
Trinity Tidings

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THAT'S HOLINESS

Young people, teenager and younger, are very important to Holy Trinity. We have a Day School celebrating 40 years of education and spiritual growth, with 600 students in pre-school through 8th grade; a longer history of Christian education on Sunday mornings; a new program of youth ministry supported by Erin Iverson, 4-Church Youth Minister, Journey to Adulthood (J2A). How we treat our littlest ones is a sign of how we have understood the *meaning of life* that Jesus came among us to bring.

We have a holiness in this work with our children, holiness implying being healthy and whole in a world where much is unhealthy and fragmented. The phrase "hale and hearty" sums up true holiness. Holiness includes humor and laughter, c o m p a s s i o n and understanding and the capacity to forgive and be

forgiven, to love and be loved, to welcome everyone. That's holiness.

It doesn't mean that we are free from conflict, or that we never hurt one another. But it does mean that holiness in our congregation comes from learning to forgive and to be reconciled, and learning to face our problems and do something about them together. It means striving to surrender to God's light within us when the darkness seems overwhelming. It means working to bring creative order to our lives. Working to cultivate forgiveness, reconciliation and community, we embody God's holy will.

By living holy (not perfect) lives, we prepare the way of the Lord, and bring Jesus with us into the crossways and byways of human life. We know that the Child who has come into the world, this Child has already overcome the world.

Tom

**ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH
TIDINGS ARE DUE
FEBRUARY 5TH**

BISHOP CHANE TO VISIT HOLY TRINITY IN MARCH

The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane will visit Holy Trinity on Sunday, March 7, 2004 and will preach, celebrate Eucharist with us, and lead Sunday Discussion. In preparation for this visit, Bishop Chane has asked for some time on the Wednesday prior to Sunday, to meet with folks for an open discussion. The Education for Ministry (EFM) class will sponsor the evening with Bishop Chane on Wednesday, March 3, in Parish Hall from 7-8:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Join us to update Bishop Chane on how Holy Trinity is doing in discerning God's call to us.

FIESTA!

**February 21, 2004
7:30PM in Parish Hall**

The Adult Choir would like to invite the congregation to attend a Holy Trinity Talent Show on February 21st at 7:30p.m. in Parish Hall. Many performers from our congregation will be sharing their talents. Admission is free.

If you need transportation to this event, please contact Patty at 301-464-1968. Babysitting will be provided. Please plan to attend.

INTER- GENERATIONAL BOOK GROUP

As part of the new area youth ministry, we are proposing a group for both youth and adults to get together to discuss some interesting literature. The first few months will focus on a theme of intergenerational spirituality, involving three books that should spark discussions well, focusing on spiritual growth for both adolescents and adults. The books include *Evensong* by Gail Godwin, *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok, and *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. These three books are thematically related as they describe spiritual growth and the difference it makes in one's life for both adolescents and adults. Protagonists and other characters encounter their own needs for spiritual growth, catalyzed by the circumstances in their lives. Teenagers move from childhood to adulthood through spiritual as well as practical epiphanies and understanding. Both adult and teenage characters confront the consequences of spiritual growth in the

practical aspects of their lives, addressing questions of how their philosophy of life should influence how they live it.

As a former curator at the Museum of Modern Art once characterized photographs, these books can be both mirrors, reflecting the readers' experience, or windows, enlarging their understanding by providing insight into the experience of others. *The Chosen* should be especially resonant for Episcopal readers right now, as it features conflict between groups within one religious tradition that differ strongly about the interpretation of its tenets. It should be interesting to look at how these sorts of tensions play out in the characters' lives and our own. How do we discern our own ideas of what is right when we recognize oppositional views within our own religious tradition? How do we deal with the disapproval of parents and other adults when our ideas differ from theirs?

In *Evensong*, adult and adolescent protagonists journey together spiritually, as they do in *The Secret Life of Bees*. In both books, troubled and abused children find a refuge with adults who have strong spiritual lives, in one book more orthodox, in the other, less traditional. Once again, a central question is how our spiritual understanding informs our daily lives. If we believe a certain way, how must we act in varying circumstances? How do the lives we live reflect the beliefs we hold?

The reading group will be open to high school students and adult participants from all four parishes, and is scheduled to start on Sunday, February 22, at 2:00 PM, meeting at St. George's Church. Gail Godwin's *Evensong* will be the first selection for discussion. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Laura McShane: lshane@eudoramail.com, or 301-867-6275.

THINK SUMMER~~~THINK CAMP JOY!!! Youth Mission Trip

Our Area Youth Group from St. George's, St. Christopher's, St. Andrew's and Holy Trinity will be spending a week in July at CAMP JOY (Christian Appalachian Mission Project- Joining Other Youth) helping with repairs or additions to the homes of less fortunate persons. If you are a youth (going into grade 7 and above) interested in participating this summer, please let please let Mary or Craig Ryan (301 262-4384) or Erin Iverson (301 351-2280) know as soon as possible so we can begin planning. More details will follow as they become available.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Announcement for those interested in Community Organizing/Justice Work:

The Direct Action & Research Training (DART) Center is currently accepting applications among folks interested in social and economic justice issues for their paid, four-month community organizing training program.

The DART Organizers Institute is a combined classroom and field training covering such topics as:

- Identifying and training local leaders
- Strategic planning and issue cutting
- Researching and targeting decision makers
- One-on-One relationship building
- Developing/training leaders for successful Direct Action on issues
- Fund Raising for the long haul

The DART Center, has built coalitions throughout the country that have won

important victories on a broad set of justice issues including:

- Education reform in low-performing public schools
- Fair immigration policies
- Police misconduct
- Living Wage campaigns & job training
- Affordable housing, etc.

The DART Organizers Institute combines a 7-day classroom orientation with 15 weeks of infield training at a DART host organization. This is a paid training program that includes: a \$6,500 living stipend, all transportation costs to the classroom orientation and host city, and mileage reimbursement during the infield training. Room, board, and tuition will also be paid by DART during the 7-day classroom training. After successful completion of the program, DART will work to place graduates into fulltime salaried positions.

Graduates from the four month DART Organizers Institute have gone on to accept Executive Director and Associate Community Organizing positions throughout the country making between 27 - 34,000 in starting salaries. We continue to train the best of those working to build the power of low-moderate income communities to win victories on important issues in their community.

The program starts June 14, 2004 and runs through the end of September. Host organizations are located in several cities throughout Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana. Applications are being accepted now. No organizing experience necessary, only life experience, willingness to learn, and commitment to a career in organizing. People of color and Spanish speaking applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications are being accepted now. To apply, applicants must send materials (resume and completed application form) to: Ben MacConnell, the Recruitment Director at: institute@thedartcenter.org. You can also call him with questions: (785)841-2680. To download our applications or find out more about the DART center, check out our website: www.thedartcenter.org.

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT HEAD OF HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

A group of current Board members has come together to form an ad hoc/consultant search committee. During the month of January this committee will interview four consultants, decide on a consultant/s to recommend to the Board and invite the consultant/s to present to the full Board. The Board will vote on which consultant should be hired to lead us in the search for the next Head of Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School. By early February, an offer will be extended to the consultant that the Board approves.

We continue to ask for your good thoughts and prayers as we search for a new Head for Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School. If you have any questions or comments about the Head Search at

any time in the process, please contact me at 301 262-4384 (H) or 301 545-5954 (W) or e mail at Mcampbellryan@comcast.net

Thank you for your support,

Mary Ryan, Chair of the Search process

And the Ad Hoc committee:

Kathy Murphy
Melvin Petty
James Robinson
Father Tom Andrews
Alison Lavigne

WHOSE TIME AND TALENT?

By Mary Yugas

Time and Talent surveys were recently distributed among Holy Trinity's parishioners. Perhaps you filled yours out and returned it or, perhaps, it's still waiting "in the wings" to be considered and returned. If so, maybe you've asked yourself whatever it might be used for and why it might be important. I offer these thoughts for your consideration...

I'd like to begin with a personal story. I began attending Holy Trinity in 1971 and, while I was once active in the church community, had let that activity level drop considerably. You could say that I attended church frequently enough so that Tom never forgot my name and that I did say "yes" to Virginia Brandt and Peg Johnson when asked to help with the Craft Show and Spaghetti Supper. At any rate, my contributions were significantly slight.

Something changed in 1998. The Stewardship campaign did not just ask that I pledge my *treasure* but listed many opportunities (I never knew there were so many!) to contribute *time* and *talent*. I

checked several participatory activities and returned my form. Soon after a call came about scheduling time for reading the lessons on Sundays. That was just a beginning; more calls have continued since then and I have become an active member again. Would I have volunteered on my own? Perhaps, but my history didn't prove that. The simple act of offering opportunities to contribute made it seem easy for me, plus it was specific information about what was needed. You could say it was a kick-start for renewed involvement, an involvement that continues.

This year Holy Trinity again is asking us to sign up for contributing our time and talents, not just our treasure. The almighty dollar is not so almighty that a church community *only* needs that to function well (tho' need them we do)! 2004 is the first full year of our new five-year Strategic Plan – a plan full of opportunities for joy and growth and participation and sharing, for needing each and every person's best ideas in many new areas (we call them clusters now), for stretching our minds and hearts and souls and hands to contribute to a new beginning for Holy Trinity. Where will your kick-start begin? Please join me in pledging not just your treasure, but your time and talents as well, to

advance God's work here in our small space.

THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your kind donations throughout the year. Because of your kindness and generosity, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington received 12 vouchers to Goodwill during 2003. Thank you especially to your volunteers who collected the clothing, drove it to Goodwill, and made sure that we received the vouchers. Our program participants, who are mostly homeless and jobless, can use these vouchers to purchase much needed clothing. This is especially helpful when they need specific items for their new jobs.

We appreciate your continued involvement with Samaritan Ministry as a Partner Parish. This includes adopting an apartment at Partner Arms and your attendance at our Family Christmas Party. Your generosity helps us maintain the Next Step program of support to homeless individuals, and others in need, as they strive for better lives. We thank you on their behalf.

Our caseworkers and other program staff (including a host of volunteers) spend most of their day meeting and working with program participants – listening carefully as they relate their experiences of the past and their dreams for better futures, helping them define goals and Next Steps, providing job search workshops and resume assistance, sharing information and referrals (about health care, application procedures, other social service programs, etc.), and offering encouragement and support in an atmosphere that promotes change, dignity and self-reliance.

Thank you again for all your generosity this past year.

Sincerely,
Gina Gatto
Director of Volunteers and
Communications

STEWARDSHIP 2003 UPDATE

As of 12/31/03

Actual Giving:	\$226,047.67
YTD Budgeted Giving:	<u>224,472.00</u>
Difference:	1,575.67

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ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE FOR FEBRUARY

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	INTERCESSOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS
<i>Feb. 1</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>S. Bower J. Brewster</i>	<i>S. Cone</i>	<i>D. Robinson</i>	<i>A. Simons</i>	<i>R. Curbelo T. Kirby</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>A. Beckley F. Walker</i>	<i>J. Findlay</i>	<i>D. Clark Mary Ryan</i>	<i>Ka. Lackey J. Judd A. Jarmon</i>	<i>R. Stimpert K. Kowalewski</i>
<i>Feb. 8</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>M. Fallon M. Yuhas</i>	<i>S. Gilbert</i>	<i>S. Allen</i>	<i>C. Murdoch</i>	<i>H. Tucker L. Anderson</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>T. Vandermeys E. Spehr</i>	<i>K. Kirtland</i>	<i>T. Lackey D. Leilich</i>	<i>D. Nelson B. Walker L. Zampella</i>	<i>J. Walker A. Beckley</i>
	<i>12:00PM</i>	<i>A. Simons D. Nelson</i>	<i>M. Ryan</i>	<i>B. Nelson S. Wood</i>	<i>J. Spehr</i>	<i>L. Gleason P. Galloway</i>
<i>Feb. 15</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>R. Curbelo J. Scott</i>	<i>R. Longmire</i>	<i>S. Cone</i>	<i>D. Townsend-Gray</i>	<i>R. Trisko R. Curbelo</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>J. Ruh R. Sanchez</i>	<i>D. Clark</i>	<i>S. Gilbert C. Harman</i>	<i>Z. Brasel G. Blancke S. Spehr</i>	<i>K. Kirtland G. Perez</i>
<i>Feb. 22</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>P. Ballish D. Stahman</i>	<i>S. Wood</i>	<i>J. Diggs</i>	<i>W. Gordon</i>	<i>T. Kirby H. Tucker</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>E. Sobansky F. Walker</i>	<i>R. Stimpert</i>	<i>R. Beckley S. McGeiver</i>	<i>M. Murdoch C. Murdoch R. Bowen</i>	<i>R. Blass B. Kallal</i>
	<i>12:00PM</i>	<i>Ka. Lackey K. Zarate</i>	<i>E. Johnson</i>	<i>T. Lackey CJ Johnson</i>	<i>A. Jarmon</i>	<i>L. Stewart A. Haasl</i>
<i>Feb. 25 Ash Wed.</i>	<i>7:30PM</i>	<i>J. Trisko</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>L. Anderson</i>
<i>Feb. 29</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>	<i>V. Esmacher C. Wehrenberg</i>	<i>S. Esmacher</i>	<i>D. Robinson</i>	<i>W. Jarmon</i>	<i>L. Anderson R. Trisko</i>
	<i>9:30AM</i>	<i>N. Reger A. Zarate</i>	<i>P. Reiber</i>	<i>M. Ryan G. Perez</i>	<i>A. Simons B. Dunwiddie E. Dunwiddie</i>	<i>C. Reiber P. Reiber</i>

*Altar Guild: Feb. 1-15: Kay Kaplanis, Jenny Biddle
16-29: Della Whorton, Janice Vettel*

*Acolytes are responsible for
finding a substitute if they cannot serve.*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join the Bible Study Group on Sundays in room 204 at 11:00AM as often as you can for fellowship and discussion. This is another opportunity at Holy Trinity to let God grow your faith.

SUNDAY DISCUSSION HOUR

*Feb. 1 - Cluster Meeting
8 - Sandwich Making: E. Chamberlain
15 - Fellowship
22 - Fellowship
29 - Fellowship*