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## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: *The Rev. Beverly Porteus*

May 2011

### *My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

When I was a kid dawdling through a chore, my father would look over at me and say “Look alive!” It’s an expression I rarely hear today.

Years ago a lovely and holy woman in my parish, who had befriended me in a most kindly way, gave me a little written piece that she thought I would like. I did. And here it is for you:

*“The most visible creators I know of are those artists whose medium is life itself, the ones who express the inexpressible without brush, hammer, clay or guitar. They neither paint nor sculpt. Their medium is being. Whatever their presence touches has increased life. They see and don’t have to draw. They are the artists of being alive.”*

*Anonymous*

We may not have the talents or the will to be poets or painters or dancers, or the brains and curiosity to be scientists or engineers or naturalists, but we all have one “medium” we can work in: just plain being. Our person, our aliveness, is what we have to sense God and to share God with others. So my message to you, via my father, for Easter Season is heartfelt: “Look alive!”

In Christ’s Love,



Please join us in welcoming our new acolytes.

Allie Clay  
Jack Fossler  
Jordan Parrott  
Hunter Taylor  
T.J. Taylor

### PENTECOST FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the **Day of Pentecost Sunday** service, please complete the form and return to the church office by **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. (see insert)

### **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).



## Vestry Highlights

April 11, 2011

Meeting was opened at 7:05

### **Correspondence: Thank you Letter from Bishop.**

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

**A. Finance/Stewardship (Mary Helen)**— Oil bill lower last month. Investments up somewhat. Christmas in April sign-up sheet in Parish Hall.

**B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie)**—Idea of a Vestry retreat raised– perhaps in September 2011. Organist/Choir Director add placed in News Journal.

**C. Building/Grounds (Allen)**—Work day this Saturday 4/16.

**D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy)**-Adult Ed and Spiritual Life. Lenten program going well.

**E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)**- Sherry is teaching - making butterflies for Easter Sunday. Four youths training for acolytes.

**F. Outreach (Susan)**—Beverly will seek cash donation for food pantry.

**G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy)**—Small crowd but very positive.

**H. Church Growth (Wendy)**—A few new folks visiting our church. Beverly has been in touch with them.

**I. Fellowship**—May/ June activities. Susan Weed party in September.

**J. Brotherhood Report (Charlie)**— Mary Helen– got a bill from Crosslink and we have a new carrier for 2 years. Arnie and Hans worked on change.

**Assignments:** Robanne will help with party planning for Summer.

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## OUR PRAYER LIST

*“The Lord is near...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.”*

*Philippians 4:6*

Sharon Ashlock	Frank Grieten	Rose Perrone	<b><u>Serving Overseas:</u></b>
Lesley Boag	Joe James	Vaughn Potts	Thomas Brady
Jackie Bollinger	Connie Keares	Linda Rawlings	Timothy Hickman
Judy Burkley	Libby Keefer	Bailey Rosenthal	Scott Morgan
Melanie Cooper	Dylan King	Patsy Rouke	Brandon Reasin
Helen Cornacchia	Robert Kirk	David Russ	Chuck Rotenberry
Jesse Cugini	Barbara Klair	Robert Schick	Kevin Savage
Charlie Davidson Sr.,	Holli Krebs	Russell Stobaugh	Sara Wells-Savage
John Dvorak	Edward Lavin	Bunny Sturgill-Martin	Michael Wells
Dan Edwards	Chase Lupica	Jerry Sutton	
Rusann Foster	Rick Maloff	Gerardo Valladares	
Kelly Galyen	Judy Merritt	Lisa Wiegand	
Steven Gold	P.J. Morrison	Angela Zawacki	
Margaret Graham	Ernie Null	Len Zawacki	
Larry Grandstaff	Berk Orr		

## Sunday School



The end of the Church School is almost over – boy how flies when we are learning about the Bible. We would like to thank all of the kids who were in Sunday School. I hope they all had as terrific time as we have had. Let's put on our thinking caps and see what ideas we can come up with for an end of the year activity.

Robanne Palmer & Sherri Calladine



Camp Wright registration is now open.

Camp Wright offers Day Camp, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and week-long Resident

Camp. Diocesan youth are given a special rate for Resident Camp so take advantage of the savings. As well, the Children's Home Foundation is available to consider scholarship opportunities. Camp Wright gives "camperships" to those who are in need; let us know how we can make the camp experience possible to the youth of the diocese. You can find us on the web at [www.campwright.com](http://www.campwright.com); registration forms and information about both Resident and Day Camp is available or call us at 410-643-4171 with questions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Parish Pool Party & Cookout at the Hairs Sunday, July 10th.



*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!*



## Brotherhood News

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their next **Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, June 4th 8:00 a.m.** at Denny's Restaurant, Rt. 40 Elkton, across from the Big Elk Mall. All men and boys are welcome to join us for fine food and fellowship as we plan for parish work days and the September Trinity Yard Sale. Please contact Rich Gilbert with any questions – 410-287-3580,

## 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](mailto:smithwf43@hotmail.com) or by telephone at 410-392-9512 to express and interest in joining Trinity Gardeners for the 2011 Season.

## God's Lawn



Due to work logistics Matt Koenings will not be able to help us this year with grass mowing. He leaves the team with my most sincere thanks for his dedication to this service last season. Thank you Matt!

Thankfully three young men have stepped up to help out this season! Joe Calladine, Matt Gaffney and Alan Proctor will be joining our ranks this summer as apprentice mowers. My hat is off to these teens for taking on this responsibility of helping to care for "God's lawn."

And the more the merrier. Please let me know if you can help, even occasionally, with grass mowing and trimming. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to contribute a little time and a little sweat. Thank You! to all who help with this behind-the-scenes ministry.

Rich Gilbert

# Urban Immersion DC Mission Trip

June 19 - June 23 for 6th - 12th Graders

**OVERVIEW** The group departs in vans from Christ Church, Easton at 4:00 pm on Sunday and heads to St. Alban's in Washington, D.C. We stay in the old rectory building next to the church, located on the grounds of the National Cathedral. Students sleep on the floor so mats or air mattresses are recommended. Boys and Girls sleep in separate areas with separate bathrooms. We eat breakfasts & dinners in the rectory and pack a bagged lunch to go each day. Thursday is our "free day" when we head to Harpers Ferry for a day of fun on the Shenandoah and Potomac. Here we experience tubing or white water rapids. We arrive back at Christ Church at 8:00 pm on Thursday night.

**WHAT WE DO** Each day we rotate through various ministry sites that could include Martha's Table, Charlie's Place, Capital Area Food Bank, Children of Mine School, or Food & Friends. We may prepare & distribute food to the homeless, pack boxes of school supplies, tutor & play with lowincome children, etc! One night we share dinner in an area ethnic restaurant as part of our discussion on diversity and culture. Each night ends with a "debriefing" of the day's events at a local monument or hotspot. The debrief includes biblical discussion, reflections, and lots of prayer. We finish our week with a day trip to Harper's Ferry, WV where we will enjoy a ride on the river with River Riders & visit historic locations.

**COST & PREPARATION** The cost per student of the trip is \$200 all inclusive. This covers transportation, housing, food, & programs. Scholarships of up to \$100 are available upon written request (these requests are kept confidential). Students can raise additional funds by assisting in local fundraisers with their church. Please call the Christ Church office if you have any questions about our mission trip and need a registration form: 410-822-2677. This is an ideal trip for first-time missionaries.

## Donation for Pentecost Flowers

*A Celebration of the Holy Spirit*

*If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday service\*, please complete this form and return it to the church office by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!*

Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Pentecost flowers.

My donation is: (as it is to appear in the bulletin)

in memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

a thank offering for

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*The church will be decorated in red plants and flowers

### *"Fiery Flowers"*

*The Day of Pentecost is one of the great feasts of the church. It is celebrated 50 days after Easter, which falls on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> this year. The feast commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus after his Resurrection. Red is the church color for the Holy Spirit. It symbolizes fire and power. This year we would like to have red flowering plants placed around the church and altar area. We hope that you will consider making a donation for a plant in memory of someone or as a thank offering for someone or something. The latter could be a "thanks" for the movement of the Spirit in your life for understanding and changes that have come through the Spirit.*

*Help us make the fire of the Spirit visible in red flowers!*

# Christmas In April 2011



On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, a team of about two dozen parishioners descended upon fellow-parishioner Nancy Stevenson's house to make it safe, warm, and dry—and prettier, better equipped, and generally in good working order. It was a great day for all the workers, young and old. Nancy was deeply appreciative. Thanks to all who pitched in, and special thanks to Allen Clay for his prep work and expertise and to Charlie Davidson for his organization. The Holy Spirit was in all the hammers, nails, paint, and people!





**8:00 a.m. Service**

**C-B/R**

5/1 Gordon Tozer  
5/8 Marilyn Wardle  
5/15 Gordon Tozer  
5/22 Marilyn Wardle  
5/29 Gordon Tozer



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5/1 Mitzie Snyder  
5/8 Mary Graff  
5/15 Mary Helen Atwood  
5/22 Gordon Tozer  
5/29 Mitzie Snyder

**Usher**

5/1 Paul Arbour Jr. Marilyn Wardle  
5/8 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown  
5/15 Mary Graff, Sam Smith  
5/22 M H Atwood, Gayle Mayo  
5/29 Paul Arbour Jr. , Sam Smith

**Nursery**

5/1 Joan Gaffney  
5/8 Tammy Cox  
5/15 Sherri Calladine  
5/22 Libby Keefer  
5/29 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**

5/1 J.P. Fossler, Andrew Koenings  
5/8 Aaron Derby, Hunter Taylor  
5/15 Allie Clay, J.P. Fossler  
5/22 Christina Bello, Carri Birdsall  
5/29 Hunter Taylor, Erin Clay

**Lector**

5/1 Regina Caffey  
5/8 Ross Lee  
5/15 Jill Magnani  
5/22 Bill Gorak  
5/29 Hans Nafzinger

**C-B/R**

5/1 Heidi White, Allen Clay  
5/8 Kathy Davidson, Margaret Russ  
5/15 Orville Potts, Heidi White  
5/22 Allen Clay, Kathy Davidson  
5/29 Heidi White, Orville Potts,

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5/1 Beth & Matt Koenings  
5/8 Ed Evans  
5/15 Mike Fossler  
5/22 Judy Caffey  
5/29 Debbie McKeown

**Usher**

5/1 Ross Lee, Wendy Gilbert  
5/8 Sherri & David Calladine  
5/15 Rick Burkholder, Mary Katharine Hitchcock  
5/22 Wendy Gilbert, Ross Lee  
5/29 Sherri & David Calladine

**Greeters**

5/1 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer  
5/8 Mary Katharine Hitchcock, Libby Keefer  
5/15 Susan Weed, Kathy Davidson  
5/22 Sherri & David Calladine  
5/29 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

**LOST:** Sterling silver "fish-hook" cross, c. 3" X 4", on 24" chain. Last seen in sacristy on vestment cabinet near the organ side of the room. This was designed and made especially for me, and it means a great deal to me.

Contact: Beverly

# May 2011

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