

Triad

*We welcome you here. We welcome you without reservations, regardless of your circumstances of faith or life.
We welcome those who seek, those who doubt, those who wish to deepen an existing faith.*

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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Sunday schedule

8:00 am
Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am
Adult Forum
10:30 am
Sunday Eucharist Rite II
(with music)
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
(ages 3-6)
Sunday School *(ages 6-12)*
Refreshments after 10:30 service

The Rev. Karen Burnard, *Rector*
William Bausano, *Choir Director*
Frank Jordan, *Organist*
Nicole Murphy, *Communications
Coordinator*
John Pheanis, *Sexton*
Steven Elliott, *Treasurer*
Jack Southard, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ruth Lindsey, *Clerk*

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Photos from student retreat

Miami University students visited the Convent of the Transfiguration in Cincinnati February 12-14.



Adult Forum

The first three Sundays in **March (7, 14, 21)** will be devoted to Lenten Series II: "Aging and Dying with Grace: The emotional, medical, legal and spiritual aspects of death and dying." These Forums will include speakers and discussions about legal issues, memorial services, Hospice, and grieving. Adult Forum meets in the Undercroft at 9:15; coffee is available at 9:00.

There will be no Adult Forum on March 28 (Palm Sunday) or April 4 (Easter). For more information please contact Karen Burnard or Mary Melvin.

World Day of Prayer Service

Holy Trinity
Day of
Prayer
sponsored



by Church Women United of Oxford will be held **Friday, March 5** at Holy Trinity Church beginning with a luncheon at 11:30 am. The service this year was written by women from many churches in Camaroon, West Africa. Special guest speaker Wendy Beongjoh (pronounced "Bonjō"), a Miami University student from Camaroon, will speak about her country and its rich cultural traditions. The luncheon will feature West African food. Persons attending the program should use the Poplar St entrance. Childcare will be provided by calling Michelle at 255-1078

Free Guitar and Voice Concert

On **March 10 at 12:00 pm**, the Midday Music in Oxford series will present a free concert at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main Street, by guitarist & composer James Lentini, who is the Dean of Miami University's School of Fine Arts. Along with his wife and soprano Dana, the two will perform a wide variety of works. This duo has performed concerts throughout the Midwest and East Coast and internationally at the Santa Cecilia Conservatory in Rome. Information: 513-523-6969.

American Indian School Mascots

The Social Justice Commission invites you to attend a showing of the award winning documentary movie **In Whose Honor**, **March 21 at 7:00 pm** in the undercroft. This film presents the argument against using American Indian mascots for sports teams. This is a current issue both locally and nationally. Locally an effort is underway to change the Talawanda High School mascot from The Braves to one with out reference to persons, their ethnicity or gender. A brief discussion will follow the movie. Snacks and drinks will be provided along with childcare.

N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Fund Banquet

The banquet was cancelled due to the weather and rescheduled for April 18.



Glenn Julian is organizing an exhibition **March 20-May 1** at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, featuring works by Miami University art majors, on the theme "LANDSCAPE: Perspectives Old and New." Some of his work will be included. Opening reception is 6-8 pm, Friday March 19.

March Meetings

- 2 Vestry, 7 pm, Old Rectory
Prayer Group, 11 am, Old Rectory
ECW Lunch, Noon, Knolls
- 3 Habitat for Humanity, 7:30, Undercroft
- 9 Serve City
Prayer Group, 11 am, Old Rectory
Bible Group, Noon, Old Rectory
- 16 Finance Committee, 7 pm, Old Rectory
Prayer Group, 11 am, Old Rectory
Bible Group, Noon, Old Rectory
- 17 Habitat for Humanity, 7:30 Undercroft
- 21 Social Justice, 6:00 pm, Undercroft
- 23 Prayer Group, 11 am, Old Rectory
Bible Group, Noon, Old Rectory
- 24 Community Dinner, 5:30, Undercroft
- 30 Prayer Group, 11 am, Old Rectory
Bible Group, Noon, Old Rectory
Executive Council, 7 pm, Rector's Office

Community Dinners

On the **fourth Wednesday** of each month, Holy Trinity parishioners plan, prepare and serve an evening meal to which everyone in the community is invited. We have found that guests come for many different reasons—to enjoy dinner in the company of others, to ‘get out of the house,’ to eat a hearty meal prepared by others, to give children time to enjoy the toys in the nursery and the books on the shelves. In recent months, we have served from 60 – 100 people at these dinners.

Holy Trinity parishioners participate in many ways for these meals: Provide the main course (Outreach has funds to pay for the ingredients); bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert; come at 4:00 to help set up; stay after dinner to clean up. Of course, all parishioners are encouraged to enjoy the meal and to visit with guests and with each other.

Other local churches prepare meals on the first, second, third, and fifth Wednesdays, so there is a hot meal available every Wednesday at 5:30 somewhere in Oxford.

Everyone is encouraged to be part of this monthly event. If you’d like more information, please contact Karen Burnard, Chris Church or Mary Melvin.

Oxford Interfaith Climate Change Work Group

Dr. Greg Hitzhusen, Director of Ohio Interfaith and Light, will speak in Oxford. All presentations are free and open to the public. Co-hosted by Holy Trinity Social Justice Commission.

Friday, March 26

Environmental Stewardship; the Religious Response to Climate Change

Dr. Greg Hitzhusen speaks on the fastest growing component of the American Environmental movement-faith community action. Hear how the major denominations approach the environmental crises as a social justice issue. Learn about the practical steps being taken by churches locally and nationally to address these issues.

Location: The McNiff Room-269 Upham Hall, Miami University **Time:** 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Pastoral Care/Earth Care: Film Screening and Discussion

The award winning film “Renewal” outlines the efforts of faith communities across the country to approach environmental issues from a faith perspective. The screening will be followed by an informal discussion with Dr. Greg Hitzhusen and Oxford area faith community leaders and members.

Location: St. Mary’s Parish Center, 15 S. Poplar St
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, March 27

Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Responsibility: A Stewardship Workshop

An inspirational and practical presentation by Dr. Greg Hitzhusen on how to integrate justice and environmental stewardship concerns into our daily lives. At this workshop we’ll explore the moral/ethical basis for a response to the climate crises as well as receive practical instructions in energy efficiency and conservation for homes and churches. We will learn about:

- * Religious tradition of Earth Stewardship
- * Interpreting, prioritizing and implementing energy saving measures
- * Ohio Interfaith Power and Light’s Cool Congregation and House of Worship energy audit programs
- * Energy Star’s Portfolio Manager energy performance rating system
- * Activities and resources to help congregations take the next steps

Location: The Undercroft at Holy Trinity Church, 25 E. Walnut St (enter from Poplar St)
Time: 9:30-2:00 (Lunch provided)

Robert E. Strippel Continuing Dialogue on Justice and Human Rights

Thursday, April 8

Environmental Justice is Not New: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions of the Movement

Speaker: Dorceta E. Taylor, Professor,
School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan

What is environmental justice and what is the environmental justice movement? This presentation covers the rise of the environmental justice movement in the U.S. demonstrating the historical progression of environmental inequalities that have impacted underserved communities and their responses to them. The relationships between environmental justice movements of the past to contemporary movements on national and international scales will be covered and the most pressing issues on the agendas of environmental justice groups in the Midwest, nationally and internationally will be discussed.

Location: MacGuffey 322 **Time:** 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 10

Environmental Justice: What Can We Do?

Panel presentations and discussions will examine university, local, and state environmental justice initiatives.

Location: 212 MMH **Time:** 9 am - 2:30 pm (lunch)

To register, contact Dorothy Falke, (falkeda@muohio.edu) or 529-8309 by March 27. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Robert E. Strippel Memorial Continuing Dialogue on Justice and Human Rights and the Center for American and World Cultures

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

2	Joseph Kretschmer	22	Kathy Ferguson
3	Gary Martin	26	Suzanne Church
	Alan Burke		Dorothy Samter
	Will Burnard	28	Laura Harlan
7	Judy Shaw	29	David Ferguson
	Jim Wilson	30	Warren Mason
12	Jane Gross		Susan Fortney-Harlan
14	Michael Patterson		Diana Uhlman
17	Caitlin Bausano	31	Dick Lodge
19	Carol Baker		
21	Cathy McVey		
	Mary Cayton		
	Barbara Reid		

March Anniversaries

22 Margo & Carty Ellis





Grounds Cleanup

Initial Grounds Cleanup for Spring: Saturday March 6 and/or March 13.

Volunteers are needed and wanted to ready our grounds and gardens for the spring season. Please hold Saturday, March 6 and March 13 – depending on weather and volunteers...



Would you call or email Sally if you can and would be willing to help, please? (523-5511 or sally@southard.net)

We'd Like Weeders

After the initial work of trimming and raking in early spring, would you be willing to weed and deadhead Holy Trinity's gardens for a month? We need a volunteer(s) for the months of April-October.

Parish volunteers in 2009 proved that their effort and time of 2 hours/every 2 weeks or an hour each week for a month resulted in Holy Trinity's having its gardens maintained beautifully – the best we have ever looked!

We are trying to control costs and avoid hiring someone from outside the parish.

Would you call or email Sally if you can and would be willing to help, please? (523-5511 or sally@southard.net)

I Hate Litter Volunteers

Do you remember Sundays with beer cans and bottles, paper plates and napkins, newspapers, cigarette butts, and gum in Holy T bushes, gardens, sidewalks, and gutters?

Since 2003, "I Hate Litter" (IHL) volunteers have picked up all the above to bring you "litter free" Sundays. Many volunteers, ages 2 – 90 years, have given one Saturday or Sunday a month to pick up litter and debris on Holy T property?



We need and welcome your help – we encourage young families and parishioners who choose to worship at 8 am Sunday. Scheduling is beginning now for March – May.

Training sessions provided on your first day. Supplies are under the Old Rectory steps.

Out of the country mid March through mid-April, I would ask that you email me at sally@southard.net or phone me on my cell phone 513-461-1777. I will gladly return your call if we miss each other before March 15 or after April 15. Thanks ~ Sally

A Generous Gift

The Commission was extremely happy to receive an anonymous donation of \$3500 in the New Year. The donors of this amount indicated that they would be very pleased if this money could be used to help alleviate suffering of low-income families in the Oxford area at this difficult time (although not making this a requirement).

The Commission agrees with these sentiments and allocated the first \$1500 of this money to the Family Resource Center to be used specifically for assistance with heating bills; and more recently allocated the remaining money to the Center, with \$1000 also designated for heating assistance and the remaining \$1000 to be used for direct aid to clients as needed.

The Commission wishes to tell the donor(s) how grateful we are for these funds in this very cold winter, and at a time when the economy is making life difficult for many families.

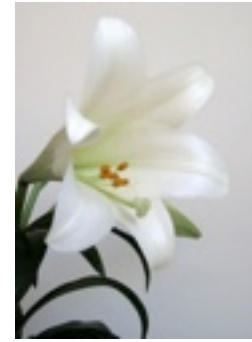
The Commission also recently allocated \$1000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, to go to to the Haiti Relief Fund.

The Easter Offering

The Outreach Commission has voted to donate the Easter offering as follows:

The first \$2000 will go to an international agency, with the funds specifically allocated to work in rebuilding Haiti. Possible such agencies include Orphans International or Doctors Without Borders. The final decision as to which agency will receive these funds will be made before Easter.

Any funds above \$2000 will be divided equally between Haiti (either going to the first agency or possibly to an additional agency) and the other half to the Family Resource Center.



This is a time when agencies world-wide are being asked to do more than almost ever before, with the Haiti tragedy, difficult

economic conditions in many countries, and finally an especially difficult winter in our own area. Please remember those without shelter, food, medical assistance, and jobs, no matter where they happen to be and give as generously as you can!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Successful Pancake Brunch!



The Youth of Holy Trinity thank everyone who attended, donated food or

other items which made the Pancake Brunch possible. \$600 was raised to support the work of Michael and Anita Dohn, medical missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

Pantry Donations

The pantry is experiencing increasing demand at the community dinner so we really need your continued help. In particular we need paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, baby shampoo and wash. Or, if you can't shop yourself, we're happy to accept cash and we'll do the shopping. As always, thank you for your generosity.

~ Geoff, Stephanie, Judith

In Appreciation

A donation from Treva Boardman toward the tuning of the Steinway, on which her students play their recital pieces twice a year.

Doris Kershaw

On February 12, Doris Kershaw, widow of the Rev. Al Kershaw, former rector of Holy Trinity, died. A service in celebration of her life was held February 20th in Louisville, Kentucky.



Padre Sandino Sánchez, our parish priest, at the main gate of the diocesan conference center. The Centro de Conferencias Obispo Kellogg (Bishop Kellogg Conference Center) is named after a past Bishop of this diocese, Rdm. Paul Kellogg.



Some public school students (in the blue uniform tops) stop at an empanada shop for a quick breakfast on their way to school.

Photos and text from Drs. Anita and Michael Dohn's website: dohnfamily.org

Something Different this Month

Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries

We have something a little different this month. The ten people in the church group that were detained when leaving Haiti with a group of children and charged with child trafficking have been in the news a lot recently. We do not know any of the specifics about that group, but obviously something went very wrong. We thought it might be good at this point to reassure our mission partners concerning a few principles to which we try to adhere.

During our pre-field training, we were sequestered at a remote site in Colorado for several weeks with other new missionary families from various denominations going various places around the world as long-term missionaries. The

team responsible for our training covered a plethora of issues that ranged from tips for learning a new language; to responding to terrorism and military coups; to maintaining our personal prayer and spiritual lives, for instance. They also imparted a few helpful rules, three of which were:

- ✓ Do not get involved with bribes
- ✓ Obey the local law
- ✓ Respect the sovereignty of each nation

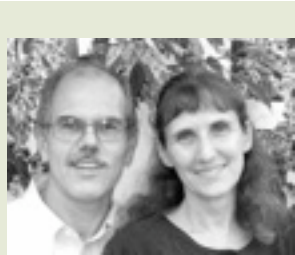
There are gray areas (unjust laws or the distinction between "bribes" and "fees," for example), but these three rules have served us well. Tom, one of the members of the training team who had years of mission experience in South America, summarized the concept:

"You are sojourners and guests. You are metaphorically in someone else's house and you should not just do

what you want. What you might think makes sense to do in your own home might not be appropriate in someone else's home."

For long-term mission, one key to success is often how well the missionary can "fit in." Whatever we are trying to accomplish, ignoring these rules tends to alienate the local people and create divisions. And that is not helpful.

*Keep praying,
Anita and Michael*



Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as SAMS missionaries with La Iglesia

Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

MARCH LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

March 2010 Lay Ministers

	March 7 III Lent		March 14 IV Lent		March 21 V Lent		March 28 Sunday of the Passion	
Eucharistic Minister (Early Service-8 am)	Rob Thomas		Rich Bement		Kathleen Carels		Carty Ellis	
Eucharistic Minister I (Chalice I)	Carty Ellis		Bob Benson		Rich Bement		Dick Smith	
Eucharistic Minister II (Chalice II)	Bill Bausano		Lila Mason		Ted Schmitt		Rob Thomas	
OT Lector (First Lesson)	Ginger Smith		Alan Burke		Carty Ellis		Carrie Galsworthy	
Psalm	Diana Uhlman		Cleve Callison		Glenn Julian		Kathleen Carels	
NT Lector (Second Lesson)	Eleanore Vail		Mary Cayton		Kathleen Flanagan		Oliver Mogga	
Prayers of the People	Bob Benson		Chris Church		Jim Michael		Emily Murphree	
Acolytes	Crucifer	Stephanie McCabe	Crucifer	Laura Harlan	Crucifer	Alan Burke	Crucifer	Bob Benson
	Altar	Brittany Stokes	Altar	Manushak Kiloian	Altar	Walter Mogga	Altar	Martin Ganev
	Torch	Nina Stahr	Torch	Kathryn Hamilton	Torch	Andrew Mogga	Torch	Ethan Hamilton
Greeters/Oblationists	C. Callison, S. Hess, L. Scroggins, Schmitts		Elaine Brander Anne & Dick Lodge		Yero Peterson OPEN		Dick Nault Judy Shaw Jack Southard	
Healing Minister	Lila Mason		Kathleen Carels		Kathleen Flanagan		Lila Mason	
Flowers	No Flowers-Lent							
Ushers	Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda		Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda		Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda		Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda	
Coffee	Bensons		Poppendecks		Callisons		Smiths	

**If unable to serve, please find a substitute &
call the office if there is time. Thank you!**

APRIL LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

April 2010 Lay Ministers

	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 3 Easter Vigil					
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Williams	No Eucharist	Rob Thomas					
OT Lector (First Lesson)	Walter Secrest	Carrie Galsworthy	TBA					
Psalm	Stephanie Nowak	Kathleen Flanagan	TBA					
NT Lector (Second Lesson)	Emily Murphree	Chris Church	Cleve Callison					
Prayers of the People	Jim Michael	Peter Williams	Glenn Julian					
	April 4 Easter Sunday	April 11 II Easter	April 18 III Easter	April 25 IV Easter				
Eucharistic Minister (Early Service-8 am)		Al Lindsey	Rich Bement	Kathleen Carels				
Eucharistic Minister I (Chalice I)	Rich Bement	Bill Bausano	J. Kiffmeyer	Bob Benson				
Eucharistic Minister II (Chalice II)	Carty Ellis	Lila Mason	Ted Schmitt	Dick Smith				
OT Lector (First Lesson)	J. Kiffmeyer	Rosalyn Benson	Alan Burke	Cleve Callison				
Psalm	Kathleen Carels	Mary Cayton	Carty Ellis	Chris Church				
NT Lector (Second Lesson)	Kathleen Flanagan	Carrie Galsworthy	Glenn Julian	Jim Michael				
Prayers of the People	Oliver Mogga	Emily Murphree	Dick Nault	Stephanie Nowak				
Acolytes	Crucifer choir/1st cross	Alan Burke	Crucifer	Steve Elliott	Crucifer	Stephanie McCabe	Crucifer	Laura Harlan
	Altar	Wagner Mogga	Altar	Brittany Stokes	Altar	Martin Ganev	Altar	Manushak Kiloian
	Torch	Andrew Mogga	Torch	James Stokes	Torch	Ethan Hamilton	Torch	Nina Stahr
	Crucifer- clergy/ 2nd cross	Laura Harlan						
	Torch	Manushak Kiloian						
	Altar	Kathryn Hamilton						
Greeters/ Oblationists	C. Callison, S. Hess L. Scroggins, Schmitts	Elaine Brander Anne & Dick Lodge	Yero Peterson Kathy McCabe	D. Nault, J. Shaw J. Southard				
Healing Minister	Kathleen Carels	Kathleen Flanagan	Lila Mason	Kathleen Carels				
Flowers	Mary & Hannah Cayton	Dick & Ginger Smith	Burnards	Rob & Rosalyn Benson				
Ushers	Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda	Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda	Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda	Jack Heitsman, Peter Dahoda				
Coffee	Easter Brunch	Moggas	Poppendecks	Mary Cayton, Peter Williams				