

Trinity NOTES

April 24, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers

On Sunday we will have a glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are pulling out all the stops: The church will be decorated and fragrant with the beautiful smell of lilies. The singing will be wonderful and we will have a brass quintet to enhance our celebration. And of course the food will be sumptuous.

Our worship of Jesus' resurrection at Trinity is but a part of celebrations that will occur across the globe by billions of brothers and sisters who share in our experience of a life changing relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In the midst of our preparations and family gatherings let us not forget that the focus of all our efforts is to remember and proclaim the love and power of God. That love is demonstrated in the gift of Jesus Christ and that power is evidenced in the empty tomb. No matter our race or culture we share our belief that *The Lord is Risen Indeed* and as a result we are one body.

Even though Easter is a movable feast day it is always in the Spring and as such is a poignant reminder of renewal and new life. The flowers are blooming and so too can our lives be visible examples of God's abundant life.

Death often holds a fear for many people. Easter is a declaration that death has no power over us. And it is not just death of the body; death of spirit is also but a shadow of itself in light of the resurrection.

As I am beginning to add shape to my Easter sermon one phrase comes to mind over and over again: "*Our*

God Is and Awesome God." It is a popular refrain in a contemporary Christian hymn but more than that it is a bold proclamation which serves as a reminder of the limitlessness of God's grace.

I hope that as a parish community you will join in our celebration and allow yourself to be caught up in the awesomeness of God.

The Lord is Risen Indeed!

*Yours In Christ,
Pastor Cass*

LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	100
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$1,405.34
Gifts & Plate	322.11
Discretionary fund	250.00
Flower Fund	45.00
Breakfast Ministry	50.00
New Chair Fund	1,450.00
Nets for life	18.50
Total	<u>\$3,540.95</u>

Thru March 31, 2011:

YTD Actual Income - \$45,564 vs. Budgeted Income - \$52,328
YTD Actual Expenses - \$44,859 vs. Budgeted Exp. - \$50,577
YTD Net Operating Reserves - \$704 vs. Budgeted - \$1,756

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The Episcopal Church

April 24, 2011 – Easter

An Easter Message from the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The Resurrection must be understood in significantly different images and metaphors in the southern hemisphere, when Easter always arrives in the transition from summer to winter. Even as a hard, hard winter lingers on in northern climes, with unaccustomed April snow in many places, we yearn for the new life we know is waiting around the corner. As Christians, we're meant to have the same hunger for the new creation emerging all around us.

We can see the broken places of our world either as complete and utter disaster, or as seedbeds – graves, even – in which God is doing a new thing. The situation in Haiti is dire, yet day by day and person by person hope lightens and leavens. Plans are emerging for civic reconstruction in Port-au-Prince that would bless the nation with pride in its heritage and more effective government. The Episcopal Church is a partner in those possibilities, as the vision for a rebuilt cathedral takes form. The graves are becoming gardens, at Cathédrale Sainte-Trinité and Collège St. Pierre. New and more life-giving relationships are emerging between development ministries and the lives of the people. Resurrection is happening in many places, even if one must search for it, like looking for the first buds on the trees as ice and snow give way to the warmth of spring.

The aftermath of earthquake and tsunami in Japan continues to look a great deal like winter, and the trials and failures at Daiichi Fukushima currently resonate more with apocalypse than Easter. Yet across northeastern Japan the work of the faithful is feeding senior citizens, ministering to displaced persons in shelters, and prompting challenging questions about social priorities, energy use, and consumerist lifestyles.

The gift of Easter insists that human beings are capable of divine relationship, for as Athanasius put it, "God became human that human beings might become divine." The life, death, passion, and



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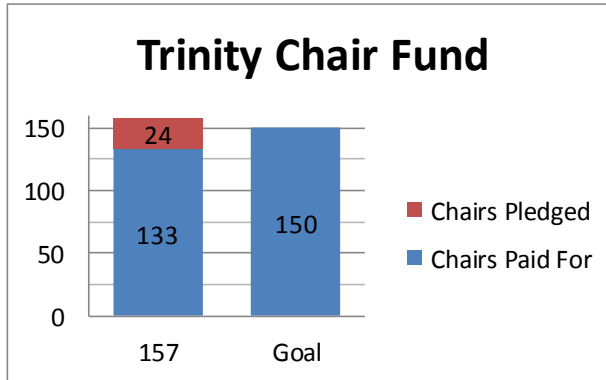
resurrection of Jesus are the cosmic insistence that nothing can separate us from the divine passion for humanity. Easter people are imprinted with the assurance that God is always working some new grace of creation out of death and destruction.

For most of us the dying is not cosmic. It may start with a small willingness to set aside self, or a new opportunity for grafting onto a greater whole. Or it may involve lowering the barriers between self and other to become more readily aware of our fundamental oneness, our common heritage as offspring of the Holy One. If we are to be followers of Jesus, we share the work he did on our behalf. We give thanks for the Resurrection, and we become part of Jesus' ongoing work, as we become aware of its power in our own lives.

May your Eastertide be filled with the grace of new life. Go, discover, and BE resurrection for the world around you.

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

WE DID IT!



**Congratulations
Trinity!!**

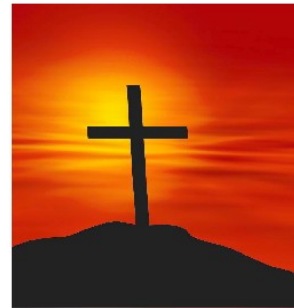
**We have reached our
goal of 150 chairs.
Thank You For Your
Support.**

We still are hoping for a few more commitments in order to insure funds for shipment and other expenses. So it's not too late to join in! For those who have pledged but not paid to do so as soon as possible and before June 1st.

Nets For Life Have You Got Yours Yet?



*African American Pastors' Council
Presents*



"The Seven Last Words of Jesus"

Good Friday Worship Service

April 22, 2011
12 Noon

Mount Zion First African Baptist Church
105 Lankford Ave.
Charlottesville, VA

You are invited to come and worship with us

Bring a friend to hear the "Seven Last Words of Jesus" proclaimed

You will be blessed!

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 24, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children Christian Formation For Adults	No Christian Education on Easter Sunday
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

**Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered during the worship service (10:15 - 11:45).*

Upcoming Events

April

23 Good Friday (at Mount Zion)

24 Easter Day

May,

1st Quarterly Potluck



New Small Group Forming

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

If you are interested
please speak with Tish Bailey.

CURRENT SMALL GROUPS

Tuesday evenings — 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
(Contact Bill Anderson)

Friday mornings — 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(Contact Pastor Cass)

Friday afternoons — Noon to 1:00 p.m.
(Contact Ayuko White)

Saturday Mornings — 8:00 am to 9:00 a.m.
(Contact Tish Bailey)

Trinity Leadership

Lay Ministers: The Congregation

Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston

The Rt. Rev. David C. Jones

The Rt. Rev. "Ted" Gulick, Jr.

Vicar: Pastor Cass Bailey

Vestry Liaisons

RECONCILIATION

Nick Garber, (2014)

Diane Sampson, (2012)

TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

SUPPORT

Lauren Fleischmann, (2013)

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

Treasurer: Beverly Bivins

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



Please NOTE:

The Prayer Request Box in the chapel is checked regularly and prayer is offered for any requests that are present.

Prayer List

Please pray for:

- Kimberlee A. Barrett-Johnson
- Carolyn Reilly
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.



Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Lectors: Ayuko White & Lauren Fleischmann

Intercessor: Kevin Barnard

Chalice Bearers: Al Anderson & Kendra Hamilton

Altar Guild: Shirley Thompson & Jane Meniktos

Acolyte: Richard Johnson

Ushers: Mary Blair & James Tinsley

Counter: Diane Sampson

Home Communion: Stephanie Commander

Hospitality Hour: Stephanie Commander

Breakfast: Team 3 (Al Anderson & Donnell Douglas)

If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Thursday, April 21 **Maundy Thursday**
7:00 pm *The Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Stripping of the Altar*

Friday, April 22 **Good Friday**
12:00 pm *The Seven Last Words of Jesus**

Sunday, April 24 **The Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter)**
10:30 am *Holy Communion with Hymns and Brass*

*Mount Zion First African Baptist Church

Quarterly Potluck Gathering for Fellowship

Sunday, May 1st*
After worship

There will also be an opportunity to hear some of the things that are happening with the Vestry and throughout the parish; as well as share your views.

* CHANGED THIS MONTH FROM THE FIFTH SUNDAY

EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flowers decorating the sanctuary today were:

Given by:

Lelia Brown

B. Stephanie Commander

Joe Commander

Kendra Hamilton

Druscilla Lee My Daughter-in-law's Birthday
(April 10)

Paul Lee Druscilla Lee's Birthday

Helen & Amy

Sarah Yarney

In Memory of:

Parents, George & Ethel Edloe

Emmadean N. Commander &
Dr. Joseph C. Commander

Connie Commander

Alice Hill

My Mother, Sallie Arnette &
My Husband, Paul Lee &
My two grandmothers:
Carrie Frye and Pearl Ortiz

Parents & Aunts, Uncles & Cousins

Fred Ebow Yarney

Given by: Kevin Barnard, Susan Fleischmann, Jenny Holmes, & Leah Puryear

Brother, Sister Can You Spare A Plant ...

Dear Trinity family,

You've all noticed the changes to our "back yard" that are intended to improve the drainage and the air circulation around the church. Phase I involved the "hardscape": building the rain gardens and removing the shrubs that were causing the rot around the back of the building. Now we are ready to move into Phase II: the "softscape," restoring the grass and planting the slope. We are building the design around a "Pagoda" dogwood and two beautiful native shrubs: Virginia sweetspire and inkberry holly. The rest of the design will revolve around three plants: vinca minor (not vinca major, which is large and aggressive, but the small leaf plant that's also called "periwinkle"), irises, and daylilies. So many of us have these plants in our yards that we are hoping you will share with your church. So, as you are dividing and doing spring cleaning in your garden, please reserve a few clumps for Trinity and call me, Marc McVicker, at 434-825-9602 to arrange delivery or a pickup.

