

<u>Tidings</u>

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: The Rev. Beverly Porteus March 2011

My Dear Friends in Christ...

I looked out early this morning and was uplifted by the absence of snow, ice, or slush in our neighborhood. It's the last day of February, and I am sure a lot of us are glad to be closing in on Spring.

Spring has a way of waking us up. It puts a "spring" in our step, a tune on our lips, and prompts us to look more closely and appreciatively at the landscape around us. Some of us might say we feel more like "ourselves" as we slip out of winter's grasp.

This year Ash Wednesday is a little later than usual, and we are moving on from short days, cold, and snow----right into Lent. For most of us, Lent is (at least in theory) an obligatory serious time, during which we are asked to look at our sins and ask God to help us recognize, repent for, and overcome them. But there is more to Lent. Yes, it is a time of self-examination, but that can be a very good---even exciting--thing. How can we offer ourselves for service if we don't really know who that "self" is? An inventory of self, a prayerful "getting to know me", is part and parcel of a faith journey.

Who are we? What are our blessings, strengths, and gifts? What might God find beautiful within us? How have we grown and changed? What are our weaknesses and stumbling blocks? How do we present and share ourselves---to and with our neighbors and God?

There is no need to hide who we are from God, from each other..and especially from ourselves. No matter what crooked little pieces we find within, God is for us, with us, loving us, just as we are, hoping to lead us further in to the life in the kingdom here on earth.

I urge all of you to ponder your life in God. Remember—you are to be at peace, for we are already loved, forgiven, and redeemed.

Faithfully,





Lent begins Ash Wednesday,

March 9th

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at

NOON (quiet service) and 7:00 p.m. (with choir).

Lent and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 17th— 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st—*7:00 pm - Special Liturgy & Eucharist with organ and choir

Good Friday, April 22nd - **Noon & *7:00 pm Liturgy (music at 7:00 pm service)

Easter Sunday, April 24th- 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist with hymns *10:00 am - Full Festal Eucharist

*Childcare provided.

**The community Crosswalk will once again end at Trinity, sometime after 1:30 p.m. Our Good Friday noon service will be over by 1:00 p.m.



Sharon Ashlock Jackie Bollinger Donna Bosmenv Pat Breza Judy Burkley Helen Cornacchia Jesse Cugini Dan Edwards Mike Fossler Sr. Kelly Galyen Margaret Graham Larry Grandstaff Frank Grieten Joe James Nona Janks **Connie Keares** Libby Keefer Dylan King Robert Kirk **Edward Lavin** Chase Lupica **Rick Maloff Judy Merritt** P.J. Morrison Martha Nichols Ernie Null Berk Orr Orlando Otev Rose Perrone Linda Rawlings Patsy Rouke **David Russ** Robert Schick

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Hilda McAndrews **Bailey Rosenthal** Russell Stobaugh Bunny Sturgill-Martin Jerry Sutton Gerardo Valladares Lisa Wiegand **Serving Overseas: Thomas Brady** Timothy Hickman Scott Morgan **Brandon Reasin Chuck Rotenberry** Kevin Savage Sara Wells-Savage Michael Wells

Vestry Highlights February 13, 2010

Meeting was opened at 11:20

Correspondence:

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (Mary Helen)— Treasurer's Report accepted as provides. **Stewardship** Christmas in April **2011Budget** Annual Meeting reviewed.

Air conditioner, portable system was donated, to be used @ Trinity House. March 20th Bishop visit

- B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) —
- C. Building/Grounds (Allen)
- D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy)-

Ash Wednesday 3/9 services noon & 7:00pm. Confirmation Sunday 3/20–

- 2 services. Lenten Program- See Rev. Beverly for details.
- E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)- Sunday School & Youth- need help with organization and leadership for the youth.
- **F. Outreach (Susan)** Soup kitchen last Friday.
- **G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy)** —Date to be determined for an April dinner event.
- **H. Church Growth (Wendy)** "Grow Team" to meet February 20th.
- **I. Fellowship (Mary Helen)** —Need new chairperson(s).
- J. Brotherhood Report Meeting held. Christmas in April project—

OUR **PRAYER LIST**

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. If you have put a name on the list, we'd appreciknowing whether they should remain on the list or be taken off. Please call the office 410-398-5350.

A lenten Feast for the Heart and Mind and Soul

"Jesus of Nazareth"

A film by Franco Zeffirelli

5 Evenings of

Movie, Questions, Insights & Discussion

Thursday 6:30 -8:30 PM March 17th, March 24th, March 31st, April 7th, April 14th,

Sunday School

Hello from Trinity's Youth!

It might be cold outside but the Sunday School Class is full of warm fellowship! We have been discussing the Sermon on the Mount and how it relates to our everyday lives. We are also learning where the books in the Bible are located.

Parents, please make time to talk to your children about what they have learned each Sunday.

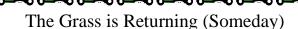
Sherri Calladine & Robanne Palmer

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8th 5:00 -7:00 pm Parish Hall

In centuries old Christian tradition, please plan to join us for one last round of fat and sugar before the sacrificial and penitential season of Lent begins. This year's Pancake Supper will again feature home cooking and family-friendly pricing.

Please join us for an evening of good food and fine fellowship!

Brother Rich Gilbert Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Elkton



The good news is - the green grass will be back soon!

The bad news is - the green grass will be back soon!

Please thoughtfully consider if you would be willing to help with grass cutting this season. We have the equipment, we just need the donation of muscle and sweat.

The weekly schedule has each volunteer helping once every four to five weeks during the growing season.

We work in teams to a pre-established schedule, but you set the plan for your week with your partner.

Consider being a parent and son/daughter team (of any age!) Or we will work you into the schedule with a veteran cutter.

We will train on use of the equipment, so experience is not necessary. Please let me know if you are willing and able to help this season. Thank you. "... and I by my works will show you my faith." James 2:18

Rich Gilbert richgilbert2003@yahoo.com 410-287-3580

2nd Annual Trinity World Mission Lunch Sunday, April 3rd after 10:00 AM worship.

Learn how Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is helping to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) this year bring your Hope Chests (Mite Boxes) and check books to help support those achievements.

Enjoy a light, Lent-conscious luncheon and excellent company. If you can contribute a pot of vegetable soup, please let us know! Smile as the Trinity House Players return to entertain!

Details to follow.

See you there!

Rich & Wendy Gilbert

TWM Coordinators

"And who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10:29



Brotherhood News

And a reminder to everyone that the primary charter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is to bring all men and boys to Christ. All Trinity men, young or young-at-heart, are welcome to Brotherhood events. And Brothers are encouraged to bring friends to Brotherhood events as an introduction to our Christian family.

Dear Trinity Parishioners,

The time has come for me to resign as music director of Trinity Church. I am giving open notice since I know it will take time to secure a suitable replacement. I am prepared to continue in my current position through August unless a replacement is found sooner.

Due to our circumstances Jesse and I have been exploring ways to reduce external pressures. This hopefully will provide us with more energy for our wellbeing as we have entered into personal trying times.

I have had many happy years at Trinity and many challenges along the way. I will carry beautiful memories of my years here with me forever. The warmth of Trinity's community cannot be placed into words.

This is not good-by by any means; you will continue to see me here at Trinity but just not on the organ bench.

Sincerely,

Flavia

2011 Diocesan Convention Archeologists of Hope

Trinity was well represented at diocesan convention this year with Beverly Porteus, Wendy and Rich Gilbert and Cheryl Lee as delegates, Shawn and Allen Clay as alternates and Chris Porteus and Ross Lee as guests.

The first day of convention focused on business issues – electing representatives to councils, committees and delegates for General Convention 2012. We also reviewed the bare-bones diocesan budget which basically is as tight as ours, if not tighter. However, Bishop Shand and his staff remain focused on supporting all the parishes of our diocese during these difficult times. Trinity is not alone in the types of struggles that we are having, and to that end Bishop Shand described his commitment to "get back to basics" this year to help all of us pull out of the low places we are in. The theme of Hope was reflected often.

The Eucharist was very moving. It was conducted by the youth of the diocese. The music was inspirationally provided by the instrumental ensemble and choir from Christ Church, Easton. And the celebrant was our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori.

What a clear thinker and a clear speaker. During the sermon, and afterwards during her keynote address, she reminded us to remember that we are all God's beloved, in whom He is well pleased. She gave multiple examples of parishes around the country that are being successful because of the work they are doing outside of their church walls. She quoted an old observation that a church is one of the only organizations who are supposed to be for the benefit of those who are *not* there members. She showed herself to be a compassionate, clear, and well spoken representative of our church who understands and represents our heart and being to the rest of the world.

We also were led in exercises of listening – becoming Archaeologists of Hope. In those one-on-one listening exercises, we shared life experiences and derived a sense of sincere hope and strength. We heard ideas from others, about their personal and church related struggles, about what we shared in common with that other person's experience, and about how they overcame those struggles. All provided insight into how we can overcome our church struggles and serve our community more fully. We encourage each delegate to share their specific ideas with those in our parish that can act on them.

Information was also gathered regarding Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), who on the diocesan level this year will be specifically supporting the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of empowering women, which will also now be the theme of our Trinity World Mission luncheon program on April 3. Various youth programs were also identified and we have information for Robanne and Sherri on those.

But the big take-away is that the Diocese cares about our situation at Trinity, and each parish, and that they have the resources to help us work our way through our concerns and challenges. We just need to remember that we are beloved by God, be strong, and ask for the help with hope in our hearts, Jesus in our minds and peace in our spirited daily life.

To learn more about the 2011 Diocesan Convention, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofeaston.org.

But more importantly, remember that you are God's beloved, in whom He is well pleased. And let that assurance strengthen us all to do what we can for Trinity and for those that we can help outside our walls.

Your friends in Christ,

Rich and Wendy Gilbert

Ministry Schedule March

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

3/6 Marilyn Wardle

3/13 Gordon Tozer

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3/27 Gordon Tozer

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3.6 Gordon Tozer

3/13 Mary Helen Atwood

3/20 Gordon Tozer

3/27 Mitzie Snyder

Usher

3/6 Mary Graff, Paul Arbour Jr.

3/13 Frank Brown, Mary Graff

3/20 Sam Smith, Mitzie Snyder

3/27 Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo

Nursery

3/6 Joan Gaffney

3/13 Tammy Cox

3/20 Sherri Calladine

3/27 Libby Keefer

Bíble Study

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

Join Us!

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes

3/6 Elizabeth Malley, J.P. Fossler

3/9 Ash Wed 7:00 pm Erin Clay

3/13 Jonathon Wood, Christy Mahoney

3/20 Elizabeth Malley, Christina Bello

3/27 Carrie Birdsall, Aaron Derby

Lector

3/6 Hans Nafzinger

3/9 Ash Wed. 7;00pm Bill Gorak

3/13 Ross Lee

3/20 Jill Magnani

3/27 Regina Caffey

C-B/R

3/6 Margaret Russ, Heidi White

3/9 Ash Wed noon- Gordon Tozer

7pm Margaret Russ

3/13 Allen Clay, Orville Potts

3/20 Margaret Russ, Kathy Davidson

3/27 Allen Clay, Ross Lee

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3/6 Mike Fossler

3/13 Judy Caffey

3/20 Debbie McKeown

3/27 Janice Potts

Usher

3/6 Ross Lee, Mary Katharine Hitchcock

3/9 Ash Wed noon- Mitzie Snyder

7:00pm Rick Burkholder

3/13 Mary Katharine Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert

3/20 Ross Lee, Rick Burkholder

3/27 Mary Katharine Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert

Greeters

3/6 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer

3/13 Sherri & David Calladine

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3/27 Sherri & David Calladine

March 2011

Monthly Planner

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