

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
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# Trinity Tidings

## MAY 2006

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

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### EVENTS FOR MAY 2006

Wednesday	May 10	Middle School Band Concert	C.H. Flowers	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 14	Happy Mother's Day!		
Wednesday	May 18	Communications Ministry	Daisey Lane	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	May 20	Deadline for June Tidings		
Monday	May 29	Memorial Day		

### MAY 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Children's Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist	Church	10:15 a.m.
	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	Room 206-208	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	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.
Friday	Brownies (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday)	Room 204	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.
	Quilt Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday)	Parish Hall	10:00 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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**Tolerance? Or Love?**

What would Jesus do? What did Jesus do? Jesus did not teach that we are to tolerate the neighbor – or the enemy – but to love them. The word in the New Testament translated *love* means to give complete, total attention not to our own needs, but to the needs of others – even if the other is our enemy and even if the enemy kills us while we are trying to supply their needs. Post-Easter, we are reminded “Those who say, ‘I love God,’ and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.” (1 John 4:20), and to “love one another as I have loved you.” And what about Peter’s vision that enabled mission to the gentiles (see Acts 10 for the answer!)?

Tolerance says, “I’m right (or better than you), but I’ll allow you to survive.” Love says, “Better you survive than I.” Tolerance is acceptance in isolation: love reaches out in humility to bring us together. But in a pluralistic society divided by anger, hostility, and hatred, some tolerance is beginning.

Come to the Discussion Hour programs with Chuck Jones, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Jones will continue his conversations with us about America today and the religiously pluralistic culture we are a part of. What does Christianity call us to in the midst of this culture? Come and talk about it!

Tom+

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## Vestry Notes

*By Gerry Perez*

The Vestry met on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and viewed a light agenda as a welcomed change. The meeting began with prayer and a reflection on the General Convention and some of the issues/items that will be addressed in their June meeting. The top of the list will be electing a new Presiding Bishop, followed by responding to the Gulf Coast devastation, approving the 2007-2009 budget, dealing with the Windsor report, approving new bishops and revising canons with regard to codes of conduct. Father Tom suggested this as a Sunday Discussion topic.

We then discussed the three vacant positions that are on the Day School Board of Governors. The nominating committee reported that two members are willing to serve. Ellen Glover and Harold Sandy were appointed to the board by unanimous vote.

We discussed property, beginning with the new sign. We are awaiting BGE hookup for the internal lighting. The damage to the side door will be repaired in the coming week. New locks will be installed in the Rectory.

The evangelism ministry reported five new visitors completed introduction cards over Easter, and members volunteered to make calls welcoming them to Holy Trinity.

Planning is in full swing for Celebrations. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be Sunday School Sunday, and will be followed by the Annual Parish Picnic. Invitations have gone to everyone to join us in celebrating Fr. Tom's ministry on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on the church grounds.

### **Communications Ministry Meeting**

The next Communications Ministry meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the conference room at the Daisey Lane campus. All are welcome to join!

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## Interview with the Rev D. Thomas Andrews

*By Spencer Cloutier*

Father Andrews has been the Rector at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for over thirty years. Tom, or Father Tom, was born in Salem, New Jersey. As a youth, he was enrolled in Preparatory School in Virginia. He enjoyed playing such sports as golf and tennis during his free time. As a child, he aspired to be a teacher. After college he went right to seminary, the Philadelphia Divinity School, as a history major.

Father Tom met his wife around Christmas as a middler seminarian while he was in school. A year and a half later he and Kathleen were married, 40 years ago this June. He was ordained a priest that same year, 1966. Prior to Holy Trinity, he served as a priest at Holy Cross, North Plainfield, New Jersey for two years and St. Paul's Westfield, New Jersey, as youth minister for an additional six.

Father Andrews believes the best part of being a priest is to work and be with people through their ups and downs. The worst part of being a priest and head of the parish, he told me, is having to attend a lot of meetings. His most memorable activities at Holy Trinity are to work with seminarians and getting EFM started here, and working with the growing Day School.

Since he began working at Holy Trinity, Father Tom says, "The things that have changed the most are the Day School population, and the diversity of the church." After retirement, he wants to travel, continue his service to the Diocese as Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer, and to work as a supply priest. After he leaves Holy Trinity, he wants the congregation to continue being welcoming to those who visit Holy Trinity, to view life with an open mind through our changing cultural reality. He would like to be remembered not as someone who did so much for the church, but rather, as someone who has been here a long time.

## Mother's Day Drive

*By Verena Smith*

The Hunger Committee will be collecting on Mother's Day food and toiletries in honor or memory of mothers, grandmothers and others who have been like mothers to our parishioners. These items will be given to Samaritan Ministry to share with the homeless and others in need who are taking Next Steps toward greater self reliance. We will send letters to your loved ones telling them that a gift was made in their honor or in memory of a mother/mother figure. This year Mother's Day is on May 14<sup>th</sup>. As we celebrate motherhood, we are asking that you donate "walking" food (any food items that can be eaten without being prepared) or toiletries. Samaritan Ministry greatly needs both. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. For more information please contact Verena Smith.

## Day School Events – Spring 2006

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.: Spring Band Concert at C.H. Flowers 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.

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.: Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2006 at Bowie State University, Samuel Myers Auditorium:** Join the Holy Trinity School Community as we honor our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Day School Summer Camp Offers a Way to "Beat the Heat"

Registration is now underway for the Day School's Summer Camp. Weeklong programs are available for kindergarten students through rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Activities include: theme weeks or specialty classes, cheerleading or soccer, weekly bowling and swimming outings, and more. Extended day is also available. For more information or to register, go to [www.htrinity.org](http://www.htrinity.org) and click on the summer camp links.

## LOG ON – LOG OFF 5<sup>th</sup> in a series of computer tips

*By Dan Howe*

Actually, this should have been the first one of the series. I say that because this mistake, which is only a keystroke away from happening can strike even a seasoned "web surfer" such as yours truly. In fact, I was searching around, grasping at what to write about when it happened. I had gone to our online banking website to see if a certain check had been paid. I really wasn't paying attention to what I was doing; so when I finished checking for the check, I closed out the page by clicking on the "x" in the upper right hand corner. I suddenly awoke from my daydreaming and realized what I had done. I quickly reopened the bank page, went to *log off* and exited that way. What happens when you log-on, log-in, sign-in, etc. is that the site has recognized you and gives you egress to all the information; and the page or site remains open until you log-off, log-out, sign-out, etc. During that time, anyone can ride in on your opening and has access to your information. This is something that is not stressed highly in tutorials, even those put out by Microsoft. I feel that this is a very important piece of information for the user. I hope it may have saved someone the grief of having their ID stolen. God Bless.

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## General Convention

*By Tom Andrews*

The Episcopal Church's 75<sup>th</sup> triennial national meeting, General Convention, will be meeting June 13-21, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio. As Vestry Papers puts it, "Imagine Eucharist for 8,000 people. Imagine a marketplace of goods and ideas. Imagine quiet conversations among friends, old and new. Imagine the utter silence of prayer before momentous decisions."

The every-three-year gathering of the Episcopal Church is all of these things. The 75<sup>th</sup> gathering of bishops and elected deputies, clergy and lay, from dioceses all over the world will make broad decisions about the church's policies and worship. The decisions take the form of resolutions agreed to by both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. The House of Deputies ranges in size between 800 and 1000 members. There are 311 bishops eligible to sit in their house. Resolutions come from the groups which carry out the work authorized by the previous convention, bishops, dioceses, provinces and deputies. Committees hear public testimony on all resolutions before they come to the houses.

Deputies cannot be instructed to vote one way or another. They agree to have an open heart so that they can prayerfully listen to others and be led by the Holy Spirit. Neither can they refuse to vote on an issue. Some of the issues convention will face:

- Elect the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop to succeed Frank T. Griswold and elect a new House of Deputies president to succeed the Very Rev. George W. Werner.
- Respond to the devastation of the Gulf Coast.
- Approve an approximately \$151 million 2007-2009 budget.
- Respond to criticism of the previous convention's decision to give diocese some choice in blessing same-gender relationships and to allow the Diocese of New Hampshire to choose a gay man in a committed relationship as its bishop.

- A fourteen-member special legislative committee has been named to deal with resolutions surrounding the Episcopal Church's response to a variety of official statements made by Anglican bodies including the Windsor Report.
- Vote to consent or not. The House of Bishops must act on the election of seven bishops who were elected by their dioceses in the 120 days leading up to the General Convention (consents for bishops elected outside this period are obtained via mail from all diocesan bishops and standing committees). It is possible that at least one of those consents will be for an openly gay bishop.
- Revise canons and codes of conduct for ministry at all levels. It is proposed that Title IV canons ("Ecclesiastical Discipline") include lay people and outline new disciplinary procedures.

Download news and information on Convention from [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens)

Receive regular email from Episcopal News Service [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

Each night of the Convention download the official newspaper of General Convention, "Convention Daily", through [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens)

Read the Windsor Report [www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/index.cfm](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/index.cfm)

Read The Episcopal Church's initial response to the Windsor Report, "To Set our Hope on Christ," through the General Convention website/publications link at [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

We will have a Discussion Hour on General Convention on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> following the 9:30 a.m. service.

## Notes from the All Clusters Meeting

*By Tanisha Brown*

Representatives from the five clusters of ministry (Outreach, Christian Formation, Worship and Music, Parish Life and Operations) met to discuss ways to better meet the communication needs within and outside of Holy Trinity.

The discussion included a brief overview of communications resources available to the ministries (such as the Trinity Tidings, the Sunday Bulletin, weekly emails, the Holy Trinity and Day School websites and the Publicity 101 Guide), the five Ws of writing (Who, What, When, Where, Why or How) and brief descriptions of each cluster and its mission.

Lastly, all agreed the way ahead was to actively use the available communications resources and techniques to better meet the needs of the church and community, increase diversity and participation, and engage new energy and ideas.

## New Diocesan Task Forces Seek Members

Two new task forces commissioned by Bishop John Bryson Chane in his address to the 2006 Diocesan Convention are now forming, and those with expertise and interest in the areas of development and affordable housing are invited to apply.

- **The Affordable Housing Task Force** is seeking members who have led or participated in faith-based affordable housing programs or have specific experience and expertise in low and moderate income and workforce income level affordable housing.
- **The Development Task Force** has been charged with identifying strategies to increase revenues for the diocese and to create a vision, infrastructure and staffing for the permanent establishment and implementation of a development function. Volunteers who have led or participated in stewardship campaigns, are knowledgeable about congregational development, have led or participated in major capital campaigns, and have expertise in fundraising and development position duties are sought.

Interested? Please contact Ann Talty at [atalty@edow.org](mailto:atalty@edow.org)

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

*Join Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

*As We Celebrate*

***Father Tom Andrews' Retirement***

*Saturday, June 17, 2006*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

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*Watch the mail for your invitation.*

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

### 8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
May 7	P. Ballish B. Spher	S. Esmacher	D. Robinson		R. Trisko H. Tucker
May 14	J. Brown B. Brown	S. Cone	J. Diggs		T. Kirby L. Anderson
May 21	V. Esmacher J. Scott	J. Trisko	S. Allen		R. Curbelo R. Trisko
May 28	C. Wehrenberg M. Yuhas	R. Longmire	S. Cone		H. Tucker T. Kirby

### 9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
May 7	Rite 13 Members	R. Stimpert	B. Nelson T. Lackey	D. Nelson, A. Nelson, J. Judd	A. Sparks K. Kirtland
May 14	E. Chamberlain K. Wentzel	C. Ryan	C. Harman A. Kirtland	R. Bowen, G. Sparks S. Eichhorn	R. Blass M. Powell
May 21	C. Andren E. Glover	D. Clark	G. Jarmon E. Maurer	D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray A. Jarmon	A. Beckley R. Stimpert
May 28	W. Jarmon N. Short	K. Kirtland	T. Cloutier D. Clark	H. Cloutier, W. Gordon P. Gordon	T. Sykes G. Perez

**Altar Guild:** May 1-15: *Betty Spehr, Bess Sharland*

May 16-31: *Bonnie Williams, Mary Milan*

## 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