

# Tidings

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector: *The Rev. Beverly Porteus*

September 2010

### *My Dear Friends in Christ..*

As you read this I will be in Wellfleet, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. Because this is now a regular vacation destination for Chris and me, some friends say, “Oh, you’re going there *again?*” Chris’ 93 year-old (cute as a button and sharp as a tack) father lives on the Cape, as do his two brothers and their families. We love all of them, and so we go. But contrary to some perceptions, it’s never really the “same old, same old.”

Kids grow up, fall in love. Marital dynamics change, jobs vanish and pop up. Pa gets sick and then gets well. The one constant is that everyone is funny and able to laugh, most of the time. And the natural landscape remains beautiful, even as the ocean storms claim one sand barrier and build another in a new place.

And as we visit over the years, Chris and I bring somewhat changed selves each time we arrive. I have a dinner party while we are there, and we share and bring each other up to date and tell stories until we laugh till it hurts.

This month students are back in school...with new teachers, new courses, new activities, maybe new friends. Under the minor grumblings there is the sense of anticipation of what this new year will hold.

And this month, we here at Trinity go back to our regular service schedule. Our wonderful choir returns, and Sunday School begins again. And while there is a sense of gratitude for all the music or all the quiet, for the larger crowd, and perhaps for more church-friendly weather, we must not look at it as the “same old, same old.” Because it never is. Our lives change...even over the summer. Our parish changes—budget issues, youth leadership needs, an awareness of a need to learn our own unique way of evangelizing, which simply means spreading the word that we are here and ready to befriend the people of God who need to be with us.

God is never done with us. Open your eyes and ears, and when you feel called to do so, do not be afraid to open your mouth, too, so that someone at work, in some after-school activity, in a club or organization you belong to, a neighbor, or a family member, can learn that you have found and are part of a special Christian community that seeks to bring Christ’s love and peace into this world.

Help one another remain expectant and hopeful about the latest chapter in the Good News of Jesus Christ as it is played out at Trinity, Elkton. We are here for a reason. We are here to tell our story and bring new people into our midst.

Faithfully,

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## 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.



## Our Prayer List

Sharon Ashlock  
Jane Beebe  
Jackie Bollinger  
Donna Bosmeny  
Pat Breza  
Rick Burkholder  
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  
Hilda McAndrews  
Judy Merritt  
Martha Nichols  
Ernie Null  
Orlando Otey  
Linda Rawlings  
Mary Riordan  
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

**August 16, 2010**

## *Vestry Highlights*

*Meeting was opened at 6:55*

**Minutes:** Minutes from last meeting approved as presented? *Yes*

**Correspondence:** *None*

**Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:**

**A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)**— 1) Beverly's retirement date 10/1/10. a) Reviewed Pkg.; Insurance part of pkg. will go down in May 2011. Numbers will change as Beverly finds out more about what is in pension pkg. b) 2/3 work time. Beverly is looking at 4 days: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday. c) reviewed Letter of Agreement dated 6/4/97. as of 10/1/10: Position description. Worship to remain the same. Treasure's Report accepted.

**B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie)** —Warden's report covered in Rector's report. For Jerry Sutton's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday special coffee hour on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Building/Grounds (Allen)** 1) Working with roof guy. Will start soon. 2) Parking signs to be put-up this week. 3) New microphone is \$450. Beverly will pay difference between cost and contributions. 4) For next summer, a window A/C for Trinity House. 5) Keep Parish Hall A/C on list of things to do in the future. 6) David to talk with Allen regarding portable air conditioners.

**D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret)**- 1) Reviewed attendance data Beverly compiled from summer (2009) with 2 services and (2010) with 1 service. Attendance with 1 service went down, Beverly feels that this data tells her that we don't need to do survey for one service during the year.

**E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)** – Shawn & Erin Clay might be liaisons for Methodist Church events.

**F. Outreach (Susan)** — Community Kitchen was August 6th. Trinity's food pantry has been extremely busy. Trying to support it with the grant. Food Pantry to have it's own checking account for easier way of shopping. Currently not a problem that way.

**G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy)** —Have raised \$162.00 for the Bishop Fundraiser (Mosquito Nets).

**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)** —a) Picnic 9/19 at Susan Weed's b) Fellowship Committee meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Brotherhood Report— (David Calladine)** Meeting to be this Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM



## **Rector's Vacation**

Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>– Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Reverend David Robinson will cover services for the three Sundays (8/29, 9/5, and 9/12).

### **COVERING FOR EMERGENCIES**

*If you have an emergency while Beverly is away,  
please call Charlie Davidson our Senior Warden,  
at 302-373-3817*

*for a priest to assist you.*

# Sunday School



Hello from Sunday School!

After a summer planning meeting, we decided to continue providing Sunday School classes as we did last year and develop a separate program for our Youth, which is still in the planning. As always, we are still in need of teachers, one to teach a session/unit and another to be available for substituting when needed. Please get in touch with Sherri Calladine or Robanne Palmer when you decide being a teacher for our students is a way for you to serve God by mentoring our children!

Our year will kick off with some fun and games Sunday, September 12 at 9:45 am! We'll serve light snacks and get reacquainted since summer break! Sunday School for all children grades K-6 will begin 9:45am in The Loft, which is upstairs in the Parish House.

Our class size is very small. We encourage parents to bring your children to Sunday School each week to benefit from the lessons and discussion. Parents can look forward to a Parent Letter explaining the upcoming unit topics.

Looking forward to a terrific year! Thanks, as always to the church family for your continued prayers for our program, children and teachers.

Sherri Calladine and Robanne Palmer

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## Street Sign

Yes, it really is coming together. My goal remains to have our refreshed, updated street side sign back up and shining by the time we return to our 8:00 and 10:00 am services on Sept. 12th . Many coats of fresh paint and many days of drying takes time. Thanks for your patience. Almost there!

~ Rich Gilbert and the Lady Letterers

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## Grounds Care News

Besides a continuing “Thank You!” to our dedicated grass cutting and landscaping crews, a special “Thanks!” to Chris Porteus for his generous donation of lawn care tools. Many of the hand and power tools that Chris has donated will replace and supplement some of our ailing implements. Thank you all again for helping to keep our site looking “inviting and welcoming”.



## Parish Picnic

Join us for the Annual Trinity family picnic, at the home of Susan & Ray Weed, 300 Weed Lane Elkton. September 19, 2010 after Church Services, about 12:00. The meats are ham and fried chicken; please bring a side, a salad, or a dessert to share. Bring chairs for sitting outside. Join in the fun and fellowship for the afternoon. Sign up will be in the back of the church and in the Parish House. Bring your swim suits and towels, if you wish to swim or tube in the river.



# MISSION



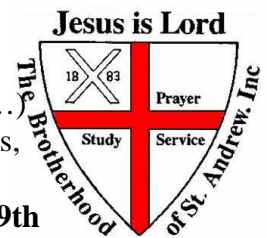
## Nets For Life

Thanks to your generous contributions, at the time of this writing Trinity has contributed 20 life preserving bed nets that will protect 51 of our "neighbors" in Sub-Saharan Africa from life-robbing malaria. Thank you to our donors thus far!

Bishop Shand's goal of 1,000 nets in one summer is an ambitious one, so if you haven't contributed yet, please consider doing so. See Rich or Wendy Gilbert with cash or checkbook in hand. Only \$12 buys a net of life. Campaign ends mid-September. Thanks again!

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## Brotherhood Highlights



- Hans is seeking contributions of **Trinity history** to include in the (can you guess ...) History portion of our [www.trinityelkton.org](http://www.trinityelkton.org) website. Please lend Hans any photos, history articles or other reflections of our parish past and journey.
- Please visit the Brotherhood tables at the **Trinity Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 19th**
- The next **Trinity Work Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 25, 8:00 am. Please join us. Many hands – light work!**
- The Brotherhood **Annual Dinner** is being planned for **mid-November** at a new location – The Wesley House in Fair Hill. All are welcome. Details to follow.

The next **Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting** is **Sat., Oct. 23, 8 am at Denny's** in Elkton. All men, young and old, parishioner or not, are welcome. Bring a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker. Please see Rich Gilbert to learn more about the Trinity Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.



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## Music Notes

Special thanks goes out to, Amy Malley, Elizabeth Malley, Mardi Russ, Margaret Russ, Marina White, Beverly Porteus, Lindsay Koenigs, Allen Clay, Erin Clay, Patty Clay and Shawn Clay. They all provided beautiful music for our 9 o'clock summer worship services.

Adult choir rehearsal will resume on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 in Trinity House. We always welcome new members. Anyone 12 years or older is invited to join us. Please consider this meaningful ministry.

Starting in September we will be introducing some contemporary hymns to sing during the worship service. The church has secured a license to reprint hymns not found in our hymnals. We are not abandoning our Episcopal hymnals by any means. Hopefully these new hymns will have meaning to worshippers of all ages. Let us (Beverly, Flavia and choir) know if you enjoy singing them.

There will be a Bell Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm in the church. At this rehearsal our regular bell choir members will be in attendance along with anyone who would like to try out the bell choir. We are opening up the bell choir to children as young as 8 years of age. If you enjoy listening to the bells please give our group a try. It is a joyful experience! Call Flavia with any musical questions at 302-838-7986.

Trinity Episcopal Church  
105 N. Bridge Street  
Elkton, MD 21921  
Corner of Main Street  
&  
Bridge Street



Saturday,  
September 18, 2010  
8:00am  
to 1:00pm

Rain  
or  
Shine

Lunch  
will be  
Sold

Parishioners: \$10/space

Non-Parishioners: \$15/space

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is Sept. 1, 2010 Make non-refundable checks payable to Trinity Church and mail form with payment to Trinity Episcopal Church, c/o Joan Gaffney 105 N. Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND CHURCH YOUTH GROUP.

**8:00 a.m. Service**



**C-B/R**

9/12 Gordon Tozer  
9/19 Karli Secor  
9/26 Marilyn Wardle

**P of the P**

9/12 Karli Secor  
9/19 Gordon Tozer  
9/26 Mary Helen Atwood

**Usher**

9/12 Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith  
9/19 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown  
9/26 Mary Graff, Sam Smith

**Altar Guild** September

Susan Weed, Debbie McKeown

**Nursery**

9/12 Sherri Calladine  
9/19 Tammy Cox  
9/26 Libby Keefer

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**Acolytes**

9/12 Andrew Koenings, Christy Mahoney,  
9/19 Aaron Derby, Jonathon Wood  
9/26 Elizabeth Malley, J.P. Fossler

**Lector**

9/12 Regina Caffey  
9/19 Ross Lee  
9/26 Jill Magnani

**C-B/R**

9/12 Heidi White, Allen Clay  
9/19 Kathy Davidson, Margaret Russ  
9/26 Orville Potts, Heidi White

**P of the P**

9/12 Beth & Matt Koenings  
9/19 Ed Evans  
9/26 Mike Fossler

**Usher**

9/12 Ross Lee, Wendy Gilbert  
9/19 Sherri & David Calladine  
9/26 Wendy Gilbert, Ross Lee

**Greeters**

9/12 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer  
9/19 M.K. Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert  
9/26 Libby Keefer, Susan Weed

*Bible Study  
Will resume on  
September 22nd  
at 9:00 AM in  
Trinity House. We will study  
the lessons for the following  
Sunday.*

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

# September 2010

## Monthly Planner

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