

# The Trinity Times



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## *Notes for the Journey*

**S**urprise! Things haven't turned out as predicted: the horse slated to win the Kentucky Derby breaks a leg, the Da Vinci Code is a thriller of a book but maybe not so hot a movie, and the Diocese of California ignored the rest of the world and elected a bishop without controversy. In the church as in the world there is often a profound difference between what is expected to happen and what actually occurs. What looks like it will be a loud bang turns into a whimper, and what everyone thought would come to nothing produces great results. We are always in a position of being astonished that our predictions are so far off the mark.

There have been many voices loudly proclaiming the demise of the Episcopal Church and the disintegration of the Anglican Communion, and anxiety has set in as General Convention approaches. It is time for us all to take a deep breath, say our prayers, and let the Holy Spirit do its work. The delegates will respond to the Windsor report, but they will also be presented with hundreds of resolutions dealing with a wide variety of issues of importance to our life together. The House of Bishops will elect a Presiding Bishop and convention will consider the confirming of those bishops which have been elected since March of 2005, but who have not yet been consecrated. Whatever happens, I'm sure that we will be surprised by some of it, saddened by some of it, and cheered by some of it.

Meanwhile here at home there are important matters for us to consider. The Trinity Food Ministry is serving about a third more people than last year, so donations to that outreach effort need to remain strong through the coming summer months. Your family may take a vacation, but hunger won't, and our clients depend on us to help them throughout the year.

You will be hearing more from me and from the organ committee soon about the challenges and the options which face us regarding this aging instrument. The liturgy which is so crucial to our life together depends upon the musical support it offers, and as the organ committee has discovered, the options are many and complicated. In order for all Trinitarians to be well informed about this, there will be a parish meeting on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. here at the church. Child care will be offered and the organ committee will be serving a light supper following the meeting. I look forward to seeing each of you there, and at worship on the Sundays of the summer.

Blessings,

*Anne+*

***Card-Carrying Episcopalians:*** Three Trinitarians were presented to Bishop Wayne Smith at Christ Church Cathedral on May 20th. Lynn Mark and Denita Pruitt were confirmed, and Ted Jackson was received into the Episcopal Church. Welcome and congratulations!

***Sudan: One Perspective:*** The Rector will make a presentation on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a potluck supper. (A coordinator for the potluck supper is very much needed. All are welcome, so bring your friends and neighbors, and child care will be provided, if requested.)

***Mass on the Grass:*** This special service will be held on June 25th in Tower Grove Park – save the date and bring the family – no Sunday School that day. It is part of the Pride Weekend Festivities. See page 5 for more details!

***Don't Miss Trinity Sunday, June 11: Potluck Barbeque Following the 10:30 Service***

# Sustain the Faithful

By The Vestry



Trinity Episcopal Church is proudly quirky, energetic and non-conformist. Our community is remarkably broad and diverse, yet our commitment to one another is unparalleled. The sharing of the peace each Sunday is a noisy, rowdy exercise. Those who find strength in diversity will find no better church home than Trinity.

Trinitarians value education. We enjoy the scholarship, courage and depth of our Sunday sermons. Our Education Committee presents numerous Sunday Noon Forums addressing theology, social issues, and world events. We pride ourselves on our ability to offer new perspectives and ideas.

Our celebration of the Eucharist each week is a treat for all the senses. Strong and innovative liturgy; an accomplished choir, organist, choir director and excellent guest musicians; and traditional worship elements such as incense and bells, all nourish our spirits. We offer healing prayers each Sunday morning during the 10:30 a.m. service. Trinity offers a healing service on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. We celebrate the Feast of St. Luke in October, bringing the healing ministry to the entire congregation. Parishioners also take the Sacraments to our home-bound members.

Trinity nurtures its children. We're committed to their religious education and spiritual development, through Sunday school, weekly children's sermons and their participation in worship. Many of the adults take special care with the kids; children grow up at Trinity knowing that there is a strong community of adults who love them and care for them.

Our lives as Christians are sustained and challenged by the stewardship of all our resources. We support the parish with our financial pledges and the gift of our time. We also understand that the world community needs a commitment to environmental integrity to preserve God's creation.

Trinity is a fun place to be. We pride ourselves on a fine-tuned balance of reverence and irreverence. Our collective memories are sprinkled with many moments when a service was brought to a halt with laughter--we

call those "Trinity moments." Our parish life is even more joyous. Special events feature good music, better food, and laughter - always laughter.

Trinity Episcopal Church has history. Trinity has been committed to the City of St. Louis and to urban ministry for over 150 years. Our parish continues to advocate for progressive social change, work for the good of our neighborhood, and we challenge the Episcopal Church to live up to the radical gospel of Christ.

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## Make Note of the Following

- All Parish Meeting: Organ Committee presentation and dinner: June 10th at 5:00 p.m.
- Anyone interested in being on a new Arts Committee, which will be charged with increasing the role of the Arts in our worship and parish life, contact Jeff Wunrow at (314 323-4200).
- A new poetry chapbook by Trinitarian Nan Sweet appeared this spring from Cherry Pie Press, #2 in its Midwest Women Poets series. Entitled *Rotogravure*, the book offers etchings of the troubled beauty of the urban Midwest, St. Louis in particular. Congratulations Nan!

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## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### *Those who were married*

Stuart Bradley and Ye Shanlin, married on May 27th

### *Those who are sick*

Nancy – pray for strength and courage  
 Carlos Daughaday, prostate cancer  
 Sallie Fuhri, recovering from heart surgery  
 Matthew Owings, lung disease  
 Jeanie Ader, at home recovering from surgery  
 Camilleann Nelson  
 Margo Skinner

### *Parishioners with ongoing challenges*

Kayte Foxworth  
 Jackie Judd  
 Margaret Kane  
 Emma Johnson  
 Dee Scott  
 Mary Moore  
 Betsy Gardner

### *Family Members*

Christopher Edwards - pancreatic lesion  
 Adele Smith – Gregory Smith’s mother  
 Geoff Kraft - Margo Skinner's son, recovering from a stroke  
 Dorothy Fisher - Gil Fisher's mother, fall  
 Rebecca Turner - Steve Turner's mother.  
 Melinda Williamson - Ron Tomkin's sister, cancer.

### *Friends*

Maxine Tubbs, friend of Lisa Carpenter  
 Marilyn Holman, friend of Jeanie Ader, recovering from tumor removal.  
 Ruby Hyde -- mother-in-law of George Benson's son  
 Andy, Randy Ford -- neighbor of the Bensons, battling widespread cancer  
 Jeff Allen, friend of Lyndell Bade-Wall, severe burns  
 Mary O'Neal - friend of Joan Dunbar.  
 Betsy Roth – former Trinitarian with Parkinson’s.  
 Jimmy Matthews - friend of Lisa Carpenter with heart problems.  
 Norm Shoults - friend of Bob and Margaret Emert - melanoma.  
 Steve Post - friend of George and Ginnie Benson - Alzheimer's

### *Departed*

Pat Parker  
 Thelma Agnes Sather – Larry Sather’s mother.

### *Mourning*

Mary Ellen Anderson, Sirvella Oakes, La Mont Hopson, Bill Mayhan, Charlene Wright, Larry Sather.

## Happy Birthday To You !

Happy Birthday to the following people with June birthdays. We give thanks for your life and God’s creation:

Ellie Kirk	06/04
Keith Southham	06/13
Sirvella Oakes	06/14
Annie Mae Fielder	06/14
Ethan Cadenhead	06/18
Rip Van Winkle	06/19
Mary Alice Kirk	06/23
Michael Simbeck	06/24
Mary Swanson	06/24
Lyndell Bade-Wall	06/25
Betty Weber	06/25
Harry Leip	06/26

Alexah Strongheart	06/26
Barbara Richey	06/28
Ruth Harker	06/28
Betsy Clark	06/29
Robby Giunta	06/30
Rueben Rigel	06/30
Kiri Haggans	06/30

## Treasurer’s Report

*By Barbara Uhlemann*

As of April 30, 33 percent of the way through the year, pledge income is at 33 percent, overall income is at 33 percent as well, and parish expenses are at 36 percent of budget, resulting in a deficit of \$7,700 for the year so far. The Trinity Food Ministry has received income in excess of expenses of about \$900 for the year so far.

## Meet Bill and Fritzi Baker



Bill and Fritzi (a.k.a. Ann Catherine) were married in Cincinnati, OH in 1973. Before they got to that point in their lives went something like this. Bill was born and grew

up in the hills of Tennessee, near Knoxville. He attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and then worked as a police officer who had a knack for taking dictation on a typewriter. Thus he became secretary to the captain of the Capitol Police Force and often got to escort President Franklin D., Roosevelt to the door of Congress. He finished college at the University of Virginia before World War II and became a Navy flyer during the war.

After the war, married, with two children, and still in Columbus, he went into the custom tailoring business, while also being sales manager at an auto agency. Something else was tugging at him however. Bill, who grew up in the First Christian Church, but had been attracted to the smells and bells of the Episcopal Church he visited with cousins in Louisville. He was later confirmed as an Episcopalian, and then, in the early 60s attended and graduated from Bexley Hall in Kenyon, OH. After ordination, he first served at the Church of St. Thomas in Cincinnati.

Fritzi, a “cradle Episcopalian” grew up in Cincinnati. When asked about the name that most of us call her, she said that when her mother was pregnant the baby she was carrying was referred to as “Fritz”. Upon arrival that got changed to Fritzi, however and, obviously, it stuck! Hollins College in Virginia (which she proudly says is still an all-girls’ school) took her away from the mid-West. After graduation she studied art history and painting at the Art Students’ League in New York City before returning to Cincinnati and working for a graphic arts studio in that city. Then came marriage and motherhood. The church her family attended was the Church of St. Thomas where she came to know Bill.

Several years later, Bill moved on to become to become rector of St. John’s in Worthington, OH near

Columbus. Eventually Bill and Fritzi, both of whom were now divorced, renewed their friendship and were married in 1973. They headed for St. Louis where Bill had hired on as Associate Director of the Educational Center. This organization began here in 1845 as the Episcopal Home for Children with funds given by Henry Shaw. In the 1930s its name was changed to the current one and there is no longer an Episcopal connection.

Fritzi found work as Director of Religious Education at Church of the Good Shepherd under the Rev. Claudius Miller (who some of us remember with affection). Fritzi later became President of the Board of the Ed Center and is still working there in the Bible study program called The Bible Workbench.

In the mid-70s Bill became associated with the Church of St. Michael and St. George and worked as a priest there for about a decade. Since then he has done interim work in Pike County and a lot of supply work in the St. Louis area. Bill got to know Trinity through our long-time rector Bill Chapman, who had many connections with the Ed Center and its staff. During the Rev. Jennifer Phillips’ tenure here, Bill Baker became a frequent Rite I celebrant at the 8 a.m. Sunday service and now, of course, he is an affiliate along with the Rev. Michael Randolph.

Fritzi is well-ensconced here too, serving faithfully as one of the altar personnel on Sundays. Because she was unable to acolyte like the “guys” in the Cincinnati church of her youth, she says she is enjoying being in this rotation immensely. Here at Trinity, as well as within the Diocese, both Bakers have an intense interest in and actively support OASIS. Becoming a part of OASIS was a non-issue says Fritzi, who was stunned at how much of an issue it has turned out to be for our national church. Bill says it is his observation that most people here at Trinity “have a pretty good sense of who they are, which is really affirming for me.”

Bill and Fritzi jointly have “almost” 11 grandchildren, with one on the way. Fritzi enjoys Yoga, and has for some 30 years. Bill says he has always enjoyed business and has a real passion for writing. We anxiously await to see what happens next in the busy lives of two of our most enthusiastic parishioners – Bill and Fritzi Baker!

## Canned Goods Sought for Pantry



As our food pantry clients get to know us over a period of time, they begin to share their life stories, their struggles and their joys. Some sit and chat with us; others get their groceries and move on. Here is the story of M. J., a large man in his thirties who comes to the pantry each month. In March, he brought his three

children with him – triplets, two boys and one girl – who were on spring break from first grade. He is obviously proud of his children.

When he came in recently, he sat and talked. He has been working with a firm rehabbing houses. He says that he is good at carpentry and likes to get as much work as possible. The children are doing fine. He doesn't like for them to eat junk food. They can have special treats, however, when they do something special – like cleaning up their room or bringing home good grades. They will go to a camp at the Wohl Center this summer. He told me that he is a single parent right now. When I asked about the chil-

dren's mother, he said that she is in drug rehab. She has been there for about 10 months. I asked how this affects the children. He said that it is tough, but that they talk with their mother every day. Then he told me that he himself has been clean from drugs for 2 ½ years. I asked how he has stayed clean. "It is for my kids," he said. "I have to be clean for them." Pray for Mr. J. and his family.

We continue to serve large numbers in the pantry. During April, we served 185 adults, 96 children and 44 seniors – a total of 324. This compares with 293 served during the same period of 2005. The hot lunch continues to serve 50 – 60 each week.

We have exhausted the reserves of food from the Boy Scout Food Drive and the food given us by the children at Old Bonhomme School last November. This month we purchased canned meat products and canned vegetables (total cost equaled close to \$1,000) in addition to the produce, eggs and margarine we purchase each week. So the donations given by parishioners each week are much appreciated and greatly needed. Folks sometimes ask what we need in the pantry. We can always use canned corn, peas, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, green beans and canned fruit. When you buy your weekly groceries, please purchase a dozen cans of store brand vegetables (costing less than \$5) for the pantry.

## Pride Weekend - June 24 - 25th at Tower Grove Park

As part of our outreach activities, the OASIS Missouri will be staffing a booth during the Pride festivities from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Trinitarians will have an opportunity to sign up for one hour shifts to cover Trinity's shift (Saturday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.).

The annual Mass on the Grass will be at its usual location - SouthEast corner of Tower Grove Park, just outside of MoKaBee's coffee house starting at 11 a.m. After this, the parade starts at noon.

As an added gift to our community our friend, Rev Teresa Mithen has invited everyone to worship at St. John's Episcopal Church on Arsenal at 10a.m. before Mass on the Grass. St. John's is on the South border of Tower Grove Park and is about a 2 minute walk from our site.

## Fabric Sought for Banner

A Trinity Sewing Circle (Sewing Triangle?) will soon be creating a banner to hang at the Cathedral. Designed by Jeff Wunrow, it will feature a large chalice and host, along with the slogan from our sesquicentennial celebration. The Communion wafer will be made up of scraps of fabric donated by members of the Trinity community.

Please bring in fabric from old clothing, your fabric stash, or something purchased just for this project. Clean is essential, and natural fibers are preferred. We want to represent the diversity of Trinity, so the fabric can be patterned, but please select something lighter in color, so the finished product looks like a communion wafer from a distance. Please bring it no later than June 15 and put it in the receptacle in the South Parish Hall.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holy Eucharist</i></p> <p><b>Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Rite I and 10:30 a.m. Rite II</b> <b>Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Thursday: 6:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vestry</i></p> <p><b>2007:</b> Kim Corliss, Nancy Cadenhead, Cheryl Sharpe, Jeff Wunrow <b>2008:</b> Jim Andris, David Crawford, Gil Fisher, Bill Layher <b>2009:</b> Martha Bradley, Anne Hennig, Ida McCall, Matthew Owings</p>

## Saintly Sightings

*By Margaret Emert*

On June 3 we commemorate the **Martyrs of Uganda**. Their steadfast faith and obedience unto death are a wonderful example of a sacrifice that brought forth a great harvest. Christianity was brought to Uganda by Anglican and Roman Catholic missionaries in the nineteenth century. Even though many members of the court of King Mutesa were converted to Christianity, the king, himself, was never converted. His successor, King Mwanga, was a violent ruler and pedophile. The Christian's in his court tried to protect the pages from King Mwanga's violence. This so angered him that he ordered all missionaries expelled and began to terrorize the native Christians.

In May 1886, he became enraged and ordered the killing of many young men who had refused to denounce Christ. On June 3, after a 37 mile trek to the

place of execution, at least thirty-two were martyred, most of them on a pyre at Namugongo.

The Namugongo martyrs produced an entirely opposite result of Mwanga's intentions. The example of these martyrs so inspired many of the bystanders that they began to seek instruction from the remaining Christians. Within a few years the original handful of converts had multiplied and spread way beyond the court. When missionaries returned after King Mwanga's death, they found a strong Christian base had grown. Uganda now has the largest percentage of professed Christians of any nation in Africa.

*O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed Of the Church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience, even unto death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*