

Trinity NOTES

January 29, 2012

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I was pondering what to write this week. I opened my e-mail and a fellow parishioner had passed this on to me. It seemed like what I wanted to say and an answer to my plea for assistance from God. So, I pass it on to you.

India is the largest movie-producing nation in the world, and to grow up in India is to grow up in a culture where anything on the screen brings a crowd. Romance on the screen was, at the time I was growing up, very typical. Yet since kissing was not permitted, romantic encounters routinely consisted of a "boy meets girl" scenario that ended with starry-eyed expressions, each chasing the other around trees, with melodramatic music playing. It is best described as grownups playing peek-a-book in a jungle. Just as the long-awaited moments of embrace came, the scene would change and the audience would applaud.

An Indian comedian who wrote a question-and-answer column in a national film magazine was once asked, "What is the difference between love on the Western screen and love on the Indian screen?" His answer was one word: "Trees."

In the existential questions of our lives and in the struggles of our minds, the trees that separate the worlds of cultures are numerous. Behind all of our superficial distinctives lie the weighty differences—those of values, religion, and worldview. In my work of offering a defense of the Christian faith, God has given me the privilege of speaking on every continent and in dozens of cities, often to those holding a radically different outlook on spiritual matters than my own. I know first-hand that religious issues can be discussed without compromise, yet without animosity, with gentleness and with respect. While specific beliefs may

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Dear Friends,

I do hope you will attend the Annual Meeting of Trinity Church on Sunday. It is a wonderful time for all of us to gather together as we review significant events of the past year and hear about plans for the year to come.

You will be fed spiritually with worship at 10:30 and physically with a potluck after worship. Please Come!

LAST WEEK'S VITALS

TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 69
2. Report of Offering, Sunday 1/22/12:

Pledge	\$1,804.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Gifts & Plate	\$ 174.00
Breakfast	\$ 47.00
Refund: Worker's Comp	\$ 96.00
<u>Seeds of Love Grant</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,055.00

2012 is off to a wonderful start!!

An Intentional Multicultural Christian Community of Reconciliation, Transformation, and Love

January 29, 2012 – Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church

On January 31, the Episcopal Church commemorates the Rev. Dr. Samuel Shoemaker. Ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1921, Shoemaker was called in 1925 to become the rector of Calvary Church, New York City. While serving at Calvary, Shoemaker led the American chapter of the Oxford Group, an international Christian movement in the 1930s-40s, and was instrumental in the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Shoemaker is generally regarded as the spiritual mentor of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“The early AA got its ideas of self-examination, acknowledgement of character defects, restitution for harm done, and working with others straight from the Oxford Group and directly from Sam Shoemaker, their former leader in America, and from nowhere else.”
— Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous

The Episcopal Church not only remains an active supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous, but through Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, supports and cares for all who, through many forms of addiction, have lost their health and freedom.

“Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church is dedicated to helping those suffering from addiction find healing and transformation in the Episcopal Church,” commented the Rev. Kevin M. Cross, president of Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church. “We do so through ministries based in education, pastoral care, liturgical practice, and advocacy. Our work is grounded in practices of radical welcome, community building, pastoral care, and liturgics. We




www.episcopalrecovery.org



fully support the primacy of involvement in Twelve Step Programs, and we seek to build an awareness of the potential for the Church to support and build on Twelve Step programs.”

To find out more about Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Church, visit their website (www.episcopalrecovery.org), which offers information about their upcoming Gathering in Miami, April 12-14, as well as resources, such as list of useful publications, and a blog, “Through the Red Door,” featuring stories and insights by recovering Episcopalians.

“Whether you are in recovery, have friends or family members in recovery, or simply are curious, we invite you to join us in this work,” said Cross. 

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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!

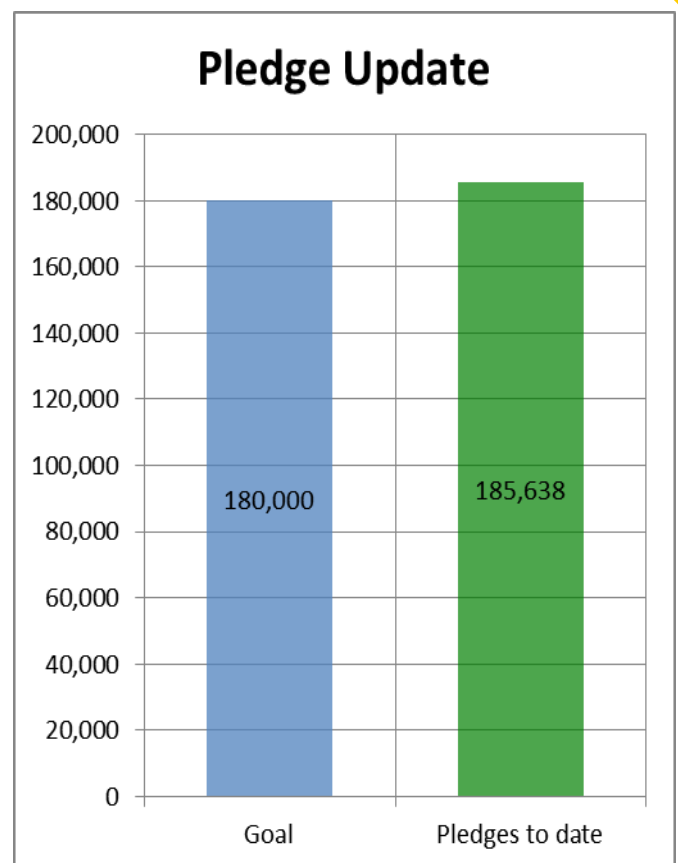
As of January 27th, we have received 62 pledges totaling \$185,638.

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

We have approximately 2 pledges outstanding.

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

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



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

Asst. Treasurer: Louise Gallagher

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



Small Groups Restart

If you are interested in joining a small group please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Groups are tentatively scheduled for:

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Friday Mornings 8:30 to 10:00 am

Friday Mornings 10:00 to 11:45 am

Wednesday or Friday Afternoon Time TBD

Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, January 29th, 2012

Lectors: Cheryl Kasper; Kendra Hamilton

Intercessor: Steve Neumeister

Chalice Bearers: Kevin Barnard; Gloria Johnson

Altar Guild: Betty Jones; Mary Blair; Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Carol Fleming; James Tinsley

Counter: Deborah Gile

Home Communion: Cheryl Kasper

Greeter: Ann Friend Clark

Breakfast : **No Breakfast**

Hospitality Hour: **Potluck Brunch**

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

Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, February 4th

3:00 to 6:00

Please RSVP

On Bulletin Board

Bishop's Visit

Wednesday, February 29th

- Baptisms
- Confirmations
- Reaffirmations
- Kick Off of Lenten Series:
“What does transformation look like?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will **NOT** be breakfast this Sunday but Adult and Children's formation will be at 9:15, as usual.
- MLK Interfaith Worship Service 2:00 pm, Jefferson Theater.
- The Choir from the Blue Ridge School will join us on Sunday, February 5th. Worship and brunch prepared by the breakfast ministry, will follow.
- Trinity will host the meeting of the Region XV Council on Thursday, February 16th. This includes representatives from all 18 Episcopal Churches in this region. It will begin with worship at 6:00 followed by dinner and a meeting. You are invited! Please RSVP to the office.

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION IN
SUPPORT OF THE**

City of Promise Initiative

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



Live Entertainment featuring

First seating 4-6 pm

Second Seating 6-8 pm

Tickets

\$25 in advance

\$35 at door

**City of Promise is an initiative to permanently
change the pathways for children in under
resourced committees in Charlottesville**

Tickets can be purchased at

Rudy's Rug Cleaning

Trinity Episcopal Church

Or online at trinepc@ntelos.net

Sponsors:

South Street Brewery

Trinity Episcopal Church

Chief without a kitchen

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offend, it is possible to present them without being personally offensive.

I once stayed in Southeast Asia, where I met a wonderful Muslim man. He was the room attendant at my hotel. Every day when he came in to make my room, he would also make some tea, and we would talk. On his day off, he took me sightseeing, and we visited many places of worship. I will never forget him. I wish more people showed the kindness that he did. And that is the point I wish to make: We can be worldviews apart without anger or offense. What I believe, I believe very seriously. Indeed the foundation of my entire life's work is the conviction that Jesus Christ alone is the way, the truth, and the life. Be-

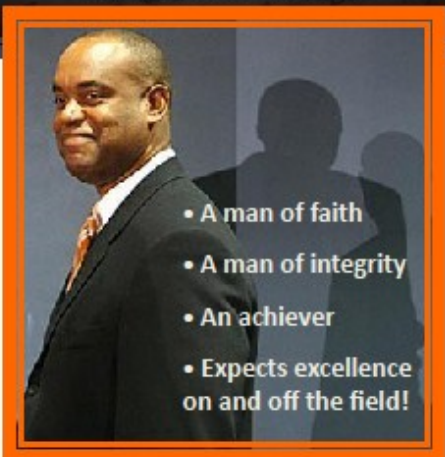
ing myself persuaded of this, I am compelled to persuade others. Yet far more than persuasion of tenets or dogma, my hope is to present a life of gentleness and respect, undergirded with love for fellow souls and the God who made us.

In a world where the trees that separate us are large and discussions of ultimate truth often generate more heat than light, I hope that we can together consider truth in the open.

Ravi Zacharias is founder and chairman of the board of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Cass

“As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.”
-Proverbs 27:17



- A man of faith
- A man of integrity
- An achiever
- Expects excellence on and off the field!

A reception

Honoring Coach Mike London

Sunday, January 29, 2012

4:00 PM

Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church
105 Lanford Avenue
Charlottesville, VA

Sponsored by the African American Pastors Council of Charlottesville, VA

FOOD DRIVE

February 5th (next week) is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Please remember the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in your grocery shopping and bring can goods to church



Annual Meeting of Trinity Church

Sunday, January 29th

9:15 Christian Formation for Adults & Children

10:30 Worship

11:45 **Potluck Meal** and Brief Meeting

Trinity Episcopal Church
1042 Preston Avenue
Charlottesville, VA 22903

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