

Triad

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a welcoming congregation offering spiritual sanctuary to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, or socio-economic class; and to all persons who have felt marginalized in any way. We recognize each individual as a unique child of God. As we move forward with the work of this church, we commit ourselves to making justice and inclusivity a reality in this congregation and the world.

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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Contemplative Prayers and

Songs 5:30 pm First Friday

Community Dinner

5:30 pm Fourth Wednesday

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am Holy Communion Rite I

10:30 am Holy Communion Rite II

Church School, Nursery

Karen Burnard, *Rector*

William Bausano, *Choir Director*

Michael Rathke, *Organist*

Dick Nault, *Senior Warden*

Linda Church, *Junior Warden*

Jim Michael, *Treasurer*

Jack Southard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Barbara Ellison, *Clerk*

Tammy Glancy, *Sexton*

Gayle Shidler, *Communications*

Campus Ministers: Tobie Dahlman,

Jennie Kiffmeyer

Student Intern: Mike Willis

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

IN THE BEGINNING AND FOREVER, LET US TILL IT AND KEEP IT

After a most tiresome winter (and I hear we may have yet more ice and/or snow even as I am writing this) the sight of the blooming crocus, or daffodil, or magnolia, is a feast for the eyes and a tonic for the spirit. Some of you are eagerly planning your gardens. One of my acquaintances recently made the transition from a house with a yard where there is "earth to garden," to an urban high-rise where the "large boxes on the balcony offer only modest compensation." Food for thought.

Genesis tells us that we are formed from the dust of the ground. "Adam," loosely translated, means "earth creature." Right after creating Adam, God "took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (see Genesis 2). Still today, many appreciate the blessings of tilling and keeping a garden: sometimes you even forget you are "working." Before you know it, you have been outside for hours; you're covered with dirt, smelly, sweaty and tired. Yet, you feel good, even in a spiritual way.

Obviously gardening is organic. It can also be meditative. Gardening teaches us patience as we learn, sometimes after years, that one plant does better on this side of our yard or in that corner of our balcony, while another plant totally fails in the same spot. If only we could cope with other kinds of failure as well as we do with plants that don't thrive. Why is that, I

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wonder. Could it be related to the time pressures we impose upon ourselves and others, when in gardening, we know we have to wait for each season to unfold in God's time?

In every season we can tend to our garden. From browsing through seed catalogues in winter, caring for plants we've "wintered in," to pruning, rooting, preparing soil, planting bulbs, seeds, annuals ... yes, gardening is a spiritual practice. It encompasses some of the perennial themes of theology and nature: the life-death-life cycle, gratitude, caring, movement of the body and soul as we till it and keep it and receive nourishment from it in return (gardener and garden serving each other in a symbiotic relationship).

So this May, as we remember our graduates, our mothers, and our fallen soldiers, let us stop and smell the flowers, sharing them, and if not already, consider growing some, too. And even if our spaces will not allow, or if we "till and keep the soil" in some way other than gardening, let us remember our Farmers' Markets by supporting those who till and keep the soil so wonderfully for all. Thanks be to God.

Karen+

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, SONGS AND PRAYER

Friday, May 2, 5:30 pm, Chapel of St. Bede. Join us to finish your week with this service of contemplation. Breathe. Pray. Sing. Let us give thanks.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S LUNCHEON ~

CALLING ALL WOMEN ... Join us **Tuesday, May 6, at Noon** at the Knolls of Oxford for Lunch and Fellowship. And if you would like a ride, please contact Karen Burnard.

INFORMAL MEN'S GET-TOGETHER, "ECM" (EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEN) You're welcome to join us **Tuesday, May 13, at 9 AM** (-ish) at Kofenya. While "two or three are gathered together" is good, it's more fun if we have a crowd! For more information, feel free to contact Glenn Julian, pipes.physics@yahoo.com

CONSTRUCTION COURIER 5/1/14

I hope, by the time you read this, this report could simply have said, "Look out your window when you drive by 25 E. Walnut!" Ground has been ceremonially broken and we are ready!

The building committee had a meeting with the contractor to finalize details. Members of the committee and HT's Treasurer have been coordinating the City, the contractors, and the architects. Still others have been at work relocating the office, recording the Old Rectory; over-seeing the removal of appliances and unneeded furniture; stripping parts that can be reused elsewhere; and other tasks to prepare for the demolition. Thanks to Co-chair Mel and to all the other people who have been involved in this busy month. S. Kay, Bldg. Comm. Co-Chair

HOLY TRINITY ADULT FORUM meets Sunday mornings in the undercroft. Please join us for presentations and discussion on a variety of thought provoking topics. Refreshments are available at 9:00 am and program begins promptly at 9:15. **Sunday, May 4** - Jennifer Dibert, graduate student in Gerontology discusses the importance of the Arts in the aging population. Jennifer works with OMA, Opening Minds through Arts. **Sunday, May 11** - Sr. Teresa, Superior of Transfiguration Convent, returns to present Part II of Christ and the Cosmos (pending confirmation, please check your bulletin). **Sunday, May 18** - Chris Witt addresses the timely topic: "Community Providing and Connecting in the Emerging Culture."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2014 SPRING GRADUATES FROM HOLY TRINITY:

- + Geoff Blackwell, receiving an undergraduate degree from Miami University in May.
- + Maria McNurlen, receiving an undergraduate degree from Miami University in May.
- + Liz Harlan, receiving a graduate degree from Emory University in May.
- + Brittany Stokes, graduating from Franklin High School in Brookville Indiana in June.

May God bless you all as you enter a new chapter in your sacred stories. Karen+

HELP NEEDED TO PROVIDE DINNER TO SERVE CITY

Over the years many people at Holy Trinity have expressed an interest in offering service to people in need. One of the most rewarding and uplifting ways to offer help is by participating in Holy Trinity's outreach to Serve City, the homeless shelter in Hamilton. **On the second Tuesday of each month for the last decade Holy Trinity has provided a dinner for approximately 50 people there.** We have a dozen faithful volunteers who help by providing desserts and helping cook or serve, but we are in need of additional people to take charge of this endeavor. This means planning, cooking, and delivering the meal--a commitment of no more than 6 hours. A sheet of suggestions is available to give you an idea of what has been done in the past and the food is purchased with money earned from Kroger Rewards. If you have questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Linda Church at 523-4356. **We particularly need someone to take charge in the months between August and November.**

EASTER WAS HOSTED BY "THE COMMITTEE OF 100"

Thanks to our "Committee of 100," Holy Trinity celebrated Easter with deliciously savory and sweet treats which each of you contributed. Together we hosted ourselves and many guests. Yes, Holy T has been learning from Karen Burnard the Greek meaning of hospitality – and, on Easter Sunday, we showed Karen how deeply we care to be a church known for hospitality. But, the Committee of 100 included far more than bringing tasty treats.

On Easter Sunday, as you brought food, you were greeted by Sherry Lind, Dorothy Samter, Mary Cayton, Susan Fortney and John Harlan. Betty Julian arranged pots of boiling water for making tea. Jack Southard made coffee. Sally and Jack Southard began making the punch.

FOLLOWING THE FESTIVE EUCHARIST A DRAMATIC GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



Organized and celebrated with a special blessing by our Rector, Karen Burnard, the Ground Breaking included present and future generations of Wardens, the Vestry, Choir members, Building Committee members and Acolytes, surrounded by a jubilant crowd of Holy Trinity parishioners.

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Children's Traditional Egg Hunt: Afterward, you discovered that Jennie Kiffmeyer and the College Students had hidden eggs for the Children's traditional Egg Hunt. Lynn Stahr assisted by Morgan and Nina worked with the children during the brunch to design and color paper bags to carry home their eggs from the hunt.

In the Undercroft: the Festive Brunch was ready for your celebration: John Harlan lit candles; Betty Julian made the tea; Sally and Jack Southard with Josh Seidel's help made and delivered the punch for children and adults. Mary Sue Houk served punch to the adults. Anita and Alex Atkinson helped the children with punch.

Beverages in proper Anglican style: Dorothy Samter and Gretchen Weller were with the silver service to serve you coffee and tea; Rosalyn Benson ensured that tea and coffee remained hot. Chris Church organized the champagne and served you with the help of Bill Houk and Steve Elliott. **Serving and clearing:** Nelly Bly Cogan and Juddi Trent ensured that you had utensils for serving yourselves the beautiful food and cleared the table of empty platters.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Jeff Stokes, George McCabe, Mary and Neil Poppendeck were the first crew for cleanup, filling the dishwasher, drying and putting away champagne glasses, plates, cups, forks and spoons. The final crew for cleanup was Judi and Don Nelson, Sarah and Jim Michael, Sally and Jack Southard. Thanks to such excellent teams the task was done early: 1:30 pm, not 2 pm as in the past. **Not to be forgotten:** are the many who worked during Holy Week to ready the grounds around Holy T for Easter. Planting pansies, Mary and Neil Poppendeck; weeding, raking, and hoeing the gardens: Geoff Blackwell, Bob Burnard, Kevin Williams, Judi and Don Nelson, and Sally Southard; pruning the front viburnum bushes, Sarah Michael; trimming the rosebushes, Dick Nault.

Polishing silver and brass: Barbara Pontius, Linda Church, Sally Southard, Carol Baker, Stacy Peterson, Lara and Leo Osborne, Bonnie Mason. **Setting up the tables:** Mike Willis and Dan Pratt; finishing the setting with tablecloths, plates, cups, forks, spoons, napkins; planning placement of candlesticks: Lara and Leo Osborne, Bonnie and Warren Mason, Carol Baker, Stacy Peterson, Sally and Jack Southard. **And the final touch:** bountiful baskets of flowers by Sarah Michael. Truly, it took a Committee of 100 to bring the Brunch Celebration and Easter to Holy Trinity. It was a beautiful event of hospitality and of remembering Christ's Resurrection and God's Enduring Love. Sally Southard, Coordinator

DISHES LEFT MARCH-APRIL: Please check to see what dishes, platters, etc. which have been brought to the church may be yours. On Sundays, April 27 and May 4, dishes will be on the table under the EMS bulletin board in the Undercroft. Unclaimed dishes will be taken to the Methodist Church Rummage sale in mid May. Sally Southard.

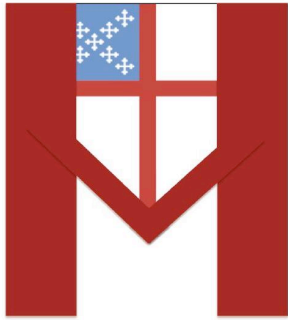
SHRUBS AND FLOWERS AROUND THE OLD RECTORY CAN BE YOURS...

From this Sunday, April 27th, on and until the Old Rectory is torn down, parishioners are welcome to dig up what plantings you would like to enjoy and care for at your home. First notice has been given to those parishioners who, over the years, have worked in the gardens. Sally Southard.

REMINDER ABOUT PARKING AT HILLEL: Parking spaces at Hillel are not available to us, and in fact, you may be ticketed if you park there.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS - Some of our senior citizens have left contact information at the church for key family members to be notified in an emergency. If you would like to add your information (or check to see that our information is updated), simply email the office with names, phone numbers, emails, addresses. In this way, we can easily contact the if the need arises: this is especially helpful when our parishioners have no family geographically close. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Sunday Bulletins should be dropped off or sent via email by **Tuesday morning** of the week preceding. Articles and announcements for the **TRIAD** should be submitted by the **20th of each month**. Thanks! 513-523-7559 ~ holytooffice@gmail.co



MIAMI EPISCOPAL STUDENT MINISTRY
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE:
5:30 pm. sharp, May 2nd, Chapel of St. Bede.
Join us for a time of song, prayer and reflection.

COMMUNITY DINNER: MAY 28TH, 5 pm.
Meet at Holy T to have a delicious dinner and help serve to some hungry folks in our community.

STUDENT INTERN: Mike Willis

CAMPUS MINISTERS: Tobie Dahlman and Jennie Kiffmeyer

PARISH RECTOR Karen Burnard (513) 523-7559 ~ htrector@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays

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| 2 Karen Burnard | 21 Tom Dierling |
| Barbara Hamilton | 24 Gitzene Myers |
| 5 Yerevan Peterson | 27 Marshall Patterson |
| 7 Jean Perry | 28 Jacob Bausano |
| 8 Kevin Williams | 31 Linda Church |
| 10 Dick Nault | |
| Cynthia Hanscomb | |
| 11 Barbara Ellison | |
| 14 Laura Poppendeck | |
| 18 Nina Stahr | |
| 19 Mary Poppendeck | |
| Jonathan Graham | |

May Anniversaries

- 14 David and Judy Evans
22 Jennie Kiffmeyer and Jonathan Graham
29 Emily Murphree and Kevin O'Bryan



Did we miss your important date?
Please let us know by calling the
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Would you like to celebrate by
offering the Altar Flowers?

MAY LAY MINISTERS	MAY 4	MAY 11	MAY 18	MAY 25
Eucharistic Minister(8am)	Al Lindsey	Judy Evans	Kathleen Carels	Rich Bement
Eucharistic Minister I	Rich Bement	Peter Williams	Bob Benson	Josh Seidel
Eucharistic Minister II	Bill Bausano	Lila Mason	Marilyn Kinzler	Lila Mason
OT Lector (1 st Lesson)	Rosalyn Benson	Mary Cayton	Chris Church	Brian Dobson
Lector (Psalm)	Emily Murphree	Ginger Smith	Karen Schilling	Diana Uhlman
NT Lector (2 nd Lesson)	Kat Hayes	Jim Michael	Glenn Julian	Dick Nault
Lector (Prayers)	Stephanie Nowak	Josh Seidel	Sharon Seidel	Kevin Williams
Acolyte (Crucifer)	Jillian Hassel	Martin Ganev	James Stokes	Stephanie McCabe
Acolyte (Altar)	Alex Atkinson	Nina Stahr	Brittany Stokes	Nina Stahr
Acolyte (Torchbearer)	Ben Graham	Mercy Patterson	Marshall Patterson	Morgan Stahr
Greeter/ Oblationist	Bonnie and Joe Kretschmer Dick Nault	Jack Southard Phyllis Hollenbaugh	Elaine Brandner Dick and Anne Lodge	Jack Southard Dick Nault
Healing Minister	Lila Mason	Kathleen Carels	Kathleen Flanagan	Kathleen Carels
Coffee	Peter Williams Mary Cayton	Sarah and Jim Michael	Betty and Glenn Julian	Jack and Sally Southard
Flowers	Sharon Seidel Phyllis Hollenbaugh	Diana Uhlman Mary Cayton	Dave and Judy Evans	Mel and Gayle Shidler
Ushers		Sharon Seidel &	Jack Heitsman	
Altar Guild	←	Betty and	Glenn Julian	←

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 if there is time. Thank you!**

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

JUNE LAY MINISTERS	JUNE 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15 Trinity Sunday	JUNE 22	JUNE 29
Eucharistic Minister(8am)	Al Lindsey	Judy Evans	Kathleen Carels	Rich Bement	Al Lindsey
Eucharistic Minister I	Josh Seidel	Marilyn Kinzler	Bill Bausano	Lila Mason	Peter Williams
Eucharistic Minister II	Rich Bement	Bob Benson	Jennie Kiffmeyer	Josh Seidel	Marilyn Kinzler
OT Lector (1 st Lesson)	Rosalyn Benson	Kat Hayes	Emily Murphree	Josh Seidel	Diana Uhlman
Lector (Psalm)	Sharon Seidel	Glenn Julian	Diana Uhlman	Kaen Schilling	Mary Cayton
NT Lector (2 nd Lesson)	Chris Church	Jim Michael	Jennie Kiffmeyer	Ginger Smith	Rosalyn Benson
Lector (Prayers)	Brian Dobson	Stephanie Nowak	Dick Nault	Kevin Williams	Chris Church
Acolyte (Crucifer)	Kathy McCabe	Bob Benson - kite Steve Elliott (c)			
Acolyte (Altar)	Ben Graham	Brittany Stokes	James Stokes	Nina Stahr	Marshall Patterson
Acolyte (Torchbearer)	Alex Atkinson	Mercy Patterson			
Greeter/ Oblationist	Phyllis Hollenbaugh Dick & Anne Lodge	Bonnie & Joe Kretschmer Elaine Brandner	Jack Southard Dick Nault	Phyllis Hollenbaugh Dick & Anne Lodge	Jack Southard Elaine Brandner
Healing Minister	Lila Mason	Kathleen Flanagan	Lila Mason	Kathleen Carels	Kathleen Flanagan
Coffee	Marilyn & Kurt Kinzler	Linda & Chris Church	Judi Nelson Emily Murphree	Neil & Mary Poppendeck	Jim & Sarah Michael
Flowers	Peter & Ruth Ann Williams	Karen Schilling	Judy Shaw	Jack & Sally Southard Rich & Mickey Bement	Bob & Rosalyn Benson
Ushers		Sharon Seidel &	Jack Heitsman		
Altar Guild	←	TBA	TBA	←	

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