m..
Saturday	April 30	Hunger Committee Yard Sale	Parish Hall	8:00 a.m.

### APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Voices for Quality Care (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)	Parish Hall	2:30 p.m.
	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
	Children's Choir	Church	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	AA	Room 208	8:30 p.m.
	Brownies (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday)	Room 200	3:25 p.m.
	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery	7:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 p.m.
	Vestry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)	Rector's Office	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
(w/Children's' Chapel  
2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Parish Hall)  
12:00 noon Contemporary Service  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Sept.-May)  
10:45 -Fellowship & Education  
Sunday School  
Youth Group  
Discussion Hour  
Adult Bible Study

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Matt Ryan – (*Youth*)  
Tom Lackey – (*Stewardship*)  
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**UPCOMING DISCUSSION ON HOMOSEXUALITY**

Ryan Kuratko

The Christian Education Ministry invites all members and visitors to Holy Trinity to engage with us in prayerful discussion around the issue of homosexuality. Beginning April 3, and continuing on April 10 and April 24, parishioners will meet during the Sunday Discussion hour to study the excellent adult curriculum developed by our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The curriculum is designed to give voice and ear to all people's side on the issue, and in particular to give voice to and room for all perspectives so that we all might learn from and teach one another. The Christian Education Committee hopes that the gatherings, focused on prayer, scripture, and our life together as the body of Christ, will provide a place for everyone at Holy Trinity as we continue to discern together our calling in a time of church tension.

Please have a look at the program that we will be using. It is at the following web site --<http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/study02.html>

As you will see, it is a balanced prayerful program, beginning in scripture and moving toward baptism and mission. It has been developed with a sense of the mutuality, respect, and love needed in discussions of this type. Thanks, and we hope to see you there.

**THE PASCHAL CYCLE**

Tom Andrews

The Great Fifty Days of Easter began on the Day of Resurrection and is completed on the Day of Pentecost, May 15, this year. But the paschal (from Jewish word for Passover) mystery of the dying and rising again of Jesus Christ and our participation in it, the theological core of the gospel, and how we celebrate it in our gathered community is the central event of the church year, and includes also the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, as well as Easter.

Easter Sunday is a fixed date in the lunar calendar, coming on the Sunday after the first full moon of spring. It falls therefore between March 22 and April 25. The Easter cycle encompasses everything from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost. Its theme is the salvation of the human race through the mighty acts of Jesus Christ. In its celebration we become participants in those mighty acts and enter into the risen life of Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## VESTRY NEWS

Tom Lackey, Vestry Member

### Vestry Meeting – Thursday, March 17, 2005

#### Actions:

- Authorized establishment of bank account to receive and disburse funds paid for benefit of minor children of a parishioner (as outlined more fully last month).
- Approved hiring Seminarian Ryan Kuratko for work at the Church in July and August. This will be funded from the Rector's sabbatical fund so it will not be a new operating expense.

#### Continuing business:

- New Church Sign – still waiting for a survey of the property to be paid for by the State.
- Work continues on the installation of an artificial turf on the Lower School playground property. This is funded by the Day School.

#### Committee Reports:

- Bob Laurenson reviewed a study compiled by the Communications Ministry showing how we communicate to our Church family and our community and what we should consider for the future.
- Susan Croft reported that Henderson House will close soon due to financial problems.

Monthly financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tom Andrews

The congregation gathered in annual Parish meeting on March 6. We watched *The Episcopal Diocese of Washington: The Movie*. Gerry Perez was re-elected the Vestry's Senior Warden. Eric Maurer and Debbie Robinson were elected to the Vestry, the Parish board of directors. Sandy McGrady, Kimberly Evans, and Beth Nelson were thanked for their fine Vestry work, and were presented plaques noting that work.

Financial reports were presented.

John Kunkel, Chair of the Day School Board of Governors, introduced Marcy Cathey who will become the Day School Head next year.

The Parish By-laws were altered by vote of the congregation, removing the requirement to be confirmed in order to vote at the meeting.

Thanks to Pete Branham and everyone who helped with the meeting.

## WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR HOLY TRINITY AND HONDURAS?

Peg Johnson

Here are a few ideas suggested for our consideration by Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, when we posed this question to him at our recent meeting.

He said he greatly appreciated our \$4,000.00 contribution towards the salary of Ana Rosalia, Lay Pastor of San Fernando Rey en Omoa. Finding money for clergy salaries is his top priority since the need for clergy is desperate. Many people want The Episcopal Church to be their spiritual home but must wait until clergy resources are found. Perhaps, after we complete this year's contribution to Ana's salary, we may wish to consider doing it for another year.

San Fernando has a very bad crack in the roof that leaks badly when it rains, and is very much in need of paint.

Have Ana stay with us for awhile to really get to know each other and develop a deeper relationship.

Consider the trip to Honduras, leaving July 30, and returning August 6. Get an overview of Honduras, see new project sites, worship in the Diocesan Cathedral. See and do lots more.

How about joining us at the next Honduras meeting as we consider each of these ideas? See any of us for the date. Diane Clark, Sam McGeiver, Debbie Leilich, Luisa Turcotte, Dave Nelson, Roxie or Sam Sanchez, Eric Maurer, Peg Johnson.

Final note: Some Honduran villagers are working to develop a trade for themselves by embroidering. The Honduras Committee has some of their handiwork to offer for sale. The money goes directly to the person making the item. Let us know of your interest.

**Good Beginnings Never End  
A Celebration in Honor of Peggy Reiber**

Join the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School community as we celebrate with Peggy Reiber upon the occasion of her retirement.

Thursday, May 19, 2005

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Allen Pond Park

Northview Drive, Bowie, MD

Picnic Buffet

\$8 per person    \$25 per family of 4

\$5 per each additional family member

Children under 3 free

Watch the mail for your invitation.

For more information, please contact 301-464-3215.

**HUNGER COMMITTEE YARD SALE**

Saturday, April 30, in the Parish Hall. Please contribute household items, children's clothing and toys, books, audio & videotapes, furniture, sporting goods, lawn equipment and more. We'd prefer pre-priced items if possible. NO mattresses, children's car seats, major appliances, or furniture that is in need of significant repair.

For pick up of large items, please contact Beth Nelson.

**SPRING INTO THE ARTS AT THE DAY  
SCHOOL**

Mark your calendar for these upcoming spring performances at the day school.

**A Midsummer Night's Dream: April 19 – 22  
at the Daisey Lane Campus**

The Holy Trinity Players present their '80s interpretation of this well-known Shakespeare play. Cast members include: Kathryn Binney, Karen Lackey, Danielle Nelson, Gabriela Principe, and Edward Sobansky. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Lisa Hawkins at [lhawkins@htrinity.org](mailto:lhawkins@htrinity.org).

**Spring Band Concert: Tuesday, May 10  
7:00 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School**

Plan to attend this wonderful musical performance by the middle school bands. Admission is free. For more information, please call 301-464-3215.

**NEW ECUMENICAL ORGANIZATION  
LAUNCHES IN JUNE**

(From *Episcopal News Service*) A new ecumenical organization known as Christian Churches Together in the United States of America (CCT-USA) will be launched June 1-3, 2005 at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, California.

Executive Council, meeting in Austin, Texas, February 11-14, 2005, committed the Episcopal Church to be a founding member of the new organization

The Episcopal Church has been involved in discussions for several years, with the National Council of Churches and others, about how to "broaden the ecumenical table" in the US, bringing together Roman Catholics, Orthodox, mainline Protestants, primarily ethnic churches, Evangelicals and Pentecostals in a new forum for prayer, dialogue, and action.

For the foreseeable future, CCT-USA will not replace the National Council of Churches, but will exist alongside it with its full support.

"Obviously, it is too soon to know what will become of this new initiative, but CCT-USA could have the potential of moving beyond the old, institutional structures and bureaucracies of the ecumenical movement and tap into the new energies of a spiritual ecumenism which would realistically reflect the entire Christian landscape today in this country and beyond," observed Bishop Christopher Epting, ecumenical officer for the Episcopal Church.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently committed the Roman Catholic Church to membership, making CCT-USA the first national ecumenical organization in the US they have joined. In addition, full members now include the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Church of God, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), the United Methodist Church, several Orthodox bodies, the Salvation Army, the United Church of Christ, Open Bible Churches, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, Evangelicals for Social Action, World Vision, and a number of others.

## NOTES OF THANKS

Chapel Forge Early Childhood Center thanked the Hunger Committee of Holy Trinity for its support to 20 families of its needy students for Thanksgiving dinner. They also sent thanks to the Hunger Committee for \$250 in food gift cards at Christmastime to provide for 23 families.

Habitat for Humanity of Prince George's County sent thanks for our past support, and invited Holy Trinity to help with construction of 6 news homes through "Challenge 2005."

El Hogar Ministries, Inc. of Honduras sent thanks for the numerous articles of boys clothing sent to them by Holy Trinity parishioners and day school families. A shipment was sent from their Florida storage in November to arrive in Tegucigalpa in early 2005.

## HYMN HISTORY

Arleen Dale Kirtland

"*When I survey the wondrous cross . . .*" Thus begins one of our best known and well-loved hymns for the Easter season. The hymn was inspired by Galatians 6:14 and first appeared in 1707. Charles Wesley is quoted as having claimed that he wished he had written that one hymn instead of all his own!

The hymn was written by Issac Watts, known as the Father of the English Hymn. Watts, born in 1674, was one of 9 children. As a child he demonstrated his poetic talents for his family when, upon observing a mouse crawling in the dining room during prayer time, spoke this little rhyme: "There was a mouse, for want of stairs/Ran up a rope to say his prayers."

Issac's father was a Dissenter and Nonconformist\* and young Issac followed in his footsteps, criticizing the hymns being sung at church. He was challenged to write something superior, and did! Watts wrote over 600 hymns, among them *Joy to the World* and *O God Our Help in Ages Past*.

Watts also proved to be an excellent pastor and leader, in spite of poor health. He became pastor of Mark Lane Church in London in 1702 at a time when the church was dying. With the assistance of Samuel Price, Watts was able to revitalize the church to the point where the building became too small to hold the crowds and a new sanctuary had to be built!

*\*Dissenters and Nonconformists were members of various Protestant denominations, such as Presbyterian, Baptist, Quaker, who refused to conform to the Church of England's tenets. They often were imprisoned for their beliefs, as was Watts' father.*

## WHAT DOES THE WORD "HOSANNA" MEAN?

Arleen Dale Kirtland

What did the people of Jerusalem mean when they cried out, "Hosanna"? The word Hosanna actually translates as, "save us, we beseech thee."

During the Festival of the Tabernacle, it was the custom to wave branches and cry Hosanna while marching around the tents erected for the festival.

The phrase refers to Psalm 118, a psalm we Christians associate with the Messiah and Holy Week events.

CORRECTION –The names of two infants baptized on February 13 were listed incorrectly. Their correct names are Amelia Louise, and Lauren Joanne Gracie. Their brother Paul's name was entered correctly. We regret the error.

## NEW TIDINGS CO-EDITOR NEEDED

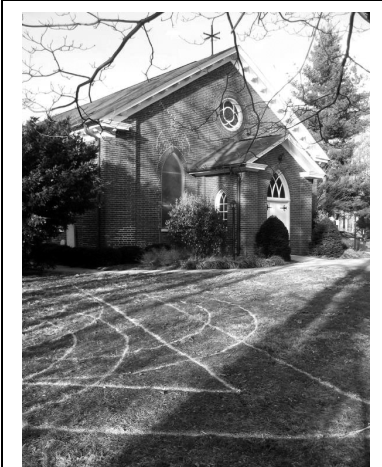
The Communications Ministry is looking for someone to step into the first year of a three-year cycle as Tidings editor. The first year is like an apprenticeship where you learn the workings, write articles, encourage submissions, etc. The order right now is editor, Evelyn Kirby and co-editor, Narmeen Reger. This month, Evelyn will move to the third year position of assisting when and where needed. Narmeen moves to editor and we need someone to step into Narmeen's position of co-editor. This is a 3-year commitment, with year number 2 being the most involved. Years one and three are a bit more relaxed. No experience is necessary, just an enthusiasm to make the Tidings the best! Are you that person?, Please contact Bob Laurenson, Dan Howe, Evelyn Kirby or Narmeen Reger – we are all in the directory!

## ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST

Dorothy Clagett

January 30, 2005

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant*



**Healing Garden layout**



**Getting Started.**



**Garden Organizers, Ames and Gordon**

**GROUNDS FOR HEALING GARDEN BLESSED ON PALM SUNDAY**

Father Tom Andrews blessed the ground for the Healing Garden, on Palm Sunday using a litany he wrote for the occasion. Adding to the service, Janice Vettel and Jessie Lackey played "In the Garden" on guitars.

Beginning April 3, healing prayers will be offered in the Garden each Sunday starting at 11:00 a.m. Parishioners and visitors are invited to leave written requests for prayers in a prayer box provided to be offered by the healing ministers.

Organizers of the Prayer Garden, Ames Perry and Gordon Steward say opportunities to help build the garden will be announced in the spring. The path needs more work and underbrush needs cleared.

The Garden Guild meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the media center, lower level of the parish hall. Call Ames at 301-809-9336 or Gordon at 301-464-0424 for more information.



**"Come join us! Garden work is fun!"**



### ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

#### 8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
April 3 Daylight Savings	S. Fallon B. Spehr	R. Longmire	S. Gilbert		R. Trisko H. Tucker
April 10	G. Declan S. Bower	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		L. Anderson T. Kirby
April 17	C. Wehrenberg R. Curbelo	D. Clark	S. Cone		R. Curbelo R. Trisko
April 24	J. Scott R. Anderson	S. Cone	S. Allen		H. Tucker L. Anderson

#### 9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
April 3 Daylight Savings	E. Dunwiddie R. Bowen	L. Zarate	G. Perez R. Beckley	D. Nelson, A. Nelson J. Judd	K. Kirtland B. Kallal
April 10	A. Zarate C. Carlisle	R. Stimpert	T. Cloutier E. Mauer	H. Cloutier, S. Cloutier P. Gordon	M. Powell A. Sparks
April 17	D. Howe C. Bell	K. Kirtland	T. Lackey D. Leilich	D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray, C. Hamel	R. Stimpert R. Blass
April 24	T. Vandermeys K. Evans	J. Findley	S. McGeiver D. Clark	A. Jarmon, R. Bowen G. Sparks	G. Perez A. Beckley

Altar Guild: April 1-15: Della Wharton  
April 16-30: Janice Vettel

Acolytes are responsible or finding a substitute if they cannot serve

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

- 8:00 Holy Eucharist - Rite I (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)  
 9:30 Holy Eucharist - Rite II (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)  
*Nursery care provided for your infant, 9:15 a.m. – Noon, for those who wish it*  
 Children's Chapel - Ages 3-6. - Parish hall (*except 1st Sunday: Children attend church with their families*).  
 10:45 Fellowship & Refreshments –Start in the parish hall and then on to:  
 11:00 Education Hour – (September-mid-June)  
 Sunday School - various rooms in the parish hall  
 Rite 13 - Ages 12-13 - in the rectory  
 Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 - in the rectory  
 Youth Adults in Church (YAC) Ages 16+ - in the rectory  
 Discussion Hour - Topics of current interest and fellowship in an informal setting\*  
 Bible Study - Room 204 (September -June)  
 Healing Prayers – Prayer Garden  
 12:00 Holy Eucharist -Contemporary Service (second and fourth Sunday, Sept-May)

#### \*Discussion Hour Programs

- April 3 – The Church and Homosexuality Part I (See page 2 for more information), Ryan Kuratko leader  
 April 10 – The Church and Homosexuality Part II Ryan Kuratko, leader  
 April 17 – Sandwich Making for Martha's Table – Elizabeth Chamberlain, leader  
 April 24 – The Church and Homosexuality III, Ryan Kuratko, leader

*Please visit our website at [www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie](http://www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie), look in the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office for updated information. The Discussion Hour schedule is updated frequently.*