



Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: The Rev. Beverly Porteus

April 2011

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

About this time in Lent, parish priests begin to focus on Holy Week. We talk to each other and sigh, knowing we are probably going to get more than a little stressed out about the number of sermons, the different once-a-year liturgies, the special bulletins. This stress has its counterpart among parish secretaries, choirs and their directors, and altar guild members.

Meanwhile, the culture is purchasing new shoes, spring ties and dresses, as well as jelly beans and chocolate bunnies. Quite a few families are planning on making the first of their two yearly visits to a church. Lent and Easter are much easier for the average person than Advent and Christmas.

It has taken me quite a few years to find my way out of the “pressure” of Holy Week—that is, Palm Sunday and its Liturgy of the Palms (a high) and reading of the Passion (a deep low), Maundy Thursday with its uplifting celebration of the Love of God in Jesus shown in the giving of the first Eucharist and in the Foot-washing ceremony, as well as love-filled hymns and anthem, ending with the startlingly poignant Stripping of the Altar. Then there is Good Friday, the “Day of the Cross.” This liturgy is powerful and beautiful, leaving us humble, stricken, and personally grateful in the shadow of the crucifixion.

These services have had more meaning and power to me personally and as a priest, as years of officiating have made me more able to absorb as well as conduct. Which brings me directly to you, the congregation. Yes, February and March are dreary and depressing, and maybe you just don't want to be brought “down” in mood. Time is precious, too. I get that. We all get that. But the amazing power of the Jesus story is nowhere and in no way better taken in, better felt, than in the remarkable, absorbing words, gestures, movement, emotions, and music of these Holy Week services.

Easter is a great and wonderful feast. But it can feel like a lively, “Thank God it's Spring” event. There is nothing amiss about that, unless that's all there is to it. It is our tradition and wisdom of going down into the depths, sorrows, and beauty of Holy Week that makes the shout of “He is Risen” so very wonderful.

Faithfully,



Lent and Easter Services

*Palm Sunday, April 17th— 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
with Liturgy of the Palms.*

*Maundy Thursday, April 21st—*7:00 pm - Special Liturgy & Eucharist with organ & choir*

*Good Friday, April 22nd - **Noon & *7:00 pm Liturgy (music at 7:00 pm service)*

*Easter Sunday, April 24th- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with hymns
10:00 am - Full Festal Eucharist

**Childcare provided. **The community Crosswalk will once again end at Trinity, sometime after 1:30 p.m.
Our Good Friday noon service will be over by 1:00 p.m.*

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- Sharon Ashlock
- Lesley Boag
- Jackie Bollinger
- Judy Burkley
- Melanie Cooper
- Helen Cornacchia
- Jesse Cugini
- Dan Edwards
- Kelly Galyen
- Margaret Graham
- Larry Grandstaff
- Frank Grieten
- Joe James
- Connie Keares
- Libby Keefer
- Dylan King
- Robert Kirk
- Edward Lavin
- Chase Lupica
- Rick Maloff
- Judy Merritt
- P.J. Morrison
- Ernie Null
- Berk Orr
- Rose Perrone
- Jack Potts
- Vaughn Potts
- Linda Rawlings
- Bailey Rosenthal
- Patsy Rouke
- David Russ
- Robert Schick
- Russell Stobaugh
- Bunny Sturgill-Martin
- Jerry Sutton
- Gerardo Valladares
- Lisa Wiegand
- Serving Overseas:**
- Thomas Brady
- Timothy Hickman
- Scott Morgan
- Brandon Reasin
- Chuck Rotenberry
- Kevin Savage
- Sara Wells-Savage
- Michael Wells

Vestry Highlights March 14 , 2011

Meeting was opened at 7:20

Correspondence: None

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (Mary Helen)— Mary Helen reviewed report. First money was taken out of Money Market. Oil bill last month was \$2,200. Money market balance of \$50,160.43 was added to Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer’s Report accepted with addition of Money Market balance. **Stewardship-** Mary Helen to talk with David about amount of new pledge. Christmas in April- April 30, 2011. Reviewed project. Charlie and Allen to discuss which jobs to do. Funding for this year: \$1,000 pledged from last year.

B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) —Warden’s Report - What was discussed for Christmas in April. Rector’s report/reviewed hours - week. Diocesan convention - feedback was good. Search for new organist /choral director.

C. Building/Grounds (Allen) —Roof Report-Another bid to come in next. New microphone to be ordered and in before Easter. Parking lot issues - Allen to install two fake cameras with surveillance signs. Koenings gave air conditioners to Trinity.

D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy)-Confirmation 3/20. Bishop Shand will be at both services. Brief meeting with vestry after reception.

E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)- Sherry is teaching - attendance continues to be low. Kids to be in church on Easter Sunday. Kids helped with pancake supper.

F. Outreach (Susan) —Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen- Grant for food pantry might not happen.

G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy) —April 3rd- luncheon after 10 A.M. service. Soup, fruit, cheese and crackers.

H. Church Growth (Wendy)—Grow team meeting was held. Beverly requested small sign “Trinity Church Welcomes You” for AHH side of church.

I. Fellowship (Mary Helen) —Greeting meeting to be scheduled.

Annual meeting survey. Everyone loved the picnic. Lower the number of events. Dinner and social. Daytrips were always popular. Need new person to head the committee.

J. Brotherhood Report (Charlie) — Pancake supper was a success.

**OUR
PRAYER LIST**

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. If you have put a name on the list, we’d appreciate knowing whether they should remain on the list or be taken off. Please call the office 410-398-5350.



A Lenten Feast for the Heart
and Mind and Soul
“Jesus of Nazareth”
A film by Franco Zeffirelli
2 Evenings left of
Movie, Questions, Insights
& Discussion
Thursday 6:30 –8:30 PM
April 7th, April 14th,

Sunday School

The Youth Sunday School class has been having some very good discussions. During Lent we will be discussing why there are so many different types of crosses such as the Jerusalem Cross, Latin Cross, Celtic Cross, St. Gilbert's Cross, Tau Cross, Crucifix. *Each one has its own meaning such as the Latin cross teaches us the importance of always remembering that Jesus is alive—even today—in the world.*



Sherri Calladine & Robanne Palmer

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



This year's **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** was a **wonderful success**. By the numbers, 75 people participated and \$211 was raised, which will be donated to our young servers to be used at their discretion. By the spirit, we had several visitors from outside our congregation and we all enjoyed great camaraderie. "Thank you!" to all the Brotherhood of St. Andrew members who worked so hard, and to the youth of our congregation who so energetically helped.

Brother Rich Gilbert
Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Elkton

TRINITY GARDENERS—Volunteers Needed

Would you be interested in using your gardening talents to spruce up Trinity church plant beds, planting and maintaining shrubs and/ or herbaceous perennials in designated location, or offering assistance to establish and maintain container and potted plants in various locations around the Parish Hall and Church? If this opportunity appeals to you, and you could spend about an hour or so each week on a garden related project of your choice at Trinity then please contact Libby Keefer after Sunday Church Service or Bill Smith at smithwf43@hotmail.com or by telephone at 410-392-9512 to express and interest in joining Trinity Gardeners for the 2011 Season.



The Grass is Returning

Volunteers are welcome to help take care of "God's lawn" this season.

Anyone's help would be welcome.

No experience necessary – we will train.

Please see or call Rich Gilbert 410-287-3580 or
email richgilbert2003@yahoo.com

2nd Annual Trinity World Mission Lunch Sunday, April 3rd after 10:00 AM worship.

Please plan to join us on **Sunday** for the Trinity World Mission Awareness Lunch in the Parish Hall. Learn about Millennium Development Goal #3 – Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women.

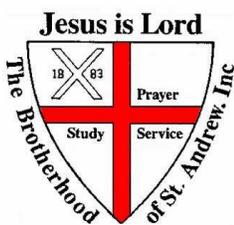
The “Trinity House Players” return.

Bring soup, bread or dessert to share, or throw a few bucks in the basket.

Bring your Hope Chests and checkbooks to help support Episcopal Relief and Development. Proceeds will also benefit disaster relief in Japan. All are welcome.

Learn, Laugh, Give, Care. See you there!

”And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29



Brotherhood News

And a reminder to everyone that the primary charter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to bring all men and boys to Christ. All Trinity men, young or young-at-heart, are welcome to Brotherhood events. And Brothers are encouraged to bring friends to Brotherhood events as an introduction to our Christian family.



The next parish **Work Day** will **Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m.**

We will be sprucing up the grounds performing various repair tasks under the capable guidance of our wardens. You are welcome to bring yard tools, but mostly we need willing hands. Want to help with a particular project? Consult with Allen Clay or Charlie Davidson. Otherwise, just come on out and enjoy the fellowship. Thanks!



*The Mother's Day Breakfast,
sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew,
will honor the women of Trinity Parish on
Sunday, May 8, 8:45 a.m.
by providing breakfast between the services
(and by doing the dishes)*

Please plan to attend in celebration of our moms!

Trinity World Mission

Awareness Lunch

Sun, April 3, after 10:00 Service

Trinity Parish Hall

Learn about Millennium Development Goal #3

Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women

And enjoy the return of

The Trinity House Players

Offering Home-Grown, Family Entertainment

&

Bring your Hope Chest

(or your checkbook) in support of



Please sign-up to bring a food item
on the World Mission bulletin board

or RSVP to Wendy & Rich

410-287-3580 wendysgilbert@gmx.com

Ministry Schedule **April**

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

4/3 Marilyn Wardle
4/10 Gordon Tozer
4/17 Marilyn Wardle
4/24 Gordon Tozer

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4/3 Mary Graff
4/10 Mary Helen Atwood
4/17 Mitzie Snyder
4/24 Mary Helen Atwood

Usher

4/3 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown
4/10 Paul Arbour Jr. , Mary Graff
4/17 Sam Smith, Gayle Mayo
4/24 Marilyn Wardle Paul Arbour Jr.



Nursery

4/3 Joan Gaffney
4/10 Sherri Calladine
4/17 Tammy Cox

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

4/3 Andrew Koenings, J.P. Fossler
4/10 Christy Mahoney, Elizabeth Malley
4/17 Erin Clay, Aaron Derby
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Jonathon Wood, Elizabeth Malley
4/24 Carrie Birdsall, Andrew Koenings, Jonathon Wood

Lector

4/3 Hans Nafzinger
4/10 Bill Gorak
4/17 Ross Lee
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Hans Nafzinger
4/24 Regina Caffey

C-B/R

4/3 Orville Potts, Margaret Russ,
4/10 Margaret Russ, Heidi White
4/17 Allen Clay, Kathy Davidson
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Ross Lee, Heidi White
4/22 Good Friday Noon: Gordon Tozer
Good Friday 7:00 PM : Allen Clay
4/24 Orville Potts, Ross Lee

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4/3 Beth & Matt Koenings
4/10 Ed Evans
4/17 Debbie McKeown
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Janice Potts
4/24 Judy Caffey

Usher

4/3 Sherri & David Calladine
4/10 Sherri & David Calladine
4/17 Rick Burkholder, Wendy Gilbert
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Sherri & David Calladine
4/22 Good Friday Noon: Ross Lee
Good Friday 7:00 PM Mary Katharine Hitchcock
4/24 Wendy Gilbert, Rick Burkholder

Greeters

4/3 Kathy Davidson, Susan Weed
4/10 Wendy Gilbert, Kathy Davidson
4/17 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer
4/21 Maundy Thursday: Mary Katharine Hitchcock
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