

Trinity NOTES

June 26, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers

There is a lot of good news to highlight this week. Please find more substantial details within this edition of the *Trinity Notes*. Here are some snapshots

Sunday Brunch

On Sunday we will have the first of our three summer brunches. The intent of this endeavor is to introduce our wonderful Breakfast Ministry to the wider congregation. While we normally ask a donation of three dollars this brunch will be free in order to encourage the broadest possible participation.

We are all convinced that if folks experience the wonder of this cooking that you won't want to stay away. Please plan to attend.

Mustard Seed Grant

Trinity is the recipient of a large grant to help with our bathroom renovation efforts. Each member of Trinity still has a part to play. We are still in need to more contributions toward this effort.

The New Chairs

The new sanctuary chairs will arrive next week. We need folks to help load up our old chairs on Friday, July 1st and unload our new chairs on Saturday, July 2nd. Please help if you can.

If you are unable to help on one of those two days, we still need to disassemble the racks on our old chairs prior to loading them up on Friday, July 1st. If you are available on any day from June 26 through June 30th for this task which simply involves a screw driver please let me know.

The Men's Group

This is a new initiative with a limitless future. Please join us for a couple of hours of work in the rain garden at the church and then a hearty meal and some conversation.

Please read the details of these and other events carefully and if you have any questions contact the parish office.

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Cass

LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 86
2. Last Sunday's offering:
Report of Offering - 6/19/11:

Pledge	\$1,855.00
Gifts & Plate	58.19
Rent - Mitchell House	375.00
Flower Fund	35.00
New Chair Fund	300.00
Girls' Bathroom	<u>265.00</u>
Total	\$2,888.19

Thru May 31, 2011:

Pledge Offering Received: \$65,294 vs. \$69,521 Pledges Budgeted **(\$4,227 Deficit)**

37% of 60 Pledges were behind at end of May.

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The Episcopal Church

June 26, 2011 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

A Message to the Episcopal Church from the Executive Council, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, June 14-17, 2011

June 17, 2011

Models, paintings and photographs of widowed boats line the halls of the Maritime Institute, some showing vessels caught in mid-explosion, others detailed in all their newly launched beauty and power. Scripture often uses the sea as a symbol of danger and chaos, and the boat or ship as a symbol of the safe place God creates for God's people – a symbol for the church.

For the last three days the Executive Council has met among these powerful symbols to talk of hard financial issues and church decline and growth, to address elephants in the room, and to speak truth to one another in love.

The Presiding Bishop began her opening address by saying she was seeing a "significant rise in readiness for mission . . . for connection to needs beyond the local congregation." The President of the House of Deputies spoke of the need for courageous change and called for a structure that "supports mission and ministry at the most appropriate level - congregation, diocese, province or church center."

These have been reoccurring themes in the addresses of the Executive Council's chair and vice chair this triennium as they have repeatedly urged the Council to be creative risk takers in addressing the challenges facing The Episcopal Church.

Chief Operating Officer Linda Watt said good bye to the Executive Council, reminding members of the Church Center staff's passion for and commitment to the mission of The Episcopal Church.

Members heard a report from the Haiti team on the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the church in Haiti and on the progress of rebuilding in the wake of the earthquake in January of 2010. They detailed the careful groundwork being laid by the team to ensure the best business practices and the highest possible use of donated resources as well as the deep faith and hope of the Haitians in the face of long term adversity.

At this meeting, Council members called one another to the work of examining not only budgets but also how we treat one another and the staff that supports our work. How do we create and honor the beloved community? How do we avoid losing our better selves, losing patience with one another in the midst of long days with everyone trying to do too much with limited resources and time? To help with our mutual responsibility to one another, the Council has adopted the use of a process observation form that will be filled out by each Council and staff member and reviewed at the next meeting. This also will be a regular part of our board development work.

We were attentive to structural matters, keeping in mind that well-functioning structures make mission more easily facilitated and supported. This was the thinking behind the decision at the beginning of the triennium to restructure Council's committees, and once again this meeting saw the fruit of that decision. Council adopted revised Bylaws and Rules of Order for the Executive Council and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Again our surroundings reminded us that changing the direction of a big sea-going vessel can take more miles than we can currently see and more time than one might assume.

After hearing presentations from the provisional bishops of the Episcopal Dioceses of Quincy and San Joaquin, we grappled with how best to support these continuing dioceses in hard financial times as they struggle with reorganization in the wake of schism and the resultant litigation. The decision was made to respond with financial support coupled with requests for continued accountability from the dioceses on specific uses of the funds.

Wednesday dinner was a welcome respite from all this intensity. It was served outside on the lawn in lovely weather. Convivial conversations ranged from the day's business to talk of ministries to the sharing of funny stories of liturgies gone bad.

The second day found Executive Council members walking to their committee meetings through hallways filled with attendees at a conference on waste management. Signs and displays touting garbage trucks, plastic and glass recycling systems, mulching companies, and landfills lined the halls.

All this sent us all into our committee work with a renewed awareness of the huge amounts of waste that our country produces and the creative ways being developed to deal with it as we run out of landfill space. It provided an interesting context in which to do our work.

Much of the work of Executive Council happens in committee, and at this meeting, that work resulted in several resolutions and reports dealing with issues ranging from the deteriorating situation in Sudan to budget issues to an updated agreement with Episcopal Relief and Development. We continued our commitment to the MDGs with a resolution requesting the Joint Standing Committee on Finances for Mission (JCFM) include in the 2013-2015 General Convention Budget a line item of no less than 0.7% of the non-government revenue of The Episcopal Church to support the Millennium Development Goals as a visible and prophetic act of leadership in fighting global poverty.

Kathryn Tiede, liaison to Executive Council from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), spoke of the many ways The Episcopal Church and the ELCA are beginning to combine efforts in areas such as anti-racism training and research on genetically modified organisms and offered this a model worth continued exploration.

Jim Cowan, liaison to Executive Council from the Anglican Church in Canada, reflected that he found the conversations concerning the Dioceses of Quincy and San Joaquin intriguing. He asked, "How do the dioceses that have suffered as a result of schism compare with those dioceses that are marginal? There are real concerns about viability, but where do these concerns mesh with plans for the extended mission of the Church? He also observed, "We have talked about 'pruning for growth.' What does this mean to us? Pruning, whether for maintenance or for growth, hurts."

As he concluded, he announced that the Supreme Court of Canada released its Decision refusing Leave to Appeal from the November, 2010 decision of the British Columbia Court of Appeal. "This removes all litigation over property matters across the country. For that I am thankful. My wish for you is that your court challenges will conclude both soon and well," he concluded.

Other actions, reports and resolutions include: To express profound concern at the impasse between Israeli and Palestinian leaders in the process toward final-status negotiations for a two-state solution to end decades of conflict; to reaffirm this Church's support for a two-state solution in which a secure and universally recognized State of Israel lives alongside a secure, independent and viable Palestinian state, with Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states; and to urge all Episcopalians to pray for the peace of the Holy Land.

Legislation: To recognize a large number new and returning mission partners deployed all over the world on behalf of our church.

General: Received a preliminary report from Deputy Rebecca Snow, chair of the Standing Commission on Structure, regarding a consultation on May 31 on the subject of the church's structure, which will be posted on the church Website later.

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Brunch This Sunday

June 26

(directly following worship)

**Experience The Wonder Of
The Trinity Breakfast Ministry
(FREE)**

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 — 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
(Contact Ayuko White)**

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE (Summer)

Sunday, June 26, 2011

8:45 a.m. **No Breakfast**

9:15 a.m. **Christian Formation For Adults**

Library

10:30 a.m. **Worship***

Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

12:00 **Parish Brunch NEW**

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

Charlottesville's Dialogue On Race

UPDATE

July 19 (Tuesday)

Dialogue on Race Steering Committee meeting
@ CitySpace, 5:30 p.m.

July 28 (Thursday)

"Taste of Ghana" 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.,
location TBD

July 30 (Saturday)

10:45 a.m. African American Cultural Arts
Festival, Washington Park

Don't forget to check out the Dialogue on Race
at:

@Dialogue4Cville

Charlottesville Dialogue on Race

A Thank You From Shanna

I wanted to thank everyone at Trinity SO MUCH for supporting my Bike & Build trip. Because of you guys, I walked out of Trinity \$452 closer to my goal of \$1700 and I haven't encountered a more supportive group of people yet. If you missed the announcement or know someone who might want to help, I'm doing a 2-week, 500+ mile bike ride from Richmond to Philadelphia starting on July 9 and stopping in 4 cities along the way to build houses.

All of the money I raise goes towards building materials, affordable housing groups and raising awareness for the cause—and if I don't raise the full amount, I don't get to go! I'm also in need of a road bike because I don't know how I'll survive this trip on my hybrid!

Thanks so much to everyone who donated or offered kind words, and here's my bio and donation page if you're interested: <http://bikeandbuild.org/rider/index.php?rider=5069>

God bless! Shanna, Trinity Childcare

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
Stephanie Commander.**

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:

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



Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Lectors: Susan Fleischmann & Lauren Fleischmann

Intercessor: Stephanie Commander

Chalice Bearers: Leah Puryear & Nick Garber

Altar Guild: Shirley Thompson, Jane Meniktos & Susan Fleischmann

Acolyte: Amy Griffith

Ushers: Gretchen Ellis & Jay Schlothauer

Counter: Diane Sampson

Home Communion: Helen Plaisance

Hospitality Hour: Stephanie Commander, Leah Puryear, & Joe Commander

Brunch: Trinity Breakfast Ministry

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

The New Sanctuary Chairs Will Arrive Saturday, July 2nd

- We will need a couple of folks to remove the old chairs from the sanctuary and load onto the truck on Friday, July 1st @4:00 p.m.
- We will need a couple of folks to help unload the truck at 3:45-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd.
- If you can, please help on either day.



Kick-Off Men's Group Meeting



Saturday, July 25th

3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

COME!

Trinity Receives Mustard Seed Grant

Trinity was notified this week that it has received a \$7,600 grant from the Mustard Seed Fund which is a fund of the Diocese of Virginia. We applied for the grant to help renovate our bathrooms. In particular, this grant is to assist in the renovation the two bathrooms on the 2nd floor. All in all, each bathroom will cost approximately \$4,500 to renovate.

In writing the grant we highlighted the fact that we had already renovated two of our five bathrooms and would be soliciting funds from the congregation to complete the third one, which is on the parish hall level. Money for that part of the project is a little slower than anticipated. We still are about \$1,000 short of the funds we need to undertake the renovation of the remaining bathroom on the parish hall level..

A special Thank You should go to members of the Finance Committee, especial Beverly Bivins and Lauren Fleishmann, along with Mary Newton who were responsible for researching and writing the grant application.

A word about participation levels. The men are ahead in overall dollars but that is indicative of one large gift. Participation from the men has been from six gifts. The gifts of the women while smaller have been more numerous at twelve. That means there are a number of potential households left to contribute which will help us to meet our \$4,000 goal.

