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**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Rector: *The Rev. Beverly Porteus*

October 2011

## *My Dear Friends in Christ...*

While I was away, I bought myself a lottery ticket. I did not win the 63 million dollar prize. I had no idea in the world what I would do with that kind of money, but (surprise!) it was not going to be a problem.

I am very fortunate because even in economic and relationship ups and downs in my life, from childhood on, I have never felt deprived. I have had a place to live, enough to eat, and access to health care. These are great blessings, far more elusive in some lives than we would like to think.

My brother-in-law, Milton, is suddenly in the middle of a messy divorce. He is very anxious, depressed, and frightened. He has gone from finger-pointing and surprise to (wrongly) assuming the entire blame for all things wrong in his life. His home, family, and job, and perhaps his health, are all in peril.

Milt's family has rallied for him. We have all supported him with listening, counsel, and much needed money. Chris and I have been talking with him for months. Everyone is willing to listen (even when it is non-stop!). We each have some piece of "get help" advice. We tell him to go to a doctor, counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist. We all know how hard it is for an anxiety-paralyzed and depressed person to do something new, see someone new. But he has at least taken the step of calling doctors, getting some mild medications. So I have hope.

But I can see that Milt himself is fresh out of hope. He is the third son of a Bishop in the Episcopal Church, but I have never heard him say the word "God" (except in swearing...). He's no atheist, but he is not talking to or listening to God. He has no reflex to pray. He's okay with me praying for him, but that's about it.

This is painful for him, and for those of us who watch. The grace of knowing (at least somewhere in my heart and head) the desire to pray, how to , is something I (and many of us) take for granted. I get lazy and pray less and less sometimes. But I know, deep inside, that prayer to God is the foundation for all my days, all my actions, all my thoughts.

Teach your children, your grandchildren, to pray. Be conscious of your own need to live your life within the very real sight of God. Be an example—a gentle one—to your friends and family. Prayer is not just a nice, comforting thing. It can be more life changing than any lottery win. It is the key to life with God, and it can feel like rescue from a rip-tide, a ladder from a burning building. Reach out for rescue in prayer.

Faithfully,

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### Finance/Stewardship:

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Discussion included the following topics:

1) Beverly's salary goes from Oct. to Oct. and it is paid for this year.

### Leadership/Pastoral Care/Warden's Report

Bishop Shand is pursuing steps with Diocese to approve Beverly's work relationship with Trinity for another year.

### OUR PRAYER LIST



Sharon Ashlock  
Jacob Asroff  
Lesley Boag  
Jackie Bollinger  
Bill Bulford  
Judy Burkley  
Helen Cornaccia  
Jesse Cugini  
Charlie Davidson Sr.  
Rusann Foster  
Kelly Galyen  
Margaret Graham  
Larry Grandstaff

Russell Holland  
Connie Keares  
Libby Keefer  
Robert Kirk  
Holli Krebs  
Chase Lupica  
Rick Maloff  
Samantha McDermott  
Debbie McKeown  
Emma Moore  
Rose Perrone  
Vaughn Potts  
Linda Rawlings  
Bailey Rosenthal

Patsy Rouke  
David Russ  
Robert Schick  
Russell Stobaugh  
Bunny Sturgill-Martin  
Gerardo Valladares  
Phyllis Webb  
Theresa Wheeler  
Lisa Wiegand  
**Serving Overseas:**  
Thomas Brady  
Kevin Savage  
Sara Wells-Savage  
Michael Wells

## WORKBOARD

Check out the new Work Board in the Parish Hall. It is a simple way of identifying things that need to be done, and pairing them with people that have passion to get them done. If you see something that needs attention, just simply fill out a card and post it on the board. If you would like to help, you can put your name on a job card, just complete the item and remove the card, or come and help us on a scheduled work day. Work days are held on the last Saturday of each month. We start about 8 am and finish when we the work is done (or when we get tired). Lunch is provided for workers, and you can even volunteer to supply lunch if you want!

COME JOIN US!!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

## Sunday School

Our Sunday School is off to a start for the year. We are using lessons from the Thoughtful Christian and ECC. We continue to have only a few students and keep praying for more. All school age students are invited and welcomed to attend. We share topics relevant to today's issues and have ready lessons for little ones, all in the same class!



As always, we ask you prayerfully consider teaching a session of lessons to our youth. Contact Sherri Calladine or Robanne Palmer and we'll be happy to get you on board as a teacher! Thank you for your continued prayers for our program.

~Robanne Palmer

**Trinity Yard Sale** was held on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Thirteen spots were filled, attendance was low as well as vendors. The Camp Scholarship Fund took in \$115. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew had a space and an anonymous donor donated 13.00 to the scholarship fund. Stars & Stripes 4-H Club did the food booth and we donated \$25.00 to the camp scholarship. Next year's tentative date is September 15th.



~Joan Gaffney



## POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, November 6th

5:00pm at the Parish House.

Spiral Ham will be served.

Please bring salad,  
sides or dessert.

Sign-up sheet in back of church.



## Bell Choir

Meeting on Sunday, October 9th  
after the 10:00 am Worship service in  
the choir room. ~Jeff Anderson



COMING SOON

Look for your Stewardship  
Letter in the mail.

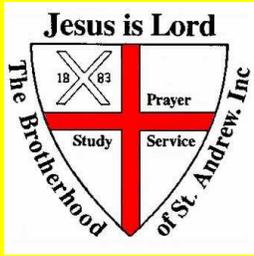
## Inquirers' Class/Confirmation Class



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, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 9, 16, (not the 23rd) 30, November 6, 13, 20th, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in Trinity House.



All are invited to the  
**Brotherhood of St. Andrew**  
**Annual Dinner**  
Thursday, November 10, 2011  
**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.

The evening will start off with cocktails (not included) at 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. All dinners are **\$30.00** per person and include Soup and Salad Bar, Coffee/Tea, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity.

**Chicken Cordon Bleu with Mashed Potato**

**Broiled Salmon with Baked Potato**

**Prime Rib with Baked Potato**

Please RSVP to Gene Clay (410-398-0465) or Hans Nafzinger (410-620-4644) with menu choices by October 30th. Please make checks payable to **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**. Reservations can also be mailed to Gene Clay at 24 Knollwood Rd., Elkton MD 21921.

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**Brotherhood of St. Andrew 2011 Annual Dinner Reservation Slip**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choices:

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_

**8 a.m. Service**

**C-B/R**

10/2 Marilyn Wardle  
10/9 Gordon Tozer  
10/16 Marilyn Wardle  
10/23 Gordon Tozer  
10/30 Marilyn Wardle

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10/2 Mitzie Snyder  
10/9 Mary Graff  
10/16 Gordon Tozer  
10/23 Mary Helen Atwood  
10/30 Mitzie Snyder

**Usher**

10/2 M.H. Atwood, Gayle Mayo  
10/9 Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith  
10/16 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown  
10/23 Marilyn Wardle, Gayle Mayo  
10/30 Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith

**Altar Guild**

October- Cheryl Lee  
Sherri Calladine

**Nursery**

10/2 Joan Gaffney  
10/9 Tammy Cox  
10/16 Sherri Calladine  
10/23 Libby Keefer  
10/30 Tammy Cox



*Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
at 9:00 AM  
in Trinity House.  
We will study the  
lessons for the  
following Sunday.*

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**Acolytes**

10/2 Erin Clay, Jack Fossler  
10/9 J.P. Fossler, Aaron Derby  
10/16 Jordyn Parrott, Allie Clay  
10/23 Aaron Derby, Erin Clay  
10/30 Christina Bello, T. J. Taylor

**Lector**

10/2 Hans Nafzinger  
10/9 Bill Gorak  
10/16 Ross Lee  
10/23 Jill Magnani  
10/30 Hans Nafzinger

**C-B/R**

10/2 Allen Clay, Margaret Russ  
10/9 Kathy Davidson, Orville Potts  
10/16 Mary Morrison, Heidi White  
10/23 Heidi White, Allen Clay  
10/30 Kathy Davidson, Margaret Russ

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10/2 Mike Fossler  
10/9 Judy Caffey  
10/16 Debbie McKeown  
10/23 Ed Evans  
10/30 Janice Potts

**Usher**

10/2 Dita Wright, Kim Cline  
10/9 Sherri and David Calladine  
10/16 Charlie Davidson, M.K. Hitchcock  
10/23 Mike Caffey, Rick Burkholder  
10/30 Wendy Gilbert, Ross Lee

**Greeter**

10/2 Kathy Davidson  
10/9 Libby Keefer  
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10/30 M.K. Hitchcock

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