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High Notes

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

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Though the air is still warm, our days are shorter than the night, the trees are full of color, and while we enjoy the autumn, we know what is coming!

Long, long, long ago, our ancestors learned how to prepare for the coming cold, setting aside provisions and fuel with necessary shelter for people and beasts. In a nutshell, they learned how to live in times of scarcity.

Even in this political season, with so much moaning over the state of the economy, "scarcity" is not the descriptive term, as we are surrounded by fields ready for the harvest, and sixteen-wheelers crowd the highways.

Nonetheless, as our daylight wanes, humanly, our first response is shaped by the ancient fear of scarcity.

The singular joy of our faith is that Jesus lived this life, with all its hopes and fears. When news came to him that his friend, Lazarus, had died, what was his response? He cried.

Tears unite us to Jesus. When Jesus restored Lazarus to life, not only is there the historic event, witnessed by Mary and Elizabeth, but there is also an example, for each of us, of a life restored in faith.

I suggest that we can experience the same new life when we turn from a life shaped by scarcity, of which death is the defining event, to a life led by Jesus, who shows us "something more"—which is why we gather on the first day of the week to celebrate the Resurrection,

the defining event of faith.

This is our season of stewardship, caring for the harvest, and caring for others. In the life of this nation, come the fourth Thursday of November, when our days are noticeably shorter, we give thanks for God's care and grace.

In the life of the church, we pledge, or prepare, to give our financial support, our prayerful support, and our participation, for the coming year. Scarcity will haunt this effort, but the limitless love of God calls for our faithful response.

Do not fixate on the math. Do focus on the good that we create and receive when we share in the greater life of the church, as individuals, as a congregation, as a diocese, across the nation, and across the world.

Do focus on the church, the mystical body of Christ, doing more than we can ever imagine, not fearing the dark, but living in the light of the Resurrection.

—Fr. Hector+

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October@Trinity

Sunday, October 3

9:30 a.m.

Endowment Sunday, 3rd Quarter: Cash (or checks that you so designate) in today's collection will be added to Trinity's Endowment Fund. As is usual on the first Sunday of the month, all coffee hour donations this morning will go to the Mineral Point Care Center's "Dimes for Bingo" program.

Tuesday, October 5

7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays at Trinity presents "Can we talk?," an interactive program with UW-Madison linguists Joseph Salmons and Eric Raimy, who are looking for examples of unusual speech patterns in the Mineral Point area. They'll invite attendees to share their stories about the English they've heard spoken at home, at work, and at school.

Friday–Saturday, October 8–9

Diocesan Convention in Milwaukee. All members of the diocese are encouraged to come to hear our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, who will speak on Friday and preach at the Convention Eucharist on Saturday. Trinity's delegates are Jan Johnson, Fred Bowden, Barbara Hector, and Susanne Southwood. Details are at www.diomil.org.

Monday, October 18

7:00 p.m.

Vestry meeting in the undercroft. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Sunday, October 24

Pledge cards for 2011 are due. Please return yours promptly, either by mailing it to the rectory or by dropping it in the plate on Sunday. This year, it costs **\$3,850 a month** to operate Trinity. Your support is vital to our shared ministry, and the Vestry can't start on a realistic 2011 budget until all pledges are in. (A copy of our 2010 budget is posted on the bulletin board in the undercroft so you can see where the money goes.) Thank you.

To be announced . . .

Date and time for October meeting of the Trinity Guild.
Please see your Sunday bulletin for up-to-date information.

Coming up . . .

West Convocation meeting, November 9 at 5:30 p.m.,
Trinity Episcopal Church, Baraboo.

Birthdays

- 14 Kate Martin
- 16 Brent Bowers
- 22 Jim McNeill
- 31 Carolyn Hunt



Anniversaries

- 5 Jim and Janet McNeill
- 21 Jim and Barbara Ballard

IF THERE IS TO BE PEACE

*in the world,
There must be peace in the
nations.*

*If there is to be peace in the
nations,
There must be peace in the
cities.*

*If there is to be peace in the
cities,
There must be peace
between neighbors.*

*If there is to be peace
between neighbors,
There must be peace in
the home.*

*If there is to be peace in
the home,
There must be peace in
the heart.*

*—Lao-tse
6th century B.C.
Chinese philosopher*

who
what
where
when
why

■ The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Milwaukee is coming up October 8 and 9 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, and the convention-planning committee stresses that it is open to all members of the diocese. Friday is devoted primarily to workshops, after which all are invited to gather for the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by the convention banquet. A large number of interesting exhibits and displays will be open throughout the convention, and a special display of liturgical Art and Artifacts will be featured this year. Saturday is devoted to the business session of convention but visitors are invited to observe from a special visitors gallery. The convention will close with the celebration of the Eucharist at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, at which our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Shori, will preach. For more information, please check the diocesan website at www.diomil.org.

■ You're invited to register for the "Not in our Pews: Teaming up to End Domestic Violence" conference, which is being offered in part to support our General Convention Resolution on Domestic Violence, that calls for leaders to learn about domestic violence and provide safe space and support. The conference will be held in Oconomowoc Octo-

ber 27 and 28. Cost is \$60 for registration and meals. You'll find the details at www.notinourpews.com.

■ **Susanne Southwood** is back from her twenty-fourth trip to Norway in ten years (guess how old her elder granddaughter is!) and reports that air travel these days is a lot like flying steerage. Well, actually, it *is* flying steerage—but what's that matter when you're catching up with your granddaughters' soccer/hockey/violin/cello/gymnastics and other exciting doings (not to mention being at the source of that amazing North Sea salmon)!

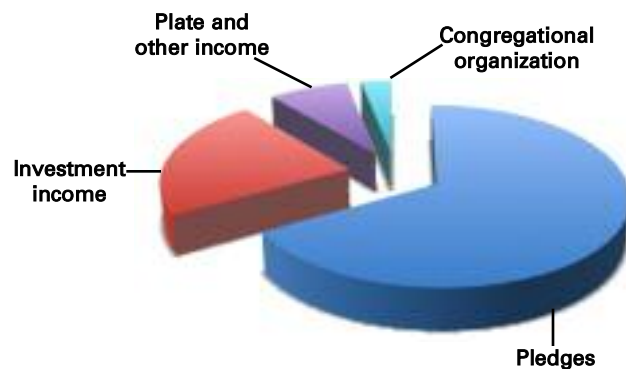
■ **Calling all knitters!** The Seamen's Church Institute, which annually delivers knitted gifts to mariners during the Christmas season, could use your help. Many men join the merchant marine unprepared for winter at sea, and knitted hats, scarves, slippers, socks, and vests are welcome gifts for the men who are miles from home during the holidays. (The Institute also includes useful items like hand lotion, lip balm, and toothbrushes in their gift packages). For information, or to download the official Christmas at Sea knitting patterns, please go to www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea.

The facts about our finances

With our annual pledge drive coming up, now's a good time to review church finances.

- In 2010, the total church budget for the year is \$46,209—meaning it costs us an average of \$3,850 every month to keep the doors open.
- We have 17 pledging households, plus another pledge of \$3,000 from the Guild, for a total of \$30,774 in pledges.
- However, total pledge income provides only 66.6% of our budget. The remainder comes from investments (\$10,350, 22.4%), plate offerings and other income (\$3,685, just under 8% of budget). A further \$1,400 (3%) from the Guild, designated "congregational organization," brings the Guild's total contribution to \$4,400 and completes the picture.

Our 2010 budget is posted in the undercroft. If you have any questions, please see our treasurer, **Sara Hector**, or a member of the Vestry.



With Christmas coming up, we asked you to list your favorite charities . . . here's what you said

It's not always easy selecting appropriate Christmas gifts for family and friends—especially when so many of us, kids and adults alike, already “have everything.” We hope that perhaps this highly personal list from some of our Trinity friends will give you some new ideas for charitable giving in honor of a gift recipient or two.



FR. HECTOR'S LIST:

- ✓ **Project Haiti**—Singing Rooster coffee, which provides direct assistance for rural coffee-farming communities. www.haiti-project.org/coffee.html
- ✓ **National Cathedral Association, Washington**—gifts support the Cathedral's educational programming, services, and events. www.nationalcathedral.org
- ✓ **Wisconsin Special Olympics**—provides sports training and competition for nearly 10,000 athletes with cognitive disabilities. www.special-olympicswisconsin.org
- ✓ **St. Gregory's Abbey**—a community of men living under the Rule of St. Benedict in the Episcopal church, in Three Rivers, Michigan. www.saintgregorysthreerivers.org
- ✓ **Alliance for Christian Media**—uses existing and emerging communication technology to proclaim the gospel, enhance the voice of mainline churches

in the U.S., and to connect the world of faith with the world in which people live. www.allianceforchristianmedia.org

- ✓ **Mineral Point Library and Mineral Point Rescue Squad**—www.mineralpoint.com
- ✓ **Mineral Point Fire Dept.**—www.mpsfd.net
- ✓ **Badger Camp**—provides quality outdoor recreational experiences for people with developmental disabilities. www.badgercamp.org

SARA HECTOR'S LIST:

- ✓ **Iowa County Humane Society**—looks after animals that have been mistreated, abandoned, or, due to this economy, can no longer be kept. 608-924-1381.
- ✓ **Heifer International**—provides the means for people to support themselves and others throughout the world (including the USA). The fact that they do not discriminate against the USA, where a few sheep, goats, bees, chickens, etc., can help a struggling American

family earn a living while feeding themselves, has always reminded me that while some of us have so much, others have very little in this land of “plenty.” www.heifer.org

- ✓ **Save the Redwoods League**—has worked since 1918 to save the earth's tallest and some of its oldest and most massive living things and their related ecosystems—the ancient redwood forests. that this group has managed to prevent some of them from becoming someone's back deck. www.savetheredwoods.org
- ✓ **Sierra Club**—the oldest environmental organization in the U.S. and the only group that has worked to limit the use of private cars in national parks. Works to protect wild places as well as communities. www.sierraclub.org
- ✓ **Public TV**—BBC News, to get another slant on the world. www.pbs.org

SUSANNE SOUTHWOOD'S LIST:

- ✓ **Episcopal Relief and Development**—practically anything from the Gifts for Life catalog. You can give an entire animal farm for \$1,410, a duck or goose for \$35, or a mosquito net and training in how to use it for \$12. (Kids love getting a duck!) www.er-d.org/giftsforlife

- ✓ **Global Giving**—enables individuals and companies to find and

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Why we do what we do, when we do it

The breadth of the Episcopal church encourages people to show devotion in a very personal way. It is impossible to say what acts are traditional, as tradition varies from parish to parish, but one can say that devotional acts should aid us in worship. Variations on the following explanations abound!

- Reverencing the altar with a bow before entering the pew or whenever passing the altar acknowledges Christ's presence in our midst.
- Bowing as the cross passes you in a procession signifies your allegiance to the crucified Jesus.
- Bowing the head when "Jesus" is mentioned in the liturgy makes

With our annual pledge drive upon us, the following words from the Book of Common Prayer, page 445, may be enlightening.

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God our Father
we belong to you.
All that we have
comes from you:
Our family and friends,
Our health,
Our possessions and energy,
Our leisure and abilities.
Help us to share
in the blessings of giving
as well as the
happiness of receiving.
We ask this
in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

From the Diocese of Canterbury

reparation for the times that the Holy Name of our loving savior is used as a curse.

- Kneeling is an act of both penitence and adoration.
- The sign of the cross was traced on us at baptism, and can be used to begin or end a prayer, or when receiving absolution, a blessing, or the Eucharist.
- Bending the right knee to the ground, genuflecting, reverences the sacramental Real Presence of Christ in the liturgy or where Reserved.



The Fall Rummage Sale

is history . . . and the numbers are off significantly from last year's \$837, raising only \$392 for the Trinity Guild, which pledges \$3,000 annually towards the upkeep of the church buildings and grounds. This year's contribution is even greater—\$4,400, or a full 10% of Trinity's annual operating budget (see pg. 3). The sale requires a lot of hard work —thanks to all who helped.

Free!

Can We Talk?

Share your stories about the English
spoken in this area—
at home, at work, at school . . .

UW-Madison linguists Joseph Salmons
and Eric Raimy want to hear them!

Let's talk!

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5
Trinity Episcopal Church

403 High St. (enter on Iowa St.) • Mineral Point, WI

A FREE "Tuesdays at Trinity" presentation. All are welcome.
Visit us on the Web at www.trinitympt.org

Charities—*con't from pg. 4*

support high-impact, grassroots social and economic development projects around the world. My personal favorite is the HeroRATS project which uses specially trained African giant pouched rats (*Cricetomys gambinus*) to detect and pinpoint the location of landmines. HeroRats can also detect TB, even in people who have tested negative for the disease. During the week they live on a "reward diet" of bananas and walnuts, and you can provide a year's supply of bananas for one rat for \$36. www.globalgiving.org

✓ **Habitat for Humanity**—works to help entire communities rise out of poverty and end hunger. www.habitat.org

JAN JOHNSON'S LIST:

✓ **The Heifer Project**—"It comes under the heading of teaching a person to fish rather than giving them a fish." www.heifer.org

ANNIE CHAPMAN'S LIST:

✓ **The Salvation Army**—provides a panoply of services, from disaster relief and prisoner rehabilitation to youth camps, elderly services, and drug/alcohol rehab. www.salvationarmyusa.org

✓ **Any organization that takes care of abused women and children.** (Ed. Note: Possibilities include the National Domestic Violence Hotline at www.thehotline.org and ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4-A-CHILD or www.childhelp.org.)

✓ **The Humane Society**—the nation's largest and most effective animal protection organiza-

A message from our Senior Warden

How the flames of bigotry are fanned—and what we can do to put out the fires

DOES the Ku Klux Klan represent Christianity? Of course not. Are there Christians who sympathize with the Klan's core values? Yes, indeed, and not just in the deep south. Hatred, exclusiveness, intolerance, and violence in the name of religion are as true and as untrue of Christians as they are of Muslims.

I am not surprised at the behavior of Christian or Muslim extremists. People who perceive themselves to be oppressed and powerless are easily incited to extreme emotion and extreme actions. Fortunately, the numbers of people on the extreme edge are usually small and are usually restrained by education, the law, and public opinion.

The recent wave of anti-Muslim incidents in this country has been fueled by the rhetoric of respected political figures and given legitimacy and attention by even mainstream media. The global reach of modern commu-

tion. www.humanesociety.org; in Dodgeville: www.ichs.net

PAMELA REILY'S LIST:

✓ **The Tibet Fund**—I'm a sponsor for a small, self-sustaining Tibetan Buddhist Nunnery through the Tibet Fund. The fund provides

communications has given these shapers of public opinion the power to incite the worst in human nature, literally around the world.

Our leaders have consistently called on us to respect our Constitution and act with restraint. But now we have some influential public figures trying to gain advantage by inciting intolerance and hatred.

As Christians, it behooves us to recognize this evil and to reject the hate-mongers and their message. Our Muslim brethren are equally challenged with the evil in their midst.

We are all, Christian and Muslim alike, called to live in peace, love God, and love one another. All people of goodwill must support each other in our efforts to live up to our faith.

What can any one person do? Encourage tolerance in your family. Refuse to listen to the hate-mongers. Refuse to participate in offensive talk.

Be an example to your friends and community.

—Jan Johnson

humanitarian, educational, and economic support to the Tibetan people. We specify Jamyang Choling Nunnery in Dharamsala, India, but the website offers many opportunities for donating. Creating a connection through sponsoring a monk or nun or child

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Halloween's just around the corner . . .

Graveyard humor, anyone?

You never know what gems you might find in an old cemetery. Here are some examples you may enjoy.

*Here lies Les Moore
One shot from a 44
No Les
No Moore*

In a Uniontown, PA, cemetery:
*Here lies the body of
Jonathan Blake.
Stepped on the gas
instead of the brake.*

*Harry Edsel Smith of
Albany, New York:
Born 1903--Died 1942.
Looked up the elevator shaft to
see if the car was on the way
down. It was.*

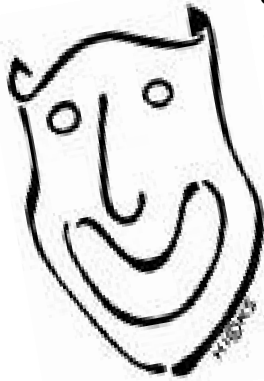
In a Maryland, cemetery:
*Here lies an Atheist,
All dressed up and no place to go.*

On the grave in East Dalhousie
Cemetery, Nova Scotia:
*Here lies Ezekiel Aikle, Age 102.
Only The Good Die Young.*

In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:
*Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread,
And the Lord sent them manna.
Clark Wallace wanted a wife,
And the Devil sent him Anna.*

In a Ruidoso, NM, cemetery:
*Here lies Johnny Yeast....
Pardon him for not rising.*

On a grave in Nantucket, MA:
*Under the sod and under the trees,
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod.
Pease shelled out and went to God.*



In a cemetery in Hartscombe,
England :
*On the 22nd of June,
Jonathan Fiddle went out
of tune.*

In a Silver City, NV, ceme-
tery:
*Here lays The Kid.
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the
trigger
But slow on the draw.*

A lawyer's epitaph in England:
*Sir John Strange
Here lies an honest lawyer,
and that is Strange.*

John Penny's epitaph in the
Wimborne, England, cemetery:
Reader, if cash thou art in
want of any,
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find
a Penny.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enos-
burg Falls, VT:
*Here lies the body of our Anna,
Done to death by a banana.
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low,
But the skin of the thing that made
her go.*

In a cemetery in England :
*Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so shall you be.
Remember this and follow me.*

To which someone replied by writ-
ing on the tombstone:
*To follow you I'll not consent.
Until I know which way you went.*

Charities—*con't from pg. 6)*
can have significant impact in
both lives. www.tibetfund.org

✓ **Alzheimer's Association**—a lead-
ing voluntary health organization
in Alzheimer care, support, and
research. www.alz.org

✓ **ChildHelp USA**—dedicated to
helping victims of child abuse
and neglect, and at-risk children.
www.childhelp.org

✓ **Also**—"on the spot" organiza-
tions for Katrina recovery and
the wetlands of Louisiana.

KATE MARTIN'S LIST:

✓ **Easter Seals**—dedicated to help-
ing children and adults with dis-
abilities attain greater independ-
ence. www.easterseals.com

✓ **March of Dimes**—founded by
FDR; works to improve babies'
health by preventing birth
defects, premature birth, and
infant mortality. [www.march of
dimes.com](http://www.march of dimes.com)

✓ **The Humane Society**—
www.humanesociety.org; in
Dodgeville: www.ichs.net

✓ **Mineral Point Rescue Squad**—
www.mineralpoint.com

✓ **Mineral Point Fire Dept.**—
www.mpsfd.net

CLAIRE HOLLAND'S LIST:

✓ **The Free Clinic**—Exactly what
the name says. 201 S. Iowa,
Dodgeville; 608-930-2232.

MARK AND DOROTHY PROUTY'S LIST:

✓ **The Heifer Project** is on our
annual "must" list. [www.
heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

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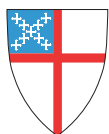
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**Pledge drive
coming up—watch
your mailbox!**



Trinity Episcopal 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)

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.*

Charities—*con't from pg. 7*

FRED BOWDEN'S LIST:

✓ **Disabled American Veterans**—
supports vets by providing serv-
ices such as transportation to
and from the VA hospital and
appointments. www.dav.org

✓ **Wisconsin Society of Land Sur-
veyors**—through its foundation,
the WSLs provides scholarships
to students and also survey
equipment for museum displays
all over the state. www.wsls.org

✓ **Trig-Star**—annual high school
math-skill competition sponsored
by the National Society of Profes-

sional Surveyors to promote
mastery of trigonometry. For the
past two years I've made a pres-
entation to the math students of
Dodgeville High School, then I
proctor a one-hour exam, grade
the exams, post the results, and
pass out the checks for the first
three places. This program is
designed to inform the students
about surveying as a profession
as well as giving them an under-
standing of the practical applica-
tions for the mathematics they're
learning in high school. [www.
nspsmo.org](http://www.nspsmo.org) ❖