

# TRINITY Tidings

JANUARY 2006

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## EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2006

Sunday	January 1	Happy New Year!!!!		
Thursday	January 12	Communications Ministry	Daisey Lane	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 15	Chalice Bearers Meeting	Church	11:00 a.m.
Saturday	January 20	Heat Up the Winter Dinner	Parish Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	January 29	Ushers Meeting	Church	11:00 a.m.

## JANUARY 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
	Children's Choir	Church	5:00 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.
	Holy Eucharist	Church	10:15 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)  
10:45 -Fellowship & Education  
Sunday School  
Youth Group  
Discussion Hour  
Adult Bible Study

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***THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF MINISTRY  
TOGETHER***

*We all here at Holy Trinity have been working together for quite a spell. My last Sunday with you as your Rector will be June 25, 2006. I'll be retiring and moving on to do other things, "reinventing myself," as I have put it. I have scheduled two Discussion Hours for us to talk together: January 8 when we can look over the 32 years that we have worked together, and April 23 when we'll talk about the future, your future and my future. My purpose in scheduling these two times is to work with you to make the best use of my last months with you, to ask your help in thinking together about all that we have accomplished, and all that we could have accomplished and you will accomplish in the future. Put these dates on your calendars and come.*

*Tom+*

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## Some Tips for Enjoying Our Website

by  
*Dan Howe*  
*Website Coordinator*

OK, here's the scenario: Your friend calls and says, "Go look at the church web site, your picture is on there!" You hurriedly bring up the site, go to the pictures and exclaim, "Hey, those are the same pictures that have been on there for two months!"

What's up? Well, both you and your friend could be right. But, you say, "How can I be looking at pictures that are not there?" or more correctly, "Why can't I see pictures that are there?" The answer lies in the *strange* ways that computers operate. In order to save a few microseconds, the designer of your computer put in a unit called *cache memory* (pronounced "cash") which stores what you saw when you previously visited that address. The computer has not been told that there is new info at that address. However, you can tell your computer to load the new info by performing the following steps:

**Place the cursor in a vacant area on the page.**

**Right click.**

**A dialog box appears on your screen.**

**Left click *Refresh* in this dialog box.**

Voila! The page is now updated. The refresh command forced the computer to go to the website and "reload" the page. By performing this extra step, you ensure that you are seeing the most up-to-date information on the website.

If you found this short tutorial helpful, please let me know and I will include a new Website Hint in each issue of the Tidings. Thanks, God Bless.

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## Public Relations 2006

By *Tanisha Brown*

Happy New Year!!! My name is Tanisha Brown and I am volunteering as the Public Relations Coordinator for Holy Trinity. My role is to assist ministry activities with publicizing news and events in the local media. As you begin organizing events for the new year, make sure part of your plan includes getting the word out to the community. To receive a publicity 101 guide, please contact me at [tmwb97@yahoo.com](mailto:tmwb97@yahoo.com) Thank you!

### *Holy Trinity Collington: Her People and Their Church*

By *Tom Andrews*

Some years ago, Constance Ackerson in her retirement, worked long and hard to research and write this tremendous history of the Parish. She published it privately in 1978, and copies were soon in the hands of parishioners and others. For year now none have been available. However additional copies were discovered in Florida as noted in last month's *Tidings*. A box arrived shortly before Christmas from Mrs. Ackerson's daughter, Anne Duvall, with ten copies. She was moving to a smaller home, discovered these and sent them on to us.

If you would like to see the copy that is kept here in the Church Office, please stop by.

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If you are interested in having a copy, let Helen know. And if there is interest beyond the few copies available, we'll have a drawing of the names we have been given. The drawing will be during the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, March 5 which follows the 9:30 a.m. service. And we'll give thanks for Mrs. Ackerson's dedicated work.

## Worship and Music Meetings

*By Tom Andrews*

At the December meeting of Worship and Music Ministry, it was suggested that it would be helpful to have meetings of some of the many folks who help with the many worship services: Lectors and Intercessors, Chalice Bearers, and Ushers. Lectors and Intercessors met last month.

Upcoming meetings are:

**Chalice Bearers** will be meeting on January 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

**Ushers** will be meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.

These are opportunities to give newer folks an opportunity to "learn the ropes" and for everyone to get to know each other, and for us to check out how we're doing. Lectors and Intercessors had a very good

meeting sharing thoughts and resources to make reading The Word of the Lord more meaningful to both the reader and the hearer. Those resources are listed here, and if you would like to purchase copies, talk to Sally Gilbert, who is checking on bulk rates.

The first one is the "**Holy Bible NRSV with Apocrypha**" since some of the lessons come from the Apocrypha, and not every Bible includes these books. To read over the assigned reading in the Bible enables you to clearly see what is the context of the (often) brief lesson. Next is "**A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names**" by T.S.K. Scott-Craig. A copy is kept on the desk in the sacristy. Another resource is "**Episcopal Eucharistic Lectionary – New Revised Standard Version**" from St. Mark's Press, which provides all the readings in the Lectionary for each Sunday of the 3-year cycle, so that you can read over not only your reading, but the others for the day and see what is the theme. Finally, "**A Lector's Guide to the Episcopal Eucharistic Lectionary**" by Frank Mulligan from St. Mark's Press. This book excludes the readings themselves but gives the general theme and pointers for presentation of the lessons. This is a very, very good little book giving points to emphasize and what to stress.

*Thank you to all who give of their time to make the worship services such a joy to us all.*

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## Attention Day School Alumni

By Lisa Hawkins

Save Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2006 Alumni Sundae Social: This event grows in numbers each year and we're looking forward to another great turnout this year. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an ice cream treat. Visit with friends and tour the Middle School Student Art Show that will be on display. Watch your mail and our website ([www.htrinty.org](http://www.htrinty.org)) for more details.

### Day School Winter Open House

By Lisa Hawkins

The day school will hold its Winter Open House for prospective parents on Friday, January 13, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at both campuses. *{In case of a weather-related delayed school opening or school closing, the event will be rescheduled for Friday, January 27, 2006}*. Tours for parents interested in Grades 1 through 4 will be held at the Lower School. Tours for parents interested in preschool/kindergarten, and/or grades 5 through 8 will be held at the Glenn Dale campus, which is located at 11902 Daisey Lane. For additional information, please call our Admissions Office at (301) 262-5355.

### Day School Community Service Projects Bring Joy During the Holidays

By Lisa Hawkins

Students at the day school took the time to brighten the holidays for those in need of some extra Christmas cheer. In addition to our fall activities to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, every student, from the 3 and 4 year old

preschoolers to eighth graders participated in a holiday service project.

In the Preschool/Kindergarten, students, parents and faculty/staff helped the extremely needy children in a local school by contributing coats, mitten and boots during the month of November. In December, a Christmas tree in the division hallway provided a fitting place for students to hang their donations of hats and mittens for Samaritan Ministries.

In the Lower School, each grade conducted a specific service project. The first graders collected old towels, blankets and toys for the animals that live at the Prince George's Animal Shelter. Second graders sent letters and care packages to the Marines in the 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed in Al-Faw Peninsula, al-Basrah, Iraq. In the third grade, students collected personal care items and treats to create "Soldier Gift Boxes" for our service men and women stationed at Fort Meade. Fourth graders made tabletop Christmas trees to decorate the rooms of hospitalized veterans.

The Middle School did its part to help others, too. Before Thanksgiving and the arrival of the cold weather, fifth through eighth graders collected more than 150 warm coats to benefit families served by the Children's Clinic at Prince George's Community College. In December, students sponsored over 100 needy children and purchased gifts for them to enjoy at Christmas.

All of us at the day school are grateful for the bounty in our lives. Through their collective efforts, our students made the holiday season a blessed time for others in our community.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

## Next Books for Rectory Readers

*By Harold Sandy*

Can you imagine how interesting it is to read and discuss a book about a doctor who tirelessly works as Head of Infectious Diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston a quarter of the year and as a doctor to the poorest of the poor in Haiti, Lima, Peru and in the prison systems of Russia the rest of each year, now for twenty plus years? And is still going strong today? The book Mountains Beyond Mountains, by Tracey Kidder, is outstanding.

The book club's next book, starting Wednesday, January 11, will be God's Politics – Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It, by Jim Wallis. This will be a good time for new members to join the club.

After God's Politics, our ninth book will be The View From Mars Hill: Christianity In the Landscape of World Religions, by Charles Jones. Professor Jones teaches at Catholic University and is, according to Father Andrews, both a friend and a very engaging person. He has agreed to speak at our Adult Discussion Hours on several Sundays in April and May. Again, this would be a good time for new members to join Rectory Readers. We'll keep you posted!

### 2006 Flower and Candle Sign-Up

The chart to sign up for the altar flowers and/or sanctuary lamp candle is now available in the narthex at the back of the church. The cost of flowers has been

increased to \$18.00 per vase due to higher delivery costs and the candle price remains the same at \$5.00. If you have any questions, please call Sally Gilbert.

### Deadline for Articles

Please remember – the deadline for submitting articles to the Tidings is the **20<sup>th</sup> every month**. The Tidings reaches a large population of our church! Use this publication to its fullest! Any questions? Email them to Narmeen at [tidings@htrinity.org](mailto:tidings@htrinity.org). Thank you for your continuing support!!!!

### Communications Ministry Meeting

Please join the Communications Ministry as they meet on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the day school's Daisey Lane campus. All are welcome to join! Please contact Bob Laurenson at [AandBLs@aol.com](mailto:AandBLs@aol.com) if you have any questions.

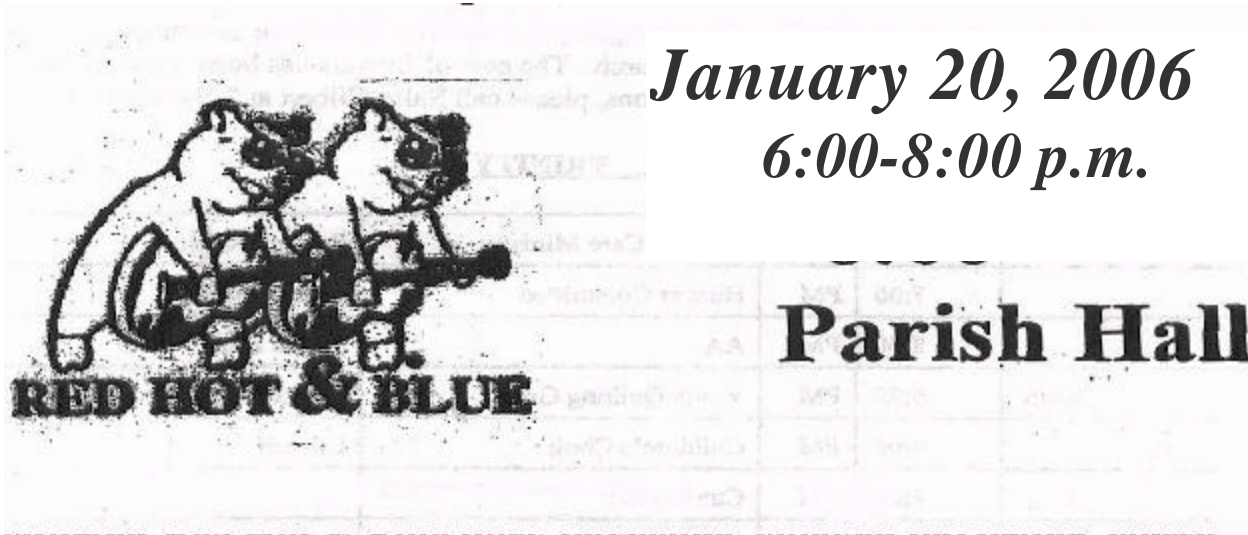
### Acolytes Still Needed

We are still in need of youth in grades 3-12 to act as leaders in our worship services by becoming acolytes. Grades 3-6 will be torchbearers and grades 7 and above will be crucifers. The only requirement is a willingness to participate in the Sunday and Holiday worship services in a way that allows everyone in the congregation to experience the Glory of God. Training is provided. Please contact Julie Gordon [flash@acm.org](mailto:flash@acm.org) or Michal Baid [Michal.Baird@weil.com](mailto:Michal.Baird@weil.com)

January 2006

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Holy Trinity Church -Hunger Committee's  
***“Heat up the Winter” Dinner***



*Featuring **Red Hot & Blue** pork barbeque, chicken barbeque, coleslaw, potato salad, beans, hot dogs, drinks, and dessert*

**Advance Ticket Sales Only**

**Last Day to Order is Jan. 16**

**Adults \$10.00**

**Children (5-10) \$7.00**

**Seniors \$7.00**

**Preschool Free**

**Buy your tickets after church On Sunday or from a Hunger Committee member or call Peg Johnson at 301 262-0052**

*Your support of this event will help us provide hot meals to those less fortunate over the winter months*

***The View From Mars Hill:  
Christianity in the Landscape of  
World Religions***

*By Tom Andrews*

That's the title of a new book written by Charles B. Jones where he traces the rich history of Christianity's many encounters with other religions, from the Roman empire and Paul's speech to the Athenians on Mars Hill as recorded in Acts 17 to the "discovery" of non-European peoples, through various currents of philosophy and science, and in both the peaceful and violent meetings of Christianity and other religions today. By the end of the book, you will have a sense of the history of Christianity's engagement with religious diversity, as well as tools to move interfaith life forward.

Four Discussion Hours in April and May will be devoted to a look at this book and what it says to us. The discussion will be led by the author. Dr. Jones is associate professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University. He specializes in East Asian religions. He and his family are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park, and he is a member of the Diocese's Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission. A number of copies of this book will be ordered in the new year so that you will have time to read it and take part in what will be a very lively discussion. Let me know if you wish to have a copy.

Additionally, this book will be the ninth book read by the **Rectory Readers** mentioned earlier in this issue of the *Tidings*. For more information on the

Rectory Readers, please contact Harold Sandy at [hjsandy2@msn.com](mailto:hjsandy2@msn.com).

**Vestry Minutes  
December 20, 2005**

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer by Dan Howe.

Father Tom opened the meeting by asking everyone to comment on their reflections about Christmas and an interesting dialogue took place. There appeared to be a consensus of opinion that while it is a joyful time it is also a hectic time and everyone needs to reflect more on the true meaning of our Lord's birth and grace.

**Ministry Areas**

Tanisha Brown, new Public Relations Coordinator for Holy Trinity, then spoke about her plan for us to spread the word of our events and ministry to the public. Tanisha furnished us with a helpful guideline covering deadlines and contacts in order to help people understand Holy Trinity's mission and availability in the community. She advised that we all need to work toward this end by publicizing events and announcements on the website, the *Tidings*, local media and the Diocesan website ourselves but if we needed help should would be available to assist us in any way she could.

Stewardship: Tom Lackey then circulated an update on pledges. He reported that we are on a good track to our goal of \$230,000 with pledges for 2006 amounting to \$200,327.

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Tom announced that there would be a "Pledge Dinner" sometime in February or March. The next ministry meeting would be on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Finance Committee: Gerry Perez did not have a formal report prepared but announced that at the end of November we had positive figures and that if all the "ifs" are positive, we will come under budget for the year. He apologized for the lack of a formal report and will submit one by email. Tom Lackey voiced some concern about reports from some individuals that their pledge statements were not accurate and how the problem would be solved. After discussion, it was agreed that because of recent changes in administration some errors may have occurred but when asked about this the vestry member should recommend to the inquiring party to submit the problem in writing to the vestry and they would receive a review of their account and answers to their questions.

The next item of business was the Annual Housing Set-Aside for the Rector and the Assistant Rector. Gerry Perez made a motion, seconded by Candace Carlisle, that a \$30,000 set-aside be authorized for the Rector on his IRS taxes for housing. Discussion followed and the motion passed unanimously. Gerry Perez made a motion, seconded by Dan Howe, that \$9,800 be authorized as a set-aside for the Assistant Rector, Mariann. Motion passed unanimously.

It was announced that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Sunday, March 5, 2006 and that the Nominating

Committee should be proceeding with their nominations.

Father Tom: The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act was signed into law in September of this year allowing donors who make cash gifts to any charity to deduct an amount equal to 100% of their Adjusted Gross Income. This tax benefit applies to all donor charitable contributions between August 28 and

December 31, 2005. This is obviously an incentive for some to donate to charitable institutions such as Holy Trinity before the end of the year and we should spread the word.

An announcement was made that the next meeting would be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and that the February meeting would be held in the Media Center on February 15<sup>th</sup> when Bishop Chane and other invitees will be present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen W. Meagher,  
Parish Secretary

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

### 8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Jan 1	C. Wehrenberg V. Esmacher	S. Esmacher	K. Sharp		R. Curbelo T. Kirby
Jan 8	P. Ballish D. Jarry	R. Longmire	S. Cone		H. Tucker L. Anderson
Jan 15	J. Scott B. Spehr	J. Diggs	S. Gilbert		R. Trisko R. Curbelo
Jan 22	M. Yuhas R. Anderson	J. Trisko	D. Robinson		T. Kirby H. Tucker
Jan 29	W. Brown D. Whorton	S. Cone	S. Allen		L. Anderson R. Trisko

### 9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Jan 1	Lessons and Carols	C. Ryan	S. Gilbert T. Lackey	R. Bowen, P. Gordon K. Townsend-Gray	K. Kowalewski N. Evans
Jan 8	A. Beckley T. Vandermeys	R. Stimpert	T. Cloutier E. Maurer	H. Cloutier, J. Judd S. Eichhorn	K. Kirtland A. Sparks
Jan 15	E. Glover J. Reger	T. Lackey	G. Perez D. Clark	W. Gordon, G. Sparks M. Clydesdale	M. Powell R. Stimpert
Jan 22	J. Gordon G. Harwood	E. Maurer	B. Nelson C. Harman	D. Townsend-Gray D. Nelson, A. Nelson	G. Perez T. Sykes
Jan 29	A. Kirtland C. Andren	K. Kirtland	G. Jarmon T. Lackey	M. Clydesdale, A. Jarmon, J. Judd	R. Blass K. Kowalewski

**Altar Guild:**    *January 1-15: Ruth Simons, Marcia Edelschein*  
                           *January 16-31: Ila Burnell, Liz Biddle*  
                           *Linens: Marcia Edelschein*

**Please remember: Acolytes are responsible for finding a substitute if they cannot serve on their assigned day.**

## 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. – 12:00 p.m.*  
           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