



Trinity Tidings February 2009

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From the Rector:

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, the camellias next to the Church office were covered with thousands of absolutely spectacular pink blossoms. Thanks to the work of the Parish Activities Commission (aka, Cathy and Mike Dodds and Sharon Hoze), the parish hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas. And the church, thanks to the work of Sharon Weathersby, Jo Walker, and Susan and Jessica Smith, was magnificently bedecked with spectacular greenery. All of this beauty was in contrast to the cold, gray, dreary (and short) days that characterized much of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. The greenery is gone, the camellias have faded, and the parish hall has returned to normal. But outside it remains cold and dreary. For a couple of days a few weeks ago it was almost warm, and I stood outside in the church yard and watched the chameleons and the squirrels sun themselves. But the sun didn't last long. Within a day or two, we returned to gray.

The dreariness and short days of winter sap our energy and tax our enthusiasm. Many of us get up and go to work before the sun comes up, and often return home before it goes down. And in between, the grayness of these winter days seems to make time itself irrelevant, as there is no way to tell the time by the shadows or position of the sun. At home, it seems that sitting with the cat in my lap, pretending to read a book is the only good thing to do. And the cat, with her expectant eyes, and quiet, pleading meow, thinks so too.

But, then I come into the church and look around. And while the greenery of Christmas is gone, I find myself energized by the very walls of the church. Those walls contain the energy of the hundreds of people who call Trinity “home.” I have found that the energy in these walls has the power to shake me out of my doldrums, and to re-energize my batteries.

A church is *not* a building or a set of programs. It is *people* in relationship with God and with each other. It is *people* living into the gospel as they understand it, sharing that good news as they are able, and creating something that is Godly and divine, but also very human.

Church is absolutely dependent on its people. Trinity depends on *you* to build up the Body of Christ in our area of the world. It depends on *you* to participate in ministry. Even though we may feel spiritually or emotionally drained – like we feel physically drained during this dreary time of year – it is incumbent on all of us to remember that the work of ministry cannot occur unless *we* make it happen. And without the ministry of the people, Trinity will be just another pretty building.

Right now, Trinity needs several people to volunteer to serve various ministries. We need ushers and greeters, especially for the 10:30 a.m. service, and we especially need someone to volunteer to serve as usher coordinator for the 10:30 service. The growth of our church is hugely dependent on attracting and retaining young families with children. With the recent retirement of our two volunteer Sunday School teachers (who have faithfully done this ministry for 8 years), we are in great need of replacement teachers. We also need someone to serve as chair of the Education Commission. For the upcoming Council meeting we need adult volunteers for the Episcopal Youth who will be using Trinity for Youth Council; we also need volunteers to serve in the nursery at the closing Eucharist at Council on Sunday, February 8. In addition to these needs, we routinely need people who will serve as ushers, lectors, acolytes, chalice bearers, and other ministries that support our worship services.

2009 is an important year for Trinity and we need more dedicated, enthusiastic people to continue the hard work of building our parish and serving God’s people. We have much work to do, and we need *some* of your time, knowledge, skills, passion, and leadership. Your church needs *you!*

If you read a request for help in *The Weekly Grail* or in *The Trinity Tidings*, or receive a call from someone asking for your help, please remember your call to discipleship, and volunteer to serve, and then keep that commitment. If you've already agreed to serve in some capacity, but find that spiritual doldrums or complacency are keeping you from meeting that obligation, please re-evaluate that decision in light of the Church as a Holy Institution of God's people doing God's work.

Remember, the sun will eventually break through the clouds; and the days will become

longer and
energy to reju-



warmer. Let the Son in you shine forth and provide the
venate Trinity.

Daughters of the King

The February meeting of Daughters of the King has been changed to **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Change of Date for Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on February 16, at 5:15 p.m.

Tidings Deadline

Deadline for the February 2009 Tidings is February 20. Please turn in articles to the church office or email to trinitytidings@hotmail.com.

Change in Vestry Meeting Date

The February vestry meeting will be held on February 18, at 5:15 p.m.

Hymns for February

February 1

- 569: God the Omnipotent! King who ordaineth
- 437: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
- 449: O love, how deep, how broad, how high
- 593: Lord, make us servants of your peace
- 493: O for a thousand tongues to sing

February 8

Diocesan Council at Lake Terrace Convention Center

- 390: Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation
- 410: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
- 529: In Christ there is no east or west
- 178: Alleluia , alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
- 321: O God, thou table now is spread
- 333: Now the silence, now the peace
- 618: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

February 15

- 546: Awake my soul, stretch every nerve
- 1: Father, we praise thee, now the night is over
- 658: As long as the deer for cooling streams
- 635: If thou but trust in God to guide thee
- 616: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

February 22

- 135: Songs of thankfulness and praise
- 7: Christ whose glory fills the sky
- 137: O wondrous type! O vision fair
- 133: O Light of Light, Love given birth
- 618: Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Abbreviated Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Vestry Meeting

Landscape Maintenance Proposal. The proposal presented by Mr. Leighton Lewis last month was discussed. The vestry elected to postpone making a decision on this proposal until the previous contract and the proposed contract were distributed to the vestry. The proposed contract will then be discussed at the January vestry meeting.

Called meeting of the Vestry. There will be a called meeting on Wednesday, January 21st to approve the budget and discuss the Landscape Proposal. Mr. Leighton Lewis, Jr. will be asked to attend the meeting to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Pledge Status for 2008 and 2009

There is still approximately \$75,000 in unpaid pledges for 2008. The pledged amount for 2009 currently stands at \$257,000 which is approximately \$95,000 less than last year. This amount will be updated prior to the called January meeting.

Preliminary Proposed Budget for 2009. Dr. Carmichael distributed a proposed budget which was created by Mr. Leighton Lewis, Sr. This budget is proposed for a budget of \$250,000. Dr. Carmichael feels that more money will be pledged and we will wait to approve a budget until January 21st.

Compensation Review Committee Report for 2009. The Compensation Review Committee recommended 2% raises for the church secretary, Mrs. Linda Trussell, the church treasurer, Mrs. Jan Moore, and the Choirmaster/Organist, Mrs. Jane Butler. No Christmas bonuses will be given this year due to lack of funds. The Finance Committee approved the report above. The vestry approved the recommendation

AIDS Coalition donation. The AIDS Coalition is aware that Trinity will no longer provide \$200 per month.

Diocesan Pledge. The percentage that Trinity will pledge to the Diocese in 2009 is 5% of the budgeted amount of \$250,000. This percentage was submitted to the Diocese in December. It will be paid monthly at the rate of 5% of what is collected. As of November, we still owe toward the 2008 Diocesan Pledge.

2009 Annual Council. A meeting of Ascension and Trinity personnel was held with Mrs. Katherine Weathersby-McCormick. Several committee chairs were appointed. Mrs. Barbara Parker is completing the backdrop behind the altar. Council will be held February 6-8 at Lake Terrace Convention Center. Set up will be on Thursday, Feb 5th.

Financial Report. Dr. Carmichael distributed the financial report. At the end of November we still had \$10,000 in the bank. Total assets are down just a little. There is not much variation in the items listed. Pledge income for 2008 is down by about \$75,000. Funds listed under the Honduras Medical Mission will be forwarded to St. Phillips Church in Jackson. The vestry approved the financial report.

Fr. Stroop's job search. Fr. Stroop has been unable to make his report because he was practicing for the Christmas pageant.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at three different services on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Services will be at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. There will be no 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service on this day.

Garth—The Church Cat





Mardi Gras Luncheon

There will be a Mardi Gras luncheon at Trinity on Sunday, February 22. It will begin after the 10:30 service. Further details will be available in the Grail at a later date.

New Vestry Members Elected

Marilyn McDaniel and Mary Moore Conville are the newly elected vestry members. They replace outgoing members Cathy Dodds and Bob Brahan. Jeff Bowman was elected Junior Warden, replacing Peter Ciurczak.

Vestry Member Terms

Fr. Bill Stroop 06, 07, 08

Ben Carmichael 08, 09, Senior Warden

Jeff Bowman 09, Jr. Warden

Bobby J.Giles, Vestry Clerk 99-07, 08, 09

Anna Laura Brett 07, 08, 09

Mary Moore Conville 09, 10, 11

Burn Curry 07, 08, 09

Marilyn McDaniel 09, 10, 11

Troy McIntyre 07, 08, 09

Jimmy McKenzie 08, 09, 10

Pam Napier 08, 09, 10

Marie Pope 08, 09, 10

Chris Tardy 07, 08, 09, 10

February 8 Services

There will be **no** church services at Trinity on February 8. Instead, Holy Eucharist will be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center at 10 a.m. This service is part of the Annual Council Meeting being held February 6 to 8 at the convention center.

Volunteers Needed for Council

Anyone interested in helping with Council in any capacity, please contact Linda Trussell at Trinity, 601-544-5551.

Trinity Church

February, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Coffee Hour 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Rectors Forum 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 5:00 pm EYC</p>	<p>2 8:45 am EFM 9:30 am Pine Meadows Service</p>	<p>3 2:00 pm Centering Prayer 5:15 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4 9:30 am HE & Healing 10:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff meeting 5:30 pm Microindustry Mission Mtg. 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 Set up for Council 5-6:30 pm Zeus Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 182nd Annual Council at the Lake Terrace Convention Center Youth Council at Trinity</p>	<p>7 182nd Annual Council at the Lake Terrace Convention Center 2:00 pm Diocesan Choir Rehearsal Youth Council at Trinity</p>
<p>8 NO SERVICES AT TRINITY 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal at Lake Terrace Convention 182nd Annual Council at the Lake Terrace Convention Center 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Service at Lake Terrace Convention Center</p>	<p>9 8:45 am EFM 9:30 am Pine Meadows Service 1:30 pm St. Anne's Guild</p>	<p>10 2:00 pm Centering Prayer 5:15 pm Bible Study 5 – 6:30 pm Zeus Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 9:30 am HE & Healing 10:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff meeting 5:30 pm Daughters of the King 5:30 pm Microindustry Mission Mtg. 6:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 11:45 am St. Francis Guild 6:30 –9:30 pm Zeus Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 HAPPY VALENTINE DAY</p>
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<p>22 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Coffee Hour 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am Rectors Forum 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 11:30: am Mardi Gras Luncheon in Parish Hall 5:00 pm EYC</p>	<p>23 8:45 am EFM 9:30 am Pine Meadows Service</p>	<p>24 2:00 pm Centering Prayer 5:15 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>25 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 am HE & Ashes 12:15 pm HE & Ashes 5:30 pm HE & Ashes 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Dorothy Williamson
- 3 B. J. Lambert
- 4 Betty McSwain
Jarrod Adam Hood
- 5 Katherine Adams
Kinsey Bellinger
Shay Curry
- 7 Hugh Sutherland
- 8 Mecklin Stevens
Marsha Lamb
- 10 Michelle Heidelberg
- 12 Jeanie Puckett
- 14 David Harris
Kevin G. Klauk
- 15 Kate Darby
- 16 Hitch Thomson
Jennifer Landry
- 18 Mary Tatum
Mary Deane McInnis
Ben Saucier
- 19 Thomas Nobles
- 20 Tommy Pope
- 21 Nanette Stevens
- 23 Ann Poole
- 24 Joel Keller
- 25 Douglas Montague
- 26 Scott Lightsey
- 27 Benjamin Luke Hartley
- 28 B. J. Andrade
- 29 Charlene Weaver

Please pray for those who have asked our prayers:

Bobby & Betty Steadman
Betty & Charlene McSwain
Bettie Webb
Sharon Weathersby
Angie McMillen
Pat Green
Josh DeLancey
Curt Weaver
Jo Bissell
Mary Deane McInnis
Kay Tallirico
Dessa Hinton
Gerald Morris
Ellen Ciurczak
Coco Sutherland
Tom Fry
Kathryn Brumfield
Edwina Grimsley
Jan May
Earlene Ledford
John Friedman
Sandy Lee
Joy Smith
Grant Oden
Denise Brown
Nicole Marquez
Howard Walker
Nancy Bryant
Carol North
Paul Ruff
Mary Byrd
Eddie Hendrix
Caden Allen
Fred Wilson
Kenley Baker
Sonya Martin
Ned McInnis
Tommy Thompson

Our homebound and retirement home residents:

Marge West
Kathryn M. Jones
Willana Price
S. Mortimer Wainwright
Eloise Gray
Bobby Steadman

For our men & women serving our country:

Airman John O. Sutherland
Blake Heidelberg
Kevin Lewis
Major Beau Eidt
Joseph Duncan
Major Patrick Walden
SFC Shawn Walden
Paul Waldoff
Sr. Airman Rian Eason
Wesley Prevsch (Former Trinity Play School Student)

For our Seminarian

Jody Burnett

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INCORRECTLY OR OMITTED, PLEASE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.***