

Trinity Tidings

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A New Beginning...Deeply Rooted

By The Rev. Marian D. Fortner+

In the past few weeks I have been reading accounts of the early years of Trinity. The reports tell us that by 1895 a small group of Episcopalians were gathering when and where they could for services provided by area clergy. By early February of 1900, Bishop Thompson was confirming members into Trinity, and on January 4, 1902, Trinity held its first service in a newly built wood-framed building on Buschman Street. The first mission report of 1902 listed eight families and 45 members in the young but growing congregation.

The reports reflect great enthusiasm for the incorporation of the mission. Everyone pitched in. The land was acquired through purchase and gift. The pews, pulpit, and organ came from an interdenominational church in Richburg after it closed. And, most remarkable of all, history records that “the altar was a gift from the congregation, each member contributing one dollar as a donation.”

This single act by the congregation gives a powerful witness to what people can do when they come together as one. Together, they raised the

they raised the altar, the central gathering place of the people of God. For years thereafter, the people of Trinity have come to the altar as one in Christ, week after week, for sustenance and strength. Children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, have made their way from the pew to the altar, lining the aisle as a great march into heaven, and then back again into the world, to share the love of Christ.

Together, with this single act, the first members of Trinity proclaimed with their resources that the altar was the most important place for them to come together. It still is today. I am grateful each week for each of you when you move forward for the Eucharist. I am also grateful for these spiritual ancestors who led the way.

We have now begun the call to Stewardship for 2010. Our finances are demanding and these are tough economic times. The Stewardship Commission estimates, based on previous years, that we will need approximately \$460,000 to plan a year of ministry for 2010. This is a far cry from the \$2,004.49 it took in 1902. When we consider this figure as individuals, the amount is daunting. And yet, we have 285 households who call Trinity their holy home. Would it be possible to raise this amount with 285 pledges?

That is the hope of the Stewardship Commission. Our hope and goal this year is not only to raise the estimated amount for ministry, but to engage *every household* in pledges. What a powerful affirmation of faith that would be, to have 100% involvement. What a powerful testimony for those who come after us.

I ask you, then, to prayerfully consider the legacy of Trinity as you consider your pledge this year. Where has God touched you? What is God inviting you to give out of the gifts that God has given to you? Consider these things, and may we praise God in *our* generation for *other* generations to come.

Celebration of a New Ministry

The Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray will officiate at our Celebration of a New Ministry Service for Marian on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Church nursery will be available. We will need some volunteers to help in the nursery. We are hoping to have our new sound system in the Parish Hall and in the nursery so that the service can be heard by our volunteers.

Condolences



We extend our sympathy to Ward, Mary Moore and Rick Conville on the death of Ward's grandfather, Richard Lane Conville; to Becky Montague on the death of her mother Maureen S. Smart; to Gregg Bellipanni on the death of his father Vince Bellipanni, Jr.; Glenn & Kim Smith on the death of their daughter, Savannah; and to Louise Green on the death of her husband, Pat.

**BUSY DAY AT TRINITY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY, we want to remember all the parishioners and relatives of parishioners that have died the past year (November 1, 2008 to November 1, 2009). Please put the name of your relative(s) that you would like to be remembered in an envelope in the collection basket or bring it by the church office.

DEDICATION OF OUR NEW COLUMBARIUM at the end of the 10:30 service.

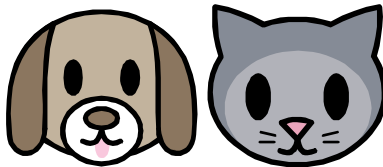
ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL immediately following the 10:30 service.

EVENSONG SERVICE at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, October 4

4:00 p.m.



“Get Your Can To Church” Sunday

October 4

Donations go to the Salvation Army

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2009

Pledges

MTD Budgeted	\$23,844.50	YTD Budgeted	\$190,756.00
MTD Actual	\$27,945.94	YTD Actual	\$176,870.44
Difference	\$ 4,101.44	Difference	- \$ 13,855.56

Music Notes

The opening voluntary will begin at 10:15 on Sunday, October 11, and will include several choral preludes based on “Jesu, Priceless Treasure,” by Johan Gottfried Walther and J. S. Bach.

The choir will sing a service of Evensong on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5:00 P.M. as a part of our All Saints celebration.

Hymns for October

October 4

376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee
398 I sing the almighty power of God
416 For the beauty of the earth
585 Morning glory, starlit sky
397 Now thank we all our God

October 7 (Celebration of a New Ministry)

518 Christ is made the sure foundation
511 Holy Spirit, ever living
517 How lovely is thy dwelling-place
304 I come with joy to meet my Lord
528 Lord, you give the great commission (sung to the tune of Hyfrydol)

October 11

615 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
707 Take my life and let it be
475 God himself is with us
219 The Lord ascendeth up on high
680 O God our help in ages past

October 18

388 O worship the king, all glorious above
474 When I survey the wondrous cross
659 O Master let me walk with thee
348 Lord, we have come at your own invitation
579 Almighty Father, strong to save

October 25

174 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
371 Thou whose almighty word
300 Glory, love, and praise and honor
466 Eternal light, shine in my heart
544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

A Request from Garth

(the church cat)

I want to thank all of you who have so generously supplied me with food over the past few months. I have enjoyed it very much, but Sharon says the supply is getting low. And I am hungry!!! Would you please consider helping me out with some more food? I would appreciate it very much.

Meow meow meow,
Garth



EYC UPDATE

Starting Sunday, October 11 the EYC will meet at the Fortner's every Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Please call the church office (601-544-5551) to make you dinner reservation

