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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.

MARCH 2015 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

The Reverend Thomas Kryder-Reid, *Interim Rector*

The Reverend Gretchen Weller, *Priest Associate*

William Bausano, *Choir Director*

Bob Benson, *Interim Organist*

Dick Nault, *Senior Warden*

Linda Church, *Junior Warden*

Jim Michael, *Treasurer*

Jack Southard, *Assistant Treasurer*

Barbara Ellison, *Clerk*

Gayle Shidler, *Communications*

Debra Vogt & Anita Atkinson, *Nursery*

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FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

OPEN DOOR

From 1911-1915 Winston Church served as First Lord of the Admiralty. On one occasion during World War I, when he saw an opportunity to take decisive action, he wrote in his memoirs:

I believe we have been all these months in the position of the Spanish prisoner who languished for twenty years in a dungeon until one morning the idea struck him to push the door which had been open all the time. [*The World Crisis*, Volume II, p. 516]

This season of Lent affords us all a similar opportunity for discovery—one I dare say few Episcopalians know about. I'm referring to the prayer book's provision for reconciliation of a penitent (pages 446-452), popularly known as private confession.

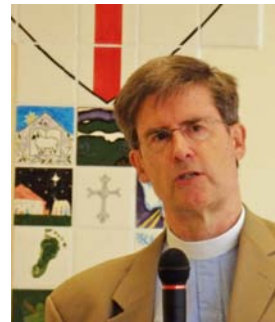
When I teach about this rite, I often begin by asking: What's the first thought that comes to mind when you hear the words *private confession*? Responses usually confirm what I suspect—misconceptions. Truth is, there's more to this rite than the stereotyped scenario of sitting outside a confessional booth and fulfilling an obligation.

The prayer book's approach is compassionate and flexible. As the rite's preamble explains, "The ministry of reconciliation, committed by Christ to his Church, is exercised through the care each Christian has for others, through the common prayer of Christians assembled for public worship, and through the priesthood of the Church and its ministers declaring absolution."

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR (CONT.)

Do you realize?—

- We all say confession, and are granted absolution, whenever we come to church and acknowledge our misdoings against God and our neighbor. Confession and absolution are integral components of Eucharistic worship. I rarely leave them out. There's never a time I don't need to confess my sins, be assured of forgiveness, and be given a chance for a new start.
- Private confessions "may be heard anytime and anywhere." You're the one who decides when and if you need to seek forgiveness. No obligations are imposed. The traditional Anglican guideline affirms, "All can; some should; none must."
- Two equivalent forms of the service are provided. One is simple and brief, the other more in-depth and slightly longer.
- The penitent is required to give "evidence of due contrition," and the confessor encouraged to offer "counsel, direction and comfort."
- Private confessions may be heard by lay persons and deacons as well as by priests and bishops. The service is virtually identical regardless of who is your confessor. One noteworthy distinction is that only priests and bishops pronounce formal absolution, whereas lay persons and deacons substitute a declaration of forgiveness. The difference? Good question... Suffice it to say there's something significant about priestly authority in the tradition of the church and in the minds and hearts of many penitents. Either way, God responds.
- An important provision, upheld by some civil courts, is that "the secrecy of a confession is morally absolute for the confessor, and must under no circumstances be broken."
- Another safeguard: "The content of a confession is not normally a matter of subsequent discussion." The confessor may *not* reopen the subject; only the penitent may.



By the way, to be "absolved"—what does it mean? It means "to be loosed"—unbound from whatever guilt and remorse is strapping you down, set free from whatever dungeon you're locked into.

Feel free to contact me, or my clergy colleague Gretchen Weller, if you want to know more. And join in Sunday morning adult forums on Embracing Forgiveness—9:15 in the undercroft through March 22. Your door to a liberating Lent is open.

- Tom Kryder-Reid

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE, SONGS AND PRAYER

Friday, March 6, 5:30 pm, Chapel of St. Bede

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S LUNCHEON ~

CALLING ALL WOMEN ... Join us **Tuesday, March 3 at Noon** at the Knolls of Oxford
for Lunch and Fellowship.

INFORMAL MEN'S GET-TOGETHER, "ECM" (EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEN) You're welcome to join us **Tuesday, March 10, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

LAY LEADERS ELECTED

Congratulations and thanks to all elected at the February 22 annual parish meeting to serve in the following roles:

- Senior warden (second one-year term): Dick Nault
- Junior warden (second one-year term): Linda Church
- Vestry (three-year term): Kathleen Carels, Carl Dahlman

- Delegates to diocesan convention (November in Dayton): Judy Evans, Jack Heitsman, Al Lindsey, Lara Osborne. Alternates: Susan Kay, Peter Williams.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UNDERWAY

The committee, appointed by the vestry in January, has begun meeting. Members are as follows—leadership roles indicated as determined thus far:

Karen Schilling, chair
Bob Benson, co-chair and corresponding secretary
Neil Poppendeck, chaplain and corresponding secretary
Ellen Reister, communicator to Holy Trinity
Peter Sturni, recording secretary
Elaine Brandner
Patsy Grabach
Dan Pratt

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY

March 29, Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion

8am Liturgy of the Palms, St. Mark's Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist in St. Bede's Chapel
10:30am Liturgy of the Palms in the courtyard followed by procession into church for St. Mark's Passion Gospel and Holy Eucharist

April 2, Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Eucharist celebrating Jesus' last supper and institution of the sacrament; in the church

April 3, Good Friday

Noon, 7pm Liturgy of the Day, St. John's Passion Gospel celebrating Jesus' triumph of the cross, Holy Communion from reserved sacrament; in the church

April 4, Easter Eve: The Great Vigil of Easter

8pm One of the church's ancient liturgies: We light the New Fire of Easter outside in the courtyard, enter the church carrying candles, hear stories from scripture recounting God's mighty acts, then celebrate Jesus' resurrection in a burst of light and sound and with the first Eucharist of Eastertide

April 5, Easter Day: The Sunday of the Resurrection

8am Holy Eucharist in St. Bede's Chapel
10:30am Festival Holy Eucharist in the church with choir and organ, brass and tympani
11:45am Easter egg hunt in the courtyard, Easter brunch in the undercroft

ADULT FORUM: EMBRACING FORGIVENESS

Lenten sessions based on the teaching of Episcopal priest Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. Each session will begin with a DVD presentation by Crafton exploring what forgiveness is and is not. Discussion will grow out of these topics. Facilitators are Lara Osborne and Judith de Luce.

- March 8:** Chipping Away: In this session we will focus on what forgiveness is not. By chipping away at the notion of forgiveness, we will reveal the marvelous spiritual sculpture bound in the slab of rock.
- March 15:** How to Start: In this session we will get to the nuts and bolts of how to move from shame to repentance.
- March 22:** Why Forgive? The last session is, in some ways, the most profound. Crafton explores the many benefits of the forgiveness process to ourselves and our communities in a way that is surprisingly rich and nuanced.

REPORT FROM THE ARTS AND MEMORIALS COMMITTEE:

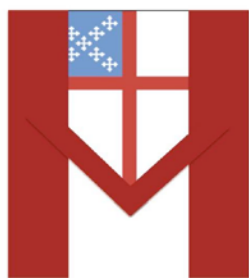
RECENT GIFTS TO HOLY TRINITY ~

- Rug in the priest's office ~ Barbara Pontius
- Desk and Bookcase in the priest's office ~ Barbara Ellison
- Small watercolor of the old church by W. Condit ~ Wendy Richardson
- Watercolor "Tiger" by 9-year-old Faith Daugherty in the nursery ~ Frank Jordan
- Two weavings "Pedro's Cross to Bear" and "Strolling Musicians" by Berea artist Ann Schumaker ~ Frank Jordan

COMMUNITY DINNER ORGANIZERS ~ There will be a meeting Sun. Mar. 8 following the 10:30 service to share our experiences hosting Community Dinners. We will discuss what works well and what challenges we still have. A couple of us have visited the Community Dinners at other Oxford churches and will share what we've learned. All who have organized, helped, or are interested in what goes on at our Community Dinners are invited.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ~ The 2014 Christmas offering totaled \$1630. Thank you for your generous gifts. The offering will be divided between the Oxford Free Clinic and the Family Resource Center to assist families in our community. Each organization will receive \$815. Thanks also for your contributions to the mitten tree. Every family attending the Community Dinner on Christmas Eve was able to take home warm scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens for themselves and their families. Your gifts were warmly appreciated!

PASTA FIESTA! PLEASE JOIN THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER for the second annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser! The event will be held on March 12, 2015, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, at the Talawanda High School Cafeteria, 5301 University Park Blvd. The dinner is all you can eat, and costs \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, age 10 and under. Children under 2 are free. Tickets are available at the FRC Thrift Store or at the Family Resource Center, Building 1. Contact the FRC at 513-523-5859 for more information.



MIAMI EPISCOPAL STUDENT MINISTRY
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE:

Friday, March 6, 5:30 pm, Chapel of St. Bede

COMMUNITY DINNER: March 25, 5 pm.

Meet at Holy T to have a delicious dinner and help serve to some hungry folks in our community.

Miami College Students are welcome to attend all events at Holy Trinity!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March Birthdays

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



March Anniversaries

- 22 Carlton and Margo Ellis

Did we miss your important date?
Please let us know by calling the office at 513-523-7559 or email holytooffice@gmail.com
Would you like to celebrate by offering the Altar Flowers?

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

| MARCH LAY MINISTERS | MARCH 1 | MARCH 8 | MARCH 15 | MARCH 22 | MARCH 29 |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Eucharistic Minister(8am) | Luke Hall | Al Lindsey | Rich Bement | Kathleen Carels | Judy Evans |
| Eucharistic Minister I | Rich Bement | Marilyn Kinzler | Peter Williams | Rich Bement | Rich Bement |
| Eucharistic Minister II | Peter Williams | Peter Williams | Bill Bausano | Bill Bausano | Marilyn Kinzler |
| OT Lector (1st reading) | Karen Schilling | Sharon Seidel | Ginger Smith | Diana Uhlman | Kevin Williams |
| NT Lector (2nd reading) | Peter Williams | Rosalyn Benson | Kathleen Carels | Mary Cayton | Chris Church |
| Lector (Prayers) | Ken Grabach | Kat Hayes | Glenn Julian | Jim Michael | Emily Murphree |
| Acolyte (Crucifer) | Hannah Kempf | Martin Ganev | Jillian Hassel | | James Stokes |
| Acolyte (Altar) | Nina Stahr | Mercy Patterson | Mercy Patterson | Steve Elliot | MartinGanev |
| Acolyte (Torchbearer) | Morgan Stahr | Alex Atkinson | Maren Patterson | | Alex Atkinson |
| Greeter/ Oblationist | Dick & Anne Lodge Phyllis Hollenbaugh | Jack Southard Dick Nault | Bonnie & Joe Kretschmer Elaine Brandner | Phyllis Hollenbaugh Dick Nault | Dick Nault Bonnie & Joe Kretschmer |
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| Healing Minister | Lila Mason | Kathleen Carels | Lila Mason | Lila Mason | Kathleen Carels |
| Coffee | Carol Baker Diana Uhlman | Susan Kay | John & Susan Fortney-Harlan | Anne & Dick Lodge | Bob & Rosalyn Benson |
| Flowers | No Flowers | No Flowers | No Flowers | No Flowers | Palm Sunday |
| Ushers | | Sharon Seidel | Jack Heitsman | | |
| Altar Guild | | Dick and | Ginger Smith | | |

If unable to serve, please find a substitute & call the office (523-7559) or email holyoffice@gmail.com if there is time. Thank you!

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

| APRIL LAY MINISTERS | APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12 | APRIL 19 | APRIL 26 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Eucharistic Minister(8am) | Luke Hall | Alan Lindsey | Rich Bement | Kathleen Carels |
| Eucharistic Minister I | Marilyn Kinzler | Peter Williams | Marilyn Kinzler | Rich Bement |
| Eucharistic Minister II | Bill Bausano | Rich Bement | Peter Williams | Bill Bausano |
| OT Lector (1st reading) | Dick Nault | Stephanie Nowak | Ellen Reister | Karen Schilling |
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| Coffee | Jack and Sally Southard | Kaaren Schilling Kathleen Carels | Peter Williams Mary Cayton | Glenn & Betty Julian |
| Flowers | Jack & Sally Southard | Frank Jordan | Mary Cayton | Bob & Rosalyn Benson |
| Ushers | ~ | Sharon Seidel | Jack Heitsman | ~ |
| Altar Guild | ~ | Dick & Ginger Smith | Dick & Ginger Smith | ~ |

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