



Holy Trinity's Mission: Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries.

Q: What's Pink And Bubbly And Aged to Perfection?



A: Cordelia (Peg) Johnson

Pink-clad parishioners (Peg's favorite color) gathered in the Parish Hall to celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 21. Among those greeting her are (top) Jack Croft, and (bottom) Sue Croft, Annie Beckley and Eric Maurer.



photos by Karen Sharp

Instructed Eucharist Offered November 11

by Rev. Mariann Babnis

On November 11 we'll once again have the opportunity to witness an Instructed Eucharist. This is an explanation of what's happening in the liturgy as we're seeing it happen.

What we do every Sunday morning is **liturgy**, which in Greek means "the work of the people," an act in which we all have important parts. For this session, we will concentrate on the Eucharistic part for celebration and explanation, like: Why does the priest raise his/her hands while praying? What do we mean by saying "Eucharist"? How many prayers are there to offer? What exactly is the *Sursum Corda* or the *Sanctus*? Why do some people take wine and some don't?

So, save the date. Eucharist is a feast, based in the tradition of table fellowship, and also as a foretaste of things to come, the Heavenly Banquet. It reflects Jesus' actions when he takes, blesses, breaks and gives his Body and Blood. We hope to celebrate this Instructed Eucharist with you.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(w/Children's' Chapel 2nd-5th Sunday
- Parish Hall)

10:45 AM – Fellowship & Education,
Sunday School, Youth Group,
Discussion Hour, and Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

(September -May)

10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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The Ends or the Means?

by Rev. Bruce McPherson, Interim Rector

I'm not usually big on sports analogies, but it's interesting to observe the different economics of Major League Baseball and the National Football League. The NFL is basically a socialist organization. The poorest teams get first pick in the player selection roulette and the teams also divide up the cash raised from TV rights. In this way the richest serve the poorest to the benefit of the whole. Baseball seems to work the other way around. There is no sharing of the wealth, which means that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. Of course the Red Sox and the Yankees don't always win, but it makes you wonder. It's a question of means and ends. Is it about sports entertainment or the accumulation of wealth? Of course there's a bit of both in each, but the differences are instructive.

Churches often have much the same problem. In virtually every church I've served, the end of the year is the time that mission is gutted by the lord of the ledger. Is it about mission or about budget? This is a constant battle and an important one. It is, in its way, a reflection of the battle that we all face in our personal and family lives. How, in a world that worships wealth, are we to manage our own economic affairs? Jesus had quite a lot to say on the subject. In fact, Jesus was forever making the link between money and God's kingdom. By his own proclamation, he came to bring good news to the poor; he praised Zacchaeus for his generosity (Luke 19:1-10); he warned a rich young man about the eye of the needle (Matthew 19:23-24); and, was quite harsh when it came to the man who buried his treasure in his backyard (Matthew 25:14-30).

It has been said that a rich person is someone who doesn't need any money. Perhaps it is more to the point to say that we are all rich because we all have something to give. It's a question of means and ends. St. John Chrysostom, a 4th century bishop of the church, wrote that real sin is the confusion of means and ends. Ethics teaches about the difference between intrinsic value and instrumental value. Some things are intrinsically valuable; some are only valuable as instruments that get us to an intrinsically valuable end. In every church community, money is only instrumental; mission has intrinsic value. Let us pledge to move beyond our fixation on the accumulation of money, personally and corporately. Let generosity and kindness and love be our watchwords personally and let mission become the passion of Holy Trinity Church.

All of us need to decide at some time in our lives. Is it about sports entertainment or the accumulation of wealth? Is it about mission or budget? Is it about God or mammon?



photo by Jan Travins

On a recent visit to the Bell Family's new home in Knoxville, TN, the Reger Family joined them for the morning service at the Church of the Good Samaritan before attending their Fall Picnic.

Junior Girls Scouts to Sell Holiday Ornaments

by Diana Eichhorn

On Sunday, November 18, immediately after service, in Parish Hall, Holy Trinity's Junior Girl Scout Troop 2044 will be holding a Holiday Ornament sale of items and goods that the girls and moms have made. This is a fundraiser to help defray some of the cost of an upcoming trip to Savannah, Georgia, the birth place of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low. Please come and support us as we endeavor to become leaders in our community. Donations are also accepted and greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance for your love and support.

Search Committee Needs Your Extra Travel Points or Discounts

by Elizabeth Chamberlain

The Search Committee will be visiting about eight excellent candidates beginning this month. We are truly excited with the opportunity to visit so many wonderful candidates, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us through the last stages of this selection process. Many of the candidates we will be visiting are located in the metropolitan area, but there are some that the committee will need to travel to visit. To offset the costs of these visits we would like to reach out to the congregation to ask if anyone has any travel points or travel discounts they could share with the committee. If you would like to donate travel assistance or ask any questions please contact Steve Esmacher, the committee chairperson.

Goal for Pledges Set at \$265,000

by Tom Lackey

By the time that you read this, we will be well into our annual request for your financial support to Holy Trinity for 2008. Next year promises to be a very exciting one as we welcome a new rector and continue all of the wonderful work of our Church in the service of God. We have set a goal of \$265,000 for pledges for next year.

Please give your thoughtful consideration to how you can support Holy Trinity's work in 2008 with your financial ability. Written pledges can be put in the offering plates on Sunday, given to one of the rectors or to Tom Lackey of the Stewardship Ministry.

This year, you can also make an online pledge through the Church's website. Look for the button which directs you to the pledge form page. Thank you for your continued support of God's work through Holy Trinity.

Parish Milestones

Baptisms

Mesomachi Matea Madueke 9/23/2007

Omasirichi Myracle Madueke 9/23/2007

"We receive you into the household of God." BCP

How Your Stewardship Helps

by Pam Harman, Stewardship Committee

While one person's work can be admirable, a congregation's work can be monumental. Think what you can help Holy Trinity achieve by pledging a given amount every week:

- We can feed the hungry in our community
- We can support Christian education and help build a safe environment for our children to learn to be our future leaders
- We can support the rebuilding of lives in areas destroyed by disaster and poverty and demonstrate to our children why it's important to help others
- We can change the life of a child in the Philippines by sending school supplies and clothes
- We can continue growing individually and as a parish through a multitude of education programs
- We can provide our community a facility which supports community-based programs
- We can mentor future church leaders and support their paths with education and encouragement

Which of these is not worth doing? Can we afford to give up any of these works? Your pledge represents your commitment to helping the church achieve these and more. Be committed mentally...and financially!



photo by Sherrill Bower

Blessing of the Animals

by Karen Sharp

In a circle (more or less) of life, on Saturday, October 6, 2007, Holy Trinity animals with their caretakers assembled for the Blessing of the Animals. Lacey, "part fox," as her respite foster caretaker from the Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society, Bowieite Kerry McCutcheon, described her, also attended the service. The caretakers brought dog food or monetary contributions to thank the SPCA for working to fulfill its mission, setting the example for the community by abiding by both state and local animal control laws and by treating animals above the county's minimum standards.

Day School News for October
by Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications

Our first Homecoming was a huge success! Over 500 of our Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School families attended this exciting event that included arts and crafts tables, moon bounces, and relay races. The Middle School A team vs. the Alumni/Adult soccer game was great fun, too. In the end, the Alumni/Adults emerged as the victors in a 5-1 win. Alex Wehrenberg '06, donned the Hawk mascot costume and got the crowd cheering for both sides with his antics.

On October 10, the sixth graders went to the National Cathedral to celebrate Episcopal Schools Day. Taylor Curry represented Holy Trinity as a reader in the service. The theme for this year was "Let The Light Shine."

Day School families had a great Math Night at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. Over a hundred families joined their students and enjoyed delicious meals and played fun math activities together. The activities included toothpick puzzles, fraction kits, "Gorp" worksheets to understand ratios and proportions, and using a raindrop board to observe the relationship between theoretical probability and actual experiment results.

Day School Open House

The Day School will hold its Annual Open House for prospective parents on Monday, November 12, 2007, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Tours for parents interested in grades 1 – 4 will be held at the Lower School, located at 13106 Annapolis Road, Bowie. Tours for parents interested in preschool/kindergarten, and/or grades 5 – 8 will be held at the Glenn Dale campus, located at 11902 Daisey Lane. For additional information, please call the Admissions Office at 301-262-5355.

Holy Trinity Madness "Nothing But Net" Tournament

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School invites you to attend the Third Annual Basketball Tournament on November 16-18, at the Bowie Gymnasium. Please come and cheer on the Holy Trinity Hawks.

Church Breakfast

by Tom Lackey

There will be a church-wide breakfast in Parish Hall after the 9:30 AM worship service on November 11. The Stewardship Ministry will coordinate this event. The menu includes fruit, egg/sausage casseroles, bagels, juice and coffee. Everyone is invited!! If you would like to help with set-up, cooking a casserole (bed and breakfast recipes are available) or some other food, or breaking down chairs and tables after it's over, please contact Tom Lackey at 301-262-1881. Hope to see you there!!

Church Calendar is Live and Online

Keep up with activities and meetings by accessing the Church Calendar on Holy Trinity's website. The calendar is updated on a regular basis so you can see what's happening in real-time.

<http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/>



photo by Evelyn Kirby

Bob Laurenson and Harold Sandy examine the front steps of the Rectory that need repaired or replaced.

A Vestry sub-committee is considering repairs, renovation, and the addition of meetings rooms in order to use the former Rectory as office and meeting space. Check the online calendar for the next scheduled meeting of the Rectory Preservation Committee. All are welcome.

Holy Trinity's Vision

...to become a dynamic spiritual center that reflects our community in its diversity. Here people will be welcomed and accepted and will find growth and fulfillment in the vitality of the Spirit.

Della Wharton, Brenda Wales, Ann and Bob Laurenson and others of the Rectory Readers Book Group gather on Wednesday mornings for a light breakfast and discussion.



photo by Evelyn Kirby

A Note from the Altar Guild

by Liz Biddle

The weather is finally changing, which means the holidays will soon be upon us. Holy Trinity's Altar Guild will be busy little bees getting everything in place to make sure the church is beautiful to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25. Please make time to come and visit one of the services on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM or 10:00 PM. There will also be a 10:00 AM service on Christmas morning.

This article serves as a reminder that the Altar Guild will collect for the purchase of poinsettias again this year. The cost is \$20.00 which also covers the wreaths, along with the poinsettias. You may give your contribution to Altar Guild member Sally Gilbert again this year. If you would like to contribute one in memory of a loved one or to simply say "thank you" to someone special in your life, please let Sally know.

I know it's only November, but December is just around the corner.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the wonderful group of women and one gentleman for their dedication and hard work on the altar guild. Without them I don't know where we'd be. We always have room for more if anyone would like to join us. (I've been told we have the best altar guild around. I couldn't agree more.)

Congregational Care Ministry News!

by Karen Kalber, Congregational Care Chair

The Pastoral Care Committee recently changed its name to the Congregational Care Committee. The new name captures the ways the Committee helps members and newcomers at Holy Trinity.

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The Congregational Care Committee meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month at 9 AM in the Media Center (located downstairs in the Parish Hall building). After each meeting, an update is sent to Committee members and those who are interested in supporting this ministry.

Below are listed some areas the Congregational Care Committee supports:

- making meals for people who are ill or incapacitated or are adjusting to a newborn
- visiting, calling, and praying for those in need
- hosting funeral receptions
- sending cards to elder members of the parish
- taking Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Sunday services
- greeting members and newcomers to Holy Trinity at each of the services (Please let Karen Kalber know if you are interested in assisting with this program Her e-mail is karenkalber@msn.com)
- praying for our Service men and women
- keeping in touch with Holy Trinity's young adults who are away at college

Our services are offered in the Sunday Bulletin; we also reach out to people as we hear about their needs.

The Congregational Care Ministry welcomes new members who want to share in caring for our parishioners. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 4, at 9:00 AM, in the Media Center. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Kalber at 410-451-7509 or by e-mail: karenkalber@msn.com

We look forward to serving you!