

Trinity Tidings

November 2009

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Evening Prayer

The Rev. Marian D. Fortner, Priest in Charge

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

At clergy conference a couple of weeks ago, our bishop spoke of forming ongoing relationships with companion dioceses. We now have four: Honduras, Panama, one in Uganda, and one forming in the Sudan. Bishop Gray hopes to have each church in Mississippi working directly with one of the four in the months and years to come.

Some of you have already participated in meaningful ways in the Honduras Medical Mission over the years, either by packing pills, donations, or serving on one or more missions. With Teach Them to Fish, the Trinity outreach program I will say more about below, Trinity is already well into shaping the ties that bind with this companion diocese.

I learned more about Teach Them to Fish at an Outreach Commission meeting a week ago. As many of you know, the ministry was the creative idea of John Delancey, born after one of his trips to on the Medical Mission. Wishing to do more, John, along with Chris Tardy, began making

glass ornaments and hangings that eventually translated into materials that were used to teach Episcopalians in Omoa, Honduras, stained glass craft and the beginning of jewelry making skills.

John, Chris, and a few others meet at the church each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. to create the pieces for firing. They are currently making Christmas ornaments for sale soon at Trinity.

Their work is tucked away in one of the Sunday School rooms that just happens to be next to the choir practice room. I wandered down after work one afternoon last week and discovered Jo Walker and Jane Lee (from Ascension), along with John, quietly working. They welcomed me in, helped me get started, and soon I was totally absorbed in the process of sifting through broken shards, trying to imagine what they could become on a three-inch square of clear glass. We talked quietly while the choir's muted voices poured through the walls and into our art. It was quite wonderful.

If you are looking for way to unwind at the end of a busy day, come share an hour or so with these quiet workers on Wednesday. "The lifting up of our hands" to create, the choir, the quiet, the communion with one another, the connection with the people of Honduras, all combine for an evening prayer of a different kind.

"Get Your Can To Church" Sunday

November 1

Congratulations

to Curry Fletcher, who was the sophomore Homecoming Maid at Mississippi State University.

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to Susan Rutland, and Richard and Debbie Thomson and families on the death of their uncle, Charles Hood Heidelberg; to Mike, Lou, Chris, and Maxwell Bonner on the death of Lou's mother Betty Smith; to Gale Saenz and Gibson Smith and their families on the death of their uncle, Paul B. Smith.

**BUSY DAY AT TRINITY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS, turn clocks back 1 hour Saturday night when you go to bed.

ALL SAINTS DAY, we want to remember all the parishioners and relatives of parishioners who have died the past year (**November 1, 2008 to November 1, 2009**). Please put the name of your relative(s) that you would like to be remembered in an envelope in the collection basket or bring it by the church office.

DEDICATION OF OUR NEW COLUMBARIUM at the end of the 10:30 service.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL immediately following the 10:30 service.

MERRY MARTHAS "SALLY'S STORE", will be selling their special holiday dressing during the Fall Festival.

EVENSONG SERVICE at 5:00 p.m. in the church.

EYC

The EYC (8th thru 12th graders) will meet at the Fortner's every Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. EYC will not meet Sunday, November 22 due to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Trinity

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Each year, thirteen Hattiesburg churches come together for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. This year Trinity will be hosting this special service on Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars to help us host this wonderful time of thanksgiving with our fellow churches

USM Football Tailgating Party **Saturday, November 21**

Gene Byrd has a tailgate spot for all home games at the end of Bond Hall facing Golden Eagle Drive on the NE corner of Pride Field. He would like to use it as a Trinity gathering spot before each game. Anyone from Trinity is welcome to attend and he is also running the Trinity van back and forth from Mississippi Limb and Brace (6086 US HWY 49S). He needs volunteers to set up the tent on Friday evenings and help to set up the food tables and chairs on Saturday mornings. If you are able to help Gene or have any questions, please call him or email him at gene.byrd@gmail.com

601-520-6776 or 601-582-9900.

Microwave Needed

If anyone has a workable microwave that you no longer need, it could be of great use at Trinity.

Best Wishes

to Kate Tardy and Darren Webster, who were married August 28, 2009 in Sydney, Australia.

Play School Openings

There are a few openings in the 4 and 2 year old classes in the Play School. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them call Ree Brahan at 601-582-2333.

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2009

Pledges

MTD Budgeted	\$23,844.50	YTD Budgeted	\$214,600.50
MTD Actual	\$16,008.50	YTD Actual	\$203,078.94
Difference	- \$ 7,836.00	Difference	- \$11,521.56

Good news! Trinity's financial situation is looking much better! We still have a significant amount of pledge money that needs to come in by the end of the year but when I see all the deposits Linda is able to make, I know we will meet our obligations.

We are over budget on utilities for the year by \$3,453.39. Jeff and Pam are working to replace bulbs, dimmer switches, and a hot water heater that will lower our future energy use. We have contributions of \$4815 to put toward replacing air conditioning/heating units with new units. Linda has done an excellent job of cutting office expenses so that we are under budget by \$2,686.00.

Our stewardship campaign is underway, and I am updating the charts each week that you see in the narthex and parish hall. Remember to send in your pledge cards and let's meet both our financial goal and our goal of 100% participation by Trinity families.

Music at Trinity

You are cordially invited to a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, Nov.1, at 5:00 P.M. Music of J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, C.V. Stanford and Herbert Howells will be offered in memory of parishioners and friends of Trinity who have died during the past year. Please invite your friends, families and neighbors to join with us in our continuing celebration of All Saints' Day. A reception will follow the service in the parish hall.

Hymns for November

November 1

- 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones
- 293 I sing a song of the saints of God
- 286 Who are these like stars appearing
- 560 Remember your servants, Lord
- 287 For all the saints who from their labor rest



November 8

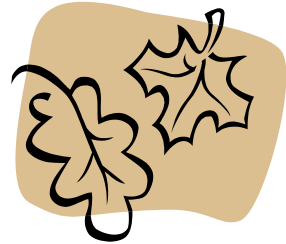
- 9 Not here for high and holy things
- 686 Come thou fount of every blessing
- 328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
- 705 As those of old their first fruits brought
- 58 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

November 15

- 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth
- 613 Thy kingdom come, O God
- 601 O day of God, draw nigh
- 665 All my hope on God is founded
- 48 Oh day of radiant gladness

November 22

74 Blest be the King whose coming
555 Lead on, O King eternal
435 At the Name of Jesus
324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
494 Crown him with many crowns



November 29

57 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending
640 Watchman, tell us of the night
454 Jesus came adored by angels
61 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us
73 The King shall come when morning comes

Alternative School Students Meet Author

Thanks to Trinity parishoners and USM, the children attending Mary Bethune School met noted author and poet Jimmy Santiago Baca. **Stacey Ready** arranged for USM to accommodate the children for a conversation with Mr. Baca in the art museum, in a panel setting that included Christopher Buckhalter and a faculty member from criminal justice. **Beth and Clark Callahan** made sure that they were well-fed.

Mr. Baca, winner of many prestigious awards including the National Book Award, was brought to USM by Dr. Kay Harris of the USM English Department for an Honors Series presentation. His life has spanned crime, drugs, prison, solitary confinement and the breakthrough experience of writing as an alternate way to be himself. His interaction with the students was straightforward and they responded with respect and empathy.

We can all be proud to have provided this opportunity for our “adopted students.” Thanks to the Vestry, the Honors College, and Dr. Jeannie Gillespie, Mr. Roy Lunceford of the Baptist Student Union, Dr. Harris, Mrs. Cassandra Brown and Mrs. Jacque Binion of Mary Bethune, Joe Paul and Beejee Dickson for the parts they had in bringing about this meeting of minds.

EARLY DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The deadline for your December Tidings news is Friday, November 13 and for your January 2010 news Friday, December 11. Thank you for your cooperation with these changes. The folding dates for the Tidings will be November 18 and December 16.

Please email your information to trinitytidings@hotmail.com

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close at noon Wednesday, November 25 and will reopen Monday November 30 at 8:30 a.m.