



Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 2010

My Dear Friends in Christ..

“It's such a busy time of year.” “We're awfully busy right now.” “Maybe after the holidays—we're so busy.” We hear this all through December. Retailers, florists, and U.P.S. really are, if business is good, somewhat overwhelmed. But the closer we get to December 25th, the more likely it is that you and I will hang our heads and lament an inner “list” which tells us we still have more to do....more “busy-ness.”

The season of Advent has a lot to say about the preparation for and celebration of “Christ Mass,” the coming, here and now and in the end time, of Jesus. One of the great hymns, *On Jordan's Bank* (#76), says:

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come. (verse 2)*

Do we even *connect* preparing our *hearts* with Advent and Christmas? Or is our joy, our hope, wrapped up in crossing everything off the “to-do” list and drying the dishes after Christmas dinner?

Every day, in truth, is a celebration of Christ—Christmas. Jesus came to be with us and be in us. If we consciously invite and pray for Christ's presence within us, our holiday (Holy Day!) time will be so much merrier and more meaningful—and not so darned “busy!”

Faithfully,

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Online”Advent Calendar of Hope”

You can find a daily message of hope in the forward-thinking season of Advent.

Just go to
[www.trinitywallstreet.org/
advent](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org/advent)

Each day of Advent and click on the Advent calendar link and find inspiration and strength for your day.

Christmas Eve Services

7:00 P.M.

Family Eucharist

*with Special
Children's Homily*

11:00 P.M.

*Choral Candlelight Eucharist
Special Music at 10:40 p.m.*



Our Prayer List

Sharon Ashlock
Adrianna Beebe
Jackie Bollinger
Donna Bosmeny
Pat Breza
Judy Burkley
Helen Cornacchia
Donna Cottle
Jesse Cugini
Dan Edwards
Mike Fossler Sr.
Margaret Graham
Eugene Green
Frank Grieten
Joe James
Connie Keares
Libby Keefer
Robert Kirk
Edward Lavin
Nancy Lee
Rick Maloff
Hilda McAndrews
Judy Merritt
Martha Nichols
Berk Orr
Orlando Otey
Linda Rawlings
Mary Riordan
Bailey Rosenthal
Patsy Rouke
David Russ
Robert Schick
Russell Stobaugh
Bunny Sturgill-Martin
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

November 8, 2010

Vestry Highlights

Meeting was opened at 7:00

Minutes: Accepted by the 4 members.

Correspondence: Diocesan letter regarding Disaster Preparedness was read. Letter of Agreement need to be approved (table till Dec. meeting).

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)— \$500 from Brotherhood for A/C for Trinity House. It has been put in savings. Utilities are lower than projected at this point. \$850 came in for Restoration. No explanation was given. Mary Helen to ask Carol. Matt and Mary Helen feel optimistic that we might not have to draw from savings again. October- good report, accepted as presented. Stewardship Sunday was 11/7. 13 pledges in so far for a total of \$37,000.

B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) —Good potluck dinner. Pastoral Care: Rector's report reviewed.

C. Building/Grounds (Allen) no report. Roof repair- Beverly- leak in Trinity House kitchen. New microphone- is covered by Beverly's cousin. This donation will also cover an ad for Thanksgiving Eve and for Christmas Eve services (Church Growth). Juniper under new sign will be removed and mulch put in. This will additional enable people to read what is on additional sign under new Trinity sign.

D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret)- Music is good. 1st Song of Isaiah will be back.

E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)- Robanne and Sherry working with Youth Group in thematic units. They help explain to Sunday School Class.

F. Outreach (Susan) —Food pantry is going well. Community Kitchen went well on 11/5/10. Shelter is 2nd week of December. Sign up is in Parish Hall.

G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy) —Dec 12th is the dinner for the national Global Mission. Mary Helen explained empty bowls fundraising program. We might incorporate this at a later date.

H. Church Growth (Wendy)— Changeable portion of sign is covered by the juniper (see building and grounds.)

I. Fellowship (Mary Helen) —Potluck dinner on 11/7 was good. Good group of close to 40. Greeter's meeting, instructions in the works.

J. Brotherhood Report (David Calladine) Annual Dinner on Thursday at 6:30. Creche to be put up in December 11th.

New Business: Artificial flowers (silk arrangements) will be on altar when flowers are not designated by someone. Beverly to follow up on juniper issue.

Sunday School

Greetings from Sunday School & Youth Education~

Our Youth continues to meet at 9:45am in the upstairs loft of the Parish House.

All school aged students are welcome to join us any Sunday they are not serving!

We made very small Advent wreaths the Sunday before Thanksgiving with a lesson on the start of Advent and the meaning of "Preparing the way for the Lord". We have lessons for the duration of the Advent season as well.



The Youth brought home information regarding our Christmas service project where they will be collecting personal hygiene products, assembling them into "To Go" bags and donating them to Gayle Mayo to be distributed to folks visiting the Mary Randall Center and the Rotating Homeless Shelter. Items requested: men's and women's: socks, shavers, shaving cream; antibacterial hand gel, baby wipes, lip balm, hand lotions, shampoo/conditioners, mouth wash, etc...any and all donations will certainly go to good use. Please bring your donations to church and place them under the back pew.

In an effort to stay connected with our Youth in ways other than Sunday meetings, I have developed a Trinity Episcopal Church Facebook Group. It is hoped that we can all stay better connected with nearly real time and wide spread messages to each other about our Church happenings. It's not just for the Youth! If you are already on fb, please join our group! If you haven't yet dipped your toes into the Facebook water yet, come on in! It's a wonderful way to stay connected. We encourage everyone to join, including our college students that are out of town, current members and anyone who is simply interested in our beautiful Church!

Remember, the group is open and all content can be viewed, in theory, by anyone. Margaret Russ and I are "administrators" and are happy to post happenings from all the church groups and committees --just send us a note! Since this is new for us, we encourage feedback.

Thank you, as always for continuing to support and pray 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!

Brotherhood News

Saturday, December 12th-
9:00 am Meet at Trinity for crèche set up & Work Day.

Saturday January 8th-
8:00 am Meet at Denny's, in Elkton for Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting
9:15 am Adjourn to Trinity for crèche take down. All parishioners and friends are welcome for either day.



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.

Also looking for help from anyone (including Youths) to help serve food and play games. Please see Mary Katharine.

~ 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

Forgot to pledge? There's still time! Trinity needs your help to remain a vital faith community. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church or at the parish office.

Notice: For various good reasons the December 12th "Mission" Dinner has been postponed until Lent.

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

12/5 Gordon Tozer
12/12 Karli Secor
12/19 Marilyn Wardle
12/26 Gordon Tozer



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12/5 Karli Secor
12/12 Gordon Tozer
12/19 Mary Helen Atwood
12/26 Karli Secor

Usher

12/5 Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo
12/12 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown
12/19 Paul Arbour Jr., Mary Graff
12/26 Sam Smith, Gayle Mayo

Nursery

12/5 Joan Gaffney
12/12 Sherri Calladine
12/19 Tammy Cox
12/26 Libby Keefer

Altar Guild December

12/5 Mitzie Snyder, Tricia Smith
12/12 Nina Fletcher, Goldie Cook
12/19 Susan Weed, Debbie McKeown
12/24 All members meet @ 9:30 am
12/24 Doris Farrow, Robanne Palmer

Bible Study

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

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes

12/5 Carrie Birdsall , Aaron Derby
12/12 Andrew Koenings, J.P. Fossler
12/19 Joe Calladine, Christy Mahoney
12/24 7pm Erin Clay, Aaron Derby
12/24 11pm Jonathon Wood, Elizabeth Malley
12/ 26 J. P Fossler, Christina Bello

Lector

12/5 Bill Gorak
12/12 Hans Nafzinger
12/19 Regina Caffey
12/24 7pm Ross Lee 11pm Hans Nafzinger
12/26 Jill Magnani

C-B/R

12/5 Allen Clay, Ross Lee
12/12 Orville Potts ,Kathy Davidson
12/19 Margaret Russ, Heidi White
12/24 7pm Allen Clay, Kathy Davidson
12/24 11 pm Ross Lee, Heidi White
12/26 Margaret Russ, Kathy Davidson

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12/5 Judy Caffey
12/12 Beth & Matt Koenings
12/19 Ed Evans
12/24 7 pm Debbie McKeown 11 pm Judy Caffey
12/26 Janice Potts

Usher

12/5 Barbara Anzilotti, Wendy Gilbert
12/12 Ross Lee, M.K. Hitchcock
12/19 Sherri & David Calladine
12/24 7 pm Rick Burkholder, Wendy Gilbert
12/24 11 pm Sherri & David Calladine
12/26 Ross Lee, M.K. Hitchcock

Greeters

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12/12 Ross Lee, M. K. Hitchcock
12/19 Wendy Gilbert, Kathy Davidson
12/24 7 pm Susan Weed, Libby Keefer
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Monthly Planner

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