



Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November 2010

My Dear Friends in Christ..

A few times in my life, as I was about to go into a contentious committee meeting, I was given the advice, “Keep your head down!”--a facetious warning that missiles might fly before we were finished. Lately, I’ve been absorbed by work even more than usual, and I have caught myself “with my head down” quite often. Whether I’ve been lugging books, or grocery bags, or simply ruminating about a need at church, I seem to be looking at the ground quite a bit. This may be a function of being older and aware of the danger of falling, but I think it is also a function of being too absorbed in the details of life to appreciate the life around me.

While I am busy with each day's agenda, the huge circle of woods around our development becomes more and more aflame with fall colors. The air is suddenly deliciously crisp when I go out to get the morning paper. And my husband's gift of yellow mums and pumpkins on the porch speak of bounty, harvest, and blessings. I suddenly realized I might be missing Fall, and so I began to walk slowly to my car, tarry over newspaper pick-up, and just spend more time outside (of myself!). I look and I sniff, and it is exhilarating.

For many of us, the next couple of months can be a matter of a “to do” list running through our minds, keeping, in a sense, our heads down. Let's not let the list take the joy and wonder out of each day. Every day, every minute is a gift from God. Keep your heads up, your eyes open!

In the Love of Christ,

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Mark Your Calendars

November 7th—Stewardship Sunday

Parish Potluck Dinner (Yum!)

November 26th– Thanksgiving Eve.

Candlelight Service

*7:00 pm followed by coffee,
dessert and fellowship.*

Our Prayer List
 Sharon Ashlock
 Adrianna Beebe
 Jackie Bollinger
 Donna Bosmeny
 Pat Breza
 Rick Burkholder
 Judy Burkley
 Helen Cornacchia
 Donna Cottle
 Jesse Cugini
 Andy Demers
 Dan Edwards
 Mike Fossler Sr.
 Eugene Green
 Frank Grieten
 Joe James
 Connie Keares
 Libby Keefer
 Robert Kirk
 Edward Lavin
 Hilda McAndrews
 Judy Merritt
 Martha Nichols
 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? Accepted by the 4 members above, excluding Beverly.

Correspondence: Meeting ground letter seeking donation. 1) Will give \$100. (see attached). 2) Audit report was good. 3) Diocese of Easton: a) Thank you for Nets for Life Donation. 4) Proposed Canon of Indebtedness letter- Matt reviewed and will explain to Beverly at Finance Committee meeting. 5) Diocesan Pledge request was reviewed. This to be deferred until next calendar year (2011). 6) Clergy compensation Guide was reviewed, so members would be aware of this when Trinity needs to hire a new priest.

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)— Finance- Members discussed looking into alternate companies for electric rates. Mary Helen to give Matt electric bill so he can research lower rates. Budget- Pledges are up. Over budget in some areas. Some of this is due to timing of retirement approval from Dioceses. Mary Helen & Matt will figure out where overages and shortages are. September's Treasurer's Report- not accepted due to lack of quorum.

B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) —Bishop is coming Wednesday evening. He will speak with parishioners regarding recent changes.

C. Building/Grounds (Allen) Allen absent: will revisit roof repair and next door parking New microphone. Parish Hall- air conditioning is needed. It was uncomfortable for coffee hours which affected retention of newcomers. Thanks to the boy Scouts removing stumps.

D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret)- Attendance on 10/10 was @ 60 people (both services).

E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)- Robanne absent: Sunday school 6 kids attending

F. Outreach (Susan) —No report

G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy) —A dinner to be held in December. More info to come.

H. Church Growth (Wendy)— Fall Fest table- so-so results. Not sure if it was worth the time spent.

I. Fellowship (Mary Helen) —Greeter's Meeting held 10/10/10. a) Simple instructions for greeters to be at the back of church. b) Gift bags/ envelopes with info to be distributed to visitors.

J. Brotherhood Report (David Calladine) Will donate the money raised for air conditioners in Trinity House. Brotherhood Dinner to honor outreach. Work Day- much was accomplished. New freezer (donated by Doris Farrow) in back room.

Sunday School

Greetings from Sunday School & Youth Education~



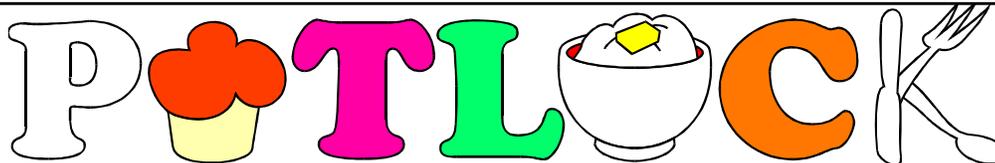
Wow, that's a mouth full! We are trying, as a group to come up with a more fitting name for our patchwork group that meets Sunday mornings at 9:45am. The group continues to enjoy the topics for discussion that have included, Food, BFF's, Beliefs, and Heaven. On Sunday, November 7, we will have a Youth Participation Sunday with our youth reading lessons and psalms during the 10 am service. We wish to thank Mr. Paul Arbour for a generous donation to the group to hold a pizza party or movie night in the near future. The youth are still debating how to use this donation. We continue to thank the congregation for their prayers for our Youth!

~Sherri Calladine and Robanne Palmer

This year we will be donating unwrapped toys for



Please look for our Christmas box in the back of the church .
Thank you in advance!



Well, It is almost dinner time again!!

Keep November 7th at 5:00 open for the Fall Pot Luck dinner.

It will be in the Parish Hall and we will use every bit of useable space so we can accommodate as many as possible. The main event will center around roasted pork loin.

Signup sheet is in the back of the church.

See you Sunday and plan to come. The Fellowship Committee

Shelter

Calling All Trinity Rotating Shelter Volunteers



Trinity will be hosting the Homeless Rotating Shelter the week of December 13th. Please see the white board in the Parish Hall for volunteer opportunities. Financial donations can be given to Mary Katharine or donations of Cereal , Milk or Laundry soap can be taken directly to the Mary Randall Center. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mary Katharine at 443-350-2439 or Gayle Mayo 443-553-1162.

~ Mary Katharine



T H E Children's Home
F O U N D A T I O N

What is it, what does it do, and who does it serve? These may be a few questions you have about the appeal we are making this month. At one time there actually was a children's home, but in the 1950's it was sold and women from the Diocese began a foundation with the proceeds. The original mission was to aid deserving and needy children, and for over 50 years we have continued to do the same through scholarships and camperships. The specific mission of the Children's Home Foundation is to raise and distribute money that will allow students from the Diocese to attend career and technology training (usually two or three year training) that will equip them to enter the world of work. We are looking for the student who would not otherwise be able to handle the financial burden of continuing education. We have sent students to a variety of schools: welding, nursing, auto mechanics, early childhood education, culinary, cosmetology and others. Our candidates need not be Episcopalian...just needy, deserving to succeed.

The board has also chosen to dedicate some of the foundation funds to sending youngsters to summer camps. Again, these are children who would not be able to afford the camp experience without scholarship support.

So, you will hear more from me this month and hope you will consider making a "Thanksgiving" contribution to this cause. Checks are to made to The Children's Home Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible.

Thanks for your support!

Diane Hair



COMING SOON

Look for your Stewardship Letter in the mail.

Bishop Shand came to Trinity to explain, support, and answer questions about the new work arrangement between Trinity and our priest. Dessert and coffee were served. The Bishop, Beverly, and Charlie Davidson fielded questions, comments, and concerns from a group of about 30 parishioners.



It was a lively and focused time in which the Bishop expressed his admiration for the people of Trinity and his commitment to the congregation, Vestry, and Rector.



*We have a good friend
and a good Bishop
in James J. Shand!*

Ministry Schedule **November**

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

11/7 Marilyn Wardle
11/14 Gordon Tozer
11/21 Karli Secor
11/28 Marilyn Wardle



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11/7 Mary Helen Atwood
11/14 Karli Secor
11/21 Gordon Tozer
11/28 Mary Helen Atwood

Usher

11/7 Sam Smith, Gayle Mayo
11/14 Mitzie Snyder, Paul Arbour Jr.,
11/21 Frank Brown, Mary Graff
11/28 Sam Smith, Gordon Tozer

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes

11/7 Erin Clay , Aaron Derby
11/14 Elizabeth Malley, J.P. Fossler
11/21 Andrew Koenings ,Joe Calladine
11/ 24 Jonathon Wood, Christy Mahoney (Thanks. Eve)
11/ 28 Elizabeth Malley, Christina Bello

Lector

11/7 Bill Gorak
11/14 Hans Nafzinger
11/21 Regina Caffey
11/24 Ross Lee (Thanks. Eve)
11/28 Jill Magnani

C-B/R

11/7 Kathy Davidson, Allen Clay
11/14 Margaret Russ, Heidi White
11/21 Kathy Davidson, Allen Clay
11/24 Heidi White, Orville Potts (Thanks. Eve)
11/28 Kathy Davidson, Margaret Russ

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11/ 7 Janice Potts
11/14 Mike Fossler
11/21 Janice Potts
11/24 Judy Caffey (Thanks. Eve)
11/28 Debbie McKeown

Usher

11/7 Barbara Anzilotti, Rick Burkholder,
11/14 Ross Lee, M.K. Hitchcock
11/21 Sherri & David Calladine
11/24 M.K. Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert (Thanks. Eve)
11/28 Ross Lee, Rick Burkholder

Greeters

11/7 M.K. Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert
11/14 Libby Keefer ,Susan Weed
11/21 Kathy Davidson, Wendy Gilbert
11/24 Sherri & David Calladine (Thanks. Eve)
11/28 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

Nursery

11/7 Joan Gaffney
11/14 Sherri Calladine
11/21 Tammy Cox
11/28 Libby Keefer

Altar Guild

November
Cheryl Lee
Sherri Calladine

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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