
Trinity Chapel Newsletter

February 2012



The Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

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Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Vestry Members

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What Do We Mean By Mission?

“The diocesan Spring Learning Event, “*Glocal*” *Mission Gathering*, takes place on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston and will be in partnership with the Global Mission Office of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America). As part of the event we are exploring the idea of *Accompaniment* as a model for mission – both locally and around the world.”

This quote is from the Epiphany Papers, 5 study sheets offered to congregations to inspire discussion in advance of the Spring Learning Event. I will be e-mailing the Epiphany Papers to those of you who are on our e-mail lists over the next 5 weeks and will also have copies available each Sunday.

As I think about the word “Accompaniment” I am drawn to think of our partnership between Trinity Chapel and St. David’s. We have accompanied one another on our faith journeys and in our mission adventures over the last 2^{1/2} years, learning from one another and striving to find the most effective way to be vital communities of love and service. Recently Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church of Groton has come alongside St. David’s in this journey and both communities are exploring what that accompaniment feels like.

But how does “Accompaniment” relate to Mission? The metaphor used in the Epiphany Papers is the story of the friends who were walking to Emmaus on the day of Christ’s resurrection. These two were accompanying one another, sharing their shock and sorrow at the crucifixion of their teacher. Then the Risen Lord joined them and joined in their conversation. Their spirits were lifted and they were given hope,



eventually recognizing whom it was in their midst.

When we choose to walk with another, be it another church group, or someone very different from us, we make a decision to be in their company. We make a decision to enter into a relationship in the midst of travel, even if the destination is not clear. As we walk together we share our stories and sometimes Christ is made known to us in the midst of our sharing. We begin to understand the Good News that is needing to be fulfilled in our “Accompaniment” and we work together to bring it into being.

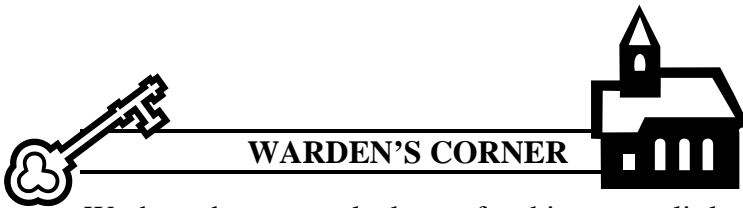
This is mission that emerges from relationship, rather than one where only one party is the giver and the other the receiver. It’s not what we usually think of when we hear the word mission. I invite you to read the Epiphany Papers, think about what mission may mean to you, and come and see what else we might learn on March 3 at the Cathedral.

This is your newsletter! Your family news, special prayer intentions, and information you want to share about the world around us should be forwarded to Lynn Gresock by 2/23/12: 978-448-6947 or lynn.gresock@arcadis-us.com

Potluck Brunch and Annual Meeting. Trinity Chapel’s Annual Meeting will be on **February 5** this year following the service. We look forward to an afternoon of sharing wonderful potluck food and fellowship as we discuss the past year and make plans for the year ahead. Please come! We will miss you if you are not there.

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We have been very lucky so far this year – little snow, warm temperatures, and it is already February. This will greatly alleviate the heating cost of the church, parish hall, and the rectory and the necessity for snow plowing.

The Epiphany Party this year was spectacular, as usual. With the arrival of the Three Kings, there was also a visit from Paul Wade as one of the kings. Paul and Beth made a quick, surprise visit for the party. The food, the fun, the socializing, and the bonfire made the evening one to be remembered.

Annual Meeting, February 5. We will have a brunch after the service followed by the annual meeting.

Blessings,

Karla Leonard, Senior Warden



Pastoral Outreach News.

The Pastoral Outreach Team will be making a decision as to whether we will continue to support the Shirley Council on Aging (COA), because of declining donations by Trinity members.

Trinity has been donating items to the COA Wish List since October 2010 and will continue through April 2012. If you would like to see this support of COA continue past April 2012, please speak with Nancy Shepherd, Pastoral Coordinator and/or Jean and Carol.

We had hoped to continue this association with our neighbor because of their close proximity and also because some of Trinity's members participate in the ongoing programs offered by the COA (e.g., lecture/informational series, exercise classes, craft and other social activities). Our donations from Trinity Chapel have been on an every other month basis and include items such as: *coffee, paper goods, dish liquid, hand soap, waste baskets, cleaning supplies, etc.* The Shirley COA has always been extremely grateful for our continued support.

If you know of another program that you would like Trinity to get involved with/support, please let us know. As always, suggestions are welcome.

Trinity will continue supporting Loaves & Fishes with weekly food donations. Special thanks to Bunny and Dave Stewart, and also to Jerry Lindsey and Randy Stacy, who continue to deliver donated items each Sunday year round, regardless of weather conditions. Thanks to all for their generous support!

*Trinity's Current Pastoral Team:
Nancy Shepherd, Karen Akins, Jean Crossman, Carol Emery, Stephanie Hooper, Amy Grundy, Betty Mahon, Ann Oakes, Bert Reynolds, and Bunny Stewart*



Secret Prayer Partners.

Trinity Chapel's Lenten tradition of prayer partners will begin getting organized. If you wish to participate, please write your name and address on one of the slips of paper provided, and place it in the appropriate basket. A drawing will be held before the beginning of Lent to identify *your* Secret Prayer Partner. During Lent, you will say special prayers for your Secret Prayer Partner, and will send them notes – always without revealing your identity – to let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers. On Easter morning, you will reveal your identity and provide a small gift and card. If you sign up, please be prepared to follow through with the season to avoid disappointing someone; this can be a wonderful part of your Lenten season, with a joyful Easter finale.

Diocesan Happenings. The January 2012 publication of F.Y.I. includes:

- Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., is Family Day at the Cathedral – why not come take advantage of the special activities to make our diocesan cathedral, bishops and mission come alive for your family?
- An Absalom Jones Celebration will be held on February 12 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Cyprian's Church in Roxbury, including a celebration of persons of color within diocesan congregations doing exemplary work to enhance the ministries and life of their congregations.

- A Spring Learning Event is scheduled for March 3 at the Cathedral, partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and focusing on local and global (“glocal”) mission partnerships.
- A picture is worth a thousand words...so the diocese is seeking congregational stories in video form, offering workshops and culminating in a May 19 film festival – got a story to tell...?
- Eucharistic Visitor training is being offered on March 10 (Boston).
- Looking for a meaningful way to make a tangible difference and maybe create some new habits during Lent? Sign up online for the 2012 Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast and receive daily e-mail suggestions for activities to reduce your carbon footprint.

For more information consult www.diomass.org.



In Our Prayers. We continue prayers for parishioners, family and friends who are in need of healing, whether from sickness or sorrow. Please offer special prayers for strength and healing for:

- † Adele Lamoreaux;
- † Jim Leonard;
- † Betty Mahon;
- † Elizabeth Searcy (Jennifer’s mother);
- † Thelma Copeland (Betty’s mother);
- † Mona’s grandson Clark;
- † Paul Panetta (Maureen’s brother);
- † Donald Cobb;
- † Gina Ledger (Maureen’s friend);
- † Denise Bartlett (Donna’s daughter);
- † Phyllis and Ken Rood (Amy’s friends);
- † Diana Bingham (Henry’s friend);
- † Andrew McCaffrey (friend of Zac and Benji);
- † Frank Hogg (Marsha’s dad);
- † Nancy Mezick (Karen and Ben’s niece);
- † Lillian Hickey;
- † Darrell Cyr;
- † René Jefferson-Tate;
- † Troy Buollock;
- † Barbara Buollock;
- † Jaida and Gianna (Mickie’s granddaughters);
- † David;
- † Adrienne;
- † Sharon; and
- † Marie Elizabeth Raymond.

Prayers continue also for our men and women in the armed forces:

- † Mike Adelberg;
- † Ned Sullivan;
- † Tim Fahey;
- † Charles Therrien;
- † Marin Ladd;
- † Jorge Carrillo;
- † Joseph Hillenbrand;
- † Nathan Tarlton;
- † Jonathan and Natalie Oakes;
- † Brandon Harsh;
- † James Harsh;
- † Michael Bartol;
- † Stu Younger, who is in Afghanistan;
- † Matthew Moniz, who is in Afghanistan;
- † Brendan Beauvais, who is in Afghanistan; and
- † Christine Comptois, who is in Afghanistan.



A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God help us to find our confession:

The truth within us that is hidden from our mind;
The beauty or the ugliness we see elsewhere
But never in ourselves;

The stowaway which has been smuggled
Into the dark side of the heart,
Which puts the heart off balance and causes it pain,
Which wearies and confuses us,
Which tips us in false directions and inclines us to
destruction,

The load which is not carried squarely
Because it is carried in ignorance.
God help us to find our confession.

Help us across the boundary of our understanding.
Lead us into the darkness that we may find what lies
concealed;

That we may confess it toward the light;
That we may carry our truth in the centre of our heart;
That we may carry our cross wisely
And bring harmony into our life and our world.
Amen.

from *Common Prayer Collection*, by Michael Luenig, 1993



Loaves and Fishes. February...typically a cold month when we celebrate warm thoughts for those we love. Please think about all of those struggling through this cold season and the warmth you can share by making a small contribution each week.



Sunday, January 29. The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Trinity Chapel.
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sunday School at Trinity Chapel.

Reader: Steve Longley; *Prayers:* Bunny Stewart

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the people of: St. John's Chapel, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge; St. Peter's Church, Cambridge; Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and United Interfaith Action.

Thursday, February 2.

6:00 p.m. ANAMCHARA: meditation, prayer and sharing at the Rectory in Shirley.

Sunday, February 5. The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Trinity Chapel Annual Meeting.

9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School at Trinity Chapel.

Reader: Lynn Gresock; *Prayers:* Lynn Gresock; *Chalice:* Mickie Carter

Potluck brunch and annual meeting following the service.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the people of: Trinity Church, Canton; St. John's Church, Charlestown (Boston); St. Christopher's Church, Chatham; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; and the Charles River Deanery.

Wednesday, February 7.

7:00 p.m. Inter-Parish Council Meeting at Trinity Chapel, with invitation to other Vestry members to join us. Guest speaker: Erin Palmer to speak about the Diocesan "Together Now Campaign."

Saturday, February 11.

Sustainable Houses of Worship workshop, Epiphany Parish, 62 Main Street, Walpole, MA.

Sunday, February 12. The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Trinity Chapel.
9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School at Trinity Chapel.

Reader: Marge Halloran; *Prayers:* Donna King; *Chalice:* Lew Sheen

11:00 a.m. Worship at St. David's.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the people of: St. Luke's Church/Iglesia de San Lucas, Chelsea; Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton); Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill; Secretaries and Administrators within Congregations; and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Tuesday, February 14.

St. Valentine's Day.
11:00 a.m. Rivercourt Eucharist



Wednesday, February 15.

7:00 p.m. Educational Seminar: How to Budget and Save Money, UCC in Groton, with Christopher A. Peterson, VP/Shirley Branch Manager, North Middlesex Savings Bank.

Thursday, February 16.

10:30 a.m. Apple Valley Eucharist.
6:00 p.m. ANAMCHARA: meditation, prayer and sharing at the Rectory in Shirley.

Sunday, February 19. The Last Sunday after Epiphany.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Trinity Chapel.
9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School at Trinity Chapel.

Reader: Nancy Shepherd; *Prayers:* Karen Akins; *Chalice:* Betty Mahon

11:00 a.m. Worship at St. David's.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the people of: St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset; Trinity Church, Concord; Calvary Church, Danvers; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dedham; and The Standing Committee.



Monday, February 20.
President's Day.



Wednesday, February 22.

Ash Wednesday.
7:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes, Trinity Chapel.



Thursday, February 23.

Newsletter deadline.

Saturday, February 24.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Scrabble Plus fun at Trinity Chapel.

Sunday, February 26. The First Sunday in Lent.

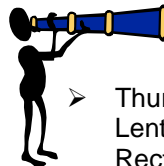
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In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers, we pray for the people of: St. Paul's Church, Dedham; All Saints' Church, Dorchester (Boston); St. Mark's Church, Dorchester; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; and the Trustees of Donations.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Thursday, March 1, 6:00 p.m.– ANAMCHARA: Lenten meditation, prayer and sharing at the Rectory in Shirley.
- Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Diocesan Learning Event, St. Paul's Cathedral.