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TRINITY

High Notes

News for and about members of Trinity Episcopal Church, Mineral Point, WI

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As you read this, we are moving through the season of Epiphany, and in a couple of weeks we will enter into the season of Lent. One part of the pattern for Epiphany is that it opens with a distant heavenly light, a star, showing God's presence, and it closes on the last Sunday with the account of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9), where Jesus shines with the heavenly light.

"Transfiguration" is a word rooted in the Greek traditions about gods walking on earth in human form, and revealing themselves in their divine glory of radiance. I see this as a lesson of how we grow in faith. At first God seems distant and removed, but in time, we recognize God in Jesus.

The second lesson is that Jesus doesn't stay on the mountain top. The Transfiguration marks the departure of Jesus for Jerusalem. As people of the story, we know what happens in Jerusalem. More on that next month; let me stay with Epiphany.

Known as the "missionary season," the theme of Epiphany is the "making known" of Jesus. The key element of Epiphany is that we are called to talk about this "making known."

How well to we, you and I, tell our story? I do not have any memory of a time when I did not think that Jesus was God. For some people, this awareness comes as a vivid experience, not unlike St.

Paul's experience on the road to Damascus, which is recounted three times in the book of Acts, (chapters 9, 22, and 26), and in Galatians 1. Called a "conversion," it suggests that our faith comes as an event. I see conversion as a process, one which begins long before any moment of awareness, and which never ends. Indeed, each telling of our story is a part of conversion.

Gaining confidence in telling our story calls for a patient and willing soul, a listener, who will let you speak, and practice putting into words, what is so inward and beyond words.

Even if you start with the standard formula, "I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior," your listener may well say, "Please, tell me a little more." Then you will find the joy and wonder of describing Christ in your life.

There will be tears. Indeed, each telling will renew the process. We grow in faith with each telling, which is one reason for saying the Creed each Sunday. One who can help is the Rev. Diane Markevitch, of Holy Trinity Church, Platteville, a trained spiritual advisor. Epiphany is the familiar lesson that we learn most when we begin to share and "make known."

—Fr. Hector+

February@Trinity

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (also known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

7:00 p.m. Tuesdays at Trinity presents Fred Graves of National Mutual Benefit, Madison, who will discuss "Leaving a Legacy: How to use insurance policies for charitable giving." Free; all are welcome. (Eric Garland, who was originally scheduled to make the presentation, is unable to appear because of illness.)

Sunday, February 7

9:30 a.m. As is usual on the first Sunday of the month, all contributions at coffee hour go to the Mineral Point Care Center's "Dimes for Bingo" program.

Tuesday, February 9

Noon Trinity Guild meeting in the undercroft. Carolyn Hunt and Ann Chapman will provide a light lunch. All parish women are invited to attend.

Wednesday, February 17

10:00 a.m. **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent—a day of strict fasting (juice and water only, sunrise to sunset), health permitting (BCP 17). Litany of penance, imposition of ashes, and Holy Eucharist. (Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.; sunset: 5:24 p.m.)

Monday, February 22

7:00 p.m. Vestry meeting in the undercroft. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Wednesday, February 24

6:00 p.m. St. Mathias Day (Acts 1:26). Holy Eucharist, followed by a soup and bread supper and the first of our videos of Church history, 202 A.D.–1553, followed by discussion.

Birthdays

- 4 Fred Bowden
James Johnson
- 10 Bill Powell
- 19 Danielle Rodriguez
- 21 Joan Faull



Ash Wednesday—February 17
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (See left.)

Other Lenten Wednesdays
6:00 p.m. devotions, followed by a soup and bread supper in the undercroft and videos of Church history.

Palm Sunday—March 28
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

Maunder Thursday—April 1
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist.

Good Friday—April 2
1:30 p.m. ecumenical service, place to be announced.

Holy Saturday—April 3
4:00 p.m. We celebrate the New Fire.

Easter Sunday—April 4
9:30 Holy Eucharist, followed by reception in the undercroft.

ho, ho, ho!

Here's how we celebrated the holidays . . .

Anne Chapman: With regard to our Christmas, it was great fun. The best part was at 11 a.m.: John and Jen Sharp arrived to share in opening our presents and to enjoy fresh-baked scones with jam and cream followed by sausages and an egg dish, all washed down with mimosas and coffee. The day ends with, of course, roast lamb and homemade plum pudding. This is also shared with friends. At the end of the day I took time to thank God for all the blessings and for getting me through another Christmas without my beloved Rob, and to pray for us all in Mineral Point that the year ahead is a safe and especially happy one. Thank you all for just being my friends.

Mark and Dorothy Prouty: Our daughter Natasha told how a few weeks before Christmas her boy-friend, TJ Stroebel, would periodically say "this will be the best Christmas ever." She then said he did not live up to their agreement to limit gifts by \$35 to each other. How so, we asked? She showed us her engagement ring! We are happy for their commitment to each other. We think they will make a good couple. They have set a February 20th wedding date.

Susanne Southwood: This year, the presents kept coming—the box from the Vikings (aka my daughter Kate and her family in

Oslo) didn't arrive until January 4—but there's never a bad time to get personalized gingerbread cookies baked by your granddaughters and a DVD with approximately ten gazillion pictures of the girls. The cookies were excellent and the pictures reminded us of how much we have to be thankful for, and how blessed our lives are.

Jan Johnson: Ahhh. The end of '09! This is the time of year when I sort out all the accumulated paper work, reconcile accounts, and prepare reports for the various activities I am involved in. Sort of like erasing the blackboard to get ready for tomorrow's lesson. So, was it a good year? Yes, overall it was. As time goes on I make fewer mistakes with people, more math mistakes with the checkbook, and enjoy a calmer perspective on what I can control and what I can't. That last one is the most comforting development of the passing years. All you young sprouts out there can take heart. Growing older can sometimes be pretty mellow. Happy New Year!

Fr. Hector: Christmas for Fr. Bob and Barbara started early in December with a trip to Muscatine, Iowa, and helped Andrew and Cynthia to wrap presents and to get ready for a trip to Florida for her brother's wedding, and Christmas with her mother. In Muscatine, they also celebrated the December birth-

days, first for Trey, and third for Chase. A week later had the arrival in Mineral Point, of Michael and Amy from North Carolina, and Paul and Macy from Iowa. For four days the Rectory hummed with meals, conversation, games, and gift opening. All too soon came the farewells, and everyone's safe return to their homes. On Christmas Day we had a fine dinner with Le and Sara, ending with a family tradition, "the poor man's pudding."

Following is a recipe for Christmas Pudding and Hot Brandy Sauce, from Le Hector's grandmother:

Christmas Pudding

1 cup grated raw carrot
 1 cup grated raw potato
 1 tsp. soda, sprinkled over the potatoes
 1 cup flour
 1 cup sugar
 1-1/2 cup raisins
 1/2 cup walnuts
 1/2 stick butter
 1 beaten egg
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. cloves
 1 tsp. nutmeg
 1 tsp. sherry
 Dash of salt
 Stir together. Makes a 2-lb. tin.
 Steam three hours over water.

Hot Brandy Sauce

1/2 cup sugar
 1 tsp. cornstarch
 1 cup boiling water

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Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2009 (not yet approved by the Vestry)

In attendance: **Fr. Bob Hector, Jan Johnson, Sr. Warden; Fred Bowden, Jr. Warden; Brent Bowers; Kate Martin; Bob Oberhauser; Mark Prouty; Susanne Southwood.** Absent: **Joan Faull.** The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer.

Reports

- *Minutes:* Kate moved for the November 16, 2009 minutes to be accepted, Jan seconded, motion carried.
- *Treasure's report:* As of December 20, 2009, total income for the year was \$59,570.77, expenses \$46,035.31, and a balance forward of \$17,359.27. **Sara Hector**, treasurer, noted the \$8,803 bequest from the Patricia and Harry Ivey estate is included. Discussion on partial payment toward 2006 assessment was tabled until next Vestry meeting. Jan moved to accept the report as presented, Fred seconded, motion carried.

Mutual Ministry Review

Jan prepared Parish Goals for 2010. Brent moved that we use this as a presentation topic for the annual meeting. Susanne seconded, motion carried.

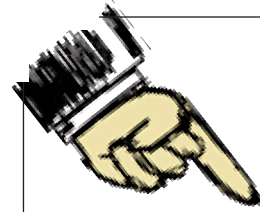
Old Business

- Review of Lessons and Carols service. Thanks to Susanne for direction and promotion, and to all others involved.
- Lester Tyrer has agreed to do the walls of the churchyard project next Spring.

New Business

- Jan moved that we approve the 2010 budget prepared by Sara. Fred seconded, motion carried.
- Jan nominated Mark, Susanne, and Fred as the Nominating Committee to provide a slate of nominees for Vestry and Wardens at the Annual Meeting. Brent seconded, motion carried.
- Fred moved that the Ivey bequest be invested in the Endowment Fund. Susanne seconded, motion carried.
- Jan moved that we approve the Resolution for Housing: *Whereas the Rev. J. R. Hector is employed as an ordained minister by Trinity Episcopal Church, Mineral Point, WI, and housing is provided for his use, \$3,000 of his compensation shall be designated as a "parsonage allowance," within the meaning of that term in Section 107 of the IRS Code of 1986.* Fred seconded, motion carried.
- A Vestry workshop date was set for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6.
- Susanne said we should invite the Bishop now for 2010 Lesson and Carols service. Anticipated date for this will be Sunday, December 12, 2010. The Holiday Fair will be Saturday, December 4.
- Upcoming events: Christmas Eve; Christmas Day; Annual Meeting, January 31; Ash Wednesday, February 17.

The next regular Vestry meeting will be at 7:00 p.m, Monday, February 15, 2010. Jan moved to adjourn, Kate seconded, motion carried.



Coming right up . . .

Annual Meeting, January 31

Don't miss it!

Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting will kick off on January 31 in the undercroft after the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist, with a potluck repast immediately following. The Guild will supply a ham, and you're invited to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share at the festivities.


The meeting will start after the potluck and will include a report on our annual pledge drive, operating budget, 2010 parish goals, and the election of two Wardens (to succeed **Jan Johnson** and **Fred Bowden**) and two Vestry members (to succeed **Mark Prouty** and **Susanne Southwood**). The agenda is 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—your vote matters.

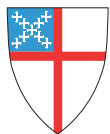
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**Ash
 Wednesday
 Services**



**Wednesday, February 17,
 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
 Litany of penance, imposi-
 tion of ashes, and Holy
 Eucharist.



Trinity Church

The Episcopal Parish in Iowa County, Wisconsin

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

WARDENS
 Jan Johnson, *Senior Warden* (2009)
 Fred Bowden, *Junior Warden* (2009)

VESTRY
 Brent Bowers (2010)
 Joan Faull (2011)
 Bob Oberhauser (2011)
 Mark Prouty, *Secretary* (2009)
 Susanne Southwood (2009)

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

News deadline for *High Notes* is the 20th of the month
 preceding publication. Please send your news to
 Susanne Southwood, deltadirect@earthlink.net.

More good news about the Ivey bequest

As you know, in December, Trinity received a generous (and unforeseen) bequest of \$8,800 from the Harry and Patricia Ivey Charitable Remainder Trust. But, as **Fr. Hector** might put it, the other part of the story is that the bequest was meant to be for \$10,000, with the lesser amount we received reflecting the impact of the market downturn on the Trust.

However, Fr. Hector reports that we received \$600 each from the Iveys' son and daughter, Dr. Tom Ivey and Ms. Harriet Ivey in early January, bringing the total amount

of the Iveys' gift to \$10,000.

In her letter to Fr. Hector, Ms. Ivey said, "Until after her marriage in Trinity Episcopal Church in 1941, my mother was a member. She always retained a special interest in Trinity and participated in various fundraising events, especially the annual Christmas Fair. Enclosed is my personal contribution toward fulfilling the \$10,000 memorial gift my parents originally intended."

We are deeply grateful to Dr. Ivey and Ms. Ivey for their generous gifts, which will be added to Trinity's Endowment Fund. ❖