

<u>Tidings</u>

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: The Rev. Beverly Porteus

August 2010

My Dear Friends in Christ...

The other day a very nice person new to holy orders ask me, very seriously, if I would be a "mentor" to her as she began her parish ministry. My first thought was-"of course!" But right behind it was "Yikes! I'm officially old - I'm a mentor."

Perhaps the real thought was the realization that several wonderful people who have been mentors (or "elders", or "teachers") to me have passed away over the past 10 years. One was a priest. One was a doctor. And one was an actor, and one worked at Revlon (and kept me in collagen for years). These were people who offered to tell me what they thought, to tell me the truth, when I came to them with questions or problems. Most of them were my friends, as well as mentors.

A mentor, generally, is someone with experience and proven good sense, who is willing to give advice and share learnings with someone who is new to a field of study or an occupation. It turns out that to be a Christian, to be part of the Body of Christ, to be seeking God everyday, we all need a helper, a wiser friend. You probably can name at least one in your life. When we are "dry" and unable to pray, someone has to tell us it will pass and help us find the "living water" of God. When we are confused because of losses, grief, and unfairness, we need someone to stand next to us and see our pain, but also reassure us that we will regain our footing.

And eventually, most likely, it will be our turn to listen and share wisdom with another. Church is a lot of things; a place of worship, a place of genuine fellowship, a source of many avenues of service. But most of all it is the people of God, in all sorts of conditions, supporting and helping each other in what we hold to be the most important work, the most important journey, of our lives: seeking the way to the Kingdom of God in this world and the next.

Faithfully,

Beverly+

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, December 5th. 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 10, 17, 24, and 31st, November 7 & 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in Trinity House.

Rector's Vacation—Friday, August 27th – Saturday, September 18th. The Reverend David Robinson will cover services for the three Sundays (8/29, 9/5, and 9/12).

Sharon Ashlock Jackie Bollinger Donna Bosmeny Pat Breza Judy Burkley Helen Cornacchia Donna Cottle Jesse Cugini **Andy Demers** Dan Edwards Mike Fossler Sr. Frank Grieten Rosemary Hurley Nona Janks Connie Keares Libby Keefer Robert Kirk Barry Lumley Jacob Masters Hilda McAndrews Martha Nichols **Ernie Null** Orlando Otev Thomas Paoletti Linda Rawlings Mary Riordan Art Rossi Patsy Rouke **David Russ** Robert Schick Mark Stein Russell Stobaugh Jerry Sutton Lisa Wiegand Men & Women **Serving Overseas:** Timothy Hickman Scott Morgan **Brandon Reasin** Kevin Savage Sara Wells-Savage Michael Shrout Michael Wells

July 12 ,,2010 Vestry Highlights

Meeting was opened at 7:05

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting approved as presented? Yes

Correspondence: None

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

- **A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)** Church pension news: 2nd attempt resulted in No. They sent a request for Chris Porteus's records possibly to revisit Trinity's request. Reviewed Treasurer's report. Mary Helen has not yet had to go to Money Market funds. Motion approved to accept Treasurer's Report.
- **B.** Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) Warden's report: nothing to report. For Beverly's vacation: David Robinson to be supply priest.
- **C. Building/Grounds (Allen)** 1) Roof repair to start in the middle of July. 2) Parking lot issue-Dr's patients are parking in church's spots. Secretary & pastor have spoken with doctor. Trinity will put No parking Will be towed sign. 3) Rear light bulbs in church to be replaced this week. 4) Work day on July 24th.
- **D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret**)-1)Worship Committee to meet August 1st. Flavia and Beverly will report to committee on results of song sources. Will talk with choir and congregation before making purchases. 2) 9:00 service is going well. 3) Guest preacher on Sunday, July 18th.
- **E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)** We will keep Sunday School as it is. Classes to be combined into one. 1st Sundays: Idea: Sunday School kids & Youth to meet together on 1st Sunday of each month.
- **F. Outreach (Susan)** Nothing to report. Next Community Kitchen for Trinity is in August.
- **G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy)** —No report at this time.
- **H. Church Growth (Wendy)** 1) Sign is ready to be painted. Volunteers to meet this Saturday to start. 2) Grow team meeting is tentatively set for 8/8.
- **I. Fellowship (Mary Helen)** —Picnic at Susan Weed. Date 9/19.
- **J. Brotherhood Report**—(**David Calladine**) nothing to report.

CALLING ALL

TRINITY GARDENERS

Monday's @ 9:30 A.M. Anyone who has 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to help us. This would be of GREAT help to the Gardeners.



Sunday School

Hello from Sunday School~ our program ended in June with a special children's message from Pastor Beverly and a few gifts for the children, youth and teachers. We held a planning meeting July 11 and will do so again July 25 to brainstorm ideas for next year. We would like to find a way to provide meaningful programs to both our children in Sunday School and to our Youth who have "graduated" from weekly classes yet still need guidance and continued learning experiences.

There were lots of suggestions and we are open to learning more from parents and teens about how they would like to participate in Trinity Church life. Please consider attending, even if you do not have children, but have some fresh ideas, our July 25 meeting.

We would like to thank Cheryl Lee for her years of dedication and teaching for the Sunday School and wish her well as she finds other ways to serve Trinity. Members who would like to teach a session of Sunday School are encouraged to contact either Sherri Caladine or Robanne Palmer.

As always, we are appreciative of your continued prayers for our Sunday School program, our students and teachers.

~Sherri Caladine and Robanne Palmer

SUMMER READING!

There are several simplified ways to read the New Testament, among them:

The Message--The New Testament in Contemporary Language, Eugene H. Peterson,
Navaho Press (Amazon.com price for paperback is \$6.99, hardback has larger print
but costs more). This version is for adults and older youth. Another way to go, for
children and "teens," is The Illustrated Bible: The New Testament. This version might
suit some older youth and adults--it's presented like a comic book. Amazon hardcover price: \$13.59.
For the very young, there are several illustrated Bible story books, most very good, to be found at
Borders, Family Christian Stores, and on Amazon.com.



"Trinity Sign Renovation – The good news is that the sign board painting is well underway. As of this writing all the wood is sanded and primed, and all the engraved lettering painting is complete ("Thank You!" to Sherri, Mary Helen and Wendy). The red board color has begun and looks great! The bad news is that it takes a couple weeks cure times between the color and the up-coming clear, protective coat, and another few weeks before the next clear coat can go on. So don't hold your breath, but know that the sign is coming along and will last a long, long time! Thanks for your continuing patience as we work on this improvement. Rich Gilbert

Parish Picnic



The parish picnic will be held after the 10:00a.m. service on September 19th at the home of Susan Weed. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish House. Come and have some fun!

Diocese of Easton NetsforLife Campaign

ONE NET

Goal: 1,000 nets - 100% participation

saves three lives

If 100% of parishes contribute, we can more than meet the goal of 1,000 nets by September 5^{th} .

\$12. buys and delivers

Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Easton marked "Nets for Life" in the memo line. Give your contributions, to Rich or Wendy Gilbert.

ONE NET

The total from the Diocese will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development in September.

Episcopal Relief & Development implements the *Nets for Life* program in 17 countries in Africa. Local volunteers are trained to educate communities about malaria prevention and treatment. Nets are distributed with explanations of their care and use.

WHILE YOU ARE READING THIS, A CHILD DIED OF MALARIA. THREE THOUSAND CHILDREN DIE EACH DAY.

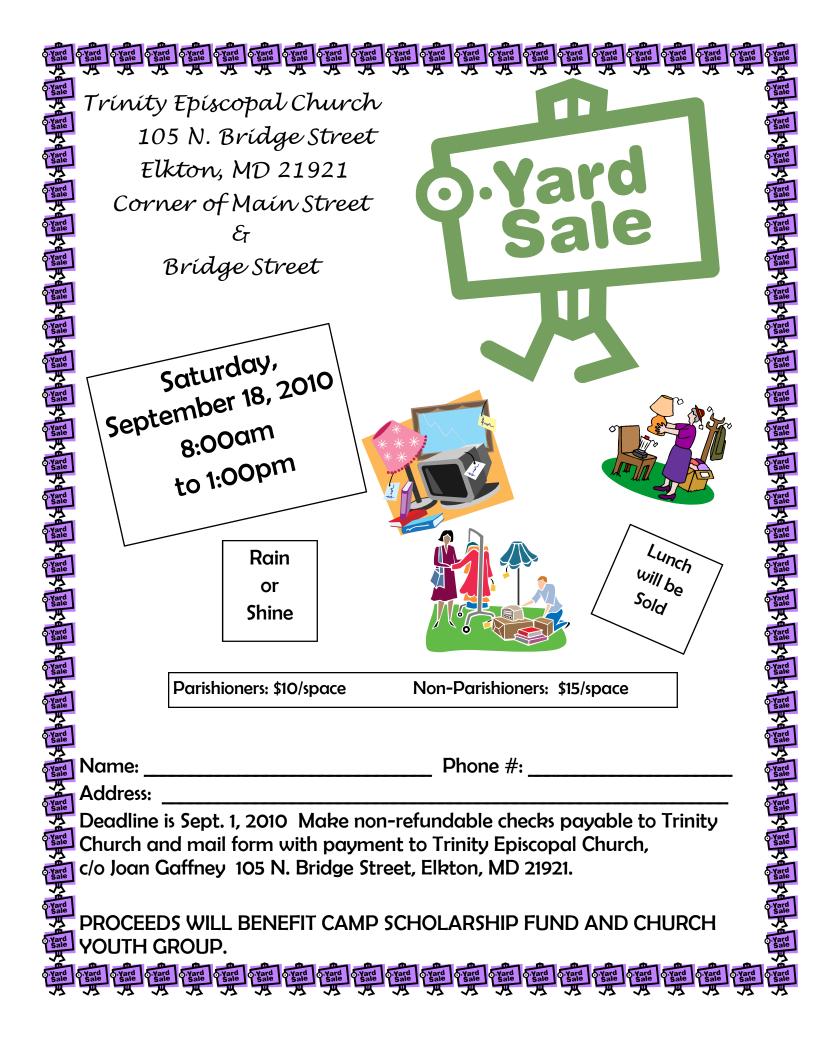
As we all learned last year, one of the targets of Millennium Development Goal No. 6 is to halt, and begin to reverse, the incidence of malaria and other major diseases by 2015.

We also know that the Nets for Life Campaign is one of Episcopal Relief and Development's major responses to this goal. Bishop Shand is asking all parishes to help reach a goal of providing 1,000 nets to families in sub-Saharan Africa from the Diocese of Easton this summer. For only \$12.00 one net can protect three children from deadly infection. ERD has the supply, distribution and education in place. They just need the funding to keep this life-saving program growing.

- Count your blessings this summer by counting a net (or two, or ten!) into your budget. Give your contribution to Rich or Wendy Gilbert.
 Make checks payable to "Diocese of Easton" with "Nets for Life" on the memo line.
- Cash is cool too. Deadline is Sept. 5
- On behalf of children who deserve a chance to live Thank You!

Rich and Wendy Gilbert World Mission Coordinators

"May the net of love that we cast be a net of life, of wholeness and of faith." – Bishop Shand



Ministry Schedule August 2010

9 a.m. Service

Acolytes

8/1 Christy Mahoney, Erin Clay,

8/8 Jonathon Wood, Elizabeth Malley

8/15 Andrew Koenings, Joe Calladine

8/22 J.P. Fossler, Christy Mahoney

8/29 Jonathon Wood, Elizabeth Malley

Lector

8/1 Hans Nafzinger

8/8 Bill Gorak

8/15 Regina Caffey

8/22 Ross Lee

8/29 Hans Nafzinger

C-B/R

8/1 Heidi White, Allen Clay

8/8 Gordon Tozer, Margaret Russ

8/15 Vickie Koslak, Ross Lee

8/22 Margaret Russ, Orville Potts

8/29 Karli Secor, Heidi White

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8/1 Ed Evans

8/8 Mary Helen Atwood

8/15 Beth & Matt Koenings

8/22 Ed Evans

8/29 Debbie McKoeown

WORSHIP SERVICE The regular 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. worship service schedule resumes September 12th

Usher

8/1 Frank Brown, Bill Smith

8/8 Mitzie Snyder, Sam Smith

8/15 Marilyn Wardle, Gayle Mayo

8/22 Paul Arbour Jr., Rick Burkholder

8/29 Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo

Greeters

8/1 Sherri & David Calladine

8/8 M.K. Hitchcock, Kathy Davidson

8/15 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

8/22 Kathy Davidson ,Wendy Gilbert

8/29 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

Nursery

8/1 Joan Gaffney

8/8 Sherri Calladine

8/15 Tammy Cox

8/22 Libby Keefer

8/29 Tammy Cox

Altar Guild

8/1 Susan Weed, Debbie McKeown

8/8 Doris Farrow, Robanne Palmer, Susan Burkholder

8/15 Cheryl Lee, Sherri Calladine

8/22 Mitzie Snyder, Tricia Smith

8/29 Nina Fletcher, Goldie Cook

Bíble Study

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

Join Us!

August 2010

Monthly Planner

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