

# Trinity NOTES

May 8, 2011

## Dear Sisters and Brothers

When I attended a meeting at St. Georges Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg last week, I was struck by the fact that there were three churches on each of the corners of a major downtown intersection and on the fourth corner was some kind of government building which obviously was at one time a church.

I was reminded of the verse from Ecclesiastes 4:12 which says:

*Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Essentially the writer says that there is strength in numbers. Of course this makes sense when you think about it. Yet, despite the intuitive truth of this fact it doesn't always effect the way in which the church engages in ministry and mission. Have you noticed even in our own city of Charlottesville how many Episcopal churches are within a short walk or drive of one another, not to mention other denominations?

Of course there were historical and even theological reasons for the establishment of the multitude of churches which in some cases are right across the street from each other.

From its earliest beginnings, the church struggled with dividing itself into various groups and camps. The Apostle Paul argued with the church at Corinth pleading with the members to move beyond seeing themselves as a follower of the person who baptized them rather than solely as a member of the body of Christ.

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## NETS For Life

This is the last Sunday to contribute \$12 and save a life.



## LAST WEEK'S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance:	74
2. Last Sunday's offering:	
Pledge	\$5,126.00
Building Fund	20.00
Gifts & Plate	414.10
New Chair Fund	350.00
Nets for life	141.00
Breakfast Ministry	33.00
Other	10.00
Total	<u>\$6,094.10</u>

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# CROP MOB and WHOLE/HOLY MEAL

Come for an afternoon/evening of Urban Farming and a Spirit-centered community meal!

Day: Tuesday, May 10, 2011  
Place: The 10½ Street Community Garden  
(on 10½ Street just south of Grady Avenue)  
Details: The Crop Mob begins at 4:00 pm

Whole/Holy Meal begins at 6:30 pm -- feel free to come when you can and leave when you must!

Please bring a dish to share, willing hands for work, and any of the following: poetry, prose, music, and friends.

Also, dress for the weather and farming, and please bring any tools or gloves you think may be useful.

The next Crop Mob and Whole/Holy Meal will be held at Bellair Farm on Tuesday, May 31.

## What is a Crop Mob?

*"As interest in locally grown, organic food increases, a new way to get involved is sprouting up all over the country and it's known as a crop mob. During these events, a group of volunteers converge on small and urban farms and lend a hand on specific projects." -- From Free Speech Radio News*

## What is a Whole/Holy Meal?

*An opportunity to honor whole foods, one another, and the presence of God in our midst in the lived experience of sharing a meal together.*

# SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 8, 2011

8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Parish Hall
9:15 a.m.	Christian Formation For Children	Upstairs Class Room
	Christian Formation For Adults	Library
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
10:30 a.m.	Worship*	Sanctuary (Holy Eucharist)

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

## Upcoming Events

May,

14 Breaking Bread Together

15 Last Sunday for Nets for Life

Pulpit Exchange with Ebenezer Baptist

## Reminder

Our local NAACP regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m., in the Jackson P. Burley Media Center located on Rose Hill Drive.  
Topic: Labor Relations

## 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)

\*Saturday Mornings — 8:00 am to 9:00 a.m.  
(Contact Tish Bailey)

\*New Small Group Forming

\*\*Beginning Friday, May 13, we will embark on a study using the Companions in Christ spiritual formation program, which the Friday AM small group has already started with Pastor Cass. This means that our weekly sessions will be one and a half hours and so we will start at 11:30 AM and end at 1:00 PM. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ayuko at 296-1034 or [ayukowhite@gmail.com](mailto:ayukowhite@gmail.com).

## 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

Flowers on the Altar  
were donated by  
Diane Sampson  
in honor of  
ALL MOTHERS.

## 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, May 8, 2011

Lectors: Jay Schlothauer & Diane Sampson

Intercessor: Mark Bell

Chalice Bearers: Leah Puryear & Nick Garber

Altar Guild: Shirley Robinson & Lelia Brown

Acolyte: Donnell Douglas

Ushers: Jenny Holmes & Al Anderson


Counter: Mark Bell

Home Communion: Cheryl Kasper

Hospitality Hour: Kevin Barnard & Gloria Johnson

Breakfast: Team 1 (Carroll Hill & Elizabeth Hill)

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



breaking bread.  
sharing stories.

sharing food is a great way to build a friendship

a collection of area churches, across racial and  
denominational lines, gather to share food and stories  
*bring food to share for lunch*

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**@ Trinity Episcopal (1042 Preston)**

**11:30 – 1** (11:30 lunch / 12:00 program)

overflow parking available at Wash Park and Zion Union Baptist

info: Trinity | 293.3157 (leave message) | ayukowhite@gmail.com



# The Episcopal Church

May 8, 2011 – Third Sunday of Easter

## Older Adult Ministries Task Force

The Federal Administration on Aging has declared May to be Older Americans Month, and in recognition of this, the Older Adult Ministries task force of the Episcopal Church challenges congregations “to think about how they might honor and celebrate the talents of their aging congregants,” said Jeri Sedlar, task force co-convenor, from the Diocese of New York. “As this unique generation of baby boomers age, attention is drawn to both the reality of aging in general and to the importance of all generations within the church.”

The Older Adult Ministries task force focuses on addressing the issues and concerns of the aging population of the Episcopal Church and the impact and implications that an aging population will have on congregations. The task force is also gathering data on older adult ministries currently in place in congregations and dioceses throughout the church.

“The effects of aging encompass the emotional, physical, social, financial, and spiritual aspects of a person,” Sedlar noted.

Created by General Convention 2009 Resolution D004, the task force on Older Adult Ministries was mandated “to determine programs currently being offered by congregations, dioceses, and provinces, to establish a method of sharing this information, and to explore ways the church can expand this ministry to connect with one another in intergenerational opportunities.” It was also instructed to prepare a “comprehensive plan to raise awareness and address the emerging crisis in health, caregiving, and faith issues which cross generational and economic lines with emphasis on support of congregational, diocesan, and provincial programs for older adult ministry.”

Resolution D004 cited facts such as:

- One in every eight Americans is age 65 or older.
- Over one in four of those age 65+ live alone.
- Within 10 years, the age 85+ population will increase by 40%.

“The Task Force on Older Adult Ministries was created by General Convention to determine what is already available, and to ascertain what is needed,” commented task force co-convenor Missy Morain of the Diocese of Los Angeles. “Older adults are an important part of our church, and we are focused on developing the voice of ministries with, by, and to older adults and their families.”

In addition to preparing resolutions for General Convention 2012 that respond appropriately to the trends and needs of an aging population, the task force has focused on taking a leadership position on preventing elder abuse and piloting an elder abuse prevention webinar in Lexington, Kentucky.

The task force also works closely with the Episcopal Church Office of Lifelong Christian Formation, as Older Adult Ministries is an integral aspect of the lifelong process of Christian formation.

To offer ideas as well as information about current programs for older adults, contact Ruth-Ann Collins, Lifelong Christian Formation officer for the Episcopal Church: [rcollins@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:rcollins@episcopalchurch.org).

Resources for older adults can be downloaded from the Episcopal Church website: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/olderadult>.



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# Diocesan News

## **Summer Camp: Spots Available, Nurses Needed!**

Make plans now for summer 2011! Spots are still available at most Shrine Mont Camps. From music and drama to art and sports, there's a camp for everyone - including one for the whole family. Visit [camps.thediocese.net](http://camps.thediocese.net) to learn more or register online.

Shrine Mont is seeking nurses to work at Shrine Mont this summer and provide health care to campers. Nurses are paid \$100/day plus room and board, with spots available July 21-July 30 and August 2-13. Please [contact Paris Ball](#) if you're interested in serving as a nurse at Shrine Mont this summer.

## **Bishop Suffragan Election**

Have you shared your views with the Nominating Committee for Bishop Suffragan? We invite every member of the Diocese to participate in this important survey by May 26. Churches, please include this bulletin insert in your upcoming publications to encourage your parishioners to take part. Visit the Bishop Suffragan Search Process Site for more information and a timeline for the process.

## **Commission on Mental Health**

The diocesan Committee on Mental Health recently hosted a workshop on post-traumatic stress disorder. Read a summary and view pictures from the event on the Committee Web site.

## **Episcopal Church Women**

The Episcopal Church Women Spring Board Meeting will take place Thursday, May 19 at Christ Church, Spotsylvania under the theme "From Dreams to Call: Embracing Our Journey with Joy." Featuring lunch, Eucharist and small-group workshops

# CARLTON'S

609 East Market St., Between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> St., NE  
In the Michie Building, Across from City Hall

## Fine Dining and Soft Jazz

Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday Brunch 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Late Night With Limited Menu

Monday – Saturday 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

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I mention this issue to stress a point I wrote about last week. The events that Trinity and other churches have been engaged in over the last several months are not just social events. They have been the foundation of what many of us hope is future ministry together.

At the last meeting of a group of clergy, spawned by the dialogue on race, it was decided that we were ready to take yet another important step in building a foundation for future ministry. That step is a series of gatherings which will help us build personal relationships between members of our churches. Ayuko has taken the lead in helping to organize this event which is being called "*Breaking Bread and Sharing Stories.*" It will be held at Trinity on Saturday, May 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. I do hope you will attend. Not only are

we the host church this time around, Trinity has a history of being a leader in this kind of event and we will surely benefit from combining our efforts with other Christians in trying to make our community a better place.

An additional step in the building of relationships with other Christians is the pulpit exchange that Trinity will have with Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday, May 15th. Pastor Lehman Bates will be the guest preacher at Trinity and I will preach at Ebenezer's 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to join me at Ebenezer, please let me know, as Pastor Bates will be bringing a few of his parishioners to experience worship at Trinity as well.

*Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Cass*