



Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: *The Rev. Beverly Porteus*

October 2010

My Dear Friends in Christ..

Elsewhere in this issue of Tidings, you will find a clear and succinct account of new developments in Trinity's finances and model for ministry. (Thanks, Matt!) I am personally very grateful that things have come out as well as they have. The budget gets a break and Trinity doesn't have to find (if that were possible) a way to share a priest with another parish. I will do my best to use my two-thirds time wisely and well. I will now have Tuesday and Friday off, as much as possible, in an attempt to modify time and my new pay grade in my unusual "early retirement."

Bishop Shand was extremely helpful, as pastor, coach, and "manager" of the effort to have me be able to collect my pension and stay and work at Trinity part-time for a limited amount of money. Bud is truly a friend to all of us here at Trinity.

We have an opportunity before us. A choice. We can just go along and see what happens to our finances over the next couple of years. Or we can answer this "wake-up call" with a commitment to God and our parish's generations of faithful stewards: to **grow** the church. Committees, the Vestry, and the Rector can only do so much. Inviting and welcoming (and incorporating) new people, by any and all means really needs to be **job one** for all the members. I know many of you are shy and leery of what you may associate with the word "evangelism." But that word just means "good news." Surely we can open our hearts to share that!

Bishop Shand will be with us for supper on Wednesday, October 13th, to talk with us about our ministry and our future. Please look for details elsewhere in this newsletter—and join us for a great evening with a great friend.

In the power of the Spirit,

Inquirers' Class/Confirmation Class— **Sign up now! Classes start next Sunday.**

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or "returned" and you'd like to find out more about it, or if you're just looking for a "refresher course," you are welcome to come to six Sunday afternoon classes on the church's origins, history, beliefs, traditions, and governance. If you would like to formally become a member of the Episcopal Church, you may come to the class in order to prepare to be confirmed by Bishop Shand when he visits Trinity on Sunday, December 5th. If you were confirmed as a young person and have a new adult appreciation of God in your life, you may wish to receive the sacrament of Re-Affirmation at this time. Young people 13 and over are welcome, as well as any adults. We teach all ages together—and viewpoints and learnings are always interesting! Call or see Beverly if you wish to attend. Classes are scheduled for Sunday, October 10, 17, 24, and 31st, November 7 & 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in Trinity House.



Our Prayer List

Sharon Ashlock
Jane Beebe
Jackie Bollinger
Donna Bosmeny
Pat Breza
Rick Burkholder
Judy Burkley
Helen Cornacchia
Donna Cottle
Jesse Cugini
Andy Demers
Dan Edwards
Mike Fossler Sr.
Norma Grieb
Frank Grieten
Rosemary Hurley
Joe James
Connie Keares
Libby Keefer
Robert Kirk
Barry Lumley
Hilda McAndrews
Judy Merritt
Martha Nichols
Ernie Null
Orlando Otey
Linda Rawlings
Mary Riordan
Patsy Rouke
David Russ
Robert Schick
Mark Stein
Russell Stobaugh
Jerry Sutton
Gerardo Valladares
Allen Wardle
Lisa Wiegand

**Men & Women
Serving Overseas:**
Timothy Hickman
Scott Morgan
Brandon Reasin
Kevin Savage
Sara Wells-Savage
Michael Wells

September 13, 2010

Vestry Highlights

Meeting was opened at 7:03

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting approved as presented? Yes

Correspondence: None

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)— Building insurance and Beverly insurance due this month, so Mary Helen needed to withdraw funds from the money mkt. Investments are way down. All other expenses are on track.

B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) — Charlie reviewed new Letter of Agreement between the Vestry and Beverly. He highlighted the changes in yellow (see Letter of Agreement) He will review this document with Beverly when she returns from vacation. Motion to accept agreement with addition of Rector's documentation of mileage was made and seconded. Motion accepted.

C. Building/Grounds (Allen) Allen will meet with Ross Gibson about the roof this week. Allen will put up parking signs to discourage abuse by patients of our neighbor. Work Day 9/25

D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret)-No Report

E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne) – Started 9/12 3 students, 3 older children stayed to help with small children. Robanne wants to merge Sun. School with youth into some kind of program to take place at regular Sun. School time.

F. Outreach (Susan) —No Report

G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy) — We were able to raise sufficient funds to purchase 35 nets for the Nets for Life Program

H. Church Growth (Wendy)-Fall Fest 9/18. Robanne will try to put something together for the Trinity booth.

I. Fellowship (Mary Helen) —Fellowship Picnic 9/19, Potluck in Oct., Pie/Coffee after Thanksgiving Eve service, Mardi Gras in Jan.

J. Brotherhood Report— (David Calladine) Will serve lunch at the yard sale Dinner in Nov. at Wesley's.

From the Finance Chair..... The Rector, the Vestry, and the Finance Committee are very pleased to inform Trinity that the Episcopal Church Pension Fund has accepted Beverly's request for early retirement while allowing her to work, continuing as our rector, at about "2/3's time". This helps Trinity lower our operating expense by about \$25,000 per year in exchange for slightly less of Beverly's time. Most of this savings begins effective October 1, 2010, but the last 20% or so is effective May of 2011. It will take a little effort from all of us to adjust our priorities and get by with less of Beverly's time as we support her transition period before full retirement in a few years. This arrangement, plus other fiscal actions taken by the Vestry, should allow Trinity to achieve a balanced budget and grow from there back to supporting a full time rector in a few years when Beverly chooses to retire. Without strong support from Beverly and our Bishop, this would not have been possible. If you have any questions, please bring them to me or one of the Vestry members so we can address them properly. Thank you very much for your continuing support of Trinity.

Matt Koenings

Sunday School

Fall Greetings from Sunday School

Here's an example of how God is working at Trinity...

Our Sunday School program kicked off September 12th with the expected three students: Marina, Hunter and Ryan. What wasn't expected is that three additional "youth" asked to stay and "just help with the games." We ended the morning with games, snacks and special prayers we "sent up to God" in a parachute. The older kids said they had a lot of fun and it was agreed they'd like to join us again for the next week.



Sherri Calladine, who also coordinates Sunday School, and I decided that we can't let this opportunity to reach a few youth slip away. She obtained a few youth oriented lessons that can be used for all ages, and prepared to use them for our first "hybrid" Sunday School/Youth Group meeting on September 19th. The topic was about lying. It was a terrific discussion with many thoughtful insights from all ages, using lessons from The Thoughtful Christian. The following week's topic was "Eating Responsibly" with discussions about how God wants us to use His resources to care for our bodies in a healthy way, feed the hungry and celebrate! Again, it was a very good discussion with multiple opportunities to connect the ideas to scripture. We will still be using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum as needed.

After a little evaluation of our newly, spontaneously formed group, we offer a few insights: 1. Trinity actually has more "youth" members than Sunday School aged students and we must make a committed effort to reach out to both groups; 2. Given our realities as a Parish, we have to be flexible and practical in our approach to providing programs to students which is 3. easy for parents.

We ask that all school age students (who are not serving) head straight to the Loft at 9:45am each Sunday. Parents, please update your children about our new program and encourage them to attend weekly. We will also be working, as a group, on a new name and asking families to help with snacks on a rotating basis. I have a message into the Elkton United Methodist Church in order to be included in their outings and activities. Details on that as I learn more.

With God's help and your prayers, we are making a difference. As always thanks for your continued support of our youth!

~Sherri Calladine and Robanne Palmer



**Thank You to all that helped on work day....
And a Big Thank You to
Ben & Goldie Cook
for restocking the Food Pantry**



WORK DAY

On September 25th a very rewarding church work day was held. Volunteers trimmed shrubs and completed other grounds cleanup, steps were re-pointed, and bricks behind office building repaired. In addition Parish Hall kitchen cabinets and secretary's office painting was started.

A donated freezer was picked up and brought to the office building.

Weather was a little warm but otherwise great and lunch was provided.



Thank-you for your help and great fellowship!
Charlie Davidson- Sr. Warden

Shelter

Calling All Trinity Rotating Shelter Volunteers



As the seasons begin to change it is time to once again think of our fellow men and women who have no place warm to rest their heads at night. As a parish we have once again decided to join the ranks of other churches and assist Meeting Ground in the fight to end homelessness. For those members of the community who are still struggling to obtain the basic necessities such as food and shelter Trinity has once again stepped up to the challenge and volunteered to host a week during the winter rotating shelter. We will be hosting the week of December 13th. I am looking for volunteers to provide meals, evening visitation and hosting, overnight supervision, breakfast supplies and/financial support. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry please contact Mary Katharine Hitchcock anytime at 443-350-2439. Please keep your eyes and ears open for updates and the volunteer board which will be posted very soon.

With much love and blessings,
Mary Katharine



Trinity Yard Sale was held on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Eighteen spots were filled with many treasures. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew sold scrumptious hotdog lunches. The Camp Scholarship Fund took in over \$200. We had wonderful weather and a big crowd.

Joan Gaffney
Yard Sale Coordinator



Our New Street Sign

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

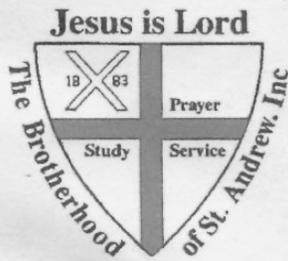
As Summer slips away from us and Winter is fast approaching, the Trinity family retreated to the home of Susan and Ray Weed for one last fling of Summer. The annual parish picnic was wonderful. The day was sunny and warm, there were about forty members there, the food was good, as always and the kids had a ball riding in Alan's boat or tubing on the river. Ray and Susan brought out the Kayaks and a couple of the kids paddled around on the river. The talk was great and there was lots of laughter. Everyone seemed to have a great time and oh, too soon it was five o'clock and the group began to break up and start for home. We all look forward to next summer and another day together, but in the mean time the social committee has lots of plans.



Bishop Shand will be here on October 13th for a meeting with the parish as we enter a new chapter in our Church life. We will meet in the Parish Hall at seven o'clock for coffee and dessert. I hope all will come and join in and learn what opportunities we have as we journey on. There will be a sign up sheet this starting this Sunday, so we know how many to prepare for on the 13th. Let's have a big turnout, please plan to come.

In November on the 7th, there will be a pot luck dinner in the Parish hall. We will meet at Five o'clock and have dinner and visit together. As this date gets closer there will be more information, but for now mark the date.

We are working on a gathering after the Thanksgiving service and a simple gathering in December and early next year, dig out the beads, it's Mardi Gras! Let's hope no snow this year.
Mary Helen Atwood~



All are invited to the
**Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Annual Dinner**
Thursday, November 11, 2010
Wesley's Restaurant
Route 273, Fair Hill

Join the Brotherhood for an evening of fellowship and celebration as we honor those who lead Trinity's outreach to our community in and around Elkton.

We will start the evening off at 6:30 PM with cocktails in the bar (on your own) followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The menu and price per person are below:

Fresh Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$26
Flounder Stuffed with Crab Imperial	\$30
12 oz. Slow Roasted Angus Prime Rib	\$28

The prices above are per person and include Soup and Salad Bar, Baked Potato, tax and gratuity.

Please RSVP to Gene Clay (410-398-0465) or Hans Nafzinger (410-620-4644) with menu choices by October 31st. Please make checks payable to **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**. Reservations can also be mailed to Gene Clay at 24 Knollwood Rd., Elkton MD 21921.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew 2010 Annual Dinner Reservation Slip

Name _____ Phone _____

Meal Choices: _____ Total: _____

Chicken _____ Fish _____ Beef _____

*Bishop Shand
leads Spiritual Life*

RETREAT DAY

On October 23rd

from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m

at Christ Church, Easton, MD.



Bishop James J. “Bud” Shand will lead the program, which will focus on telling and hearing stories about how we see God at work in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our lives.

The cost is \$20.00,
which includes a catered lunch.

For more information and to register,
contact Ellen Smith at eksmith@goeaston.net.

Payment may be sent to
Diocese of Easton
314 North St.
Easton, MD 21601
and marked for retreat day.

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

10/03 Gordon Tozer
10/10 Karli Secor
10/17 Marilyn Wardle
10/24 Gordon Tozer
10/31 Karli Secor



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10/03 Karli Secor
10/10 Mary Helen Atwood
10/17 Gordon Tozer
10/24 Karli Secor
10/31 Gordon Tozer

Usher

10/03 M.H. Atwood, Gayle Mayo
10/10 Paul Arbour Jr., Gordon Tozer
10/17 Mitzie Snyder, Sam Smith
10/24 Mary Graff, Frank Brown
10/31 Paul Arbour Jr., Marilyn Wardle

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes

10/03 Christina Bello, Carrie Birdsall
10/10 Joe Calladine, Christy Mahoney,
10/17 Carrie Birdsall, Andrew Koenings
10/24 Aaron Derby, Jonathon Wood
10/31 Christina Bello, Christy Mahoney

Lector

10/03 Bill Gorak
10/10 Hans Nafzinger
10/17 Regina Caffey
10/24 Ross Lee
10/31 Jill Magnani

C-B/R

10/03 Kathy Davidson, Allen Clay
10/10 Heidi White, Orville Potts
10/17 Ross Lee, Margaret Russ
10/24 Heidi White, Allen Clay
10/31 Orville Potts, Kathy Davidson

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10/03 Judy Caffey
10/10 Debbie McKeown
10/17 Beth & Matt Koenings
10/24 Ed Evans
10/31 Mike Fossler

Usher

10/03 Barbara Anzilotti, Wendy Gilbert
10/10 Sherri & David Calladine
10/17 Rick Burkholder, M.K. Hitchcock
10/24 Sherri & David Calladine
10/31 Rick Burkholder, Wendy Gilbert

Greeters

10/03 Sherri & David Calladine
10/10 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer
10/17 Sherri & David Calladine
10/24 Libby Keefer, M.K. Hitchcock,
10/31 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

Nursery

10/3 Joan Gaffney
10/10 Sherri Calladine
10/17 Tammy Cox
10/24 Libby Keefer
10/31 Tammy Cox

Altar Guild

October
Doris Farrow,
Robanne Palmer,
Susan Burkholder

Bible Study

*Wednesday's at 9:00 AM
in Trinity House. We will
study the lessons for the
following Sunday.
Join Us!*

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