

January 2009

TRINITY

High Notes

News for and about members of Trinity Episcopal Church

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From Fr. Hector

Let me offer a variety of items as we close 2008 and look forward to 2009.

It is my joy to announce the birth of Treyton Andrew Hector, to our oldest son and his wife, Andrew and Cynthia, on December 17, some 22 inches long and nine lbs., five oz. in weight. He joins brothers Camden, who will be five in February, and Chase, who turned two on December 14.

Andrew is a mechanical engineer working for All Steel, an office furniture manufacturer in Muscatine, Iowa. Fr. Bob and Barbara were on hand to keep the home fires burning while Treyton came into the world. Cynthia's mom, Norma, came up from Florida to be with the family over Christmas. Everyone is happy.

As we endure the arctic blast, Scripture tells us that even the ice and snow offer praise to God. From the Song of the Three Young Men, vs 49 and 50:

*Bless the Lord, ice and cold,
sing praise to him and
highly exalt him for ever.*

*Bless the Lord, frosts and snow,
sing praise to him and
highly exalt him for ever.*

The Diocese of Alaska has these verses on its newsletter cover. They are a part of the Morning Prayer canticle, "Benedicite, omnia opera Domini," BCP pp. 47 and 88, purportedly sung by Shadrach, Mechach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. See Daniel 3:23. The canticle is basis of the title of a

favorite little book, *O Ye Jigs and Juleps*, by Virginia Cary Hudson, purportedly little stories that her mother wrote in 1904 about her childhood in Louisville, Tennessee. It is delightful reading.

As we look to the Annual Meeting on January 25, there are two items that the Vestry and I are proposing for parish approval.

First is a new rendition of the bylaws. Second is a resolution to establish a churchyard for cremains, the ashes from cremation. **Fred Bowden** has surveyed the property, and if approval is granted, the Vestry will designate a portion of the former tennis court for a churchyard.

This has been discussed, and I feel that we can move ahead. Copies of the proposed bylaws and the proposed churchyard policy are in the undercroft.

The Annual Meeting also calls for elections. This year the terms of our present Senior Warden and Junior Warden expire. Let me thank **Joan Faull** and **Fred Bowden** for their faithful and tireless service. **Jan Johnson** and **Kate Martin** are stepping down from their Vestry seats, and we have two years of the unexpired term of Candee Ferguson to fill. Thanks to Jan, Kate, and to **Claire Holland**, who has served in Candee's place, for their service. Please consider how we can best fill these positions.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Hector+*

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Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2008 (approved Monday, December 15)

In attendance: Fr. Bob Hector; Joan Faull, Sr. Warden; Fred Bowden, Jr. Warden; Claire Holland; Jan Johnson; Mark Prouty; and Susanne Southwood. Absent: Brent Bowers, Kate Martin. Financial advisor Skip Lee visiting. The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. with a prayer.

Reports

- *Minutes:* Jan moved for the October 21, 2008, minutes to be accepted with revisions (expenses were overstated by \$10,000), Susanne seconded, motion carried.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Total income \$42,072.07, expenses \$47,774.09, and a balance forward of \$2,775.90. Claire moved to accept with revisions, Jan seconded, motion carried.
- *Skip Lee:* Reviewed current status of fund dispositions. Discussed endowment funding strategies, potential discovery resources. Jan said Trinity's challenge will be to ensure funds handled properly in perpetuity.

Old Business

- Discussion of Vestry Resource Guide, chapter 5, postponed.

- Proposed revision of parish bylaws Bylaws sent to chancellor for review.
- Discussion of columbarium progress to date.
- Discussion of diocesan letter stating assessment for 2009 will be \$5,688, and attempts to schedule a visit by Peggy Worsalla, bishop's assistant for congregational development.
- Discussed the possibility of having a workshop on Enneagrams on Saturday, March 28, 2009, and the cost involved.

New Business

- Annual Meeting to be Sunday, January 25, 2009.
- Review of Gospel Choir event.
- Recommendations from Worship Committee presented.
- Fr. Hector displayed a new post lamp to better light the back steps.
- Upcoming events: Tuesdays at Trinity, Holiday Fair, Service of Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve service 8:00 p.m., Christmas Day at 9:30 a.m.
- Joan has posters for the Holiday Fair and Lessons and Carols.

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Save the date!

Please consider this your personal invitation to attend Trinity's **Annual Parish Meeting**, to be held in the undercroft on January 25.

The meeting will kick off with a bounteous **potluck** repast immediately following the 9:30 Eucharist. The Guild will supply the star of the dinner—a succulent ham—and you're invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share at the festivities.

The Annual Meeting will start after the potluck and will include a report on our annual pledge drive and operating budget, followed by votes on our new parish bylaws, the proposed churchyard, and to elect two Wardens (to succeed **Joan Faull and Fred Bowden**) and three Vestry members (to succeed **Claire Holland, Jan Johnson, and Kate Martin**). The proposed bylaws and churchyard information are posted on the bulletin board in the undercroft.

The Annual Meeting is a major event in Trinity's parish year, and your participation is important—please plan to attend.



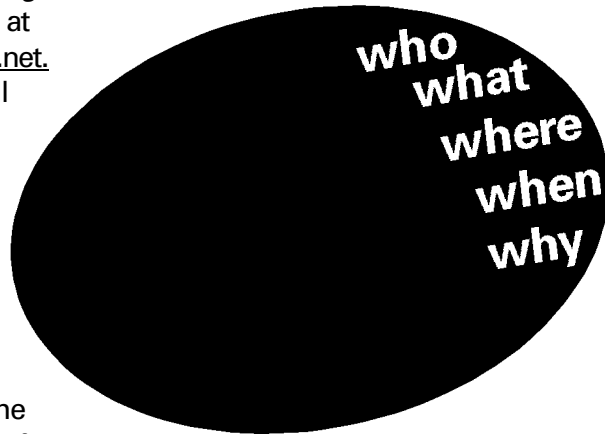
■ It's time to update our **Trinity Members and Friends directory!** During January, our present directory will be posted in the undercroft. Please check your own household's listing for accuracy and make any necessary changes, or email changes to **Susanne Southwood** at deltadirect@earthlink.net. The new directory will be published in February.

■ From the Department of Red Faces: Ye Ed. apologizes for not crediting **Joan Faull** with taking the picture of the All Saints' choir (and a few local "saints") that appeared in last month's *High Notes*.

■ Sometime between now and our Annual Meeting on January 25, please take a few minutes to read the proposed new parish bylaws that are posted in the undercroft. Perhaps the most significant change is a provision to allow Vestry members to serve two consecutive three-year terms. Present bylaws limit Vestry members to one three-year term; they must go off the Vestry for at least a year before being a candidate for re-election. Also please read the proposal for a Trinity churchyard.

■ Our diocesan website has this Camp Webb update:
"At a specially called meeting, the Executive Council of the Diocese met by conference call on Monday, November 17, 2008, and approved the sale of Camp

Webb's former site in Wautoma for a price of \$1.7 million.
"The purchaser intends to continue the use of the property as a summer camp, a fact which was very pleasing to the members of the Council



"The Council's vote now triggers a period of time during which the proposed buyer will do due diligence on the property, and a closing date is anticipated for early in 2009. The sale is far from complete, but the leadership of the Diocese is excited and encouraged by this important step.

"After the debts of the Camp Webb program have been settled, and all commissions and fees paid, the Diocese expects to realize just over \$1 million from the sale. The proceeds of the sale will be placed in an endowment, the income from which will be designated for the support of Christian formation, including outdoor ministries, across the diocese.

"Plans are already underway for the return of Camp Webb next July, using rented space at the Indian Mound Scout Reservation in Oconomowoc. Registration information about Camp Webb '09 will be available soon."

■ Kicking off the first "Tuesdays at Trinity" event, **Fr. Hector** spilled the beans about Santa Claus on December 2. The story of how St. Nicholas morphed into Santa is a familiar one; not so familiar was Fr. Hector's account of how St. Nicholas became conflated with the hearth gods of old on his way from the third century (when he lived) to the nineteenth century (when Clement Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas"). As Fr. Hector himself might say, "Fascinating stuff!"

■ And speaking of "Tuesdays at Trinity" (we were, weren't we?), Fr. Hector will speak briefly on "Let There Be Light" after we celebrate a 7:00 p.m. Eucharist on January 6, and on February 2, **Claire Holland** will discuss "Preparing for a Good Death."

If you have an idea for a "Tuesdays at Trinity" presentation, please talk to Susanne Southwood or Fr. Hector.

■ Last, but definitely not least, Fr. Hector thanks those who returned their pledge cards for 2009 and reminds others who have yet to give indication of financial support to the parish for 2009. The boxes of pledge envelopes are on the table in the tower entry.

Minutes—*con't from page 3*
• "Tuesdays at Trinity" events: December 2, "Who is Santa . . . Really?" (Fr. Hector); January 6, Epiphany, 7:00 p.m. Eucharist followed by dessert and "Letting in the Light" (Fr. Hector); February 3, Claire is considering a program. ❖

“THE CHURCH is confronted with the most difficult task of any institution in the world. That is why its failure is so often pronounced. . . . It is not reputable to be a drunkard or a profligate; but it is quite respectable to be arrogant and covetous and ill-natured. So much so that we have quite respectable terms for these offenses. We speak of people who commit these sins as the “social set” or “successful financiers” or “temperamental folk,” until the bewildered spectator can scarcely distinguish sin from culture.

“It is not easy to persuade such folks that they are sinners, especially when they succeed in covering their sin with a veneer of religiosity, as they frequently do.

“The Church has a titanic task in converting those who are satisfied with themselves in popularizing virtues which so many regard as weaknesses. There are few who really want to be humble; or who are anxious to practice self-sacrifice; or who really want to ameliorate their dispositions. . . .

“As a matter of fact, none of us deserve to go to Heaven, for we are all sinners. But there are two kinds of sinners; first those who are conscious of sin and want to get rid of it, and second, those who are conscious their own rectitude and wish to justify it It is quite the fashion today to abuse the Church because it accomplishes so little. Whereas we ought to praise the Church because it accomplishes anything at all”

(Excerpted from from an article by the Rt. Rev'd. Irving P. Johnson in the July 8, 1926 issue of “The Witness,” a national paper of the Episcopal Church)

A Safe Place . . .

Domestic abuse, including elder abuse, occurs across the country—in every state, in most communities, and, tragically, in far too many homes at every income level. Most victims are women and children. Fortunately, help is available, and because we never know when one of our friends or neighbors may need that help, here are some resources to keep in mind.



- Nationally, the **National Domestic Violence Hotline** is staffed 24 hours a day by trained counselors who can provide crisis assistance and information about shelters, legal advocacy, health care centers, and counseling. It provides free services for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. The number to call to form a safe escape plan is 800-799-SAFE (7233).

- **The Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN)** will automatically transfer you to the nearest rape crisis center, anywhere in the nation. It can be used as a last resort if people cannot find a domestic violence shelter. 1-800-656-HOPE.

- In Wisconsin, the **Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV)** is a state-wide membership organization of battered women, formerly battered women, domestic abuse programs, and all committed to ending domestic violence. Through partnerships and strategic collaborations and education, advocacy and social action, WCADV works to prevent and eliminate domestic violence. www.wcadv.org

- The **Wisconsin Domestic Violence Center** in Madison can be reached at 608-255-0539.

Closer to home, in Iowa county, a number of domestic abuse services are available.

- The crisis phone for **Family**

Advocates, Inc.–Iowa County Outreach in Dodgeville is 800-924-2624.

- The crisis phone for **Pas-sages, Inc.** in Richland Center is 800-236-4325.

- **The Iowa County Department of Social Services** can provide elder abuse services and can be reached at 608-935-9311.

- You can download a pdf listing local **batterers’ treatment centers** that are certified by the Wisconsin Batterers Treatment Provider Association at www.wcadv.org/?go=gethelp/local.

- Every county and tribe in Wisconsin has an aging unit to address **elder abuse** and serve older adults. Go to www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/ for information.

- And finally, a pdf listing organizations that provide domestic violence services to **Latinas and migrant farm-worker women** can be downloaded at www.wcadv.org/?go=gethelp/local.



**Prayers for
peace,
guidance,
wisdom, and
protection
from *The
Book of
Common
Prayer***

For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus Christ your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (p. 815)

For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: so mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all people may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. (p. 815)

For Guidance

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (p. 832)

For Our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love

our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (p. 816)

For Those in the Armed Forces of Our Country

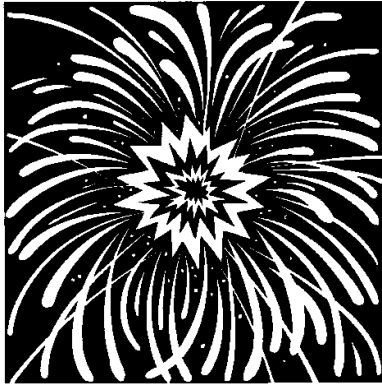
Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (p. 823)

For the President of the United States and All in Civil Authority

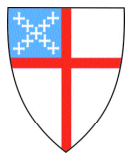
O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to George, the President of the United States and Barack, the President-elect, to Jim, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. (p. 820)

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Happy New Year!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and laying
on of hands for healing
9:30 a.m. Christian Formation for children

WARDENS

Joan Faull, *Senior Warden* (2008)
Fred Bowden, *Junior Warden* (2008)

VESTRY

Brent Bowers (2010)
Claire Holland (2008)
Jan Johnson (2008)
Kate Martin (2008)
Mark Prouty, *Secretary* (2009)
Susanne Southwood (2009)

ALSO

Le Hector, *Altar Guild*
Sara Hector, *Treasurer*
Dorothy Prouty, *Musician*
Marjorie Roberts, *Trinity Guild*

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month preceding publication. Please send your news
to Susanne Southwood, deltadirect@earthlink.net.

A Blessing Prayer

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half
truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice,
freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer
from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may
reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain
into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe
that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can
do what others claim cannot be done.

Amen. Amen!