

january 2011

# High Notes

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

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**I**N direct contrast to the frantic countdown to THE DAY of December 25, so carefully cultured by our consumer economy, the Church celebrates twelve days of Christmas, allowing us to savor the impact of the historic event in our lives.

This year, the Christmas gospel is from Luke, with God mobilizing the Roman Empire to get the holy family to Bethlehem. We, with the shepherds, respond to the message of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace . . ."

On the first Sunday following Christmas, we hear the prologue of St John's gospel, "In the beginning was the Word . . ." This is easily my favorite passage. My wish is that people would start reading the Bible with the gospels. All too many start with Genesis, and stop. It is a measure of who we are: "old," or "new." To me, God is new, and active. God is not a captive of the past, much less a human understanding of that past.

The twelve days are not idle, but full of meaning. Immediately following Christmas we have three feast days, beginning with the "Feast of Stephen," of good King Wenceslas (of Bohemia) fame. Stephen was one of the first deacons, and a martyr (Acts 7).

We honor St. John the Evangelist on the next day. Then the Church remembers those who are not in our manger scenes, the "Holy Innocents," those boys under the age of two who were killed by the order of King Herod in an effort to eliminate Jesus (Mt 2: 13-19). The holy family escaped to Egypt.

For me, this shows how Scripture is very compact. As we read it, we are called to consider the drama, emotion, and pathos, as God comes to share our

humanity. What is a young couple to think as they flee to protect their child? How do we account for the brutality of despots? Herod killed his own sons. So did Suleiman the Magnificent, who tried to capture Vienna for Islam.

The feast of the Holy Name falls on January 1, eight days after Christmas, when Jesus, like all little Jewish boys, is circumcised. Knowing someone's name is a claim on their attention. I find singular meaning in this, as we claim the New Year in the name of Jesus.

Epiphany, the "making known," or "manifestation" of Jesus to the gentiles, the "Magi," is precisely the reason that we are Christians; otherwise, the mission of Jesus would be only to the Jews.

For those who enjoy the twelve days of Christmas, the tree properly remains up until January 6. If you are really serious about Christmas, some decorations are appropriate until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation (of Christ in the Temple), also known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the holy family went to the Temple "according to the Law of Moses," as explained by St. Luke (2: 22-24). Here they meet Simeon, and Anna. The "song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32) though short, holds the tension of faith, as God builds the new upon the old revelation.

Each year holds the same dynamic, as we grow and mature in faith, entering into the new year.

—Fr. Hector+

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## Saturday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Said Eucharist. Happy New Year!

## Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m. **Endowment Sunday, 1st 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 for their "Dimes for Bingo" program.

## Thursday, January 6

7:00 p.m. Feast of the Epiphany. Said Eucharist. Coffee and Twelfth Night cake in the undercroft afterwards.

## Monday, January 10

7:00 p.m. Vestry meeting in the undercroft (rescheduled from December 20 because of weather).

## Tuesday, January 11

Noon Guild meeting and pot luck luncheon in the undercroft.

## Sunday, January 23

9:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist, followed by Trinity's **Annual Parish Meeting** and potluck in the undercroft afterwards. It's the time when we review our work in 2010 and make our plans for 2011. It's also where we receive reports for all areas of church activities and review the results of our pledge drive, our operating budget, and our financial statement, and elect members for Vestry, Convocation, and Diocesan Convention positions.

The congregation will be asked to vote on a proposal to reduce the Vestry size from six members (and two Wardens) to four members. Please see agenda posted in the undercroft. An organizational meeting of the Vestry will be held after the Annual Meeting.

## Sunday, January 30

9:30 a.m. Bishop Miller will join us for his pastoral visit. Following our celebration of the Eucharist, he will dedicate the eleven-volume set of sermons by John Tillotson, a 17th-century Archbishop of Canterbury. The books have been professionally restored as a gift to the church by Kate Martin, and will be housed in a bookcase designed and built by Tom Barker. (For more information about the Tillotson books, please see the March 2010 *High Notes*.)

## Birthdays

1 Garrett Faull  
6 Sara Hector  
13 Doris Edwards  
20 Jeremy Meek  
31 Bishop Roger White



*Holy women,  
holy men*

Approved at the 2009 General Assembly, the following new commemorations on the Episcopal Church calendar have been added for January.

**2 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah**, bishop of Dornakal (Madras, India), 1945. The Anglican church's first Indian bishop was an advocate of ecumenism and church unity.

**3 William Passavant**, prophetic witness, 1894. A Pennsylvania Lutheran pastor, he believed in practical application of the gospel, and founded many charitable organizations.

**4 Elizabeth Seton**, founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821. Seton's new community concentrated on education, social ministry and religious formation.

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## Another successful Gift Fair!

Thanks to all the hard workers and contributors, the Guild's 54th annual Holiday Gift Fair scored yet another success. The weather could have been better, but it could have been worse, too, and we had a generous turnout from the community. This is the Guild's major fundraiser of the year, and, after expenses, it netted \$2,943.90. The Guild pledges \$3,000 to the church annually, and the Gift Fair raises most of that amount.

### Raffle items and the lucky winners were:

PRIZE	DONOR	WINNER
\$100 cash	Trinity Guild	Carolyn Hunt (donated to Trinity Guild)
Tea gift pack	Cornish Corner	David Ritchie
Lands' End tote, throw, and candy (\$90 value)	Janean Faull	Joan Faull
Framed print	Jan Johnson	Joan Faull
Pickles, jam, and soap	Cornish Corner	Michelle Bertrand
\$15 gift certificate	M.P. Collections	March Pecher
Gaia Gems jewelry	Kathy Madigan	Fr. Bill Burden
Quilted table topper	Katherine Bowden	Joany Hasck
Animal whisks (2 sets)	Sara Hector	Dan Lloyd
Craft 8-in-1 punch	Carol Getman	Jeanne Lewis Inger Leeuwen- burg
Prince's House casserole	Katherine Bowden	Monica Dunn
Handknit scarf	Ann Chapman	James Johnson (Darlington)
Handknit scarf	Simply Scarves	Kandy Keuler

### The breakdown of earnings is as follows:

This 'n That	\$ 295.50
Candy	199.50
Bakery	522.51
Raffle	496.00
Sewing	295.25
Christmas	241.60
Meals	707.53
Gifts and late monies	501.01
<i>Subtotal</i>	<b>\$3,258.90</b>
(Expenses)	- 315.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,943.90</b>

Holy women, holy men—*con't from pg. 2*

**16 Richard Meux Benson**, religious, 1915, and **Charles Gore**, bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932. Both are remembered for their role in the revival of Anglican monasticism in the 19th century.

**26 Silas**, companion of St. Paul. Silas, along with Timothy and Titus (who share this feast day), accompanied the apostle Paul in his missionary work.

**27 Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe**, witnesses to the faith. Lydia hosted St. Paul in Philippi and was his first European convert. Dorcas, a faithful disciple in Joppa, was raised from the dead by St. Peter. Phoebe, of Cenchreae, is the first person in Paul's list of beloved associates in Romans 16.

**29 Andrei Rublev**, monk and iconographer, 1430. Generally acknowledged as Russia's greatest writer (sic) of icons.

**31 Juan Bosco**, priest, 1888. An Italian educator, Bosco founded the Salesian Order, which stressed education, especially for the poor and working people.

**31 Samuel Shoemaker**, priest and evangelist, 1963. Shoemaker, who advocated the empowerment of the laity, founded Faith at Work, for personal witness in the workplace, and is considered the spiritual mentor of Alcoholics Anonymous. ❖

# Church needs prophetic MDG action plan

## A perspective from Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation

by Devon Anderson and Ian Douglas

In September, the eyes of the world turned to the United Nations Summit on Millennium Development Goals [MDGs], where world leaders spent three days considering a “global, results-oriented action plan” to accelerate progress toward achieving the goals—which include cutting extreme poverty in half, reducing child-mortality rates and increasing access to education—over the next five years.

World leaders agreed in 2000 to achieve the eight goals by 2015. The summit met to examine successes and continuing challenges to progress as a foundation for renewing commitments, galvanizing coordinated action among all stakeholders and eliciting the funding needed to achieve the MDGs.

In a nutshell, the summit asked the world to move from talk to action.

The occasion of the summit was an opportunity for the Episcopal Church, which committed to the goals in 2003, similarly to celebrate its MDG successes up to this point, renew our collective commitment to 0.7 percent giving at all levels of the church and to the goals in 2003, similarly to celebrate its MDG successes up to this point, renew our collective commitment to 0.7 percent giving at all levels of the church and redouble our efforts toward results-oriented action in the next five years. More crucial still, this summit, at this particular time in the life of the planet, was a clarion call for Episcopalians to perk up, garner our resolve and commit to the kind of prophetic ministry that

will be needed if we are to make good on our promises to be an effective, dynamic contributor to the MDG movement.

The Episcopal Church has come so far. As of early 2009, to our best calculations, some 82 dioceses across the Episcopal Church had included a 0.7 percent line item for global mission in their annual budgets.

Following suit later that year,

for the first time ever (just a few years ago it was 841 million hungry souls on earth). International aid budgets are being cut; and in many countries government-funded social programs are also being reduced due to shrinking economies. Even the countries that gave 0.7 percent for international development are giving less money in real terms because their economies are smaller.

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General Convention inserted a 0.7 percent line item into its triennial budget for MDGs, courageously locating our commitment to global mission squarely at the heart of the church while bearing the full weight of that worthy commitment in painful budget cuts elsewhere. And all across the church, congregations and dioceses have begun important work forming relationships and partnering with people across the globe to curb hunger, provide needed health care and stem disease.

And yet, there is still so much to do. The Rev. Sabina Alkire, an economist and Anglican priest who directs a major international development agenda in Oxford, England, and who is a founding member of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, describes the work at hand this way: “The number of people living in abject poverty has reached one billion

“Where I sit, the secular development agencies are in turmoil. I wish the churches were equally concerned. It is a time for the church to be prophetic, to speak out, to sustain its own commitment and call on others to sustain theirs. Quitting is easy. But our actions have consequences for the poorest of the world.”

Now is the time for prophetic action. The world leaders came to New York briefed by their own economists and political advisers. They negotiated commitments and generated their collective resolve as governments to achieving the MDGs by 2015. Clearly none disputes the worthiness of the MDGs. But even as they debated the best roadmap to 2015, world leaders also were weighing the probability that any specific commitment they made would pass muster with their citizenries.

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# Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Monday, November 15, 2010 (*not yet approved*)

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The regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Fr. Hector and began with prayer. Members present: Fr. Hector; Jan Johnson, Senior Warden; Fred Bowden, Jr. Warden; Joan Faull; Carolyn Hunt; Susanne Southwood, Clerk. Absent: Brent Bowers; Mark Prouty; Sara Hector, Treasurer.

## Minutes

• **Motion** by Carolyn to accept the minutes of the September and October meetings, second by Jan. Motion passed.

## Reports

• **Treasurer's Report:** As of November 7, 2010, total year-to-date income was \$42,369 (not including the transfers to mutual funds and columbarium); expenses were \$43,227.63 and balance on hand (checkbook) was \$8,729.85. Expenses for supply priests this year will exceed our budgeted amount by more than 100% (budget: \$500; actual: \$1,065) because of a change in the amount supply priests are reimbursed. **Motion** by Fred to approve the report, second by Jan. Motion passed. Fr. Hector also noted that the parish has been granted a "limited review" by the auditors for 2010, which basically means we won't have an audit this year.

• **Stewardship Report:** At present, we have received sixteen pledges for 2011, down from last year's eighteen. Four pledges are higher than last year's; two are lower. Amount pledged for 2011 is \$27,574, compared to \$30,774

pledged at about this time last year.

## Old Business

• As was discussed but not voted on at last month's Vestry meeting, Fr. Hector noted that although his present Letter of Agreement does not end until November 1, 2011, he would like for it to be extended another year and one-half, taking it to April 2013, when he will celebrate his 70th birthday. **Motion** by Susanne to extend Fr. Hector's contract until May 1, 2013 (after Easter), second by Fred. Motion passed. Jan noted that this gives us an opportunity to be creative in our search for a successor to Fr. Hector.

## New Business

- **Bookcase:** A picture of the bookcase that was designed and is being built by Tom Barker to house the Tillotson volumes (as well as other books) was circulated. The Vestry expressed its grateful thanks to Tom for this work.
- **Change in Vestry size:** Susanne spoke in favor of reducing the size of the Vestry from six members (plus two Wardens) to four members, noting the small size of our congregation. After discussion, she presented a **motion** to propose a resolution at the upcoming 2011 Annual Meeting to amend the parish by-laws to permit the smaller Vestry. Jan seconded; motion passed.
- **Vestry nominating committee:** Claire Holland has expressed her wish to be nominated for a 3-year Vestry term.
- **Lessons and Carols:** Preparations continue for the December

12 event. Joan and Carolyn kindly volunteered the Guild to provide cookies and coffee for a reception following the service, and their offer was accepted with thanks.

## Upcoming

- We will use Rite 1 for Advent and return to Rite II after Christmas.
- Coming up:
  - December 4, Holiday Gift Fair;
  - December 12, A Festival of Lessons and Carols, with Bishop Miller;
  - January 23, 2011, Annual Meeting of the parish with potluck dinner;
  - January 30, 2011, Bishop Miller's visitation and dedication of the Tillotson sermons.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Jan, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next Vestry meeting will be December 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:  
Susanne Southwood, Clerk  
All motions passed unanimously  
unless otherwise specified.*

**T**HE Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

—G. K. Chesterton

# What have we here?

## *A short tour of Trinity's many memorials*

As is true of many, if not most, churches, Trinity is blessed with a wealth of wonderful art and artifacts, given as memorials during its long history and still bearing witness to those who went before us. Because the brass plaques identifying the memorials aren't always readily accessible or easy to read, here's a look at their inscriptions.

### **The Trinity window** (*over the altar*)

An early Victorian "teaching window," given in memory of Dr. Schuyler Pulford, M.D., 1796–1848, and his nephew, Lt. George Pulford Scott, 1845–1864, who died in the Civil War.

### **Prie Dieu** (*kneeler inside the altar rail*)

Dedicated to Trinity Episcopal Church  
To the honor and glory of God  
FATHER JOSEPH IGNATIUS HUNT  
1920–1993  
Dale E. Tieman

### **On altar rail** (*right side*)

To The Glory of God  
and  
In Loving Memory of  
Robert Storey Crawford  
Sept. 7, 1881–Sept. 20, 1943  
By His Family

### **On the altar rail** (*left side, referring to the rood hanging overhead*)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
MARY JANE BAUER  
AND MARGARET  
AND  
ELIZABETH CONNOLLY  
1860–1918  
"CHRISTUS VICTOR"  
CROSS

### **Matching tables at altar rail** (*left and right*)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Dale L. Whitford  
HAND CRAFTED BY STEVEN  
WHITFORD

### **On the organ chest**

TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN MEMORY OF  
Laura Antoinette Cobb  
Easter 1907  
HENCEFORTH THE MUSIC OF THIS  
CHURCH EVER WILL BE ASSOCI-  
ATED WITH HER NAME THROUGH  
THE GENEROSITY OF HER SON  
John P. Cobb

Rebuilt in 1964

By the  
Generous Gifts of Many Friends

### **St. Cecilia window** (*east wall*)

In Memoriam  
Jennie Milton Smith  
Beloved wife of  
J. Montgomery Smith  
At rest August 9, 1893  
One of the founders of Trinity Parish  
and for many years its organist

### **Archangel window** (*east wall*)

In Loving Memory of Our Father  
George Whitman Cobb  
Born Aug. 23rd 1820  
At Rest  
July 12th 1885

### **Mary and Martha window** (*west wall*)

In Loving Memory  
of Our Mother  
Laura Antoinette Cobb  
Born November 13th 1827  
At Rest April 11th 1904

### **St. Luke window** (*west wall*)

IN MEMORY OF  
RUFUS DELOS PULFORD  
SENIOR WARDEN OF THIS PARISH  
FOR FORTY-ONE YEARS  
Born December 13th 1822  
At rest October 19th 1893

### **Brass plaque** (*west wall*)

IN MEMORY OF  
CALVERT FREDERIC SPEASLEY  
BORN JUNE 4 • 1872–  
DIED DECEMBER 6 • 1908  
HE WAS BAPTIZED AND  
CONFIRMED IN AND BURIED FROM  
THIS CHURCH  
"GRANT HIM O LORD ETERNAL  
REST"

### **Porcelain bas relief** (*west wall, at font in back*)

In loving memory  
Lois Holland's "First Steps"  
Given to Trinity Church  
1-29-07—3-23-09

### **Upholstered doors at the tower** (*at back of church*)

To the Glory of God  
And In Loving Memory of  
Our Aunt  
Aileen Woodbridge  
1893–1963  
Given by  
Norman and Leila Jones

### **Exterior south doors** (*main doors*)

Given by the McNeill family and  
made of oak from the family farm.  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
ALEXANDER AND JANE  
MCNEILL



who  
what  
where  
when  
why

■ What's the ecclesiastical equivalent of "bah humbug"? Trinity's gala **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent**, scheduled for the afternoon of December 12, was a casualty of the storm that roared across the midwest that weekend, and had to be cancelled. Disappointing as this was, we're grateful for the hard work done on this year's program by so many people. And as anyone who's ever been a Chicago Cubs fan knows, the operative mantra is "wait 'til next year!" [Ed Note: *Save the date: December 11, 2011!*]

■ It's hard to believe, but 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 household's listing and make any necessary changes on that copy, or email your changes to Susanne Southwood at [deltadirect@earthlink.net](mailto:deltadirect@earthlink.net) by January 28.

■ Last-minute news about how some of us hoped to spend Christmas came from . . .  
... **Annie Chapman**, who was looking forward to a traditional Christmas for her and her family. On the agenda: cutting their own tree, serving roast lamb, and sharing with friends, some of whom have newly arrived in Mineral Point.  
... and from **Bob and Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech**, who were travelling to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, so that Bob could ski down Aspen

Mountain for his 70th birthday and later soak in the hot springs. He has fond memories of his family celebrating his birthday in the big "party in the pool" with noisemakers and lots of people as they welcomed in the new year. All four children, their spouses and grandchild were joining them, along with Bob's brother and his wife. Only the train trip was expected to be quiet and peaceful!

... **Dorothy Prouty** wrote, "We'll celebrate Christmas in Whitewater, our first Christmas away from Mineral Point in many years. We will be blessed by the gathering of our children here, and my mother, Joan, is so excited about the festivities! We often reflect on the events of our year which started with Natasha's wedding plans. What we notice most is how rich in love we are and the goodness of life we are graced with! We are very grateful to our Trinity family for your share of that goodness!"

... **Kathy Madigan** was looking forward to attending Trinity's Christmas Eve service and following that up with the Methodist Christmas Eve service, which begins at 9:30, as they invited her to sing with them at that service. "In the morning, I plan to drive to Rochelle, Illinois, to visit with my niece and her family," Kathy said, "bringing presents and catching up on all the news with the kids." Moving on southward, she will go to her old hometown, Naperville, Illinois, and share the Christmas Day meal with dear friends and their children and extended families where "there is always a lot of laughter, hugs, music, and Christmas spirit."

... **Jan Johnson** wrote, "We are staying home and off the roads. James will be making our customary Alsatian Sauerkraut for dinner. There will be the usual phone calls to family and distant friends."

... and finally, **Fred Bowden** said that



Coming right up . . .

## Annual Parish Meeting, January 23 *Don't miss it!*

Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting will kick off on January 23 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 include a report on our annual pledge drive, operating budget, 2011 parish goals, and the election of two Wardens (to succeed Jan Johnson and Fred Bowden). We will also vote on a proposal to reduce the number of Vestry members from six to four (plus two Wardens). The agenda is on the bulletin board in the undercroft.

he and **Katherine** are expecting a quiet Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. "We have been invited out for Christmas dinner," he wrote. "I helped my brother with a project—rustic oak log bench—and have been trying to get ready for the arrival of the Chicago grandchildren next week. I'm supposed to create a sled run beside the house—with the amount of snow, it may be a half-pipe for my granddaughter. ❖

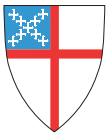
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# Happy new year!



## 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

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](mailto:deltadirect@earthlink.net).*

### MDGs—con't from pg. 4

**B**ut prophets don't trade in probabilities. Maimonides, the Jewish scholar of the 12th century, argued that prophetic hope is belief in the "plausibility of the possible" as opposed to the "necessity of the probable." Likewise, biblical faith calls Christians to something more in this *kairos* moment than settling for realistic probabilities. Biblical prophets and Jesus' ministry call us to sustain a vision where the needs of all are met in the economy of God.

At this difficult time in our human global economy, the prophetic witness asked of us can-

not be one merely of words but of vociferous, concrete action. Now is the time to move from MDG education and promotion to a model that will enfranchise Episcopalians for goal-oriented action and commitment.

The hard work of motivation, equipping and action remains before us. Prophets have action plans. After all, Micah implores us not merely to speak justice but also to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

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