

Trinity NOTES

February 12, 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I think every once in a while God grants us a small piece of a vision. A couple of folks have mentioned that last Sunday was such an occasion for them.

There are many people at Trinity who remember a sermon given by Joe Cochran, the then senior warden and now a seminarian sponsored by Trinity. The sermon helped Trinity imagine a time in the future when parking would be a problem at Trinity and when the then orange chairs would not be seen because they would be filled with bodies.

This past Sunday was a great opportunity to see and hear what that vision would sound like and look like in reality. You and I got a chance to experience what a 33 person choir would sound like on a weekly basis and what it would be like to have a full sanctuary such that if you arrived late you would have to sit up front, if at all.

I believe God grants us visions as we need them, for encouragement or for a sense of direction. For me, we have recently experienced two visions for our encouragement. The success of our most recent stewardship campaign demonstrated that financially we have a great capacity to support the ministry of Trinity and we are very close to our three budgetary goals. In addition, Sunday provided us with a vision of what Trinity's future could look like if we fostered intentional efforts to continue grow.

I am convinced that God is not finished and we may soon experience a third vision to help us see what our ministry in the city of Charlottesville could look like.

In order for these visions to have their desired effect, you and I must first be open to seeing God's active hand. Secondly, we must also be willing to engage our minds, hearts, and resources in making these visions a lasting reality. *I truly hope this will be the outcome of what we have been granted.*

Pastor Cass

LAST WEEK'S VITALS

TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 126
2. Report of Offering, Sunday 02/05/12:

Pledge	\$5,371.00
Gifts & Plate	\$ 92.00
Breakfast	\$ 171.00
Rental	\$ 50.00
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total	\$5,694.00

2012 is off to a wonderful start!!

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City Of Promise

The City of Promise is an initiative that will change the game for children in the Westhaven, 10th & Page and Starr Hill neighborhoods so that they will have the same chances as their peers in Charlottesville to do well in school, go to college and succeed in life and work.

The planning year (this year) is funded by a federal Promise Neighborhood Planning Grant, a state Department of Criminal Justice Services prevention grant, and two smaller private grants, but the group will work during the year raising funds to implement the solutions the following year.

The Trinity Mardi Gras proceeds will be the first contribution to a new "Future Fund" to set aside funding for implementation. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Kristin Szakos at k.szakos@embarqmail.com or 987-1042.

Please HELP!

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION IN SUPPORT OF

City of Promise

**Sunday, February 12th
South Street Brewery
106 South Street**

**First seating 4-6 pm
Second Seating 6-8 pm**

**Tickets
\$25 in advance
\$35 at door**



**Live Entertainment: CHS Dixieland Band
Professionally prepared three course meal**

City of Promise is an initiative to permanently change the game for children in under-resourced communities in Charlottesville

**Tickets can be purchased at
Rudy's Rug Cleaning
Trinity Episcopal Church
Or online at www.trinityepiscopalville.org**

call her at

Sponsors:
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COMMUNITY ATTENTION FOSTER FAMILIES (CAFF)

Every Child Deserves A Childhood. Consider Fostering A Child Today!

Interested in opening your heart and home to a child in need?

Consider becoming a foster parent with CAFF.

We especially need people who can foster teens and sibling groups of 2 or more.

CAFF provides:

- 24 hour support
- A monthly tax-free stipend
- On going training

Foster children's medical & dental expenses are covered.

Financial assistance with childcare is available for working foster parents.

For more information contact:

Allison Saunier at (434) 970-3795 or

sauniera@charlottesville.org



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be an ecumenical gathering of members of prayer shawl ministries in our area churches hosted at St. Paul's Memorial Church, 1700 University Avenue, Charlottesville (across from the Rotunda) on Saturday, March 10 from 10 am to 12 noon in our parish hall. This will be an opportunity for sharing ideas on logistics, prayers, patterns and other concerns. Please bring examples of shawls, copies of patterns, prayers and other materials to share. There will be time for informal conversation from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Beginning at 11:00 am, each church will have an opportunity to present the details of their ministry to the others.



If you do not have a prayer shawl ministry, but would like to start one, please feel free to join us.

You may park in the lot adjacent the church on Chancellor Street. Come into the church after you park and a parking pass will be provided. For additional information, contact Margaret Haupt. 434 996-3548 : margaret.haupt@gmail.com . An RSVP if you are coming, would be greatly appreciated.

2012 Pledge Update

WE DID IT! (New Total)

As of January 29th we have received 63 pledges totaling \$188,458.

34 are increases
13 remain the same
10 are decreases
6 are new

We have a pledge income goal of \$180,000 for next year's budget.

We also have \$1,150 pledged for the Building Fund.



**Buck Mountain
Episcopal Church Women
SILENT AUCTION
Saturday, February 18, 2012
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Parish Hall**

- A few of the auction items so far:
- Jewelry • China • Crystal • Linens •
• Collectibles • Fine Clothing •
 - Accessories • Wine Tasting • Home Staging •
Fresh Baked Foods • Dinners • Spa Experience
and much, much more.

Heavy appetizers and beverages will be provided while you bid on the auction items.

**PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT
THE OUTREACH MINISTRIES OF
BUCK MOUNTAIN CHURCH, EARLYSVILLE**

Contact Ruth Gibson 434-978-1226 if you have any questions. See you there!

**DO YOU LIKE TO OR
NEED TO WALK?**

If you like to or need to walk, how about joining the Senior Ministry @ Trinity Church on one of its weekly walking sessions at Fashion Square Mall? We meet every Wednesday at 9 am at Red Robin and usually walk about one hour (3-4 laps around the mall) and conclude with coffee afterwards.

Once a month as an added treat, we finish up by going to Ihop!

For more information contact Betty Jones 434.973.2935.

Join us for the

Sunday Morning Adult Education

9:15 (after Breakfast)

Topic:

Music During the Civil Rights Era

We meet in the library

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)

TRANSFORMATION

Deborah Gille, (2014)

Jenny Holmes, (2012)

LOVE

Amy Griffith, (2013)

Erica Lloyd, (2014)

SUPPORT

Senior Warden: Mark Bell (2012)

Junior Warden: Mary Newton (2013)

Treasurer: Louise Gallagher

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson

NEWLY ELECTED

Betty Jones, Joe Commander, Jenny Holmes,

Brian Hunt, and Joe Kopp



The altar flowers are given by Stephanie Commander in honor of the February 16 birthday of Stephanie and Joseph Commander.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ash Wednesday
- **Bishop's Visit** : Wednesday, February 29th 6:00 pm, dinner to follow.
- Lenten Program

Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, February 12th, 2012

Lectors: Leah Puryear; Stephanie Commander

Intercessor: Jay Schlothauer

Chalice Bearers: Stephanie Commander; Al Anderson

Altar Guild: Shirley Thompson; Jane Meniktos;
Susan Fleischmann

Acolyte: Donnell Douglas

Ushers: Mark Bell; Sylvia Milner

Counter: Diane Sampson

Home Communion: Helen Plaisance

Greeter: Vernell Payne

Breakfast : Kevin Barnard; Donnell Douglas; John Durose

Hospitality Hour: Gloria Johnson; Julie Curry;
Molly McAdams

VESTRY APPOINTMENTS

The Vestry has the canonical responsibility to make three appointments:

1) Annual Council Representative and Alternate.

The Annual Council Representative along with the Vicar represents Trinity at the annual two-day gathering of the diocese. This meeting is held in late January and involves voting on the diocesan budget as well as any resolutions which are presented. This person is also the representative at any special conventions which may be called within the year. 2012 will include such a special convention for the election of a new Bishop Suffragan. The Annual Council Representative is also responsible for communicating with the Vestry and parish any relevant information.

2) Regional Council Representative.

The Regional Council Representative along with the Vicar represents Trinity at the four quarterly evening meetings which are held in our region (Region XV). These meetings include dinner and highlight various ministries of the 18 Episcopal churches in this region. It is also a platform for launching new efforts. The Regional Council Representative is also responsible for communicating with the Vestry and parish any relevant information.

If you think you would like to serve in either of these capacities, please pray about it and let the Vicar know before February 19th.

Bishop Suffragan Nominating Committee Announces Slate

After 11 months of prayerful discernment, the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan announces the following slate of nominees:

The Rev. Randy Alexander
Rector of Christ Church, Pelham
Diocese of New York

The Rev. Canon Susan Goff
Canon to the Ordinary
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. David May
Rector of Grace Church, Kilmarnock
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. Dr. Hilary Smith
Rector of St. Paul's on-the-Hill, Winchester
Diocese of Virginia

The Very Rev. Shirley Smith Graham
Rector of St. Martin's, Williamsburg
Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rev. Canon Sue Sommer
Subdean and Canon Pastor of Grace & Holy Trinity
Cathedral
Diocese of West Missouri

The slate of nominees has been received with commendation and gratitude by Bishop Johnston and the Standing Committee.

You can learn more about the candidates, plus a detailed description of the Nominating Process, in the [Final Report of the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan](#). This report contains the candidates' biographies, a letter of introduction and responses to three essay questions.

The six nominees were selected from an initial field of 78 names submitted to the Nominating

Committee last year. Of these, 38 agreed to enter into the discernment process with us. Through careful and prayerful discernment, the committee then narrowed the potential nominees over the course of several months through a review of submitted documents, telephone interviews, travel to visit potential nominees and a discernment retreat.

Additional nominations are allowed by petition from February 3 until February 13. [Learn more about the petition process on the Bishop Suffragan Search Process Web site.](#)

All nominees will visit the Diocese in March to participate in a series of walkabouts, a series of meetings scheduled to provide the Diocese with the opportunity to meet, hear from and talk with the nominees. These gatherings are open to anyone and not just to delegates to Council. These are scheduled to take place at the following dates and times:

March 19, St. Paul's, Ivy, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 20, Christchurch School, Christchurch, 1-3:30 p.m. (*Note Location Change)
March 20, St. George's, Fredericksburg, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 21, Christ Church, Winchester, 7-9:30 p.m.
March 22, Good Shepherd, Burke, 7:30-10 p.m.
March 23, St. James's, Richmond, 7-9:30 p.m.

The Transition Committee invites members of the Diocese to submit potential questions for the nominees to respond to during the scheduled walkabouts. Questions can be sent to suffragan_transition@thediocese.net, and should be submitted no later than February 17, 2012.

The Bishop Suffragan will be elected at an Electing Council held at St. George's, Fredericksburg on April 21, 2012.