



Trinity Tidings

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Lenten Journeys

In a very short time the Lenten season will be upon us. The ashes of Ash Wednesday will remind us of the brevity of life, sobering us to the acute need to examine our lives and reorder our priorities. We will begin the march of 40 days and 40 nights, recalling the same period of time that Jesus spent in the wilderness drawing strength from God alone for his journey to the cross. The 40 days call to mind the 40 days that Noah spent adrift on the ark before the waters receded. These days call to mind the 40 years that Moses and the Hebrew people spent in the wilderness, no longer slaves, but not yet in the promised land.

Each of these biblical stories are journey motifs, leaving the known for the unknown, the familiar for the unfamiliar, with trials along the way. We, too, are encouraged to leave the routines of our lives, safe, secure, but captive in many ways. We let go of some things in order to reach out for something better, asking what will draw us closer to God and one another? What blocks our access to a deeper, richer spiritual life? Where is God inviting us to let go in order to reach out and grasp a more meaningful life? Is this the

time that we finally set aside some regular time for prayer and pay attention to that small still voice within?

Beginning the day after Ash Wednesday we will offer the Holy Eucharist and a light breakfast Mondays through Fridays at 7:00 a.m. We encourage you to take part in any and all of these Lenten offerings as best suit your journey leading into Holy Week.

Lent is also a time of preparation for confirmands, those who wish to experience the sacrament of confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of their vows when Bishop Gray makes his visitation to Trinity Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010. Thus, an Inquirers' Class will become the focus of the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. A schedule of the classes is offered below.

The Inquirers' Class is particularly designed for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and who wishes to consider confirmation. Increasingly, the Episcopal Church is drawing people from many different faith backgrounds, so this class will help answer questions you may have on how the Episcopal tradition is similar, as well as unique.

The Inquirers' Class is also for the long-time Episcopalian who enjoys hearing about their faith once again, perhaps gaining new insights and offering insights of their own from their faith journeys.

If you are interested in being confirmed, please call the church office at (601) 544-5551 and let us know. Be sure to note these classes on your calendar, and contact me if there are any classes that you cannot make. We'll find a time to review them.

May everyone, through the grace of our Lord, experience a deepening of their faith during this Lenten season.

In Christ,

The Rev. Marian D. Fortner+

Inquirers' Class Schedule

February 21	Where have you been/Where are you going: Questions for the Journey
February 28	Early Church Beginnings
March 7	The Middle Ages and the Reformation
March 14	The Episcopal Church USA: How the American Revolution Shaped Church Polity
March 21	Jesus the Christ: We believe
March 28	Palm Sunday: The Passion according to Luke
April 4	Easter Day: No Class
April 11	Holy Scripture
April 18	Christian Spirituality and Prayer

April 25	Understanding the Book of Common Prayer
May 2	The Sacrament of Confirmation
May 9	The Sacraments (9:30 a.m.) Instructed Eucharist (10:30 a.m.)
May 16	Living into your Baptism: Using your gifts at Trinity
May 23	Class with Bishop Gray and Confirmation

Condolences

We extend our sympathy to George and Barbara Carter on the death of George's mother, Dorothy Carter; to Rick and Suzette Durden on the death of Suzette's mother Odessa Hinton; to Alice Carol Gray on the death of her cousin Dianne Harvey; and to Lorrain Rhian and family on the death of her husband Lloyd Eugene "Sonny" Rhian.



**Open Dates for 2010
Altar Flower Sponsorship**

**April 11
June 20, 27
July 11, 18
September 5
October 24**



**Cost is \$75.00 per Sunday
Forms available in Narthex or Church Office.**

THANK YOU

Marian and all the staff would like to thank everyone for all the gifts and cards during the Christmas season. We are truly blessed to be here.

Marian, Linda, Jane, Jan, & Sharon



The EYC will have a bake sale on January 31st to raise money for Haiti. If you would like to donate baked goods for the sale, please bring your donation to the church office by noon Friday, January 29. Thank you.

Regional Cursillo Ultreya Meetings

The MS Episcopal Cursillo will be hosting 3 Regional Grand Ultreyas around the state of MS on **Saturday, Jan 30, 2010**. Our Region is COAST/SOUTH. This is open to ALL. Please join us as a past participant or anyone that would like to know more about Cursillo's "Rule of Life".

Our Regional Host Parish is Ascension in Hattiesburg located 3600 Arlington Loop, 601-264-6773. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

9:30 am Coffee and Refreshments

10:00 am Eucharist with Cursillo music.

After Eucharist 3 brief Talks will be given on *Piety,*

Study and Action.

"Noon-ish" - Lunch

Adjourn

There is NO CHARGE to attend. Please however, contact Barbara Hammer if you plan on attending so we'll know how many to prepare for. Barbara can be reached at 601-549-6747 or at decolores90@hotmail.com.

What is Cursillo?

Cursillo means "Short Course" (in Christianity). A Cursillo 3-day weekend begins on a Thursday night and ends on Sunday afternoon and is held at Gray Center in Canton, MS and is usually held in spring and fall. Cursillo's purpose is to grow Christian Leaders in church, family and the world. Leaders are not always those who are in charge but are leaders by example. Cursillo helps men and women develop a plan for a Rule of Life which involves Piety, Study and Action. It helps clarify your spiri-

tual direction by maintaining a personal relationship with Christ. Cursillo 3 day weekends consist of daily Eucharist and 15 Talks given by Laity Staff and Clergy that serve as Spiritual Directors for the weekend. The Talks are on *Ideals, Grace, Laity, Faith, Piety, Study, Sacraments, Action, Obstacles, Leaders, Study of Environments, Christian Life, Christian Community in Action, Group Reunions* (help and support for each other in a closer walk with Christ) and *Ultreya* (Perseverance for the Lord). Learn how to bring Christ to the world by our motto; ***“Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ”***

Future Cursillo 3 Day Weekends

March 11-14, 2010 (Now accepting Applications)

October 21-24, 2010,

April 28-May 1, 2011

October 13-16, 2011.

Southeastern U. S. Regional Episcopal Cursillo Leaders Workshop **(ECLW)**

May 14- 16, 2010 Jackson/Ridgeland

Treasurer’s Report

Month to Date as of December 31, 2009

Pledges Received: \$48,121.50

Pledges Budgeted: \$23,844.50

Difference: \$24,277.00

Year to Date as of December 31, 2009

Pledges Received: \$292,377.44

Pledges Budgeted: \$286,134.00

Difference: \$ 6,243.44

What a great way to end the year! We exceeded our pledge amounts for both the month and the year!

Some of our December expenses included: Rector and staff expenses, \$19,329; kitchen supplies, \$309; seminary support, \$289; diocesan pledge, \$14491; local outreach, \$349; Salvation Army, \$400; Breadbasket, \$100; property insurance, \$1180; utilities \$3161; and office expenses, \$476. We were able to give Lauren Wainwright \$401.50 for her trip to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women from your plate offering on December 20. Please remember to check your quarterly statements in 2010. It is much easier to make any needed corrections each quarter, and it also helps our pledging and contribution figures stay accurate throughout the year.

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Tuesdays at Trinity and Other Choir News

In naming the participants in the choir for our Advent Lessons and Carols in December, Robert Sevier's name was inadvertently omitted. Thank you, Robert, for singing with us.

The first of the Tuesdays at Trinity Lenten concert and lunch series will be on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at noon. This 30-minute recital will feature Dr. James Sclater, clarinetist, and his wife, Judy Davis Sclater, organist. The entire program will consist of works by Dr. Sclater, including his "Five Old American Songs." A delicious lunch, prepared by Trinity's well-known Merry Marthas, will follow in the parish hall. Watch for more information in the Weekly Grail.

During Lent we will be singing the mass setting by our own Luigi Zaninelli, who wrote this setting specifically for Trinity. It will be performed and recorded by the USM singers this spring. Thank you again, Luigi, for this profound gift with which you have blessed us.!

Hymns for February:

February 7

48 O day of rest and gladness
661 They cast their nets in Galilee
653 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

February 14

427 When morning gilds the skies
7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
137 O wondrous type! O vision fair
133 O Light of Light, Love given birth
618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

February 21

The Great Litany
149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
559 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
121 Christ, when for us you were baptized
688 A mighty fortress is our God

February 28

598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth
709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
147 Now let us all with one accord
141 Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun
401 The God of Abraham praise

Planning

Your senior warden has appointed a steering committee to oversee development of a long-range (3-5 year) plan for Trinity parish. To do this, the committee needs input from the clergy, staff, wardens, vestry, and commissions. Most importantly, it needs input from the entire membership.

To that end, before the annual parish meeting, a congregational survey will be distributed for completion. The survey is completely anonymous, and no one in the parish will see the completed surveys. They will be sent to Percept Group, Inc., for compilation of the information obtained. Since 1987 Percept has helped thousands of churches define their mission within the demographic area they serve. Our diocese is a supporter of Percept.

Please plan to attend the annual parish meeting. It is vitally important to have your input and hear your voice in this important process.

Long Range Planning Steering Committee

Leighton Lewis, Chair
Bill Browning
Susan Hrostowski
Joe Paul

Ree Brahan
Burn Curry
Betsy McIntire
Marie Pope

Jr. DOY Weekend
February 19-21, 2010

Jr. High DOY weekends are for students in 6th – 8th grades. They are held at Camp Bratton-Green, just north of Canton, MS. Cost for the weekend is \$75 (includes lodging, meals, and a t-shirt). Scholarships are available by contacting Marian, or the Rev. Annie Cumberland at acumberland@standrewscathedral.org (601.405-3708) or Bill Cruse at bill.cruse@gmail.com (601.473.6159). Applications are available in the church office or go on line at dioms.org. Checks are made to Diocese of Mississippi

Help For Haiti

The Mississippi Diocesan office advises that the best way to help the Haitian people at the present time is through monetary donations administered through the Episcopal Relief and Development. You may either turn in a check payable to “Episcopal Relief and Development” marked “Haiti Relief” to the Trinity office, or go online at <http://www.er-d.org> to make a donation. An estimated 3 million people have been affected by the 7.0 earthquake. Your donation will help.

The Diocese of Haiti, which has the largest number of congregants in The Episcopal Church, began through the missionary work of The Rt. Rev. James Theodore Holly (at that time, from Connecticut) in 1861. He became their first bishop, and the first African-American bishop in The Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Haiti now has 180,000 congregants, 98 churches, and 30 priests. Holy Trinity Cathedral, the principal church in Port-au-Prince established by Bishop Holly, was totally destroyed in the earthquake.

The EYC will have a bake sale in the Parish Hall Sunday, January 31, to help the People of Haiti.

There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Haiti at Main Street Methodist Church Sunday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2010

9:15 A.M.