



Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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January & February 2011

My Dear Friends in Christ..

I grew up in the Northeast, on Long Island. We had our share of snow each winter, and when snow was forecast, especially as an overnight storm, my little brother and I were just as excited as we got about Santa on Christmas Eve. My bedroom had a great sky view, and the two of us would get up frequently to see if there would be *enough* snow to get us the winter bonanza we were hoping for. We knew when the fire horn blew ten times at 7 AM that it was, for sure, a SNOW DAY!!!!

The day would be bliss; playing for hours in the drifts with the neighborhood kids, throwing snowballs, and building a snowman with Dad's help, as Mom baked cookies and made hot chocolate for our post-snow chill-chaser. Time stood still that day. No chores, no school work, just the gift of stolen hours and a special setting.

So I was shocked at myself a decade or two later, when I got up to some snow. I was in Manhattan where snow fell and usually turned gray before the day was over. I put on a long warm coat, boots, hat and scarf, and went out to catch the downtown bus to work. I walked (make that "plowed") through drifts and got to the completely empty bus-stop. I saw no traffic. So I walked the forty-three blocks to King Features Entertainment's offices near the U.N., propelled mostly by blizzard winds. Oh, yes. Can you spell "workaholic?" Can you comprehend "no life?" Needless to say, our offices were bolted shut. I called my boss on the lobby phone where a guard was snoozing. I told him where I was and he told me I was crazy. "IT'S A SNOW DAY, for heaven's sake. Go HOME!"

I was stunned to realize that twenty years passing had wiped out the joy, the gift, of a sudden day off. It took some doing and some years to learn to relax enough to see snow come down and smile with anticipation and excitement.

Flash forward to today. Chris and I are watching weather reports. Snow is predicted—but so far it could be one inch or more than six. It's fun to watch and wait and see. But it really feels like a gift when there is enough snow to stop things for a whole day (I realize there is a down-side, of course). What could possibly be the religious or spiritual message in a "snow day?"

Lots of people, including myself, sometimes, say they simply don't have the time for prayer or spiritual quiet time. The alarm goes off and the daily drama unfolds. Whether it is a houseful or just one person, there usually is a minute by minute schedule that gets us to the car, or to the TV, or the phone, or a list of things to do.

What if there was such a thing as a "snow minute," or "snow hour"-- a bit of time given to us because someone canceled an appointment, or because we are stuck in traffic, or we woke up early and can't get back to sleep? These moments are in our "schedule" even though we don't put them there. Instead of filling up the newly emptied time period with a new errand, or task, what if we delighted in the time and prayed to God for the Spirit to be in us for the rest of the day? What if we called someone we love and have been too busy to contact? What if we dreamed of something we've been wanting to do? Your heart and mind and soul need the bliss of a childhood snow day. Take the time God gives you and treasure it.

Faithfully,

Our Prayer List

Sharon Ashlock
Jackie Bollinger
Donna Bosmeny
Pat Breza
Judy Burkley
Helen Cornacchia
Jesse Cugini
Dan Edwards
Mike Fossler Sr.
Kelly Galyen
Margaret Graham
Frank Grieten
Joe James
Nona Janks
Connie Keares
Libby Keefer
Robert Kirk
Edward Lavin
Chase Lupica
Rick Maloff
Hilda McAndrews
Judy Merritt
Dennis Morgan
P.J. Morrison
Martha Nichols
Berk Orr
Orlando Otey
Linda Rawlings
Bailey Rosenthal
Patsy Rouke
David Russ
Robert Schick
Russell Stobaugh
Bunny Sturgill-Martin
Jerry Sutton
Gerardo Valladares
Allen Wardle
Lisa Wiegand
Men & Women
Serving Overseas:
Paul Hauser
Timothy Hickman
Scott Morgan
Brandon Reasin
Chuck Rotenberry
Kevin Savage
Sara Wells-Savage
Michael Wells

Vestry Highlights December 13 , 2010

Meeting was opened at 7:00

Correspondence: Letter from Diocesan ECW to Trinity's ECW for donation.

Ministry Areas – Team Reports as Available/Necessary:

A. Finance/Stewardship (David, Mary Helen)— Treasurer's Report accepted as provides. **Stewardship** Finance Committee meeting to be set for 1st week in January. Annual Meeting Sunday, January 30th.

B. Leadership /Pastoral Care/Warden Report (Beverly, Charlie) —Leadership reviewed Letter of Agreement Between Vestry, Wardens and Rev'd Porteus.

Warden's Report- Creche went up Saturday, December 4th.

C. Building/Grounds (Allen) New microphone- have the money, Allen to purchase. Allen to fix light for Trinity House entrance. To talk about air conditioners at future meeting. Parking issues continue with patients from next door using our parking spaces.

D. Worship/Music/Adult Ed. & Spiritual Life (Beverly/Judy/Margaret)- December's attendance slightly up for the 1st 2 weeks. Confirmation date is not yet set. Services at 7pm and 11pm on Christmas Eve. Organ problems: 16 base pipe needs to be cleaned up. David Story to come and look at these.

E. Youth/Sunday School (Robanne)- Service Project: 50 goodie bags (personal hygiene) were made for Mary Randall Center. Robanne received return message from Methodist Church but it was about their curriculum, not the big events.

F. Outreach (Susan) —Shelter Week- will rethink doing week by ourselves; perhaps share a week with another church(es).

G. National/ Global Mission (Wendy) — (Wendy absent) Dinner delayed until Lent.

H. Church Growth (Wendy)— Sign is completed (bottom part); juniper removed from underneath. Ads for Christmas services to be placed in Whig. "Grow Team" to meet in January. Greeter's Meeting in the works. Instructions being developed. Gift bags being made. Guest book moved. January Fellowship: Twelfth night Celebration to be held on January 12th. Women of Trinity Dinner: very lightly attended.

I. Fellowship (Mary Helen) —Potluck dinner on 11/7 was good. Good group of close to 40. Greeter's meeting, instructions in the works.

J. Brotherhood Report (David Calladine) Shrove Tuesday is next event. Youth come and serve.

Roof repair report

Organ repair

Vestry Members: Dave Calladine & Margaret Russ moving off this year.

Sunday School

Hello from Trinity's Youth!

It's been cold outside but the discussions inside our youth meetings have been warm and lively! We have had lessons regarding Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Honoring Parents, Gratitude, and now we are talking about Cyber Manners. The students typically take home a worksheet that can be shared with family and completed at their leisure. This also allows parents to know exactly what we are up to! Please ask your child what we talked about in class!



Remember, ALL youth are invited to join us on Sundays they are not serving. We begin our meetings at 9:45am. We are looking for ideas for our next service project. One idea is to volunteer at the Friday Community Kitchen (on a Friday there is no school). We are happy to entertain other ideas.

Robanne will lead the group through the end of January and Sherri Calladine will begin leading in February through the end of the school year. As always, we could use extra help in leading and substituting. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Sherri or Robanne.

Again, thank you for your continued prayers for our youth.

~Sherri Calladine and Robanne Palmer

Diocese of Easton
Annual Convention

2011 February 25th & 26th
Hyatt Regency Cambridge

Delegates: Cheryl Lee, Richard Gilbert,
Wendy Gilbert

Alternates: Shawn Clay, Allen Clay, Mary
Helen Atwood

Date to Remember...
January 30th
Annual Parish Meeting.
After the 9:00am Service

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.



Lent begins
Ash Wednesday,
March 9th .



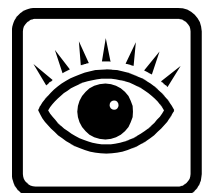
Holy Eucharist with
the Imposition of Ashes at
NOON (quiet service) &
7:00 p.m. (with choir).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8th



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is sponsoring a pancake supper on Tuesday, March 8th. Look for more details in our upcoming bulletin.

KEEP YOUR EYES OUT
FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON OUR
SOUP DINNER





**T H E Children's Home
F O U N D A T I O N**

What is it, what does it do, and who does it serve? These may be a few questions you have about the appeal we are making this month. At one time there actually was a children's home, but in the 1950's it was sold and women from the Diocese began a foundation with the proceeds. The original mission was to aid deserving and needy children, and for over 50 years we have continued to do the same through scholarships and camperships. The specific mission of the Children's Home Foundation is to raise and distribute money that will allow students from the Diocese to attend career and technology training (usually two or three year training) that will equip them to enter the world of work. We are looking for the student who would not otherwise be able to handle the financial burden of continuing education. We have sent students to a variety of schools: welding, nursing, auto mechanics, early childhood education, culinary, cosmetology and others. Our candidates need not be Episcopalian...just needy, deserving to succeed.

The board has also chosen to dedicate some of the foundation funds to sending youngsters to summer camps. Again, these are children who would not be able to afford the camp experience without scholarship support. So, you will hear more from me this month and hope you will consider making a "Thanksgiving" contribution to this cause. Checks are to made to The Children's Home Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible.

Thanks for your support!

Diane Hair

*Dear Friends of Trinity Parish,
Thank you so much for the
Christmas gift and all the
prayers that have been going
out to Jesse throughout the
year. I greatly appreciate
having you all as my church
family.*

Flavia

*Dear Trinity
Thank you so much for your
generous gift to me at
Christmas. It was deeply
appreciated.*

Carol Cummings

TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION

We will celebrated Twelfth Night on January 22 in the Parish Hall at 6:00. We will have pot luck dinner (meat provided) and a gift exchange. Each guest brings a wrapped present to go under the tree. We would love for costumes to be worn. The King or Queen will be chosen in the next two Sundays, SURPRISE. There will be a signup sheet at both the eight and ten o'clock services for the next two Sundays. Do plan to attend and join in the fun. You may be surprised at who you will meet this evening, maybe, Mr. Dickens or the Spirit of Christmas Past.



My dear friends in Christ,

*Thank you so much for your kindness & generosity to me at
Christmas! Blessings to all of you.*

Beverly +

Ministry Schedule **January/ February**

8:00 a.m. Service

C-B/R

1/23 Marilyn Wardle
1/30 Gordon Tozer
2/6 Marilyn Wardle
2/13 Gordon Tozer
2/20 Marilyn Wardle
2/27 Gordon Tozer



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1/23 Gordon Tozer
1/30 Mitzie Snyder
2/6 Mary Graff
2/13 Mary Helen Atwood
2/20 Gordon Tozer
2/27 Mitzie Snyder

Usher

1/23 Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo
1/30 Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
2/6 Mitzie Snyder, Frank Brown
2/13 Marilyn Wardle, Mary Graff
2/20 Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
2/27 Marilyn Wardle, Gayle Mayo

Bible Study

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

Nursery

1/23 Libby Keefer
1/30 Sherri Calladine
2/6 Joan Gaffney
2/13 Tammy Cox
2/20 Tammy Cox
2/27 Libby Keefer

10:00 a.m. Service

Acolytes,

1/23 Christina Bello, Carrie Birdsall
1/30 Erin Clay, Christy Mahoney
2/6 Carrie Birdsall, Andrew Koenings
2/13 Aaron Derby, Jonathon Wood
2/20 Christina Bello, Christy Mahoney
2/27 Erin Clay, Aaron Derby

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1/23 Judy Caffey
1/30 Debbie McKeown
2/6 Beth & Matt Koenings
2/13 Ed Evans
2/20 Mike Fossler
2/27 Janice Potts

Lector

1/23 Bill Gorak
1/30 Hans Nafzinger
2/6 Regina Caffey
2/13 Ross Lee
2/20 Jill Magnani
2/27 Bill Gorak

C-B/R

1/23 Allen Clay, Kathy Davidson
1/30 Heidi White, Orville Potts
2/6 Ross Lee, Margaret Russ
2/13 Heidi White, Allen Clay
2/20 Orville Potts, Kathy Davidson
2/27 Ross Lee, Allen Clay

Usher

1/23 Wendy Gilbert, Ross Lee
1/30 Sherri & David Calladine
2/6 Rick Burkholder, M.K. Hitchcock
2/13 Sherri & David Calladine
2/20 Rick Burkholder, Wendy Gilbert
2/27 Sherri & David Calladine

Greeters

1/23 Sherri & David Calladine
1/30 Susan Weed, Libby Keefer
2/6 Sherri & David Calladine
2/13 Libby Keefer, MK Hitchcock
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2/27 MK Hitchcock, Wendy Gilbert

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