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TRINITY Tidings

May 2005

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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| Friday | May 6 | Church Development Institute | Media Center | 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | May 7 | Church Development Institute | Media Center | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | May 14 | Vestry Retreat | Rectory | 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. |

MAY CALENDAR

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| Sunday | Voices for Quality Care (3 rd 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 nd and 4 th 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. |
| Saturday | Vestry (3 rd Thursday) | Rector's Office | 7:30 p.m. |
| | 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)
12:00 noon Contemporary Service
(2nd & 4th Sunday, Sept.-May)
10:45 -Fellowship & Education
Sunday School
Youth Group
Discussion Hour
Adult Bible Study

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(*Music and Worship*)
Gerry Perez – Senior Warden
(*Personnel, Admin. Leadership*)
Craig Ryan – Junior Warden (*Evangelism,
Church- School Relations*)
Annie Beckley – (*Buildings and Grounds*)
Christine Bell – (*Finance*)
Eric Maurer – (*TBD*)
Dan Howe – (*Communications*)
Gloria Jarmon – (*Community Service*)
Matt Ryan – (*Youth*)
Tom Lackey – (*Stewardship*)
Debbie Robinson – (*TBD*)
Vacant – (*TBD*)
Ex officio
John Reger-Treasurer
Jean Tawes – Secretary
John Kunkel – Chair, Holy Trinity
Episcopal Day School Board

POWER

Within a Christian congregation, to speak of power and humility may seem like a contradiction of terms. When we are called to be Christ-like, humility, self-forgetting, or “turning the other cheek” may be our foremost thoughts.

Yet when we think of the promises we make at Baptism, when we realize that we called to ministry as baptized people of God, we know that Christ-like power is what we are called to exercise. As we sang at the Kindergarten Chapel this morning, we “Stand up tall so that everyone will know we love the Lord.”

To take Christ-like power means taking responsibility for whom we are called to be as baptized people of God. When we resist evil, when we seek and serve Christ in all persons, when we strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being, we are taking power that God in Christ gives as members of this congregation.

At my ordination the Bishop asked me a number of things and concluded with the prayer that the Lord would give me the grace and power to perform them. When we were confirmed, the Bishop prayed that we would be empowered for Christ's service. Taking that power given us all as baptized ministers is what we called to together.

Just as we worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*, and each of the services referred to above is from that book, so we Episcopalians do these things together, in *common*, together. And I believe that our congregation's strategic plan calls each member to work in common, together, to build up the body of Christ, the Church.

When you hear of plans being made for educational opportunities, for service opportunities, for worship opportunities, for outreach opportunities, that's your call to stand up tall so that everyone will know we love the Lord! To stand up and be counted on to exercise your power and participate as a member of the Church, Christ's Body.

Tom

Radical Hospitality

Mariann Babnis

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my family, you did it to me.” (Mt 25.40)

The notion of ‘hospitality’ is an ancient one stemming from the Greek word meaning “love of strangers.” Hospitality among the nomadic peoples was regarded as a **right** by travelers and a **duty** by the host. Abraham runs after three strangers who are passing by, and lays out a feast for them. He is acting on his self-identification as a host – one who would never think of letting hungry, thirsty travelers pass by without an offer of a meal. (Gen 18.1-8)

In Jesus’ time a room was set apart in each village for the use of strangers, whose expenses were borne by the entire community. Indeed, Jesus’ admonition to his disciples to “take nothing for their journey” presupposes that they were always sure of finding hospitality. If none was shown, they were to “wipe the dust from your sandals” and move on to the next town, because rejection of Christ’s disciples was considered to be *rejection of Christ himself*.

Matthew captures the essence of Jesus’ radical hospitality by identifying all human beings as the family of God. Jesus demonstrates radical hospitality for us by eating with sinners and tax collectors, truly on the lowest rungs of society’s ladder of acceptance. In this way, Jesus shows us how we welcome him if we welcome those who are different from us in all aspects, yet bound by our common humanity.

How do our encounters of the stranger among us measure up to Jesus’ direction for us? How can we recapture the essence of hospitality as a **right** of the stranger and a **duty** of the host, in a time when strangers can make us uneasy at best and fearful at worst?

These questions are critical for Christians who want to show Christ’s love to the seeker, the doubter and the non-believer. We have a **duty** to offer ourselves as a people who are open to

discussing our faith and revealing our love of Christ in each other. The strangers in our midst has the **right** to expect a friendly smile, an offer of help and an interest in them as a human being created by God.

We can begin living into Christ’s radical hospitality in a very simple way: “Hello. My name is Welcome to Holy Trinity.” Really. It’s not hard at all. Be radical.

RECTORY READERS CLOSE YEAR WITH FOURTH BOOK

From May 4 to May 25, the Rectory Readers will begin their discussion of Michael Yaconelli’s book, *Messy Spirituality – God’s Annoying Love for Imperfect People*. Members express great satisfaction with the three books read and discussed so far. You are invited to join us Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Just call Harold Sandy to order your book. It’s a great way to start your morning!

Still in Search of Co-Editor

Narmeen Reger

The Tidings is still in need of someone to serve as co-editor. This first-year position includes learning how the Tidings is put together and assisting the Editor as necessary. Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of this very valuable tool for communicating with the members of Holy Trinity. You can reach me by phone or email me at HolyTrinityTidings@comcast.net. Thanks!

Confirmation

If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please speak to Tom.

Annual Progressive Dinner

Holy Trinity's Annual Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2005. Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletin and in the Tidings. See/contact Catherine Hamel or Kathy Andrews.

FLOWER MART AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

All Hallows Guild, the garden guild of the Washington National Cathedral, has sponsored the two-day Flower Mart Festival since 1939. Plants, herbs, food, puppet shows, carousel rides, boutiques and entertainment are offered on the cathedral close during the first weekend in May. This year, the Swiss Embassy is the host, providing a delightful Swiss theme of the occasion. Don't miss it! The dates are Friday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7^h from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the gardens and grounds of the Washington National Cathedral.

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.

SPRING INTO THE ARTS AT THE DAY SCHOOL

**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.

Care Packages for Matt Bell

Charlotte Zarate has graciously volunteered to assemble and mail packages and notes to make it easier for folks to give Matt a little lift. You can bring items to Church to contact Charlotte, email Schoenbornz@cs.com. In addition to cards and notes, items such as hard candy, snacks, magazines or anything small that you think he and his comrades might be able to use and enjoy. A simple "Thinking of You" attached to an item would be terrific! The Postal Service discounts the rate to APO addresses. If you would like to send something out on your own, his address is:

BELL, MATTHEW
TF 249, MED/EMT
APO AE 09345

Mrs. Giles' Third Grade Send Greetings to Matt Bell

Narmeen Reger

As part of a Creative Writing Project, Mrs. Giles' Third Grade Class here at Holy Trinity, created, decorated and wrote notes to Matt. He received the box of their notes as well as a class picture and some other Easter goodies on Good Friday. He was so touched by their notes (I read them, they brought me to tears!). The class recently received an envelope back from him and as Mrs. Giles was reading his note to the class, she realized that he had written back to each of the students individually! They thought that was so cool! Their cards were so welcomed by him and his co-workers that they hung them up in the Emergency Room. The students have finished a second batch of letters, this time birthday greetings. Mrs. Giles is so appreciative of this opportunity for her class to perform this service to a member of the military as well as a parishioner of our church.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMAN

Rose Longmire

Who is an Episcopal Church Woman? She's the young, stay at home mom of four; she's the career woman juggling a job downtown, a husband and a toddler; she's the single mom planning dinner in her head as she rides home from a weary day at work; she's the retired teacher, she's the nurse, doctor, lawyer, police officer, accountant, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, grandmother and more. She's you, she's me trying to make a difference in the world by leading a Christ filled life.

The ECW Diocese of Washington Board Retreat was March 11-12 at the Cathedral College. During the retreat goals and objectives for 2005 were developed and discussed. We finalized revisions to the ECW Handbook, brainstormed fundraising events and created our 2005-2006 calendar. A committee was formed to streamline a discussion paper concerning ECW's vision for the future. Reports were given by the UTO, MSF, and CPC representatives and on the progress of the May 6th & 5th Flower Mart at the Cathedral.

The ECW Board is elected during the annual meeting. This year I was nominated and elected to serve as the President and Joan Trisko was nominated and elected to serve as the Region 5 co-representative. The President of the ECW Board is an ex-officio member of the Diocesan Council, with vote, and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention with vote. The ECW President is also on the Bishop's Staff and has an office in Church House. The Region 5 co-representative is responsible for serving as a liaison between the ECW Board and nine parishes through regular contact and communication. The ECW Board is installed by the Bishop. The installation and reception were held at the National Cathedral and Church House on April 27, 2005.

On May 6th & 7th plan to attend the annual Flower Mart where you will have an opportunity to experience this year's recognized country, Switzerland, at various booths set-up around the

Cathedral. Make sure you visit the ECW Diocese of Washington's booth which is set-up in front of Church House for delicious baked goods.

Since 1871 ECW has been furthering the mission and ministry of women. Our local parishes ECW is in Region 5 of the ECW Diocese of Washington whose main outreach ministries are United Thank Offering (UTO), Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF), and Church Periodical Club (CPC).

Our Motto:

Then Jesus answered her
 "Woman, great is your faith..."
 Matthew 15:28

There are many opportunities to be more involved in ECW at the local parish and diocesan levels. Plan to attend our next meeting and continue saying the

"Prayer for Episcopal Women"

Almighty God, bless, we pray, our work in
 mission and
 ministry in the world; and make us so thankful
 for the
 precious gift of your beloved Son, that we may
 pray
 fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to
 make
 known throughout the world the redeeming
 love of our Savior. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 & 7 - Flower Mart
 May 24 - Holy Trinity ECW Mtg.
 June 21 - Holy Trinity ECW Salad Luncheon

Additional information will be forthcoming or feel free to contact Rose Longmire at e-mail address roselongmire@hotmail.com

Day School Alumni Gather for Alumni Sundae Social

The sun was shining and the ice cream cold for the day school's Alumni Sundae Social on April 10. Over 150 guests, including alumni, parents of alumni, eighth graders and their families, and faculty gathered to catch up on news, renew friendships, and extend their well wishes to Peggy Reiber.



Members of the Class of 2005,
enjoy the art show.



Members of the Class of 1997, have a chance to visit. The one in uniform recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. We're glad to have him back safe and sound!

News from the Vestry

Gerry Perez – Senior Warden

Vestry Meeting – Thursday, April 21, 2005

Actions

- No motions were raised.

Ministry Reports

- **Building and Grounds** - a gas leak has been located and repaired. This is after many false reports, and false leads. The vestry thanks Curt Reiber and Suzanne Anderson for their help in resolving this.
- **Worship** – a survey of the congregation is in the works, seeking feedback and suggestions with regard to the Noon service.
- **Communications** – is preparing to lead a session on “marketing inward and outward” for the Vestry Retreat.
- **Education** – There was a great response to the sessions on homosexuality and the Church. In May, the plans for the 2006 calendar will be drafted. Via Media will be offered in the fall, during the Sunday discussion hour.
- **Finance** – The monthly financial statements were reviewed.

Other items

The sign is still waiting on the completion of a site survey.

New Business

- **Youth Minister** – We have received 6 to 7 good resumes for the position. The candidates look very good and the plan is to have someone on board by September.
- **Camp Joy** – The project has been scaled back this year by those who run Camp Joy and they have returned our application. Craig Ryan is working on a substitute idea, combining mission and a retreat.
- **Vestry** – Retreat is scheduled for May 14th and the agenda was discussed.
- **Peggy Reiber** – Event honoring Peggy is scheduled for May 19th at Allen’s Pond. All are welcome.

“FASCINATION”

Tom Andrews

That's name of the ship Kathy and I sailed on last week, enjoying your 30th Anniversary gift to us. We embarked on Friday, April 8, standing on the top level watching with excitement as our first cruise experience began.

We sailed from the Port of Miami with beautiful weather. In fact we had beautiful weather the whole time with cool breezes in the shade and lots of sunshine, and very calm water. We had a great cabin with a balcony, where we could sit and watch the passing scene. There was entertainment in every direction on the ship. We could swim, attend shows, play blackjack, eat, sit in the sun, eat, play bingo, eat, read, sit in the sun, and did I mention eat? We could eat in the dressy dining room or in the more casual Coconut Grove lounge, and various other places as well.

We arrived in port in Nassau sometime before we awoke Saturday morning. After breakfast we went ashore and walked around the shops and sights of the city. We wandered into the Anglican Cathedral, a beautiful church. We had coffee at the grand old hotel there by the beach. And then we wandered back to the ship in time for....was it lunch? or dinner?.....anyway, in time for something to eat.

"Fascination" took it's time getting back to Miami, arriving very early Monday morning, in good time for us to make our flight home. We had a great time, and really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you. Tom

HEALING MINISTRY

The Healing Ministry has been offering Healing Prayer to the congregation for almost 2 years on the second Sunday of the month at all 3 services. With the beginning of the Healing Garden we are now offering Healing Prayer, weekly, on Sunday for an hour after the 9:30 service (approximately 10:45 to 11:45 am). There is also a prayer request "mailbox" next to the Boy Scout bench, where prayer requests can be left at any time.

What does it take to be a Healing Minister?

- A desire to participate in parish life.
- A commitment to the privacy of those with whom you pray.
- A willingness to give a little time to Healing Prayer, and to include prayer requests in your prayers daily.

Holy Trinity could use more Healing Ministers. Training is not difficult, and the ministry is very rewarding. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Steve Cone by phone or speak with him after the 8:00 AM service.

We would also like some parish input into the Healing Ministry. Should we continue the prayers during 2nd Sunday services if we are offering prayer in the Garden weekly? The volume of requests has increased in the time the ministry has been in force, but do we need both prayer opportunities? Let us know.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN...

...a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.

...you have a death or serious illness in the family so we can offer you prayer and support.

...a new baby arrives or you have other happy news to share.

...you are homebound (even short term) and would like to receive the Sunday bulletins to keep in touch with what's going on at Holy Trinity.

...you are planning to move(out of town or locally) or your phone number is changed so the church records can be updated.

...your group plans to have a meeting, so we can place it on the church calendar.

...you would like to have Tom visit you or you feel the church can assist you in any way.

You can reach the church office by phone at 301-262-5353 or FAX at 301-262-9609. Office hours are 8:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and after hours you can leave a voicemail message and we will return your call. You can also reach us by e-mail. Tom's e-mail address is tandrews@htrinity.org, Mariann's is mbabnis@htrinity.org and Jean's is jtawes@htrinity.org. If you have e-mail, please e-mail us and let us add you to our list of member e-mail addresses so we can send announcements and information updates. Also, check out the church website at www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie where Dan

Howe includes pictures of church events, the *Tidings* and the schedule of those assisting in the church services as well as general information about Holy Trinity. We look forward to hearing from you!

Jean Tawes, Parish Secretary

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

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

9:30 A.M.

| Date | Lector | Intercessor | Eucharistic Minister | Acolyte | Usher |
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| May 1 | A. Nelson J. Judd | L. Zarate | T. Lackey S. McGeiver | S. Spehr, W. Gordon P. Gordon | K. Kowalewski N. Evans |
| May 8 | A. Beckley C. Townsend | J. Findley | D. Clark G. Perez | D. Nelson, A. Nelson C. Hamel | B. Kallal A. Sparks |
| May 15 | W. Jarmon E. Kowaleski | K. Kirtland | C. Harmon Eric Mauer | D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray R. Bowen | R. Stimpert K. Kirtland |
| May 22 | S. Sanchez R. Allison-Sanchez | D. Clark | T. Lackey G. Perez | A. Jarmon, J. Judd G. Sparks | M. Powell R. Blass |
| May 29 | T. Jones G. Harwood | R. Stimpert | T. Cloutier S. McGeiver | H. Cloutier, S. Cloutier W. Gordon | A. Beckley G. Perez |

*Altar Guild: May 1 – 15: Betty Spehr, Bess Sharland
May 16-31: Bonnie Williams, Mary Milan* *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. – 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
- 12:00 Holy Eucharist -Contemporary Service (second and fourth Sunday, Sept-May)

Discussion Hour Programs

- May 1 – Living Will and End-of-Life issues – facilitator will be from Capital Hospice
- May 8 – Mother’s Day
- May 15 – Open
- May 23 – Sandwich Making – Elizabeth Chamberlain
- May 29 – Memorial Day Weekend

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