MAY 2010

High Notes

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

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We are Resurrection people. The Great Fifty Days of Easter is our time to celebrate. During the forty days of Lent the focus is on the limits of this life. Now, as Mother Nature bursts into leaf and blossom, our focus is on the new life we have in the risen Christ, THE Good News.

Humanly, we are comfortable with our limits, and quick to point them out in others. The Resurrection calls us beyond those limits into the fuller life marked by forgiveness and love. Easy? Not at all. After two thousand years we are still learning how to show this love in our lives.

In his Easter sermon, Archbishop Rowan Williams notes that the Resurrection makes two demands on us. "First, that we must acknowledge our own share in what the cross is and what it represents: . . . where the innocent are scapegoated and killed and where we are all unwilling . . . Secondly, we must learn to trust that love and justice are not defeated by our own failure; that God has provided from his own strength and resourcefulness a way to freedom . . . . The Resurrec-tion is manifesting to the world of the triumph of love that uses no coercion or manipulation but is simply itself —an indestructible love."

He continues, "The human condition is more serious and more terribly damaged than anyone wants to hear; but the resource of God's self-emptying love is greater than we have words to express." (For the full sermon go to the web: Archbishop of Canterbury home page.)

This love overcomes our human limits. The Resurrection shows how death, the seemingly ultimate limit, cannot hold God's hand. This love brings a new reality. Startling? Oh, yes. We are comfortable in this love because we have heard this all our lives, and seek to live our lives in its light. The Resurrection calls us to see how God has acted for all people, in all places, in all times, loved equally.

Rather than dwelling on those seeming differences of our character, we are called to establish a new unity in the many traits of our common humanity. Likewise, we are called to live a life that does not exhaust the earth's resources, but to live in harmony with God's creation.

More importantly, the Resurrection calls us into unity with God. On Ascension Day, we celebrate that unity, as the risen Christ moves from being in one place at one time, to be in all places at all times.

On Pentecost, we celebrate how we understand, and have the power to share in, that unity, through the Holy Spirit. Two thousand years have not dimmed the power and significance of these events. It is our joy to celebrate in God's love.

—Fr. Hector+

May@Trinity

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Fr. Albert Majkrzak will be our celebrant; Fr. Hector is on vacation. As is usual on the first Sunday of the month, all coffee hour contributions go to the Mineral Point Care Center's "Dimes for Bingo" program.

Thursday, May 6

6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Iowa County's National Day of Prayer services will be held in the Dodgeville elementary school gym.

Sunday, May 9

9:30 a.m. Fr. Daniel Cabellero be our celebrant; Fr. Hector is on vacation.

Thursday, May 13—Ascension Day

No Eucharist; Fr. Hector is on vacation.

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

1:00 p.m. Trinity Guild meeting in the undercroft, hosted by Catherine Whitford. All parish women are invited.

Thursday, May 20–Saturday, May 29

The Guild's rummage sale! Hours are 9: 00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m. May 20–22; Noon to 4: 00 p.m. May 24–28; and 9: 00 a.m. to noon May 29. The hanging will be May 19.

Sunday, May 23—Whitsunday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist celebrating the great feast of Pentecost. Wear something red!

Sunday, May 30—Trinity Sunday

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Our parish's "Feast of Title" Sunday.

Birthdays

5 Penny Roberts
8 Sharon Kostuch
9 Katherine Bowden
Lindsay Rossing
13 Matthew Vaughn
16 Le Hector
20 Elizabeth Spicuzza
24 Father Bernard Brown

Anniversaries

25 Robert Beech and Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech

AS TRULY AS GOD

is our Father, so truly God is our Mother, and he revealed that in everything, and especially in these sweet words where he says:

I am he, that is to say, I am he, the power and goodness of fatherhood;

I am he, the wisdom and the lovingness of Motherhood;

I am he, the light and the grace which is all blessed love;

I am he, Trinity; I am he, the unity; I am he, the great supreme goodness of every kind of thing;

I am he who makes you to love;

I am he who makes you to long;

I am he, the endless fulfillment of all true desires.

For where the soul is highest, noblest, most honourable, still it is lowest, meekest, mildest.

—Dame Julian of Norwich

■ For the first time, two sessions of the Taliesin Architecture Camp for grades 5–12 will be held at Taliesin in Spring Green. The courses, both for the week of June 14–18, are "Design Your Dream Space" ($200) and "Wright and Nature" ($150). For more information, please go to *web_091104/k-12_education.html* or email *srdavis@franklloyd-wright.org*. The programs are produced by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation's Education Outreach Program.

■ Update: After **Claire Holland**'s "Who am I now?" talk on May 4, "Tuesdays at Trinity" will take a month off, since the first Tuesday in June falls perilously close to graduation and Memorial Day weekend. The programs will resume on July 6 when Michelle Bertram, a financial planner, will discuss risks, blunders, and opportunities in today's challenging financial markets. (And by the way—if you have an idea for an upcoming "Tuesdays" talk, please let **Susanne Southwood** know about it.)

■ **Dorothy Prouty** writes, "Trinity Church's reputation for festive and uplifting music is growing in our community. I see evidence of this in the Easter worship service we just held. We were surprised but very pleased when Fred Getman volunteered to sing a solo, and be a part of the celebration at Trinity. His solo added greatly. Thank you, Fred! The Point Brass has made it their priority to add to our festive services for years now. Thank you **Bob Beech,** Mary Spurgeon, Jenny Wunderlin, and **Mark Prouty!** Our ecumenical Good Friday service held this year at Trinity was well attended. I received much encouragement for the music.,and I appreciate it.

"Trinity provides a place for sacred music for all people in this, our little town. The Methodist Church

choir enjoys having their cantata concert at Trinity. Having an ecumenical place for sacred music is important to me.

"But this isn't about me—it is all of us at Trinity! We took a good step in this direction when we deliberately invited various musicians to contribute to Lessons and Carols, and I am hoping we can have a hymn sing and workshop at the end of July.

"Can we grow in our music ministry? I hope and pray for more fruit to come from this garden of our ministry."

■ **Anne Chapman** reports, "My lettuce, tomatoes, parsley, celery, etc. are doing very nicely under the light and in the cold frame so I am looking forward to some tasty veggies. On Saturday the 10th we had a cow wandering the property and it ended up caught in the pond below. It was finally rescued—it had fallen off a truck with another so was a little banged up but hopefully will fully recover. It was quite a sight to walk out the front door and be greeted by a loud ' moo'!"

■ The National Day of Prayer is coming up May 6, and Fr. Hector is handling publicity for the local event. The rally will be at the Dodgeville Elementary school gym beginning at 6: 30 p.m.

■ On April 17, **Claire Holland, Pamela Reily,** and Susanne Southwood made it a Ladies' Day Out, with a trip to Madison and First Methodist Church to hear two lectures by retired Episcopal bishop John Shelby Spong. Bishop Spong, regarded as a tireless advocate for church reform, has been called "a hero to some, a heretic to others."

■ Rummage, rummage, rummage! The Guild's annual spring rummage sale is coming up fast, with the hanging scheduled for May 19, and the sale itself running from Thursday, May 20 through Saturday, May 29. As always, your help is needed and appreciated, so if you can help before, during, or after the sale, please raise your hand. Even if you can just spare an hour or so, your help makes a difference. You'll find a sign-up sheet in the church kitchen, or please call Joan Faull. Proceeds from the sale go to the Trinity Guild, which pledges $3,000 annually to the church. The money helps pay for mowing, snow removal, and repairs to the church and rectory.

Some of us find heaven by backing away from hell.
—Carrie Fisher (aka Princess

Liturgical colors 101: A quick look

Church vestments change color through the seasons of the liturgical year to underline the meaning of each season. Although early Christians favored white (signifying the new life of the baptized) throughout the year, other colors soon came into use. The color scheme became more or less fixed in 16th-century Rome, and that is the program most Episcopal churches follow, sometimes mixed with colors from the usage of medieval Sarum or Salisbury.

- **White or gold,** usually with multicolor banding, is used for the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, as well as for major saints' days, weddings and funerals. It signifies the resurrected life in Christ.
- **Green** is used for the season after Epiphany Sunday and after Pentecost. It is the color of growth and life.
- **Purple** is used for the two penitential seasons of Lent and Advent. In ancient times the color purple was reserved for nobility because it was so hard to make and expensive. It is worn during these seasons to remind us how far we are from the Lord of all Creation. During Lent it also reminds us of the mocking kingly robe the soldiers put on Jesus during his trial.
- **Lenten array**—not a color but a color scheme of unbleached linen marked with oxblood red crosses—is often used either for the second part of Lent or for the entire Lenten season.
- **Blue** is used in some churches for Advent instead of purple. It honors Mary, the mother of Jesus and servant of God.
- **Rose** is used in some churches for Advent III (the Sunday when the Annunciation to Mary is read) and Lent IV (Laetare or Refreshment Sunday), when the lessons anticipate the joy of Easter.
- **Red** is used for Holy Week, the commemoration of martyrs, the Day of Pentecost, and ordinations. It signifies both the Holy Spirit and the blood of martyrs.

—Susan Riis, Deacon

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE!

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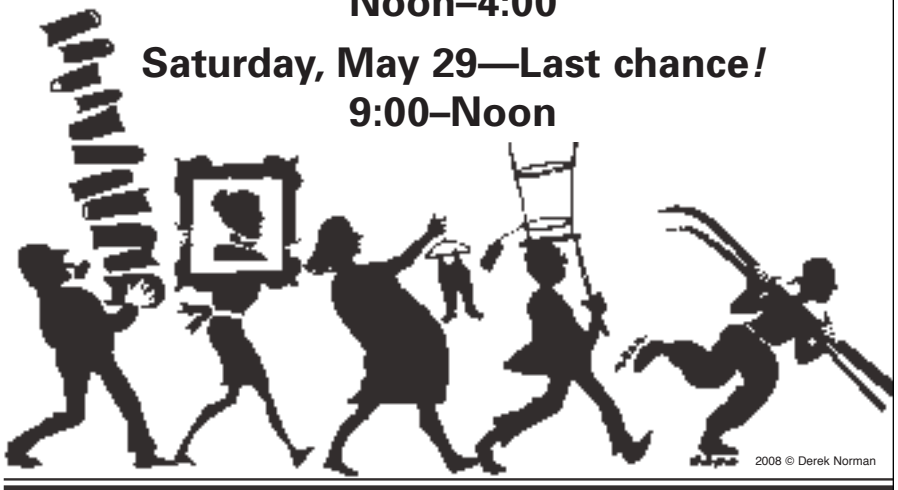
Thursday–Saturday • May 20–22
9:00–4:00

Monday–Friday • May 24–28
Noon–4:00

Saturday, May 29—Last chance!
9:00–Noon



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Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2010 (approved Monday, April 19, 2010)

The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order at 7: 04 p.m. by **Fr. Hector** and began with prayer. **Members present: Jan Johnson,** Sr. Warden; **Fred Bowden,** Jr. Warden; **Joan Faull; Carolyn Hunt; Bob Oberhauser; Mark Prouty; Susanne Southwood,** Clerk. **Absent: Brent Bowers; Sara Hector,** treasurer. Motion by Jan, seconded by Fred, to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Reports

• **Treasurer's Report:** As of March 7, 2010, total income for the year was $11,312.55, expenses $18,012.68 (including the Ivey bequest), leaving a balance in the bank of $12,117.02. Motion to approve by Jan, second by Joan. Motion passed. Sara asked for action on two checks that have not cleared: #5547, 9/28/2008, $125, to Danny Proud (Cornish singers offering); and #5679, 9/27/2009, $90, American Imaging Supplies (service call). Motion by Jan, second by Fred, to contact these parties before we stop payment on the checks. Motion passed.

• **Audit:** Sara has sent our 2009 materials to the Diocesan Audit Committee.

• **Parochial Report:** Motion by Fred, second by Joan, to accept the Parochial Report. Motion passed.

Old Business

• **Canon Pfaff Letter:** Fr. Hector presented a letter from Canon Pfaff concerning the unpaid balance of our assessment from 2006: $5,422. In the letter he suggests that we could cover this from the "Elsie Brennan" fund now held by the West Convocation. Motion by Mark, second by Susanne, to petition the West Convocation, meeting April 17, to grant us some or all of this amount. Motion passed. We agreed that we will resolve this matter at our April meeting.

• **Vestry Workshop:** We decided we did not need to reschedule the planned Vestry Workshop.

New Business

• **Endowment Sunday:** Because Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, we agreed that the scheduled quarterly endowment collection would be taken up on the second Sunday instead.

• **Tower Doors:** The varnish on both the south (McNeill) and west tower doors needs to be renewed. We will ask the McNeill family if they are willing to continue their care; otherwise, we will ask Brad Wells for a quote.

• **Music:** We discussed our hymn music. Jan said that she had three complaints about "Victorian" music. She presented a list of different musical styles prepared by **Dorothy Prouty,** organist. Fr. Hector asked to be told of any likes or dislikes. All agreed that music is one of the key elements of a beautiful service.

• **Hymn Workshop:** Mark Prouty presented Dorothy Prouty's suggestions for a workshop on July 24 or 31, two sessions, followed by a "hymn sing" for the public. It would be presented for piano and organ students, as well as singers, in hopes that this would introduce some students to the organ, and provide some instruction on how to lead a choir. Motion by Joan, second by Carolyn, to accept Dorothy's proposal, leaving the date up to her. Motion passed, with our enthusiastic backing.

• **Vestry News:** Mark Prouty advised us that he has accepted a new position in Milton, WI, and will start in two weeks. He plans to return to Mineral Point on weekends, but it is unlikely he will be able to attend future Vestry meetings. The Vestry extended its best wishes to Mark and Dorothy.

Upcoming

• March 28, 9: 30 a.m., Palm Sunday, Procession, Holy Eucharist; April 1, 7: 00 p.m., Maundy Thursday, Eucharist and Watch; April 2, 1: 00 p.m., Ecumenical Good Friday service at Trinity; April 3, 4: 00 p.m., Lighting of the New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows; April 4, 9: 30 a.m., Easter Holy Eucharist; April 17, 10: 00 a.m., Convocation Meeting, St. Dunstan's, Madison; April 25, Guild hosting Tea at Trinity; May 20–29, Rummage Sale.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan, second by Fred. Motion passed at 8: 15 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will be April 19, 2010, at 7: 00 p.m.

—Respectfully submitted:
Susanne Southwood, Clerk

Note: All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.

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REQUESTED

On June 6 we return to our summer schedule— Sunday Eucharist at 9 a.m.

Trinity Church

The Episcopal Parish in Iowa County, Wisconsin

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 . . . . . .

Jan Johnson, *Senior Warden* (2010)
Fred Bowden, *Junior Warden* (2010)

VESTRY . . . . . .

Brent Bowers (2010)
Joan Faull (2011)
Carolyn Hunt (2010)
Bob Oberhauser (2011)
Mark Prouty (2012)
Susanne Southwood, *Clerk* (2012)

AND ALSO . . . . . .

Le Hector, Altar Guild
Sara Hector, Treasurer
Dorothy Prouty, Music Director
Marjorie Roberts, Trinity Guild

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

On Endowments: A few words from our Senior Warden

On April 12, a copy of Trinity's endowment program folder was included in the bulletin. Its appearance reminds us that we have designated the first Sunday in each quarter as an Endowment Sunday. On that day the plate offering will be added to endowment funds. Small amounts regularly given or larger amounts now and then all add up to compounded gains over time. The rule of thumb is that invested funds will double in 15 years when left to compound. Unlike an individual, Trinity has the advantage of time. The church is saving for coming generations and can be patient.

Our endowment program got off to a strong start with the Ivey bequest. A large gift like theirs encourages everyone. Thankfully, we don't have any large looming expenses to soak up resources. Our buildings are probably good for another fifty years with reasonable maintenance. There will be work needed on the Rectory roof one of these years but not for a while yet. Fr. Bob and Barbara are in good health and continue to give us more TLC than we expected. We are living within our means and will soon be clear of our carryover assessment to the diocese. Without the worry of financial distress we can focus our attention elsewhere. Thanks be to God. —*Jan Johnson*