

Trinity NOTES

August 14, 2011

What I read on my Summer Vacation

One of the things I get to do on my summer vacation which I don't always have time for otherwise is to read. During my time away from Trinity I hope to read 4 or 5 books. I'd like to share a little of each of them with you

Erasing Hell: What God said about eternity and the things we made up.

This book is in response to Rob Bell's book, *Love Wins*. These two books deal with the place of Hell in current Christian thought and what that says of God. Surprising little was actually said by Jesus but when he did talk about what we would call Hell he spoke with the utmost of seriousness. Therefore, this is not an unimportant topic. I respect all of the authors of these books and look forward to sorting through the challenges they propose.

A Sacred Walk: Dispelling the fear of death and caring for the dying.

This book was not originally on my list but I was introduced to the author at a recent play I attended. She lives in Charlottesville and we discussed the possibility that she might come to Trinity for an adult education program. Another book I will

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- Pastor Cass will be on vacation from August 6 through August 20.
- Please contact The Rev. David McIlhiney (434) 984-2051 or Mark Bell 434-977-0317 for any pastoral emergencies.

LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	54
2. Sunday, August 7, 2011 Offering:	
Pledge	\$5,130.00
Gifts & Plate	87.00
Building Fund	20.00
Rent - M. House	375.00
Flower Fund	50.00
Breakfast Ministry	127.00
Diocesan Aid	1,327.37
Other	260.00
Total	\$7,376.37

Thru June 30, 2011:

Pledge Offering Received:

\$78,776 Actual vs. \$83,426 Budgeted (**\$4,470 Deficit**)

22 of 61 Pledges (or 36%) were behind at end of June.

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The Episcopal Church

August 14, 2011 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

St. Mary, the Virgin, is celebrated each year on August 15. Mary, the mother of Jesus, has been an object of veneration in the church since the apostolic age. She has been a favorite subject in art, music, and literature.

The following events of her life are in the New Testament: her betrothal to Joseph; the annunciation by the angel that she would be the mother of the Messiah; her visit to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist; the birth of Jesus; the visits of the shepherds and the wise men; the presentation of Jesus in the temple; the flight into Egypt; the visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old; the wedding at Cana; an occasion when Mary and Jesus' brothers asked to speak to him while he was speaking to the people; the crucifixion when Jesus commended her to John; and the meeting with the apostles in the upper room after the Ascension.

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Detail from Sistine Chapel, Raphael's "Madonna and Child" (1513)

The Song of Mary (*Magnificat*), Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 91).



Our Lady of Tindari, Italy, circa 7th century

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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) Clerk

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



Altar Flowers were donated by
Jenny Holmes in honor of
Lelia Brown's 76th Birthday and
President Obama's 50th Birthday.

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, August 14, 2011

Lectors: Ayuko White & Sylvia Milner

Intercessor: Kristin Szakos

Chalice Bearers: Kevin Barnard & Gloria Johnson

Altar Guild: Betty Jones, Mary Blair & Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Mark Bell & Sylvia Milner

Counter: Mary Newton

Home Communion: Cheryl Kasper

Hospitality Hour: Gloria Johnson, Julie Curry & Molly McAdams

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

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be reading along this same vein which was on my original list is *Twelve Breaths a Minute: End of Life Essays*.

These two books deal with a difficult topic, namely how do we face our own mortality and the mortality of those we love. It has been said that one cannot really live until you have come to grips with your own mortality. I am expecting that these books will be a benefit personally and pastorally.

The final book on my vacation reading list is *Momentum for Life: biblical practices for sustaining physical health, personal integrity, and strategic focus* by Michael Slaughter.

This is a topic I am particularly interested in and I hope to find a way to engage the entire parish in this book. Perhaps it will be a program similar to the model we used during Lent or the model we used last fall in small groups. I think it raises some of the key issues as we move to an exploration of the meaning of the Transformation part of our mission statement.

The Christian life needs to be nourished. We do that in a variety of ways: through worship, prayer and through the engagement of the mind. I hope you have a summer reading list that will engage your Christian faith by a stimulation of your mind as well..

In Christ

Pastor Cass

A Note From Carlton M. Dickerson Music Minister

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce the formation of a professional group called Dogwood Disciples. They will present their premier concert on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m., here at Trinity Episcopal Church.

The work that will be performed with strings, timpani, and organ is entitled "Requiem in C Minor" by Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842). This work was so admired by Beethoven that he requested it to be performed at his funeral.

Please mark this on your calendar, plan to attend, and start inviting family and friends to this event. Let's fill **all** of our brand new green chairs!

Sincerely,

Carlton M. Dickerson