

TRINITY Tidings

NOVEMBER 2005

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

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EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2005

Thursday	November 10	Communications Ministry	Daisey Lane	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 13	Blue Jean Sunday	Church Grounds	10:45 a.m.
Sunday	November 20	Sandwich Making	Parish Hall	10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	November 23	Community Worship	St. Matthew's	7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 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.
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.
	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 rd 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
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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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year as part of a Community Service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:30 p.m. The service will be held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church located at 14900 Annapolis Road (next to Bowie High School).

Our own Dr. Jacqueline Brown will be the speaker. A regular at the 8:00 a.m. Service, Jackie is Chief Administrative Officer for Prince George's County. She is a devoted Christian, a very spiritual person, as well as an educator and it will be a treat to hear her. She will be addressing the theme of the Service:

***Fragile Times:
Thanksgiving for God's Presence.***

Given the hurricanes, earthquakes and floods of these last few months and the impact that these disasters have had on people around the globe, as well as insidious poverty which afflicts so many, prayer to God is what is needed. Giving thanks to God for our blessings, praying for justice for God's people, and for the courage to act, this is needed now more than ever.

Tom +

The Search Process

The relationship between the Rector, the congregation, the diocese, the Bishop and the Vestry is both simple and complex. The Episcopal Church's search process for a new rector recognizes the interconnectivity involved and sees the search process as one of reflection, discernment and calling. This is very different from the process of hiring in the secular world. Since Tom announced his retirement, we have spent some time reading about the process of calling a rector, and talked with several wardens that have conducted a search. Although each diocese has its own search process, most have the same elements and steps. So over the next few issues of the Tidings, we will outline and explore the steps involved. That way we all will know what to expect and what will be expected of us.

There are several steps in the process. There is not a prescribed time that each step should take, but steps should not be skipped, or treated trivially. The steps are as follows:

1. Initial Notification
2. Celebration of Ministry
3. Search Process Planning
4. Self Discovery/Self Definition
5. Profile Development
6. Candidate Evaluation
7. Final selection, election and call
8. Celebration of New Ministry

We have gone through the first step and all notifications have been made. We are now in our second step, and we will spend some time focused on celebrating Tom's 31 years with Holy Trinity. More on that to come!

The next step is a planning phase that helps us go thru the actual search. There are several important actions in this phase, including meeting between

the vestry and the Bishop, planning of a search committee, naming an interim, and selection of a consultant to assist in the search. This step begins in February or so, and the plan is to be ready to proceed into the next step July 1, 2006.

The self discovery and definition phase is really the heart and soul of the process. The wardens who have gone through calls have said this is where the real work is. We hope that in July we will be able to commission 10 to 15 members of Holy Trinity to work together as a committee and begin this process. It involves determining the congregation's desire as to the skills and characteristics of the new Rector. Sometimes this is done via a parish-wide questionnaire; other times, a series of facilitated open meetings are held. Part of the role of the interim is to help congregations go thru this process of discovery, and interims have been specially trained to do this.

The next step is creating a parish profile that will describe Holy Trinity to prospective candidates. We will discuss that in the next issue of the Tidings. In the meantime, if there are any questions or comments on the process, please ask. We are happy to share what we know (and what we don't).

GOODBYE TO JEAN

Saying goodbye to Jean Tawes, the voice of Holy Trinity and Parish Secretary for nine years, has been difficult for me and for so many of us who have depended on her and love her. She and her husband Ed moved to Lebanon, Pennsylvania on November 1st as he has begun a new job there. If you would like to send greetings to Jean and Ed in their new home, their address is: 1028 Challenge Drive, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042. We will miss you so much, Jean!!!!

HELLO TO HELEN

In answer to all our prayers, as we say goodbye to Jean, we say hello to Helen Meagher. Her start date was Wednesday, October 26th. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Helen and welcome her to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity Ornaments

The Hunger Committee is once again selling these beautiful ornaments. There are a limited number of ornaments left. The cost is \$12.00 for one and \$10 each for 2 or more. They make wonderful keepsakes as well as gifts for all occasions. For more information, please call Verena Smith or see a Hunger Committee member.

Advent Event

The first Sunday in December (the 4th) the YAC will be in charge of the annual Advent Event. More information will follow in the December Tidings and in the Sunday Bulletin. If you are willing to "man" a

table see Susan Townsend-Gray or any YAC leader. Thank you for your support!

Third Contemporary Youth Noon Service

The Noon Service, known by a number of names, was begun two years ago as another way of supporting, encouraging and lifting up the young people of Holy Trinity. That process has now been folded into the larger Area Youth Ministry, which includes young people from: St. George's, Glenn Dale; St. Christopher's, New Carrollton; St. Andrew's, College Park, as we cooperatively work to accomplish these same goals. Folks from these churches will be celebrating together and one of the four will host the service at various times throughout the year. Watch for announcements as this ministry grows with the help of Louis Constant, Area Youth Minister.

Tom

26th Annual InterFaith Concert

The Many Voices of One Nation Under God, Tuesday, November 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the Washington National Cathedral. Call IFC for ticket information at (202) 234-6303 or email at ifc@ifcmw.org

Day School News

Open House

The day school will hold an Open House for prospective parents on Friday, November 11, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at both campuses. 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 Daisy Lane. For additional information, please call our Admissions Office at (301) 262-5355.

Day School's 6th Graders Travel to National Cathedral

On Wednesday, October 12th, the 6th grade class from the day school attended the annual service for Episcopal Schools held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Holy Trinity was one of approximately 15 different schools gathered to worship in one of Washington's grandest churches. Following the service, the students toured the various chapels and crypts of the Cathedral while learning about the history of its construction, the scope of the architectural details, and the Cathedral's role today as a modern house of worship where multiple services are held weekly. After a picnic lunch on the Cathedral grounds, the students enjoyed a visit to the National Zoo. Although the newest member of the panda family was not yet on display to the public, the students did get a glimpse of the adult male panda lounging in his habitat.

Day School Launches Annual Giving Campaign

The day school has launched its annual giving campaign for the 2005-2006 school year. The campaign will have a new name, the *Holy Trinity Annual Fund for Excellence*, to provide greater clarity of purpose. For over ten years, Holy Trinity families, alumni, church members, friends, faculty, staff and students have generously supported the annual giving campaign, providing the critical tools to ensure the school's tradition of excellence. For example, thanks to the funds raised last year, every teacher will have a new computer on his/her desk by the end of the year. Monies raised this year will allow the school to redo the entire computer lab in the Lower School.

Church members will receive an appeal this month inviting them to contribute to the Holy Trinity Annual Fund for Excellence. The campaign runs from now until March 31, 2006. The day school appreciates the dedicated support of the members of Holy Trinity Church, and welcomes their continued generosity and prayers for the continued success of the school's mission.

Acolytes Needed

We need youth in grades 3 through 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 will be provided. Please contact:

Julie Gordon at flash@acm.org

Or

Michal Baird at Michal.Baird@weil.com

NEWS FROM THE VESTRY

Tom Lackey – Vestry Member
Thursday, October 20, 2005

1. Washington Diocese Canons Mary Sulerud (Deployment & Vocational Ministry) and Carol Cole Flanagan (Congregational Development) joined the meeting to give an overview of the process of seeking and selecting a new rector. They stressed that we should take our time in the process and it should not begin until Father Tom has retired. Further information to be provided and Bishop Chane will meet with the Vestry early next year.
2. Denied a request by a group of Seventh Day Adventists to use the church for worship services on a regular basis on Saturdays between 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

3. Learned that the Noon Service will no longer be conducted on a regular basis due to lack of attendance support. The Four Church Youth ministry will be periodically holding a special service which should rotate among the churches.
4. Still looking for a Church Treasurer.
5. A proposal was made to realign vestry members' liaison responsibilities from individual ministry areas to cluster areas. After a general discussion, this was tabled until next month's meeting.

Holiday Stewardship

With late fall comes the "Holiday Season". Halloween, All Saint's Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas. Wonderful times to slow down our hectic lives and reflect on the many blessings that we and our families have received. It is also the time for Holy Trinity members to look forward to and prepare for the future.

If you have already given your financial pledge for 2006, thank you very much. If you have not yet done so, please try to do so as soon as possible. We want to have all pledges received by "Pledge Sunday", which will be November 13th.

BLUE JEAN SUNDAY

Mark your calendars!!!! Sunday, November 13 is our Blue Jean Sunday, weather permitting. Come to church in your work clothes and participate in cleaning up and winterizing the church grounds after the 9:30 a.m. service. If you have gloves, rakes, etc. please bring them with you. Questions? Contact Curt Reiber.

Adult Education Ministry Plans Full Year

The Adult Education Ministry plans to follow up last year's programs with some exciting ways to explore our faith. We begin with a condensed version of the 8-week Via Media program. The program begins with a video, then follows with discussion, and covers the basic ideas of our faith regarding God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, the Bible, Sin and the Kingdom of God. There have been several requests for a program that is more in depth than a single discussion hour, and Via Media continues as one of the programs designed to respond to those requests.

In January, there will be a three Sunday session on homosexuality and the Church. A similar series last year was based on a Lutheran study guide. This year's program will focus more on Episcopal view points and the Church's recent writings.

In the Lenten season, a four-part program will focus on what does it mean to say Jesus Saves.

The year will end with a four-part series on Christianity in the Landscape of World Religions. This program will feature Professor Charles B. Jones of the Department of Religion and Religious Education at the School of Religious Studies at Catholic University.

Several discussion hours will focus on Holy Trinity interests, such as the Convention and Stewardship. A few slots remain open, so if you have something of interest, please let Kimberly Evans know.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

The Communication Ministry Area is looking for an individual volunteer to serve as a Public Relations Coordinator. This individual will support the ministries of Holy Trinity by coordinating the submittal of events and news announcements to the local print media on a regular basis. This is an important undertaking to raise the awareness of Holy Trinity's mission and ministries to the local community.

Through their coverage of community events and activities, local newspapers provide a valuable communication vehicle for substantive visibility without the costly expense of paid advertising. In addition, these listings provide recognition and outreach opportunities.

If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Dan Howe or Bob Laursen. Training is available.

RECTORY STEWARDSHIP

Good stewardship of our buildings serves everyone in the many programs provided by Holy Trinity Church.

The Rectory heating and air conditioning units failed in August 2005. The 25-year old units were replaced during the second week of September with high efficiency Carrier equipment at a cost of \$7,420.00. This will reduce the use of Rectory natural gas by approximately 37%.

Additionally, we need to replace the Rectory hot water heater and associated wiring. We have no hot water in the Rectory at this time.

The Rectory provides office space for our assistant rector, Rev. Mariann Babnis. The Rectory is used by the Rectory Readers, Kerygma Bible study, EFM, Bell Choir, ECW, Youth Group, and the annual yard sale. The Hunger Committee uses space there to expedite the annual Christmas wreath sale.

Your extra financial support is critical to meet this Rectory emergency expense. Please provide your gift by a separate check to Holy Trinity Church and write on the check: for Rectory maintenance.

Thank you for your support.

Curt Reiber
Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

FALL 2005
UNITED THANK OFFERING

United Thank Offering is a way to share blessings and love with thanks. The Fall United Thank Offering, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, will be on Sunday, November 20th. Blue envelopes and blue boxes are available in the Narthex for those wishing them in advance and blue envelopes will be provided on November 20th for your use.

Mary Milan
UTO Representative

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 has changed so the church records can be updated.

....your group plans to have a meeting, so we 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 office by phone at (301) 262-5353 or via fax at (301) 262-9609. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours, you can leave a voicemail message and we will return your call. You may also reach us by email: Tom's is tandrews@htrinity.org and Mariann's is mbabnis@htrinity.org.

CAN WE HELP?

The clergy and Pastoral Care Ministry welcomes the opportunity to be of help to anyone in our parish family. If you have a pastoral care need (prayers, meals, rides to doctors' appointments, hospital/convalescent visits, communion at home or hospital, etc.) PLEASE contact one of the clergy or a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry. The clergy (Tom and Mariann) can be reached through the parish office at (301) 262-5353. or you may call Marge Kreutter of the Pastoral Care Ministry.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Nov. 6	D. Jarry S. Fallon	R. Longmire	S. Allen		H. Tucker R. Curbelo
Nov. 13	B. Spehr R. Anderson	S. Cone	S. Gilbert		T. Kirby L. Anderson
Nov. 20	W. Brown J. Scott	J. Trisko	J. Diggs		R. Trisko H. Tucker
Nov. 27	C. Wehrenberg P. Ballish	S. Esmacher	D. Robinson		R. Curbelo T. Kirby

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Nov. 6	G. Sparks K. Townsend-Gray	R. Stimpert	T. Lackey E. Mauer	R. Bowen, J. Judd G. Sparks	M. Powell A. Beckley
Nov. 13	T. Jones B. Sharland	C. Ryan	G. Jarmon G. Perez	A. Jarmon, C. Hamel P. Gordon	R. Stimpert T. Sykes
Nov. 20	C. Stimpert J. Mondale	K. Kirtland	C. Harman S. Gilbert	D. Townsend-Gray, K. Townsend-Gray, W. Gordon	R. Blass K. Kowalewski
Nov. 27	N. Reger D. Dunwiddie	T. Lackey	T. Cloutier S. McGeiver	H. Cloutier, A. Nelson D. Nelson	A. Sparks N. Evans

Altar Guild: Nov. 1-15: Della Whorton, Ruth Simons
Nov. 16-30: Betty Spehr, Nancy Smith

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)

Sunday Discussion Hour

Please visit our website at <http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org>, check the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office for updated information. The Discussion Hour schedule is updated frequently.