

The *Trinitarian*

Our Mission: To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known through our good works.

Church of the Holy Trinity

August 2009 Newsletter

Brad's Ink

Greetings to all of God's people at Holy Trinity. As I write this, General Convention is in the future, but as you read this, it is in the past.

As I write this, we just had a great fellowship dinner on June 30; who knew that Lawrason Sayre, Basil Coale, and Jim "Coach" Smith played football for the Bel Air "Big Red" back in the 1950s against such powerhouses as Annapolis and Port Deposit? We had a wonderful time – please consider coming to the next one. (The date eludes me.)

Looking forward: we are to choose a delegate for the Bishop's Horizons Gatherings" in October and February. This person must be a Lay person. The Horizons Gatherings is a visioning and prioritization group for the Diocese of Maryland. I am already a member of this team because I am the Harford County representative to the Diocesan Council. If you are willing to be part of this "Gathering," please let a Warden or me know.

Looking forward: we have had such a successful year in our Sunday School that we need at least one more teacher. We have had to add a Preschool class to be taught by Lisa Lamarr and ??? (someone else). Are you that person? We have many new families and many children. Help guide the little ones into a wholesome Christian life.

The Brown Bag Bible Study continues the Gospel of Luke for the month of August. However, in the month of September we will be reading and discussing a book (title not determined as I write). Please consider joining our study in August as we discuss the scripture and how it impacts our lives. The discussions are deep and thoughtful.

There are some changes on our Web site, www.htrinitychurchville.org. As I write, our organist Joe Fetters has reworked the web site after all the pictures crashed. Hopefully it will be back up and functioning by the time you read this. Our web site has brought us exposure to the outside world

Recent Note: As I return from Convention I am excited about the state of the Episcopal Church and seeing Christ at work through the Church. I will give a longer report next month, but I want to share a little of what I observed. There are many groups that are doing what they can to help others. Some make micro-loans, some buy products for a fair price instead of the cheapest price, some take in orphans and "throw-away children", and others go and maintain a presence with their Christian brothers and sisters. We will have a series of informational handouts at the back of the church. I can make as many as we have interested people.

and we hope that many more will find us on the web and visit our Holy Trinity family.

It is hard to believe that it has been more than a year since the Consecration of Bishop Eugene. Remember that we had three who sang in the mass choir for the Consecration: Jane Scocca, Cookie Bartfeld, and Debbie Bauer. Remember that we also took a whole bus load of our Holy Trinity family and our Harford County Episcopal friends. What a glorious service – but it was a little longer than our Sunday morning services.

I am looking forward to our new sign. We have spent a lot of time to find the right kind of sign and the best placement on our lot. Why, you may ask. We have a problem with people finding our church. (Those that have been here "forever" may find that hard to believe.) The comment I constantly receive when doing weddings and funerals is a variation of, "I thought that was a historical church. I didn't know that it was active and really held regular services." I hope that our new sign will dispel that thought and let many people find us and see how we live out the Gospel in our daily lives.

Have a Blessed August and prepare to return in the Fall, rested and excited.



Yours in Christ,
– Fr. Brad

Warden's Corner

Thank you for your prompt response and help during the emergency and change in service plans for Sunday, July 19. Fr. John was kept in the hospital overnight and released the next day feeling much better.

Activities around the church are really picking up and to continue these activities we are continually in need of volunteers. The activities bring in some much needed revenue as well as making us better known in the community and therefore better able to fulfill our mission.

Our **Fellowship Dinners** are doing well and we would like to continue them. To do this, we need volunteers to

Note these Dates

- Aug. 7 – Scrabble Club
- Aug. 15 – Scrapbooking
- Sept. 15 – Scrabble Club
- Sept. 19 – Scrapbooking
- Sept. 26 – Harvest Feast Dinner
- Oct. 10 – Quarter Auction

organize each month. It would be a great if we could get a different family (or a few families working together) to sponsor each month.

Scrapbooking has really picked up and just in time as the money raised each month is being used to defer the cost for many of our events and to pay for some of the things we need to keep the hall and grounds looking nice. We have had some unexpected costs in the up keep of the hall recently. For details, you can check out the vestry minutes and treasurer's report posted on the bulletin board between the bathrooms in the hall.

As a result of our **Scrabble Club** planning meeting, we will meet once a month and the nights will rotate between Friday and Tuesday. The next event will be Friday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to me (jhk2563@aol.com) so that we have enough boards for everyone. Rules will be set for each game as to use of word list and or dictionaries. Mark your calendars for Sept. 15, Oct. 23, Nov. 17, Dec. 11.

Check out our new **Web site!** Joe has done a great job changing it over (new look, same address).

Mark your calendars with the dates listed above. Join the fellowship.

Until next month,
– Joan

SCRAPBOOKING

Holy Trinity's Parish House 2925 Level Road, Churchville, Maryland



THE THIRD SATURDAY

August 15, 2009

9 AM – 9 PM

COST: \$20 and a snack

(Includes door prizes, swap table, lunch, and drinks throughout the day)

Contact JOAN KELLY to reserve your spot.
(410) 838-0998 or e-mail jhk2563@aol.com

News from the Women's Group

The Women of Holy Trinity had their monthly meeting. The Women voted to provide the parish with \$5,000 to help fund the signage for the church. The group was updated on Fr. John Elledge's condition, and we are glad that he was making a recovery at last report. The women, as well as the rest of the parish, will remember Betty Phelps as she recovers from open heart surgery.

Cami Rogers and Jean Bloyer, who co-chair the Women's group, addressed the need to prioritize projects for their involvement in the parish. It was determined that the women will continue the Breakfast with Santa on December 5, 2009. The group determined that although

attendance was less than hoped at last year's breakfast, the event remains a good one, and creates exposure for the parish in the community. Please note that we are looking for a family, couple or an interested person to lead the event. The group intends to write out all of the protocols necessary to run this event successfully so that leadership will not be cumbersome.

The Women will also support the Harvest Dinner on September 26, and the October 10 quarter auction. Your support is needed for the success of these events.

Thanks,
– Cami

The “How” of Stewardship

by Buddy Coffey

Here are some questions that come to mind when we begin to think seriously about just how much money we should pledge to Holy Trinity this year.

- How do I know how much to give? Is this amount too much or that amount too little? Just how do you know?
- How do I factor in the economy when I make my pledge? Once I decide on an amount, I want to be sure I can follow through and fulfill it. But these days everything is so uncertain.
- How do I balance the needs of my family with the needs of the church? Mortgage payments. Saving for college. Expecting a baby. Nearing retirement. How do I know what’s a luxury and what’s a necessity?
- How do I know that what I will give is really a gift and not motivated by fear, shame, guilt, pride, or something similar?

They’re all tough questions, aren’t they? If you’re like me, you may think about them... but not until you have that pledge card in your hand. In this article I want to suggest a better way.

Rather than have the pledge process sneak up on us again this year, let’s take some time to go through the process intentionally. In this case let’s divide the process into three stages:

Awareness → Aspiration → Action

We still have two or three months before we will each make our pledge, so let’s take that time and use it to advantage rather than be caught asking questions like those above at the last minute.

AWARENESS – There’s a saying that goes like this, “What we pay attention to grows.” Awareness is paying attention and in this case paying attention to the entire stewardship process. The earlier articles on stewardship had that purpose. We talked about the two ways of life: “give” vs. “get.” We talked about seeing all aspects of stewardship: receiving, managing, and giving. As a result of reading the articles and thinking about them, we naturally place more attention on the subject of stewardship.

The questions at the beginning of this article are also part of the awareness step, too. Just reading through the questions reminds us of the issues that confront us as well as other areas that will come to mind.

What we pay attention to grows. As we become more aware of stewardship, our desire to be faithful stewards and profitable servants will grow as well.

ASPIRATION – In this step we change emphasis. Having developed more awareness of stewardship, the “give” way of life, and giving opportunities that arise in everyday life, we start thinking about our intentions in this area. We begin to think seriously about what we will offer of our time, talent, and treasure to Holy Trinity

As soon as we say the word “think,” such things as upside/downside, cost-benefit analysis, and budgeting come to mind. It is good to do all these things, but that is just exercising the surface of our mind. We may by our cleverness find a few extra dollars or a few extra hours for Holy Trinity, but let’s not forget our other mental abilities.

In addition to cleverness, we can tap into our intelligence and wisdom. We might use our cleverness to choose whether to have a double scoop of vanilla ice cream or a double scoop of chocolate. We use our wisdom and intelligence to decide whether we should eat that much ice cream in the first place.

In addition to all of these, we can also use our imagination and fantasy. Fantasy gets a bad rap because it can be used improperly to create a dream world divorced from reality. But imagination and fantasy are how our minds can experiment with thoughts, words, and deeds before we need to take action.

I use imagination and fantasy all the time for this purpose. Most of the time I try to imagine what it would be like to take a certain action or experience a certain situation. Try these for example:

I wonder what it would be like to . . .

- Teach a Sunday school class this year
- Join the choir or one of the lawn maintenance teams
- Leave an extravagant tip at a restaurant
- Stay 30 minutes after work to complete a project without telling anyone that you did
- Fellowship with someone after church that you don’t know in-stead of just talking to all your friends

When we apply the “I wonder what it would be like...” question to stewardship, we can make progress on answering some of the questions I posed at the beginning. For example, “*What would it be like to make a pledge of \$X,XXX this year in light of my financial situation and other factors?*”

No one knows you’re thinking this thought but you, so in your imagination you are free to take that thought anywhere. If this amount is significantly larger (or smaller) than last year, what will that mean to the other parts of your life? If you overestimate your pledge and something unforeseen arises, how would you cope? If you underestimate your pledge and Holy Trinity has to terminate a ministry you care deeply about, how would you feel?

Once you work through this exercise with an amount you have in mind, then try increasing that amount by 10%... or 20%... or 25%. Did your uneasiness change significantly? Probably not for 10%, but maybe so for 25%.

We have a couple of months before pledge cards come out, so spend some time in the “aspiration” area. Think about your intentions. Try the “What would it be like...” exercise.

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View from the Pew

It's not very often that we hear our priests singing during a sermon - - while the congregation is singing, yes - - but while actually delivering the sermon?? Not usually. We all received a wonderful treat this past Sunday. Fr. John Elledge (who was gracious enough to cover for Fr. Brad who is at convention in CA) sang us a country western tune during his wonderful sermon. SCANDALS!!! How often do we hear about them? All the time, as Fr. John made us aware. The view from the pew I was in this week (see, I get to move all over the place during the summer), was a view of the wonderful expressions on everyone's faces while Fr. John was preaching. I absolutely loved watching everyone smiling and even chuckling when Fr. John was rendering his pronunciation of "Baale-judah" and some of the other biblical names. He did a great job with them, too! But his message was clear and he delivered it with humor which made everyone listen even more intently. Thank you Fr. John for a very insightful and interesting sermon about "SCANDALS!"

How beautiful it was to hear the Venite. Then the Song of Mary was sung and it was so nice to hear so many people singing it! Some of you people out there are holding out on us choir members! I know who you are now!!! We had such a wonderful treat when Elizabeth Fetters and her sister, Mary, played the bassoon and the violin for us. How cool to have so much music - - beautiful music, indeed, at our services. We hope to hear them again soon.

The bulletin threw me off a little - okay, not just me - here I was, sitting next to Coach (Jim Smith) trying to help him find the correct pages in the BCP and I was confused because



we all sort of drifted away from what the bulletin stated. Thankfully, I was able to shuffle some pages and get back on track. I noticed however, that I was not alone in my confusion and do you have any idea how many people were moving their mouth but nothing was coming out? It was quite a sight to see people looking around at other people to see what it was THEY were reading from. Even the angels sitting on the very top of the organ were holding their hands over their mouths to keep from making laughing noises!

When the service was complete and Joe started his postlude, everyone - and I do mean EVERYONE stopped in their tracks. The congregation thought a production of "Phantom of the Opera" was going to occur! Now, I must admit... I knew ahead of time what Joe was going to play - BUT - I knew the congregation didn't... so I was aware they were going to be listening with awe... and they did. Great job, Joe!!

I would like to send a very big THANK YOU to Fr. John for giving us a memorable, delightful sermon and service this Sunday. I don't know if he realizes that the Spirit was hovering over him listening to his message... smiling and shaking his head in agreement all the while. I bet you have never seen the Spirit give a hardy belly laugh before! What a joy to see, and leaves the heart and soul very, very happy! Thanks, Fr. John! The service was a great beginning for my day!

I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to give you my views from the pew. It has been fun. And a hearty THANK YOU to Cami for editing and arranging the Trinitarian. Have a great rest of the summer!

Many blessings to all of you!

- *Cookie Bartfeld*

DID YOU KNOW?

The pink dogwood tree at the Parish House was planted on or about September 6, 1946 by Virginia and William Rothwell of Perryman in honor of their son Bill's baptism at Holy Trinity. At that time the dogwood was way out by itself, with nothing nearby. About 15 years later the first part of the Parish House was built just beyond the dogwood, the walk connecting the Church and Parish House pleasantly going by it, as it does to this day.

- *Jim Wollon*



Health and Wellness

And an introduction to Jean M. Wilson, MSN, RN, CCE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and this new addition to the monthly newsletter. My husband Rick and I recently became members of Holy Trinity and first started coming to services the last weekend in May. Both my husband and I felt right at home at Holy Trinity and knew right away that it was the right church for us.

I am a master's prepared registered nurse with a background primarily in obstetrics. Over the past 10 years I was doing a variety of nursing jobs from working in a nursing lab, to teaching Lamaze and giving hospital tours, to working on the Maternal Child Unit at Montgomery General Hospital while going to school to advance my degree at the same time. I decided 2 years ago that I needed to hang my hat in one place and began working as faculty at Stevenson University in the nursing division as the Nursing Resource Center Coordinator. Last May I obtained my master's degree in nursing education and this past spring took on another new role of teaching and coordinating the Physical Assessment course at Stevenson. Life is busy at Stevenson and at home. Rick and I reside in Port Deposit, have 2 daughters, 2 sons, and 2 grand-daughters (all who live in Maryland), but we share our home with our 3 big dogs, Carly, Chloe, and Axle.

A few weeks ago while talking with Father Brad at scrap-booking, I asked him if Holy Trinity had a Parish Nurse. When he said no, I asked if I could serve in that role in some capacity. I offered to write a health and wellness article each month and answer questions from the parish on health and wellness. That is how this column began.

Beginning next month I will write a short piece each month on health and wellness. Both health and wellness have different meanings for different people. My first article will define and explain in more detail what health and wellness actually are. In the future I plan to address topics such as diabetes, high blood pressure, immunizations, preventing infection, diet, exercise, colds and flu, brain injury, Lyme's disease, and anything medical that may be portrayed in our society or the media such as the recent Swine Flu outbreak. It is my hope that in the future we may do a blood pressure screening at Holy Trinity or other types of health and wellness events.

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself and I welcome your questions or suggestions for articles. Please feel free to e-mail me at nursewilson@zoominternet.net

Take care and stay healthy,

– Jean

Where God Lives

An excerpt from the July 19 sermon, delivered by Joe Fetters, written by his friend E. Hazelton

In our gospel reading Jesus encourages his disciples—who have just returned from the journey of teaching and healing on which Jesus sent them—now Jesus encourages them to take time to rest. Assuming that their rest is based on the rest of Jesus himself, that means a time of prayers and retreat from the world. Hmmmm. Isn't that what we do when we gather here? We err when we think of attending church on Sunday morning as one more duty, one more "piece of work" in our week. This gathering among the faithful, this time of quiet and prayer, of praise and exultation, of meditation on the good news of God's love for us ought to be a resting time for our spirits. And if it isn't, we ought to be considering why it isn't.

The purpose of this rest time is to recharge us for the tasks that we've been called to in our Christian life together. Once again, we model ourselves on our Lord. Our reading says that, seeing Jesus, the "people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard that he was." WE are to be recognizable as the "body of Christ," willing to engage with, to touch and be touched by those who have need of healing in any way.

And our motivation for this work? Again we look to the Lord: "...Jesus had compassion for them." This sick and

needy crowd. THIS is what drew them to "wherever they heard that he was." And compassion is what will draw people to the community of the faithful, the Church with a capital "C" wherever it might be.

Where does God live? God lives in the work of Christ which has been placed in our hands. God most certainly dwells within the churches and the denominations that struggle to be faithful messengers of His love and grace. He lives, also in the church which now serves as a restaurant and bar; in the one that's a comedy club. He lives in the places where the hurt gather, as well as among those who minister to the hurt. He lives in a stadium in New Orleans filled with thousands of teens—and among those same teens as they paint a day-care center damaged by hurricane Katrina.

Ignoring his presence doesn't make God disappear. On the contrary, God in Christ has called and continues to call us to partnership in His purposes of healing and wholeness and joy. He gifts us with each other, and gathers us together for mutual encouragement, strength, honesty and accountability.

In the good times, in the bad times—in the times of doubt as well as faithfulness and Resurrection hope—God lives among us, compassionate and compelling, so that we might live among others as the servant body of Christ.

We – the Church.

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Date	Service Time	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Nursery	Coffee Hour
8/2	8:00 a.m.	Cami Rogers				Walt Rowe Laurie	Betsy Sayre Sally Stump		
	10:00 a.m.	Janet Dettwiler	Jane Scoocca	Jack Pollard	Joe Pollard	Newmeyer Lawrie Sayre		Nancy Ann Sayre	
8/9	8:00 a.m.	Bob Woodson				Walt Rowe Laurie	Betsy Sayre Sally Stump		
	10:00 a.m.	Cherie Christy	Rod Ricklefs	James Hopkins	Maggie Hopkins	Newmeyer Lawrie Sayre		Sue Hopkins	
8/16	8:00 a.m.	David Robinson				Walt Rowe Laurie	Betsy Sayre Sally Stump		
	10:00 a.m.	Buddy Coffey	Gene Fitzgerald		Margaret McGuirk	Newmeyer Lawrie Sayre		Will Dettwiler	
8/23	8:00 a.m.	Gene Fitzgerald				Walt Rowe Laurie	Betsy Sayre Sally Stump		
	10:00 a.m.	Lawrason Sayre	Cherie Christy	Will Dettwiler	Joe Pollard	Newmeyer Lawrie Sayre		Lori Dehner	
8/30	8:00 a.m.	Janet Dettwiler				Walt Rowe Laurie	Betsy Sayre Sally Stump		
	10:00 a.m.	Jay Evans	Steve Christy	Jack Pollard	Emily Pollard	Newmeyer Lawrie Sayre		Jean Bloyer	Jean Bloyer

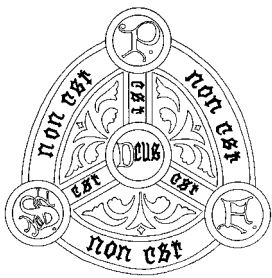
Please note: If you are unable to serve on the assigned Sunday, please arrange for a substitute and call the office as soon as possible so that the worship leaflet can be updated accordingly.

Each of the columns represents a ministry opportunity.
Listen carefully; perhaps God is calling you to serve.

Holy Trinity Church Calendar

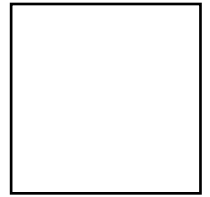
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2 HE: 8 am HE & Coffee Hour: 10 am Hand Bells: 11:30	3	4 Bible study:7:30PM	5 BBBS:12:30 PM Yoga:6PM Worship Cmt:6:15PM	6 Bridge Club:7PM	7 Scrabble club: 6:30PM	8 Quilting retreat
9 HE: 8 am HE & Coffee Hour: 10 am Hand Bells: 11:30	10 Prayer Shawl: 7 PM Vestry:7:30PM	11 Bible study:7:30PM	12 BBBS:12:30 PM Yoga:6PM	13 Bridge Club:7PM	14	15 Scrapbooking
16 HE: 8 am HE & Coffee Hour: 10 am Women of HT: 11:30	17	18	19 Yoga:6PM	20 Bridge Club:7PM	21	22
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August Birthdays

- 1 Tim Hopkins
- 5 Katie Stump
- 12 ... Ricky Wilson
- 14 ... Donna Christy
- 17 ... Betsy Sayre
- 19 ... Chad Heaps,
Helen Lortie
- 22 ... James Hopkins
- 23 ... Ned Sayre
- 25 ... Barbara Webster
- 26 ... Jane DiMattia
- 29 ... Joan Knapton

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 Send articles, photos, and news
 to the editor (camijean@aol.com)
 or the church office (office@htrinitychurchville.org)
 by the 15th.

Stewardship *(continued from page 3)*

It won't cost you a dime. You will learn what really is possible in this area and in doing so will become more open to those possibilities.

ACTION – Fast forward to October. Pledge time. How much is too much? How much is too little? By going through the *awareness* → *aspiration* → *action* steps, those questions should be easier to answer. The only time taking action seems difficult is when we haven't thought it through enough for that action to be in alignment with the people we really are.

There is no question in my mind that the people of Holy Trinity are a generous group. All I have to do is look at all the involvement, all the dedication, and all the love. That's why you won't see me writing about motivation, and tightening your belt, and giving till it hurts. Those aren't issues here. All I'm trying to do in this series of articles is to help with doing what you already know you want to do with your time, talent, and treasure.

NEXT MONTH – The "Fruit" of Stewardship.

Belated Thanks!

Many hands made light work for the Parish Picnic

Belated thanks to **everyone** who helped with the picnic in June — what a great team we have! Special thanks to Lawrie, Betsy and my dad for supplying the tent, grills and grilling expertise. Many others pitched in to make quick work of every task. If you joined us, you'll know we enjoyed plenty of good food and relaxed fellowship on a picture-perfect summer day. (Someone in the crowd of 70 or so was overheard saying "Church should be like this every week!") If you couldn't join us, we missed you and hope to see you next year.

— Nancy Ann