

Trinity NOTES

October 16, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are now in full swing with our reflection of transformation which is the second core element of our mission statement here at Trinity. The small groups are focused on this topic and our upcoming renewal weekend will touch on this issue from a slightly different perspective.

I feel the need to highlight the fact that while transformation involves change it is certainly not the same as change. For example, change is inevitable but transformation is not. The transformation that Jesus asks of his disciples is much deeper and more profound than simple change. Consequently, discipleship transformation involves a choice along with effort and endurance.

One image that Jesus left with his first disciples from the Gospel according to John was that of a kernel of wheat. He said *“unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed but if it dies, it produces many seeds”* That’s right, you and I are being asked for nothing less than to die to one way of life, as we fully embrace living another.

Transformation is deeply personal and often looks different for each of us but there is a corporate dimension to transformation as well. A transformed community looks very different than a social club or ordinary organization. A transformed community is alive and attractive. It is a place where we can see and experience Jesus in a unique way.

I feel that by way of full disclosure I need to remind you that transformation is not easy nor will it be ac-

cepted by everyone. In other words, you may not be the most popular person should you decide to act as a transformed disciple of Jesus.

For example, the honesty and integrity that transformation requires will most certainly put you at odds with the untransformed. Jesus will ask that you tell the truth not just literally but in spirit as well. That is not what our culture says.

There is joy and abundant life in this journey of transformation as well. So lets have some fun as we become the people God intends us to be.

In Christ

Pastor Cass

LAST WEEK’S VITALS TITHES & GIFTS

1. Last Sunday's attendance: 71
2. Report of Offering - Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011:

Pledge	\$3,675.00
Gifts & Plate	257.00
Breakfast Ministry	<u>39.00</u>
Total	\$3,971.00

Third quarter Pledge Statements have been distributed. Please contact Beverly Bivins at basmaison@hotmail.com, or 978-4552 if you have questions, corrections, or amendments to your 2011 Pledge. Thanks!

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

October 16, 2011 – Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Presiding Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Israeli-Palestinian Peace

The following is an excerpt from a Pastoral Letter on Israeli-Palestinian Peace issued by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, on October 2, 2011. The letter may be read in full at http://www.episcopalchurch.org/newsline_130016_ENG_HTM.htm.



cc by Zeevveez, architectural detail from Talita Kumi House, Jerusalem

*On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded;
The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings
of Jacob.*

*Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her,
And the Most High himself shall sustain her."
— Psalm 87 (p. 711, Book of Common Prayer)*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The events of recent weeks have drawn the minds of many around the world once again to the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict. New violence and hostility directed against the State of Israel from other neighbor states in the region, the continued expansion of Israeli settlements into the Palestinian territories, and the United Nations' expected consideration of the matter of Palestinian statehood all are reflections of the untenable nature of the present reality. While optimism for meaningful and constructive negotiation between the two parties dimmed over the past year, the events of recent weeks – and the new opportunities they may present – invite us to reflect prayerfully on what each might do to bring new hope to those who live, move, and have their being within the daily reality of this conflict in the land called holy by all the children of Abraham.

At the outset, it bears noting what The Episcopal Church has said repeatedly over the course of multiple decades: a just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians can be achieved only by bilateral negotiations between the two parties themselves. This important principle was reaffirmed just last month by a joint communiqué of the Patriarchs and Heads of Local Churches in Jerusalem. The contours of what such negotiations must produce are as clear as ever: a two-state solution that provides for the security and universal recognition of Israel and the safety of all its people, the viability and territorial integrity of a state for the Palestinian people, and a sharing of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Unfortunately, the gulf between this outcome and the politi-

cal and moral will needed to achieve it has proven wide. Only a year ago, hope existed that negotiations would commence, and that – particularly with the involvement of the President of the United States – the moment for a peaceful solution might finally have arrived. Tragically, the events of the past year have driven the parties further apart rather than closer together, leading some to question whether international efforts to support the peace process have lost credibility, and whether there is any meaningful path toward negotiations.

Yet even in the midst of such complexity and crisis, one can note two very powerful reasons to remain engaged. First, people on each side share a common dream for a future of peace and a common political support for the compromises necessary to achieve it. Second, even though each side is frustrated and believes that the present moment is untenable, nearly all agree that a future without peace is more untenable still. New discussions by Israelis and Palestinians over this past weekend about a resumption of negotiations in the near future are a reminder that we must maintain hope and actively support those seeking to make peace.

If we can agree that a future without peace is no future at all, and that negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians themselves are the only way to bring about peace, we must ask what each of us can do to support the parties in beginning the journey toward peace together. ...

**"Join me in hoping beyond hope
for a fruitful resolution to this crisis."**

Some may ask why we should remain hopeful when each passing year feels like a further closing of the window for peace and each new fact on the ground seems to be a new impediment to peace rather than an incentive. Let us be reminded of what the engagement of millions of people of good will in this conflict has accomplished. The past decade alone has brought Palestinians economic and social infrastructure where it did not exist before, and effective governance in the West Bank that is demonstrably serious about peace and held in high regard by international partners. For Israelis, the past decade has brought security and safety that, while far from perfect, nevertheless is as firm as it has been at any point since 1948. These things would not have been possible without the engagement, advocacy, and friendship of millions of people around the world. It is precisely because these gains now seem at risk that frustrations run so high, but it is precisely the fact that these gains are at risk that should inspire us to continue.

People of faith are called to be people of hope, even when it seems darkest. Join me in hoping beyond hope for a fruitful resolution to this crisis. Let our motivation arise from Isaiah's vision of crying aloud to Jerusalem that her warfare truly is ended. I remain

Your servant in Christ,
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

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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

Asst. Treasurer: Louise Gallagher

Music Minister: Carlton Dickerson



The altar flowers are given by Helen Plaisance and Amy Griffith in thanks of the Trinity community.

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
- Joe Cochran and family as they journey through seminary.



Lay Ministers Scheduled:

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Lectors: Ayuko White; Sylvia Milner

Intercessor: Kendra Hamilton

Chalice Bearers: Leah Puryear; Nicholas Garber

Altar Guild: Betty Jones; Mary Blair; Helen Plaisance

Acolyte: Richard Johnson

Ushers: Jenny Holmes; Al Anderson

Counter: Nicholas Garber

Home Communion: Cheryl Kasper

Breakfast: Javier Figueroa-Ray; Carroll Hill; Elizabeth Hill

Greeter: G. Ellis

Hospitality Hour: Kendra Hamilton; Marc McVicker;
Patricia Bailey

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- **The memorial service for Mary Ann Elwood, former long-time parishioner at Trinity, is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m at St. Paul's Memorial Church.**
- **When you change the batteries in your household smoke detectors this fall, take a walk around your property and make sure that your house number is visible from the street. It's a simple step that makes it much easier for fire, rescue, and police vehicles to find you should you ever need to call.**
- **Have you checked out the Trinity website recently? Go to <http://trinityepiscopalville.org/>. And "friend" Trinity when you are on Facebook too!**
- **Two long time friends of trinity have died: Ms. Ann McGuire and The Rev. Charles Sheerin who served as a supply clergy for Trinity.**

HELP WITH HUNGER

The 40th Annual CROP Hunger walk is to occur Sunday, October 16. Several Trinity-ites have already signed up. The Walk is for people of all ages, and is a chance to directly influence the problem of world and local hunger. 25% of the money raised is split between Meals on Wheels and the Emergency Food Bank, and the rest is used for relief and development worldwide. We have four walkers. Please support them!

Breakfast Schedule

1st Sunday of the month	Brunch	(after worship)
2-4 Sundays of the month	Breakfast	(8:30-9:15)
5th Sunday of the month	Potluck Brunch	(after worship)

Sunday schedule

8:30 Breakfast

9:00 Adult Education

9:15 Sunday School for children (starting October 9)

10:30 Worship

AIM's 30th Anniversary Benefit Concert
the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM)

Sun., October 16th . . . 3:00 p.m.

University Baptist Church

1223 West Main Street, Charlottesville

**vocal & instrumental solos, ensemble & choral music
presented by local congregations . . . refreshments**

A suggested donation of \$10/adult will be received to help AIM in its outreach to the community. A non-profit organization, AIM relies on donations to provide emergency financial assistance to local families facing economic crises.

For more information, contact Drene DeGood at the AIM office:
972-1704 or AIM @ntelos.net

SAVE THE DATES

“October 21-23”

Trinity Renewal Weekend*

(Tentative Schedule)

Friday, October 21

6:00 **Dinner**
7:00 **Presentation I**

Saturday, October 22

8:30 **Continental Breakfast**
9:00 **Presentation II**
9:30-10:30 **Workshop**

Sunday, October 23

8:30 **Breakfast**
9:15 **Adult Education**
10:30 **Worship with Presentation III****

- **The Rev. Allan Johnson-Taylor will be the Renewal Weekend leader**
**** with Jazz Band**

Please Sign-up On The Bulletin Board

Or contact the parish office

434 293-3157/ trinepch@ntelos.net