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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November 2011

My Dear Friends in Christ...

As most of you know (because of the announcement at services on 10/23), I will be leaving Trinity for full retirement on Sunday, January 8th. While the past sixteen years working with you have been a great joy, and all of you are very dear to me, I no longer have the stamina I once had; I am beginning to feel my nearly 65 years. I am looking forward to a more leisurely pace and to more time with my husband, Chris, who retired with disabilities nearly two years ago.

I am going to miss all of you and this lovely worship setting very much. It has been an extraordinary gift to work with such a beautiful community of beautiful people.

You will be left in good hands. The Vestry will be working with Bishop Shand and Canon Heather Cook to keep Trinity on track, moving forward, while the work of transition goes on. You have a strong, faithful, and caring Vestry looking after the parish. Charlie Davidson is a very able and committed Senior Warden, and Carol Cummings knows the day by day workings of Trinity very well. Fortunately, we were able to welcome a new Music Director, Jeff Anderson, before this transition began.

I am glad we have some time to say our goodbyes, as poignant as they may be. You are always in my prayers.

In Christ,

A WORD FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN...

Transitions between pastors are not always as easy and fast as parishes would like, but we have good reason to hope that Trinity will be in good, concerned hands over the months ahead. Bishop Shand came to meet with the Vestry on Wednesday, October 19. At that meeting, Beverly announced that she would be leaving Trinity in early January for full retirement (she has been working $\frac{3}{4}$ time since last October). After sixteen years of ministry with Beverly, we will surely miss her, and we will have chances to make our goodbyes before she leaves. In the meantime, please know that your Vestry and I are ready, able, and hopeful as we begin this pastoral transition time.

Bishop Shand, who has been a good friend to Trinity over the years, as well as a good friend and colleague of our rector, assured the Vestry that he and Canon Heather Cook were very experienced in the transition process—32 parishes have gone through it since Bud became Bishop! He assured the Vestry that we would have coverage for our worship services and pastoral care as we move forward. The Diocese will guide us every step of the way to finding a new pastor.

The Vestry is committed to God's work in this parish. Carol Cummings, our Parish Secretary, is hard-working and talented, and she knows the inner workings of day-to-day life at Trinity. We ask your prayers and whatever help you can lend for a smooth transition to the next stage in Trinity's life as a people and place of God.

Bishop Shand will visit Trinity February 12th for our yearly confirmation service. This year we have asked him to participate in our yearly Congregational meeting to provide his guidance regarding our transition plan to a new rector. To combine these two activities, we have moved our Congregational meeting normally held the end of January to February 12th, 2012. Please plan to attend both events.

~ Charlie Davidson

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership/Pastoral Care/Warden's Report

Bishop Shand discussed how Trinity will proceed after Beverly's retirement

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Russell Holland
Connie Keares
Libby Keefer
Holli Krebs
Laurie Loveless
Chase Lupica
Samantha McDermott
Emma Moore
Rose Perrone
Vaughn Potts
Linda Rawlings
Bailey Rosenthal

Patsy Rouke
David Russ
Robert Schick
Russell Stobaugh
Bunny Sturgill-Martin
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, NOVEMBER 26TH

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.



Holiday Turkeys Needed

The holidays are just around the corner. As in the past, the food pantry would like to have turkeys available for families in need. If you would like to donate a turkey or oven stuffer chicken, please contact Goldie Cook at 410-620-0040. We would like to start giving turkeys out in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for all of your assistance during the entire year. We couldn't do this work without everyone's help.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School program continues to meet 9:45am in the Parish House upstairs loft. The children are enjoying lessons from "The Thoughtful Christian." The last few weeks we have talked about bullying, finding meaning in music, and technology. We are in need of at least one new teacher to help divide the school year in more manageable portions for Sherri and Robanne. One three month session is all that is asked and we'll be happy to do some on the job training!



In the next few weeks the students will be working with Jeff, our new music director, on Christmas!

Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School Program!

~Robanne Palmer



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



The Sunday before Thanksgiving has been designated Children's Home Foundation Sunday. Once a year an appeal is made to our Diocesan Family and Friends for support. Since 1959

scholarships have been given to countless number of students seeking career and technical training. Also, we have made grants to non-traditional students who may need retraining for a more technologically intense workplace. Currently we have 17 students from Cecil County attending classes for nursing (our largest group), early childhood ed (our second largest), automotive diesel, criminal justice, medical billing etc. The nine counties of the Diocese on the Eastern Shore have a total of 101 students enrolled for a total of \$162,145.00. Camper-ships are available on a limited basis to our young people who otherwise would not be able to have a camping experience. This summer, three of our Trinity youth benefited from camper-ships.

We realize the difficult financial times we face, however, every dollar we receive helps to educate our youth who would not otherwise be able to get the education for a fulfilling career. The Foundation is managed by volunteers from each of our churches in the Diocese.

We ask for your prayers and support. Checks are to be payable to: Children's Home Foundation. Addressed envelopes will be in the back of the church or you may see Beverly or myself.

Thank you for your consideration.

~Diane Hair

Thanksgiving Eve Service

*Holy Eucharist will be held on Wednesday,
November 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity, followed by
dessert and coffee in the Parish Hall.*

Childcare provided.



Russ's Angels

would like to thank the members of Trinity who supported them in donations and by joining the team. Your support to END Alzheimer's is appreciated by the Russ Sisters and the Alzheimer's Association.

Total donations have not been processed through the bank but

we raised **over \$3,600** as a team.

It was a beautiful day and a great team.

As you can see we had many Trinity members on the team.

~Margaret



Ministry Schedule November 2011

8 a.m. Service

C-B/R

11/6 Gordon Tozer
11/13 Marilyn Wardle
11/20 Gordon Tozer
11/27 Marilyn Wardle

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11/6 Mary Graff
11/13 Gordon Tozer
11/20 Mary Helen Atwood
11/27 Gordon Tozer

Usher

11/6 Marilyn Wardle, Gayle Mayo
11/13 Mary Graff, Paul Arbour Jr.,
11/20 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown
11/27 Sam Smith, Mary Graff

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes

11/6 J.P. Fossler, Jack Fossler
11/13 Hunter Taylor, Carri Birdsall
11/20 Aaron Derby, Jordyn Parrott
11/23 Erin Clay, Allie Clay - Thanksgiving Eve.
11/27 T. J. Taylor, Christina Bello

Lector

11/6 Bill Gorak
11/13 Ross Lee
11/20 Jill Magnani
11/23 Hans Nafzinger- Thanksgiving Eve.
11/27 Bill Gorak

C-B/R

11/6 Orville Potts, Ross Lee
11/13 Mary Morrison, Heidi White
11/20 Margaret Russ, Orville Potts
11/23 Margaret Russ, Allen Clay-Thanksgiving Eve.
11/27 Kathy Davidson, Ross Lee

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11/6 Mike Fossler
11/13 Judy Caffey
11/20 Debbie McKeown
11/23 Ed Evans -Thanksgiving Eve.
11/27 Janice Potts

Usher

11/6 Dita Wright, Kim Cline
11/13 M.K. Hitchcock, Charlie Davidson
11/16 Wendy Gilbert, Ross Lee
11/23 Mike Caffey, Rick Burkholder-Thanksgiving Eve.
11/27 M.K. Hitchcock, Charlie Davidson

Greeter

11/6 Libby Keefer
11/13 Kathy Davidson
11/20 Sherri & David Calladine
11/27 Kathy Davidson



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

Altar Guild

November Mitzie Snyder
Tricia Smith

Nursery

11/6 Joan Gaffney
11/13 Tammy Cox
11/20 Sherri Calladine
11/27 Libby Keefer

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