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EVENTS FOR JUNE 2006

Thursday	June 1	Day School Graduation Ceremony	Bowie State Univ.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 4	Sunday School Sunday and Church picnic		
Sunday	June 11	Holy Baptism & EFM Graduation during Sunday service		
Saturday	June 17	Retirement Celebration for Father Tom	Parish Hall	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 18	Happy Father's Day!		
Tuesday	June 20	Deadline for July/August Tidings		
Sunday	June 25	Father Tom's last Sunday Service (no 8:00 service)		9:30 a.m.

JUNE 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Children's Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts (last meeting this season is 6/5)	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Brownies (last meeting this season is 6/6)	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Education for Ministry (EFM) (last mtg. 6/14)	Rectory	7:30 p.m.
	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 p.m.
	Vestry (3 rd Thursday)	Rectory's Office	7:30 p.m.
Friday	No meetings scheduled		
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
2nd-5th Sunday – Parish Hall)
10:45 -Fellowship & Education
Sunday School
Youth Group
Discussion Hour
Adult Bible Study

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Full Month

This will be a full month in the life of Holy Trinity with Sunday School Sunday and Parish Picnic on June 4; with Education For Ministry (EFM) graduation on June 11 as well as Holy Baptism; with General Convention meeting; with celebrations of our life and ministry together for these many years.

The Day School's year ends with Graduation on June 1, and the last morning with Communion Chapels June 2. The parties began in May with the Board of Governors Dinner for retirees, and the Pre-School/ Kindergarten Chapel and "Father Tom Day" on May 17 when there were many, many expressions of love and good wishes from dawn to dusk on both campuses. Thank you for your many, many kindnesses to me and Kathy.

This parish is such a blessing with the God-given opportunity to love and support and educate so many young people. For me to be a part of that for so many years has been a wonderful blessing to me. Thank you.

As these days together dwindle down to a precious few keep us in your prayers. We have been part of each other's lives and ministries for many, many years, and this separation is not going to be entirely sweet. As much as I am reluctant to mention it, I need your prayers. You will be in mine during this hard time, this exciting time of transition.

God bless us all.

Tom

Vestry News

Tom Lackey, Vestry Member
Vestry Meeting of May 18, 2006

The Communications Ministry advised that an enhanced, new website would be in use for Holy Trinity in the near future. It will be important to keep the website current and interesting in the future since this is often used by persons seeking rector positions to find out more about a particular church.

The monthly financial report prepared by the Finance Committee was reviewed. Most notable things were higher than projected utility expenses.

The Youth Ministry continues to be very active. The J2A pilgrimage to Boston and New York City is being finalized for late June. The Ministry is continuing to seek teachers for the 3 J2A groups (2 year commitments) and for some Sunday School positions. Also noted that 7 young people were confirmed at a recent service with the Bishop at the Cathedral.

In Day School news, it was reported that we are still seeking to fill a 3rd Church-appointed position on the Board of Governors. Father Tom described what took place on "Father Tom Day" recently at the Day School. This was a day-long celebration by all grades of students and all staff in recognition of the work and support of Father Tom to that school during his tenure as rector.

The vestry was reminded that the General Convention would take place in June, Sunday School Sunday and Church Picnic would be on June 4th, an EFM graduation ceremony would take place in Church on June 11th and ECW will sponsor a reception for Father Tom after the 9:30 service on June 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Search process update

Gerry Perez

As we get closer to the date of Fr. Tom's retirement, we are moving into the beginning phases of the Search Process. There are two major activities that are about to begin. One is the interim selection, and the other is the naming of the search committee.

We are very fortunate to have Mariann as our assistant rector. During July and August, she has agreed to work full time. She will be our full time clergy person until an interim is in place. This gives use some time to interview and select the interim. The plan is to have the interim on board by September. Craig Ryan, Tom Lackey, and I have met with Canon Mary Sulerud where we talked about our parish, our strategic plan, our budget and our ministries. With that data Canon Sulerud will select 3 or 4 names of trained interim clergy for us to consider from the pool of candidates that she knows, and present those names to us in June. In July we will visit and interview the candidates, and with the vestry, select an interim Rector.

Also in June, a team will begin putting together a list of names for the search committee. We want the committee to be broad and to represent the full range of ministries here. Several people have indicated their desire to serve on this committee. If you have a strong desire to serve on the search committee, please let me, Craig, Tom L., or another vestry member know. The plan is to have the committee commissioned in July. Also in July, we will be working with Canon Sulerud to select a search consultant to help advise the committee during the process.

I will continue to keep everyone apprised by using the Tidings, but please feel free to contact me at any time if you have question, or concerns.

General Convention

The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be meeting this month in Columbus, Ohio. I will be leading two Discussion Hours at 10:45 am on this triennial meeting of the leadership of our Church, on June 11 and 18 (after you make sandwiches!).

There will be a number of very important issues raised for consideration by this two-house legislative meeting, which takes place June 12-17, in addition to choosing a new Presiding Bishop, there will be proposals on Interim Eucharistic Sharing with the United Methodist Church, on evangelism, liturgy and music, stewardship, about the Anglican Communion.

Concurrently, also in Columbus, the Episcopal Church Women will be holding their triennial meeting.

Keep the Bishops, Deputies, and ECW in your prayers: *By your eternal word, O God, you call all things into being and fill them with your goodness. Be with your Church gathering in convention by your calling in the coming days; fill it with your wisdom and your love; empower it with abiding courage and patience; sustain it through your spirit to carry out the decisions made in council; and in all things grant that our General Convention may unfold in a manner worthy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen*

Thank-you from Ryan

Ryan sent the following to Fr. Tom and Steve Cone, and they wanted to share Ryan's thoughtfulness with Holy Trinity--

*Dear Steve and Tom,
I just wanted to thank you for the generous gift at the service on Sunday. I love the picture--it will go in my office at St. Paul's--and the check was really very, very generous. Thank you so much for the last two years, and I wish you both and Holy Trinity the best in the coming months.*

*Peace,
Ryan Kuratko*

Pedals for Hope Wrap-Up

Vicki and Steve Esmacher and Tanisha and Wade Brown participated in the first PedALS for Hope Bike Ride to raise funds for the DC/MDN A Chapter of the ALS Association. We were known as Glenn's Gang since we dedicated our riding and fund raising efforts to Glenn Harwood. With the help of your generous contributions Glenn's Gang was able to raise more than \$700 for the ALS Association. How about that!

We rode in the Columbia, MD vicinity on an absolutely beautiful day. Steve started first and completed a 31 mile leg over some incredibly busy roads before returning to the starting line to restart with Vicki, Tanisha, and Wade. The four of us then rode together for about 3 miles before our routes separated: Tanisha and Wade continued on to the 10 mile route while Vicki and Steve headed out to do the rest of the 25 mile route. Fortunately the traffic was a little less heavy for these legs and we even got to ride through some scenic farmland. Also, the homes in this area are huge! When we returned to the starting area Vicki realized that she had "only" ridden 24.5 miles so she did a few laps around the parking lot to reach her full 25 miles.

We all made it back safely and had a great sense of pride and accomplishment! Thank you again for your prayers and support and thank God for the glorious day!

Communications Ministry

Communications Ministry will meet Thursday, June 15, 2006, from 10:00 AM to noon, in the conference room at the Daisey Lane campus

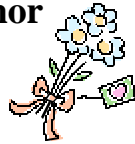
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“Father Tom Day” at Day School

On Wednesday, May 17, the day school held “Father Tom Day” in honor of Father Tom. It was a daylong celebration with activities at both campuses, including chapel services, presentations, classroom visits, and a festive barbeque with faculty and staff after school. The celebration was a wonderful time to share special memories and recognize our school’s dear friend and spiritual guide. We’ll miss you, Father Tom!



Crape Myrtles Planted in Honor Of Tom and Kathy



Six Siren Red crape myrtles have been planted along the brick walkway between the parish hall and rectory. The trees are donated by Sally Gilbert in honor of Tom and Kathy's 32 years of ministry here at Holy Trinity. The trees grow 10-20 feet and display burgundy buds that open to deep red flowers through summer. Their beauty will remind us all for years to come of Tom and Kathy and their wonderful ministry.

Finance update

Gerry Perez

Well, the first four months are behind us, and the budget outlook is cautiously optimistic. The pledges are running strong, but a little behind. Some year to date numbers as of April...Pledges are \$67,780 vs. a budget of \$76,667. Investment income is \$7,920 vs a budget of 3,333. and total income is at \$118,925 vs. a budget of \$123,534. As you can see we are a little behind on the income side.

Looking at spending, we have been hit with utilities just like everyone else. In particular, the water bill is higher than planned, as it appears the meter readers have been under counting, and made a correction this year. Gas is also running high, and we expect electric to be high as well. We have not funded our reserves yet, but we normally don't do that until the end of the year. Overall, we have spent \$121,657 vs. a budget of \$132,141. The bottom line is that we are about \$2,732 behind (expense vs income) right now. Not great, but not too bad.

Summer is always a tough time, as vacations and summer plans means time away from Holy Trinity. Pledges normally run behind. Since we are running a little behind now, your efforts to keep current during the summer is greatly appreciated. As they say, the bills don't take a vacation.

Holy Trinity Days at the Baysox

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School will be on deck to promote the school at the Bowie Baysox Games this season.

Mark your calendar for
June 9th and August 2nd.

Stop by and visit us at our information table on these game days.
Bring a friend, too!

“Dan’s Rules For E-mail”
6th in a series of computer tips
 by
Dan Howe

Since most readers of the TIDINGS are “casual” users and don’t want to go through a steep learning curve session, I have jotted down a few of the rules I have established for myself. I will submit them here for your evaluation. You can use some or all of them or have a good chuckle if you have already established your own. Here goes.

The first and the most important (I feel), If you don’t know the sender, delete it.

FWD.....I routinely delete any E-mail which has more than one FWD.

I routinely delete any E-mail which has no Subject line.

If you do want to send the body of the message

on, jot down the following key strokes:

CTRL+A This means hold down the Control key (CTRL) and press the letter a. This will select the entire body, including what you want and what you don’t want.

CTRL+C This is the copy command. When you execute this command, the computer takes what you selected and puts it in a clipboard. Now open up a blank message form in your mail program, and go to the body. Now, do:

CTRL+V This is the paste command. Why isn’t it CTRL+P? That is already used for the print command. When you execute this command, everything selected and copied will be “pasted” into the area you have selected. Now you can delete whatever is not needed, such as FWDs and you will have a nice clean message to send.

I hope some of you will find this useful. Take care, God bless.

Some of our recent confirmands at the May 17 reception



Photo by Chip Harman

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
June 4	L. Turcotte P. Ballish	R. Longmire	S. Cone		L. Anderson T. Kirby
June 11	R. Curbelo B. Spehr	J. Diggs	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo H. Tucker
June 18	R. Anderson M. Fallon	J. Trisko	D. Robinson		L. Anderson R. Trisko
June 25	No Service	No Service	No Service		No Service

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
June 4	W. Gordon G. Principe	U. Cooper	T. Cloutier S. McGeiver	W. Gordon, H. Cloutier, P. Gordon	N. Evans K. Kowalewski
June 11	D. Howe E. Kowalewski	G. Jarmon	C. Harman K. Kirtland	D. Townsend-Gray, K. Townsend-Gray, S. Eichhorn	K. Kirtland M. Powell
June 18	E. Sobanski T. Vandermeys	E. Maurer	T. Lackey B. Nelson	R. Bowen, A. Nelson, G. Sparks	A. Beckley R. Stimpert
June 25	D. Andrews M. McAdam	P. Reiber	G. Perez D. Clark	A. Jarmon, J. Judd, L. Carlisle	T. Sykes G. Perez

Altar Guild: June 1-15: Della Whorton and Bonnie Williams

June 16-30: Sally Gilbert and Janice Vettel

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