

Trinity NOTES

August 28, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The sight of school busses, the feel of cooler weather along with the inability to find parking is a sure sign that a new season is upon us. At Trinity we are gearing up for the start of the program year and a number of programs are being planned. I want to highlight two.

This year we will focus on the second part of our mission statement: transformation. I hope that as a parish we can reflect together on what this means for us as Christian disciples. Last year we looked at the meaning of reconciliation. Many people gathered into small groups for 10 weeks. This year I want to try a slightly different model. I want to have a time of teaching and reflection together. Because it will be difficult to get everyone to commit to one night, I hope to offer two time periods: one on Thursday evenings and one on Friday mornings. I hope to suspend the meeting of the small groups and have us all gather together for 8 or 9 weeks in one of these two groups for teaching, reflection and fellowship. There will not be any assigned reading but my remarks will be shaped by N.T. Wright's book "After You Believe."

Secondly, I have been in discussion with Allan Johnson, who many of you know as a former assistant at Trinity. He has agreed to be the primary speaker at a weekend renewal/revival event on October 21-23. We are still flushing out the details but the event will focus on our theme of transformation.

Please keep these two events in your prayers and put them in your calendars.

- **Our regularly scheduled food drive for the 1st Sunday of the month (September 4) will go to John whose needs we heard about on Sunday**
- **Remember the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet Friday, September 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel**
- **We have a special musical treat this Sunday. A Jazz Trio featuring Eddie and Ayuko White along with Mark Bell. Some of the music was composed by Eddie White.**

LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	69
2. Report of Offering - Sunday, August 21, 2011:	
Pledge	\$1,510.00
Gifts & Plate	78.30
Rent - Parish Hall	40.00
Flower Fund	70.00
Other - Painting	50.00
Girls' Bathroom	20.00
Concert Support	<u>167.00</u>
Total	\$1,935.30

Thru July 31, 2011:

Pledge Offering received: \$93,342 vs. \$100,071 budgeted or **(\$6,730 Deficit)** year-to-date.

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‘Feasting on Gratitude’

“Feasting on Gratitude” is a six-week series of readings, reflections, and questions that invites readers to reflect and discuss stewardship principles and practices based on the lectionary readings from the Gospel of Matthew each Sunday, October 2 - November 6 (All Saints’ Sunday).

Designed to complement and support a congregation’s annual giving campaign, each of the six contributing writers explores stewardship, giving, gratitude, and generosity in connection with the Sunday gospel reading.

“The month of October is when most congregations across the country embark on their annual giving campaign, often referred to as the ‘stewardship campaign,’” said the Rev. Laurel Johnston, the Episcopal Church’s program officer for stewardship. “We know, however, that stewardship is not a program, nor a campaign. Stewardship, like discipleship, is an ethic, the way we live our lives, the choices that we make that flow from a depth of understanding of who we are and to whom we belong. The purpose of an annual giving campaign is not only to raise support for the life-giving ministries of the congregation, but to also help members of the faith community explore intentional and proportional giving as a spiritual practice that reflects gratitude and generosity for all that has been given.”

Johnston continued, “We know it is not always easy

to be grateful. Work and life pressures abound. We face loss and disappointments. The culture’s cries of scarcity grow louder. ‘Feasting on Gratitude’ invites us to reflect on money as a spiritual issue and practice that creates a place for gratitude to thrive.”

Download the “Feasting on Gratitude” series in English and Spanish at www.episcopalchurch.org/feastingongratitude.

Contributing writers for “Feasting on Gratitude”:

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia

Gary A Chubb, lay leader, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Diocese of Kansas

Bowie Snodgrass, church planter, Faith-House Manhattan & Transmissions, Diocese of New York

The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, rector of Grace Episcopal Church and chaplain of Episcopal Campus Ministry at Syracuse University, Diocese of Central New York

The Rev. Richard Aguilar, priest-in-charge of St. Margaret’s and Francisco de Asis Episcopal Church, Diocese of Southeast Florida

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland



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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 today are given by Lelia Edloe Brown in memory of her parents George and Ethel Edloe.

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:

- Patricia Benjamin
- Carolyn Reilly
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.



Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, August 28, 2011

Lectors: Fred Schmidt & Helen Plaisance

Intercessor: Leah Puryear

Chalice Bearers: Stephanie Commander & Cheryl Kasper

Altar Guild: Shirley Thompson, Jane Meniktos, & Susan Fleischmann

Acolyte: Donnell Douglas

Ushers: Carol Fleming & James Tinsley

Counter: Deborah Gille

Home Communion: Helen Plaisance

Hospitality Hour: Stephanie Commander & Leah Puryear

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

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July 16, 2011

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Greetings,

I found it to be appropriate to share Thanksgiving with you since I recently reached my five (5) year mark at being set free on July 5, 2011. I am grateful that you were a part of lifes whether you shared a kind word or prayer, or cut my grass or sent a financial blessing...I would like to take this time to say "Thank You". The generosity you extended to me last year was truly a blessing. At the time when everything was going on, or should I say when I was in the "eye of the storm", I struggled with many things from cutoff notices to eviction notices, job searches to lack of finding employment due to my past, to struggling with personal insecurities and fears. I felt lost that God had taken His Hand from my life.

I would also like to thank you for your continued prayers. Ayuko told me you ask about me from time to time. I just need you to know I am still in the struggle. I face things a little differently now. I cannot say to you that I am out of the woods, however, I can share that it has been a better journey than last year. I trust God in all things because I know He is going to make this work.

I want you to know that I learned a very valuable lesson during that time. God used my circumstances to open my eyes to His Mercy and Grace. For instance, God made it clear that I needed to allow Him control over things in my life. Once I relinquished control, He began to show me new things. He taught me how to become even more humble, how to ask for help, and how to lean on Him. Once I

began to surrender, I saw God's Hands mold and shape my life in different ways.

See, God's faithfulness allowed me to see how Christianity works: Your obedience to a call from the Holy Spirit is how we became introduced. It does not matter "who" shared my life's struggles with you. What mattered was God allowed the story to be told so He could work a more perfect plan. Once I surrendered to Him, the church shared food, finances, prayers, and even service for me. (Would you believe someone came all the way from Charlottesville to Richmond to cut my grass so I wouldn't be fined by the City of Richmond?) I didn't have to wear certain clothes, have a certain bank account balance, drive a certain car, or even have a certain skin color. I have never felt so much love. This is not the love that the world gives, but the love that only God can give. I am grateful that you were obedient to God's call for help. I am also grateful that God used you to show me what true love in His eyes really is. I would like to end this letter by apologizing for not writing sooner. I did ask Ayuko to share my gratitude verbally...but, I also wanted to follow up with this letter.

Again, I would like to thank you for everything. And, I thank God for you as well.

May God Bless and Keep You All!

Love In Christ,

Janette Pestell Kelly
JK

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, August 28

(This Sunday)

After Worship

Last one of the Summer

MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, August 27

3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meet at Trinity

FALL CONCERT

The NEW Dogwood Disciples will present their premier concert on

Sunday, September 25th

3:00 p.m. @ 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.

Opportunities exist to help sponsor this concert at the following levels:

\$100 Patron

\$50 Sponsor

\$25 Friend

Bathroom Renovation Fund

The bathroom renovation project will be complete this week which means we are quickly nearing the end of collecting money to help with this project. The totals are below and while the men are slightly ahead the women are catching up and have a greater level of overall participation.

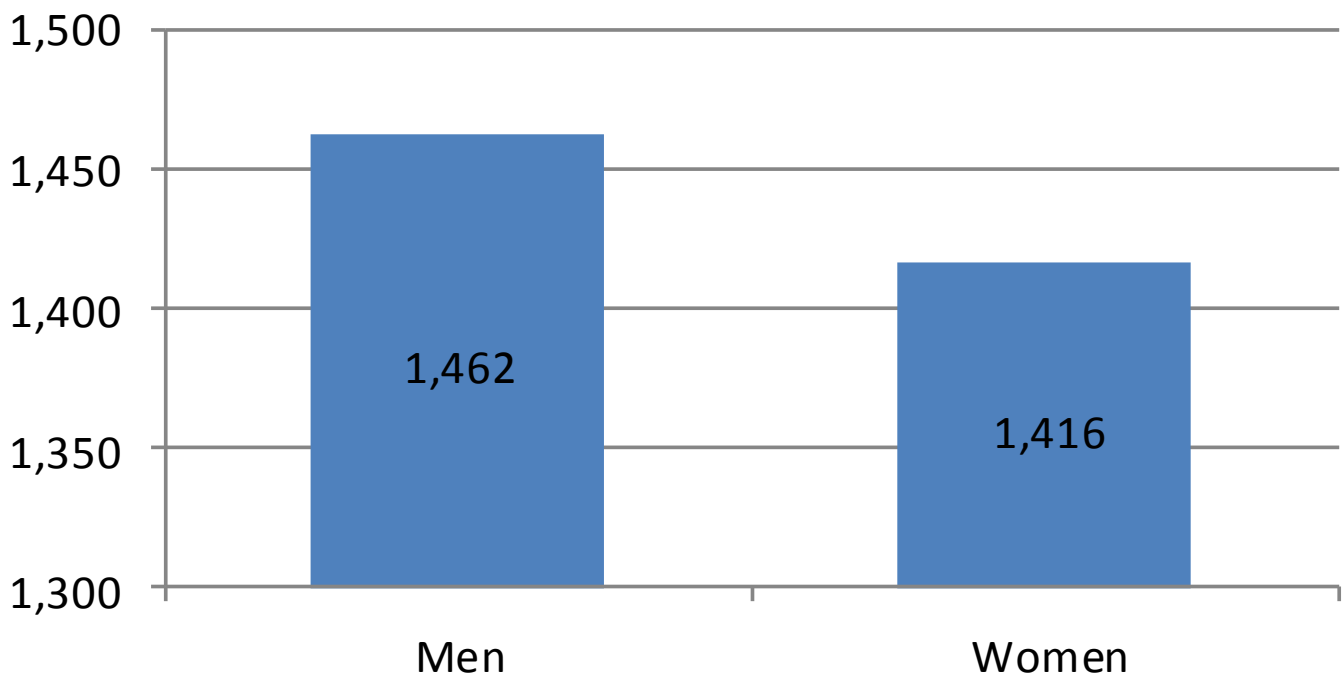
Please contribute

Boys' - \$1,462 (total 8 gifts)

Girls' - \$1,416 (total 23 gifts)

Closing Date: Sunday September 11th

Battle of the Sexes



ITEMS NEEDED

Amy Griffith announced in church a need for several items for John who is just beginning to live independently. The list is posted on the board in the entrance foyer as well as printed below:

Basics:

city trash stickers
toilet wand/refills
roach motels/roach killer
kitchen canisters
microwave oven
hot pads
first aid kit
plastic yard chairs
cereal bowls (no more than 4)
floor lamps

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