

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



photo by Sherrill Bower

The Holy Trinity Memorial Stone and Bench, both erected in 1992, are located opposite the front door of the Church.

Q & A

by Karen Sharp, Tidings Co-editor

Q: What is 2 feet wide, 24.5 inches deep, with a front 48.75 inches tall in the front and 59 inches tall in the back, resting on a base 5 inches tall, 28.5 inches deep and 28.75 inches wide, with letters 1 inch tall?

A: The Holy Trinity Memorial Stone.

In 1992, Holy Trinity contracted with Day Memorials to erect the Holy Trinity Memorial Stone to memorialize loved ones. It contains the names of past and future deceased persons some of whom had (will have had) their ashes scattered on the grounds at Holy Trinity. To date, 32 names have been so inscribed -- 29 on the front and 3 on the right side.

The top of the stone is inscribed, "I have called you by your name and you are mine. Isaiah 45:4."

To the right of the Memorial Stone is a stone bench, presented to Holy Trinity by Boy Scout Troop 403, erected (at the same time as the Stone) in gratitude for 25 years of sponsorship, for contemplative thought and prayer.

You may have noticed fresh flowers next to the stone, regularly placed lovingly by the spouse of one whose name is inscribed on the Memorial Stone.

WEDNESDAY morning HOLY EUCHARIST resumes

SEPTEMBER 12

Education Hour Topics - Sunday Discussion

(following the 9:30 Service in the Parish Hall)

September 2	[Labor Day weekend]
September 9	Crab Feast/Sunday School Registration
September 16	Sandwich Making/Search Committee
September 23	Rectory Preservation Presentation – Craig Ryan
September 30	Congregational Development – Bruce McPherson



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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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Healing and the Laying On of Hands by Mariann Babnis, Assistant Rector

I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

Those powerful words have been used by many healing ministers with those who come to them seeking healing since the beginning of time. It was Jewish practice to offer prayer for the sick and to anoint them with oil, a common medicine of the time. The New Testament offers no direct information on healing but the exercise of the gift of healing is an ordinary condition of the faith of the recipient. Of course, Jesus frequently healed by the laying on of hands and the Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells of healing done by the apostles.

At Holy Trinity the laying on of hands with prayers for healing occurs monthly on the second Sunday of the month. It is a holy event that takes place when the person who seeks healing on behalf of himself or someone else comes forward to a healing minister and speaks to him or her of their pain.

The healing minister prays with the recipient and then lay hands on him/her. The act of laying hands on someone is truly a holy event. It represents the Christian faith, which is stronger than any sickness, leading the person out of the disease.

We would like to make healing a weekly event. People don't have problems on just the second Sunday. They have problems all the time. And it certainly seems that enough Holy Trinity parishioners are concerned about healing. If you're interested in the healing ministry, please contact me at 301-809-1015 or mbabnis@htrinity.org. We'll be holding a training session sometime in September so stay tuned to your Sunday bulletin for that announcement.

And the next time you're in trouble or someone you know is having problems, come to a Holy Trinity healing minister, or one of the clergy through the church office at 301-262-5353. Healing comes in many different packages.

Day School Begins With A Flurry Of Activities **by Laykin Zarro, HTEDS Director of Communications**

Holy Trinity School started the new school year with several fun events. There was a special "Welcome to Holy Trinity" for our newest members to the school population. These families had the opportunity to meet with Head of School Marcy Cathey, members of the Board of Governors, and various administrators of the school. There have been parent coffees to allow parents to socialize with Gene Esposito, Head of the Middle School, and Chuck Poole, Head of the Lower School. September is a busy month filled with back-to-school nights and various grade level meetings. However, it is not all work for the students. Once again, the HTSA will host the ever-popular Ice-Cream Social at Allen Pond and we are thrilled to announce our first Homecoming celebration, an event that promises to be filled with many activities for all.



Rev. John Daniels Welcomed as New Day School Chaplain **by Laykin Zarro, HTEDS Director of Communications**

Holy Trinity School is delighted to welcome John Daniels as a part-time Chaplain. Reverend Daniels, a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, will be responsible for overseeing the sacred studies curriculum for K-8th grades.

This summer, as a recipient of the 2007 Arthur F. McNulty Jr. Memorial Internship, John worked with the homeless and at-risk youths in Pittsburgh through an interfaith organization that is made up of faith groups from the downtown area. Reverend Daniels has served as the on-call chaplain for the Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC and the Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, VA. His experience includes mission trips to the Diocese of Louisiana for Katrina Relief and a HIV/AIDS pilgrimage to the Diocese of Christ the King, Johannesburg, South Africa.

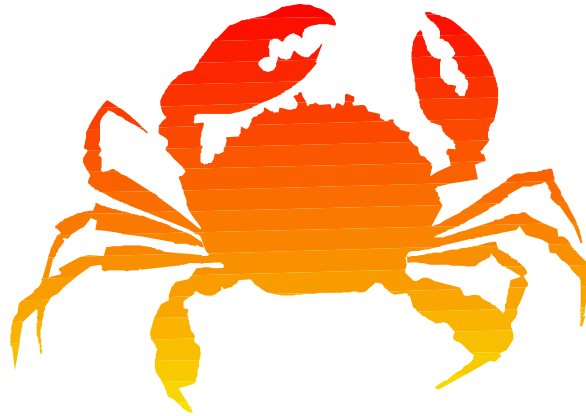
Please join us in welcoming John, his wife, Lori, and their children -- Marquis, Alexandra and John Derek -- to our community.

John, who is inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr., and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, enjoys cooking and entertaining.

"I love children and I'm committed, faithful and loyal to the concept of a strong community environment. I will do my best to contribute my time and talents in a manner that strengthens the foundation established at Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School.

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12th Annual Hunger Committee Crab Feast
Sunday, September 9, 2007
12 Noon – 3:00P.M.



Crab Eater Prices

Adults	\$30
Children 12 & under	\$15
Preschoolers	free

Non-Crab Eater Prices

Adults	\$18
Children 12 & Under	\$ 8
Preschoolers	Free

Reservations: Call Susan Croft at 301-262-8970

Deadline to order tickets: Wednesday, September 5, 2007

crabs, BBQ chicken and pork from Red, Hot and Blue
hot dogs
Cole slaw, potato salad, backed beans, corn-on-the cob
watermelon

You bring beverage of your choice.

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.

**UPCOMING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ADULTS**

by Kimberly Evans, Education Ministry Chair

Summer's rushing to a close too early, and we'll soon have plunged back into Fall's whirlwind. Here are some highlights of our Christian Education groups for adults – ways to help you think about broadening your knowledge and experience at Holy Trinity. All the groups will be starting back up in September. Check the Sunday bulletin or the online calendar for details.

On Sundays, after the 9:30 service, we'll again offer a choice of the Sunday Discussion Forum or our Bible Study Group.

The Bible Study will be continuing its exploration of Mark's Gospel with William Barclay's Commentary.

Some highlights of Sunday Discussion will be:

Christianity in Africa Today. Some of our African members from Nigeria and Sierra Leone will present their experiences,

Saints (and Ghosts) of Holy Trinity's past. We'll be finding out about some of the past years at Holy Trinity through the lives and deeds of those in our churchyard, and

Faith & Science. How are they compatible?

The Search Committee will also use this forum to keep us up-to-date on the search for a new rector. And, we'll continue to make sandwiches once a month – a time to share chat and laughter while we work to feed the hungry.

For those who can find some spare time mid-week, there are other exciting opportunities:

Education for Ministry (EFM) will be meeting on Tuesday nights this year. There are a few places left for first year students in this in-depth, university-sponsored study of the Bible, the Church and Christian Theology. Arleen and Kirt Kirtland will be coordinating EFM this year, so contact one of them if you're interested.

On Wednesday mornings the **Rectory Readers** will again offer breakfast and book discussion from 8-10 AM. What a way to start the day! The first book in September will be *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill. Let Bob Laurenson know if you want to participate, so he can include you in the book order.

At 11:00 AM on Wednesdays, just after the **mid-week Eucharist service**, **Searching Spirituality** will continue delving into the psalms. From there, the group will choose other aspects of spirituality to explore.

Rev. Ryan Kuratko, Former Seminarian, to Marry in Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Rev. Ryan Kuratko is getting married. Some of you know Ryan from his days at Holy Trinity doing his Field Education piece here. He is marrying the Rev. Lauren Browder, who did her Field work at St. Andrew's, College Park. Both were students at Virginia Theological Seminary.

They are both working in Lubbock, TX, these days, where Ryan is assistant at St. Paul's on the Plains, and Lauren is Chaplain at Texas Tech. They will be married on September 14, in Santa Fe, NM.

You can send them your congratulations at:

2340 78th Street #2
Lubbock, TX 79423

or email Ryan associatestpaul@nts-online.net.

Milestones in the Parish

Baptism

July 29, 2007

Stephen Gwerzire Nyakaana

Rachel Akiiki Nyakaana

Joan Amooti Nyakaana

"We receive you into the household of God."

Marrriage

August 3, 2007

Jennifer Biddle & Robert Zakrewski

"Make their life together a sign of Christ's love"

Death

August 10, 2007

Dale Lee Baker

"Give rest, O Christ, to your servant"

RECTORY READERS START NEW YEAR

by Bob Laurenson

The Rectory Readers will have their first discussion on September 12 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. We will discuss books that the members have read during the summer. The Group has chosen to read "How the Irish Saved Civilization" by Thomas Cahill, for its first book of the year. This group meets weekly in the Rectory, beginning with a light breakfast, followed by our book discussion. Contact Bob Laurenson 410-721-9289 if you would like more information about this group.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY CONTINUES WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

by Bob Laurenson, Communications Ministry Chair

Website usage has risen appreciably since the first of the year. This is indicative of the enhancements that have been made to the site. Thanks to webmaster Chip Harmon for all his work in implementing these updates!

The next Communications Ministry meeting will be held Sept 6, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, in the conference room at Daisey Lane. Continued work on the website will be the focus of this meeting.

All are welcome to attend.

RECTORY USE AND RENOVATION ANALYZED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE RECTORY

by Bonnie Branham

In last month's *Tidings* Tom Lackey introduced the Rectory Preservation Committee. At the time of this writing, there have been three meetings of the committee. This committee has come together to address the needs of the historic building and what must be done to preserve it. In meetings, the committee has identified many important issues in this process. They include and are not limited to:

- What are the needs of the church and congregation as it relates to creating usable space in the Rectory?
- Will Rectory renovation meet our needs for office space, meeting rooms, handicapped access, etc.?
- Historical ramifications, Historical Preservation Commission
- Rectory construction needs, can this old house be saved?
- Views of the parish on preservation
- Grant money possibilities
- Capital campaign
- Impact on playground, parking
- Lot coverage

There's a lot to consider! Using the 2005 *Facilities for Growth Report* provided by the Holy Trinity Strategic Planning Committee as a guide, members of the committee have met with architects, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's County Historical Preservation Commission, Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School and the consulting firm, Synthesis.

Committee members are Craig Ryan, Chair; Rev. Marianne Babnis, Jim Andrews, Sherrill Bower, Bonnie Branham, Susan Croft, Sally Gilbert, John Horrocks, Tom Lackey, Evelyn Kirby, Harold Sandy, Karen Sharp, and Gilbert Taylor. Anyone who would like to be a part of the committee or has ideas to present for consideration is invited to attend future meetings. Tentative meetings have been scheduled for 7 PM on Tuesday, August 21; Tuesday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 11. Please check the online calendar or with the church office, 301-262-5353, for confirmation and meeting room.

On Sunday September 23, the committee will share the information obtained with the congregation in a Sunday discussion following the 9:30 AM service. The committee hopes to have a packed house. Your views are most important and need to be heard. Please come to what will surely be an informative and lively discussion.

News from the Search Committee

by Sandy Short

The interest in Holy Trinity is evident! The Church Deployment Office (or CDO located in New York) received over 120 resumes for our rector position. The CDO reviewed these applicants and provided us with 43 resumes to screen. Currently, we are evaluating individuals to determine who we will conduct phone interviews with. We will begin phone interviews in September.

The Search Committee would like to welcome our two newest members to our group, Tom Sykes and Yvonne Owens. We are excited to have them aboard, as they will offer valuable input on our search.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.