



Tidings

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I've always enjoyed the process of thinking about "new stuff"-- so for me, every January 1st vibrates with possibility and potential as a "fresh" set of months stretches out ahead of me. A year seems like a sufficiently reasonable time frame to accomplish something significant, doesn't it? It's very easy for me to get caught up in unbridled (and unrealistic!) optimism from the safety of a post-Christmas Day easy chair. Everything seems possible and I can sometimes lose sight of my own limitations of time and energy. Goals, resolutions and wishes abound in the euphoria of a new calendar!

Sometimes those goals and dreams come to pass before year's end (like the 2011 *Tour de DioMil!*), but more often than not, my goals, dreams and wishes don't change much from year to year. I keep revisiting the same old stuff! My best-selling book still isn't written. My filing system isn't perfected. I still struggle daily with a penchant for procrastination!

For one hundred twenty-five years, faithful folks have gathered on the corner of Church Street and Milwaukee Avenue to worship God in the beauty of holiness and with the liturgical dignity of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Worshiping together weekly, baptizing new Christians and teaching them the faith, celebrating marriages, visiting the sick, praying for the dead, saying "Hello!" to some folks for the first time and saying "Good-bye" to others for the last time -- these are all part and parcel of parish life. In between, there are social events, service opportunities and mission projects -- hymns to sing, leaves to rake, dishes to wash and bulletins to fold -- exhilarating events and plenty of days filled with the mundane tasks of parish life.

This year, we will commemorate their faithfulness, even as we pray and plan for the future God has in store for us in the years ahead. Through the years, I'm guessing this congregation hasn't accomplished all it set out to do. There have been times when this parish struggled with finances, weathered the storms of cultural changes and worked diligently to make a difference in the broader community (and the world!). Some initiatives were astounding successes; other efforts yielded the bitterness of failure. As much as things have changed in Trinity's one hundred twenty-five years of existence, much remains the same. We are still learning to be followers of Jesus in the world beyond our doors. We are still learning to be good stewards of the heritage we have received. We are still proclaiming the mystery of faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

As 2012 stretches out in front of us, I pray we will keep our eyes open to see Christ in each other; keep our ears open to hear the ways God is calling us to serve in the world; and keep our hearts open to receive the brooding, creative Holy Wind of God's Spirit. Only God knows what's ahead for us as a parish...and I, for one, can hardly wait to find out!

Happy New Year!

Gary B. Manning, Rector



Trinity Episcopal Church
Wauwatosa, WI

**VESTRY
CANDIDATE
NOMINATION FORM**

**At the Annual Parish Meeting
on January 22, 2012,
we will be electing new Vestry
members. Candidates must be
Communicants in Good Standing
who are willing to be elected and to
serve faithfully in the best
interest of Trinity Church.**

**Please get permission from the
candidate you wish to nominate,
complete this form, and return it to
the church office.**

As a committed and communing
member of Trinity Episcopal Church,
I hereby nominate

Name of nominee

who is a Communicant in
Good Standing, for election to the 2012
Vestry of Trinity Church.

Nominated by:

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**THE
FEAST OF
THE EPIPHANY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist,
Rite II**

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS
JANUARY 16, 2012**



Winter-Spring January — May 2012
Theology Study Group with the Rev. Wayne Fehr, Ph.D.
2nd Thursday of each month — 7:00–8:30 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Church, Wauwatosa

This series is offered to those who want to reach a deeper understanding of some of the central doctrines of Christian faith. Participants will be asked to read a brief essay (written by Dr. Fehr) in preparation for each session, in order to enter into a focused discussion of that material when they sit down together. This is an opportunity to explore in a thoughtful way the meaning of the language of faith that we speak in liturgy and personal prayer.

Five Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Addressing Some Questions from the Group
(Assigned reading material has been written by Dr. Fehr.)

January 12 Who, what, where is God according to the church?

Reading assignment — “The Theologian’s” response to the following: *Who is God? What is God?*

February 9 The concept of “salvation”

Reading assignment — “The Theologian’s” response to the following:

Someone asked me recently, “Are you saved?” I wasn’t sure what to say in response. Thinking about it later, I realized that I didn’t have a clear idea of what it means to be “saved.” Yet, I know that we Christians talk a lot about “salvation” and “being saved.” I need some explanation of what these words really mean. Can you help?

March 8 The Episcopal Church’s Understanding of the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist

Reading assignment — “The Theologian’s” response to the following:

What does the Episcopal Church teach about the “real presence” of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion? When I was growing up in the Roman Catholic Church, I was taught that the bread and wine were changed into the actual body and blood of Christ. Now, as an Episcopalian, I am told that we reject this idea of “transubstantiation” (so-called). But how do we understand the Lord’s presence in the sacrament?

Continued.....

Theology Study Group continued.....

April 12

How are we to determine the variety of Christianity

(Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, etc.) which communicates God's Word most genuinely? Each claims to have the true path to following Christ and to salvation.

Reading assignment — "The Theologian's" response to the following:

My question concerns the nature of the church. Once and for all, what is the "one, true church"? Roman Catholics say it is their church, and Episcopalians are not part of it. Episcopalians say that their church is a branch of the "one true church." Other churches say that their members are part of the "true church" and so are other Christians. Who is right?

May 10

What is my responsibility or mission as a Christian toward those who only have the experience of Hinduism, Buddhism or Islam (or other religions)?

Reading assignment — "The Theologian's" response to the following:

I'm a devout Episcopalian who comes from a family that is part Jewish and also includes several Buddhists. My relatives practice these other religions faithfully and with great compassion. I've always been troubled by the notion that only Christians are saved. Likewise, my relatives are put off by the Christian belief in one church and the call to evangelize non-believers. Am I obligated, as a Christian, to try to convert my aunts, uncles and cousins who don't believe in Christ? Do Christians believe other religions are wrong, and that adherents of those religions are eternally damned? It seems very unfeeling and "un-Christian" to me!

Novel Theology! Continues.....

"Novel Theology" is a series of discussion opportunities offered by Gary Manning. The focus of the discussions will be the questions raised by and themes contained in very different novels. Here are the rest of the novels in the series to be read and the discussion dates of each novel.

January 25, 2012: *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
(Reflection Questions are available on the Ministry Center in the Narthex)

March 28, 2012: *Housekeeping* by Marylyne Robinson
(Reflection Questions available by Sunday, February 19, 2012)

May 23, 2012: *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler
(Reflection Questions available by Sunday, April 15, 2012)

The discussion groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. Discussion will conclude no later than 8:30 p.m. (Choristers are welcome to participate in the first hour of each discussion.)



Episcopal YOUTH Community

EYC members had a busy and fun December. On December 3rd they had their "mini-mission day", which included a morning trip to the Hindu Temple in Pewaukee, an afternoon spent making and delivering 13 polar fleece blankets and 12 dozen cookies to the Ronald McDonald House, and the Annual "EYC Chopped Championship", won this year by the "Woks of Life" team. December 18th was the annual "White Elephant" Christmas Party--this year's best white elephant gift was a Justin Bieber electric toothbrush, which we hope we won't be seeing regifted next year!

Here's what's happening in January:

Sunday, January 8th, Dinner and Fellowship at Trinity, 5 to 7 pm

We'll decompress a bit after the frenzy of the holidays with dinner and fellowship at church, and look ahead to the Spring events.

Sunday, January 22nd, Country Springs Water Park, 3:30 pm to 7 pm

We'll trek out to Waukesha for an afternoon of watery fun, then head to Culver's for dinner.

The fearless leaders can't pass this opportunity to express their delight and pride with this year's Christmas pageant. Not only was the pageant written and directed by our own Andrew Pfaff, he was very capably assisted by a whole host of fellow EYC-ers. The pageant was modified time and again until it was just right for the actors, order was kept throughout rehearsals (no small feat!), and the leadership exhibited was truly a gift to all involved. Along with that, all of the actors did a fabulous job sharing the Christmas story! The bar has been raised!

We sincerely hope your Holidays were happy, and we're looking forward to ringing in 2012!

Your fearless leaders

Trinity will be helping serve lunch at The Gathering's St. James location (833 W. Wisconsin Ave.) on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:45 am to 1:30 pm. We need 15-20 volunteers. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Tony Zaffiro at 414-333-2920 or amzaffiro@yahoo.com for more information.



ACOLYTE TRAINING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 11:30 am

For all current and those interested in serving as an acolyte!

Questions:

Contact Chris Jeske at 414-453-2465

Can't remember whether you're scheduled to usher on Sunday?

Check the bulletin on Saturday and find out.

Not sure what time the special service is? Double check the event & calendar updates. All of this and more at www.trinitywauwatosa.org



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Trinity & Habitat for Humanity

In 2010 we helped build a house for Phyllis on 20th Street. It was great to have over 30 parishioners help during Building on Faith week. Then in 2011 we attempted to do some work on Saturdays and also sent a small crew to the build week in September. For 2012, we have committed to several Saturdays to help complete some of the work that was started during build week, or help with a Brush of Kindness, which is another program that Habitat has which helps homeowners. We hope that you will join us during these Saturdays. Betsy Jeffery or Jill Paradowski can be contacted with questions. The Saturdays we are working in 2012 are: January 28, April 14, August 11 and December 8. Let's help Habitat improve the housing in Milwaukee and we will have a great time doing it. (Not to worry if you think you do not have any skills, Habitat works with all skill levels otherwise I would never have been able to help).

~Jill Paradowski

ALTAR FLOWERS



Every week flowers (with the exception of Advent, when greens are used and Lent, when the altar is bare) are placed on the altar in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of an event, birthday, anniversary or for blessings received. There are several ways to be part of this ministry. You may sign up for flowers on the sheet pinned to the usher closet in the narthex, and receive a call from Peggy Witte or call Peggy directly at 414-258-9753. The cost per bouquet is \$35.



Outreach update:

Thanks to the generous parishioners of Trinity, the outreach committee was able to send over \$10,000 to a variety of programs. We sponsored the third year of a nurse for Jeanette, Haiti. She has been helpful as they continue to struggle each day.

Red Door Clothes received continued support for new underwear and other needs; the numbers seen continues to increase. Mayfair Interfaith, Our Next Generation, Habitat for Humanity and the Hospitality Center in Racine also received funds. We get so many requests each year, we are fortunate to help a few.

There are other activities that support our outreach efforts too! The funds raised from our potlucks have been used to sponsor two children in Haiti, assist Red Door and Episcopal Relief and Development. The funds raised from SCRIP are shared with The Gathering, the Wauwatosa Food Pantry, and the discretionary fund (we raised over \$1,000 this year). Trinity is a very generous parish. We thank you for all of your generosity to Trinity Church and the community. Blessings to each of you.





TRINITREE IS A SUCCESS... AGAIN!



Well everyone...we did it again and have some very happy women and children from Trinitree! Here's a quick recap of what you all were able to help with:

Our Next Generation (ONG)

around 150 books to go in their library for ages 6-18

- **Cathedral Center**
- 2 pack-n-plays (portable play-pens) with sheets
- bags full of toothbrushes and travel toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, and soap
- 7 umbrellas
- 5 packages of diapers and 7 packages of baby wipes
- 4 sets of sheets and 2 sets of towels
- many packs of cheese/peanut butter crackers and granola bars
- 50 gift bags filled with pens, a tablet of paper, a pair of socks, a set of gloves, hand sanitizer, chapstick, and kleenex
- infant/toddler books
- many large bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- 3 large laundry detergents

Here is the Thank You email received from Cathedral Center:

"God works his miracles through ordinary people each and every day. Please tell everyone at Trinity Church that their donations have already made a big difference in the lives of several people. A child slept safely in one of the pack-n-plays on Sunday night and three women that stayed in our overflow room had hot cocoa and granola bars. Thank you for reaching out to our shelter. I am humbled by the kindness and generosity of the members of your congregation. Thank you and Bless you all!"

- **Sojourner Truth House (thanks to a large amount of monetary donations)**
- 5 pairs of pajamas for the women
- a couple baby rattles
- many games
- hair accessories
- 6 puzzles

Thank you everyone for helping make others less fortunate than us have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!!!

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Trinity Church
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January 2012

The light that
shines in
darkness!



JANUARY 22, 2012



Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	9:30 a.m.
Festive Brunch	11:00 a.m.
Annual meeting	11:45 a.m.

PERIODICALS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Feast of the Holy Name 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:45 am Fellowship	2 Parish Office Closed	3	4 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study	5	6 12:00 pm Epiphany Holy Eucharist, Rite II	7 8:00 am Red Door Clothes
8 Baptism of Our Lord SCRIP 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Baptism 10:45 am Fellowship & Christian Formation 5:00 pm EYC	9 7:00 pm Men's Spirituality Group	10	11 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:45 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Choir	12 7:00 pm Theology Study Group	13	14
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