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High Notes

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HERE is the truth: "We tell our own stories? Or do we?"

The fact of the matter, and my gentle encouragement at this time, is that we, you and I, need to practice our story telling. We are entering the time of the year when families gather, and a very important part of such gathering, is the telling of various personal events which remain vivid to us. My concern is that, all too often, we do not share those vivid memories of those whom we remember with those family members who have no such personal memory.

As a culture, "the media" have become the story tellers, where values are shared, and experiences of life are interpreted. I feel that this is a meager source at best, and at worst, that it removes the necessary personal sharing and interpretation. My request is for us to restore "the family" as that source of values, and the place where the experiences of life are interpreted.

How? By telling our stories. There is singular value in this. The corollary to my dictum is that "We need to tell our story." It helps us in many ways to hear ourselves, and to share our experiences and thoughts out loud.

This part of the country is not story-expectant. Such is our cultural reserve. When I first came to Trinity, as I visited about, I would hear different stories of parish life, carefully phrased so as not to

name dates or names. However, in due time, I would hear the same account, and by the third or fourth telling, I could identify the parties involved. At first I thought this purposeful deference was a way for a small town and small parish to be personable without gossip. Later, I realized that the purpose of the story was to introduce me to parish life, not to name names. Now I was a part of the story.

Similarly, early on, when I wanted to tell my sons a story, I would start "When I was your age . . ." with little response. I found that I got much better interaction by beginning "A long time ago . . ." This invited them into the story as I told of my formative days.

Of course there is more.

Let me say clearly, "Our faith is our story." Or, equally, "We are people of The Story." How do we tell of that awareness that "sustains and endures," when life around us seems about to totter into chaos? Here is where family gatherings offer the perfect setting. First there is love, sometimes unsaid, which is that bond that endures. Second, there is sharing, not in long speeches, but by a gentle word that lets those present know that you are listening, that you care, and perhaps, why.

That is the story.

—Fr. Hector+

P.S. At another time I will consider the Discretionary Fund.

November@Trinity

Tuesday, November 2

Feast of All Saints.

Wednesday, November 3

9:30 a.m. **Commemoration of All the Departed.** Holy Eucharist, with commemoration of the Blessed Departed. A form for listing the names of the dead whom you wish to remember was included with your Sunday bulletin on October 23 and 30; please put it in the plate before November 1.

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m. **All Saints' Sunday.** Coffee hour donations this morning go to the Mineral Point Care Center's "Dimes for Bingo" program.

Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks *back* one hour.

Thursday, November 17

7:00 p.m. HymnMasters practice at the church. All are welcome.

Friday, November 18

5:00 p.m. Vestry meeting at the home of Jan Johnson. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Mineral Point ecumenical Thanksgiving service at First United Methodist Church.

Thursday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 27

9:30 a.m. **First Sunday of Advent.** Holy Eucharist and Litany. We will use Rite I during Advent.

Coming up . . .

Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m.–
3:00 p.m. **Holiday Gift Fair at Trinity.** The Guild's major event of the year—please help make it a great one! (See page 9.)

Sunday, December 4

4:00 p.m. **A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent.** Bishop Steven Miller will join us to celebrate this joyous traditional service that tells the Christmas story with hymns, carols, and readings from the Old and New Testaments. (See page 7.)

Birthdays

6 Beverly Zimmerman
9 Sue Vaughn
14 Cole Johnson
15 Carol Jean Brown
25 Allison Ladd
26 Stephen Ladd

Anniversaries

26 Jeremy and Linda Meek

I will try

this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

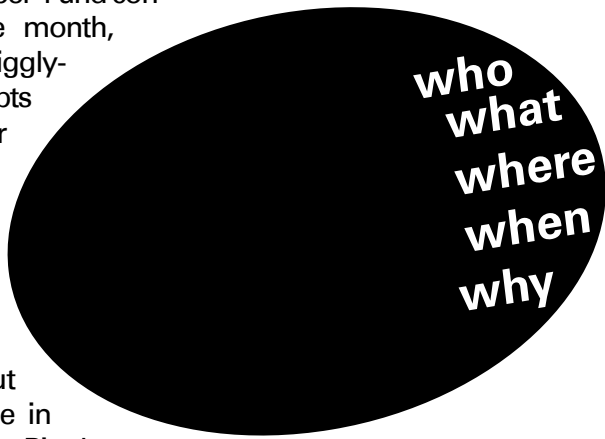
In particular, I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Saviour, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A Morning Resolve, from Forward Day by Day

■ Beginning December 1 and continuing through the month, please take your Piggly-Wiggly grocery receipts to the service counter to be stamped for validation and then give them to **Father Hector** by the end of December. Just mail your receipts to the church, or put them in an envelope in the collection plate. Piggly-Wiggly will contribute 1% of the total receipts to Trinity. This is a painless way to make a contribution—please plan to participate.

■ If you haven't already returned your 2012 pledge form (either by putting it in the plate on Sunday or by mailing it to the church), please do so at your earliest convenience. This year, it costs **about \$3,722 a month** to operate Trinity—a number to keep in mind as you determine your pledge for next year. Your support is vital to our shared ministry, and the Vestry can't start on a realistic budget until all pledges are in. Thank you.



■ Mark your calendar for our celebration of **A Festival of Lessons and Carols** on December 4 at 4:00 p.m. and plan to bring your friends. This service, begun at King's College, Cambridge, in 1918, is a beloved part of our Christmas celebrations, and this year we are honored to have Bishop Steven Miller join us for the celebration. (A few prayers for good weather might not come amiss!)

■ **Fred Bowden** brings us up-to-date on his family's doings: "We have had a busy month of September commuting to Minnesota in
(*Con't on pg. 9*)

Would you like to help?

THE NEW sign in front of the church has been installed, and is already doing yeoman duty for us—it's highly visible, easy to read, and helps us get our messages out.

Fr. Hector and Barbara wish to give the sign in memory of Fr. Hector's father and Barbara's parents, but some donations would be useful to cover the cost of the landscaping (and perhaps help defray some of the cost of the sign itself).

If you'd like to contribute, please put a check in the mail or in the plate, made out to Trinity Church, with "Sign" in the memo line. You'll find more information about costs in the minutes of the September Vestry meeting, on page 6. Thank you!



Page 56, sentence 5 . . .

Remember the squib in last month's *High Notes* in which we recklessly suggested that you grab the book nearest you, turn to page 56, copy the fifth sentence, and then send it to Ye Ed? A few intrepid souls took up the challenge, as we see here . . .

Le Hector: "You want me to make a quick run to the market?"

Kate Martin: "A community that shares requirements for eating tends to stay together."

Fr. Hector: 'Or perhaps, especially to his friends, whose good opinion of him, he might feel, would not sur-

vive the revelations."

Barbara Hector: "When she was gone, Renee extended her open hand for the pen."

Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech: "Their obvious differences may have amused others."

Bob Beech: "He was also burdened by a pistol holder, a map case, an electric torch, and another haversack on his back."

Susanne Southwood : "But these only served to advance the inevitable; for while still relatively young, the youth exhausted for himself the fields of fleshly joy

and became ripe for the other experience."

Sara Hector: "Columns. They can be used to control many properties including alignment, search ability, display sequence."

Fred Bowden: "Tell them about *Cottleston Pie*—what it means,' Pooh whispered, a little more clearly."

Claire Holland: "A gardener changes perspectives as things grow and I will rethink the plantings around the little conifers as they need revision."

Ann Chapman: "The witches that used to fly through the trees are home in bed by 8:33."

Holy women, holy men

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

November 15—Francis Asbury and George Whitefield, 1816, 1770, Evangelists. Two of the great evangelists to emerge from out of the religious fervor of colonial and post-revolutionary America, George Whitefield and Francis Asbury shared a common tie to the Methodist movement of John Wesley. Whitefield's preaching sparked the Great Awakening of 1840; Asbury was the only Methodist minister to remain in America when the War for Independence broke out.

November 21—William Byrd, John Merbecke, and Thomas Tallis, 1625, 1585, 1585, Musicians. As a young man, Merbecke was a chorister at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and from 1541 until his death he was chapel organist. Only a few of his works have survived, most notably the *Booke of Common Prayer Noted, 1550*, which has been widely used recently. Tallis spent most of his vocation in

service to the Crown as musician to the Chapels Royal under four successive monarchs, both Catholic and Protestant. Although he was always a Roman Catholic, he had the political acumen to survive the shifts in ecclesial loyalties and the musical acumen to respond to the changing needs of the Church of England. He is regarded as the father of English Church music since the Reformation. William Byrd was a student, colleague, business partner, and successor of Thomas Tallis. Like him a lifelong Catholic, Byrd successfully won support for his music among Anglicans of Puritan tendencies. His compositions cover a variety of musical forms: mass settings, motets, graduals, psalm settings, English anthems, and occasional music for the great feasts of the church.

November 22—Cecilia, c. 280, Martyr at Rome. The patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians, and poets, she is venerated as a

martyr and is among the women named in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Remembered for the passion with which she sang the praises of God, her story has inspired centuries of artistic representations in paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and stained glass. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells, and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor.

November 26—Isaac Watts, 1748, Hymnwriter. Remembered as the father of English hymnody, Watts was a Nonconformist who wrote more than six hundred hymns, about a quarter of which continue in popular use. Perhaps his most enduring contribution to this genre is *O God, our help in ages past*, based upon the opening verses of Psalm 90. Among his more enduring hymns are *Jesus shall reign* and *Joy to the World*.

Holy Women, Holy Men, Church Publishing, New York, 2010

Be a Foster Grandparent!

The Foster Grandparents Program (FGP) is a division of Senior Corps, the network of national service programs which taps the experience and skills of persons 55 and older. FGP volunteers serve 15 or more hours during the school year under the supervision of a host station and provide supportive activities for young people who have special needs or have circumstances which limit their academic, social, or economic development. The local sponsor is SWCAP; call 608-935-2326, x209 to learn more.



Be an AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer!

AARP is looking for "dynamic, energetic, and technologically savvy volunteers with a head for finance or a solid background in taxes, accounting, or law to assist moderate- to low-income individuals and older adults fill out their taxes." The Tax-Aide Program provides free, confidential, quality service in communities across the nation. Volunteers are provided with comprehensive training and will become IRS-certified and trained to assist in filing basic tax forms after passing an exam. Certified volunteers are assigned to work with more experienced volunteers. For information, contact Joan Flood, 608-897-3882 or 608-293-1833; jm_flood@hotmail.com.

Minutes of the Trinity Guild Meetings

September 20, 2011 (approved at the October meeting) and October 10, 2011 (not yet approved)

Trinity Guild met on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011, in Legate Hall with 5 members present—Carolyn Hunt, Catherine Whitford, Joan Faull, Ann Chapman, and Le Hector. The meeting opened with the ECW Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the August 9 meeting were read. Motion to accept by Ann, seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed with a balance on hand of \$7,239.24. For outreach this year we have contributed to Father's Discretionary Fund, Iowa County Humane Society, Badger Camp, Iowa County Food Pantry, Hodan Center and the Mineral Point Care Center. Motion to accept the report by Carolyn, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried.

The Fall Rummage sale starts this Thursday so we passed around the sign-up sheet for workers. The sale runs from Sept. 22 to Oct. 1. After the meeting we will be doing "the hanging" so we will be ready by Thursday.

Short discussion about the upcoming Gift Fair on Dec. 3. It will be here before we know it.

The Cornish Potluck Gathering will be here in Legate Hall on Nov. 13. Catherine invited us to attend.

We discussed the upcoming benefit for Doc Goodweiler to help with his medical expenses. He was badly injured in an auto accident. It will be held at the Fairgrounds on Oct. 1. He is a long-time Mineral Point resident and veterinarian—he's taken care of a lot of our pet cats and dogs. We all felt that we would like to help him so Ann

made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried.

We had no more business so Le made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joan. Motion carried. Next meeting will be at Ann's at noon for lunch on Oct. 10. The Nov. meeting will be on Nov. 8 at Carolyn's at 1 p.m.

Next on the agenda is "the hanging" of the rummage, and we have a lot of it!

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Trinity Guild met on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 at the home of Ann Chapman with 8 members present—Father Hector, Barbara Hector, Catherine Whitford, Le Hector, Jan Johnson, Carolyn Hunt, Joan Faull, and Ann Chapman. The meeting opened with the ECW Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the Sept. 20 meeting were read. Motion to accept by Le, seconded by Anne. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed with a balance on hand of \$7,566.14. Moved by Joan, 2nd by Catherine to accept as printed. Motion carried.

Next was a discussion of the rummage sale – many thanks to all for donations, helping set up, working at the sale, and taking down. We had a profit of \$1,161.90.

Outreach was next on the agenda—it was the general feeling of the members that we do a good job with outreach and will continue to do so in the future. Father read a letter from United Fund of Iowa County and from ERD. Discussion but no action

taken on either of these. There was also discussion about giving to Father's Discretionary Fund and several suggestions were made about how and what to do. It was decided to table it until next month to make a final decision.

Gift Fair—Dec. 3—was next on the agenda. Joan was asked to be chairman again this year. She will plan to have lists and duties ready by the next meeting. We have our Raffle License ready and will be getting the tickets printed soon so that we can start selling them early. Catherine will let Deb know about the signs to be printed. We talked about the sandwich boards that we have for advertising—they are very heavy and also it's hard to attach anything to them. Jan suggested that we get different ones and offer these to Shakerag Alley. Jan will look into where we can order some new ones—she had several ideas. After some discussion, Jan was asked to design a rack card for the Gift Fair. We hope everyone is already working on his or her projects to bring for the Fair.

With no more business before us, Carolyn moved to adjourn, seconded by Jan. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. at Carolyn's house. Ann served us a delightful lunch of salad, bread, and spaghetti and apple pie a la mode for dessert.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan R. Faull, Secretary*

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

Friday, September 30, 2011 (Approved October 21, 2011)

The meeting of the Trinity parish Vestry was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Fr. Hector and began with prayer. Members present: Fr. Hector; Jan Johnson, Senior Warden; Claire Holland, Mark Prouty, Susanne Southwood, Clerk. Absent: Fred Bowden, Jr. Warden; Joan Faull, Sara Hector, Treasurer.

Minutes

Motion by Mark to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2011 meeting, second by Claire; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

As of the 7/3/2011 Treasurer's Report, we had YTD income of \$36,626.05 (budget: \$33,348), expenses of \$33,049.28 (budget: \$35,286), and checkbook balance of \$11,760.31. After discussion, *Jan made a motion to table approval of the report until Sara could be present; second by Mark, motion passed.*

Old Business

1. Church sign. The sign has been installed. Cost was \$1,450 to Montauk (NY) sign company, \$1,431 to Funk (Dodgeville) for preparing the lighted panel and installing the sign, and \$560 to Sigg Landscaping. As reported in the minutes of the April 19, 2010 Vestry meeting, Montauk quoted \$2,800 for the complete sign; Funk's quote was \$1,900. No quote had been obtained for landscaping. Fr. Hector reported that he used Montauk for the sign itself because they had provided the original design, even though they were somewhat more expensive than Funk, making the total cost of the installed sign \$2,881 (without landscaping). Although he had announced at the Vestry meeting of July 19, 2010, that he would pay for the sign, he asks that any parishioners who are so inclined help with some of the expense (primarily, the landscaping expense) by making checks for that purpose payable to Trinity Church with "Sign" in the memo line. This information will be included in the bulletin and the November newsletter.

2. Consideration of investment risk for-

mula. Jan observed that, in her opinion, Skip Lee, who handles investment of about half of our funds for us, has managed well, and that we're holding our own during turbulent times. He recommended that we back-off the emerging markets funds, and has done so. She asked if we should go back to our 2008 risk-allocation formula (25% aggressive, 35% moderate, 30% conservative) or stay with the strategy adopted on February 15, 2010 (40% aggressive, 15% moderate, 45% conservative). She added that Skip seems to feel comfortable that we can meet our income needs whichever formula is used. Since we had some questions about our current investments, *Susanne made a motion to defer action on the investment-risk formula until the next Vestry meeting so that Skip and Sara could join us; second by Claire; motion passed.* It was also noted that we would like to have the full Vestry present when this decision is made.

3. Churchyard policies. The committee (Claire, Joan, Fred) will present its recommendations at the November meeting.

4. Rector's discretionary fund. Joan (by phone) and Jan asked that Fr. Hector explain what this fund is and how it works. He will do so in an article in the next newsletter.

New Business

1. Gift. Edgar and Jean Temby, former parishioners, have given to Trinity 123 shares of MGE Energy, Inc., with a market value of \$5,111,88 as of July 22, 2011. Fr. Hector will prepare a thank-you letter to be signed by himself and the Vestry.

2. Diocesan workshop. A Vestry Leadership Day has been scheduled by the diocese for Saturday, February 25, 2010, at St. Luke's, Madison. \$10 per person.

3. Convention delegates. Owing to the inability of three of the original elected delegates to attend the diocesan convention

October 14–15 (Joan and Tom Faull and Susanne Southwood), we will be represented by Fred Bowden and alternates Barbara Hector and Mark Prouty.

4. Stewardship. Pledges for 2012 are due October 30; Fr. Hector has written a letter to go to all parishioners on the subject of stewardship, and Jan will preach a sermon on stewardship on October 23.

5. Outreach. After discussion of possible outreach opportunities, Susanne was appointed chair of a committee that will invite guests to speak to us at coffee hour once a month about volunteer opportunities in the area. Additionally, *Claire moved that we have a line item in the 2012 budget designating a monthly sum to be donated to the Iowa County Food Pantry. Jan seconded; motion passed.* We also discussed having a jar on the table at coffee hour for donations to the Food Pantry, but no action was taken.

6. Vestry meetings. The Vestry will meet at Jan's house on October 21, November 18, and December 16.

7. Search committee. Jan observed that we must appoint a Search Committee soon to begin the process of finding a successor for Fr. Hector, and said that we should budget monies for the search and relocation expenses for the new rector.

Upcoming

1. October 14–15: Diocesan Convention.
2. December 3, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.: Holiday Gift Fair.
3. December 4, 4:00 p.m.: Festival of Lessons and Carols, with Bishop Miller.
4. Note that December 25 is a Sunday.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mark, second by Jan. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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

The Cruise of a Lifetime

by Kathy Madigan

ON SATURDAY, June 18, I left for a trip to Alaska with my two best friends and a new friend. The fact that I was going at all was a miracle, because when my friends talked me into charging a flight to Seattle last Thanksgiving, I had not a penny to spare and was trying to get my house re-roofed and refinanced, something that only God could help me do.

My friend Bev paid for my cruise when the payment was due in April, and I still didn't know if I'd be able to ever pay her back. Well, as you might imagine, God pulled through, but I wasn't sure until it happened. My house got re-roofed and my refinancing finally went through. Thank you, Lord!

My United Airlines flight from Madison to Chicago O'Hare was delayed, due to a strange computer outage on Friday night. Due to that delay, I missed my connecting flight in Chicago to Seattle. Both airports were chaotic with stranded people, angry people, and very calm airport and airline personnel.

For some reason, I remained anxious, but positive. I believed I would get to Seattle in time to meet my friends, who were taking different flights. A very kind United Airlines employee took the time and effort to book me on a later flight from Chicago to Seattle, without my knowledge. So, while many people did not get on that plane, I did!

When I got to Seattle, instead of me waiting an hour for my friends' arrival, I found my friends had waited two hours for ME to arrive. My lifelong friend, Bev, was holding up a sign that said, "Kathy." My other lifelong friend, Jan, was there, along with her college roommate, Carolyn, who I knew only casually, but was happy to get to know better. It was a great start! We stayed

overnight in Seattle, just a few blocks from the Space Needle where we went up and ate dinner. It was a wonderful experience; just ask me about it.

On Sunday morning we made our way to our ship, the Sapphire Princess. She is an absolutely beautiful ship, all white with some blue trim; very elegant! Our big surprise on board was that although Bev and I had booked a cheaper inside

room and Jan and Caroline booked a balcony room, we all got upgrades to larger connecting balconies. It was like an eight-day slumber party!

Alaska is one of the most beautiful places on earth, I think. Everywhere you look there are snow-topped mountains, lakes, waterfalls, streams, sea creatures, and eagles, eagles, eagles. Every single service provider and shopkeeper was charming and very happy to be in Alaska doing what they were doing.

Although the forecast said it

(*Con't on pg. 10*)

A festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 4—4:00 p.m.

Gathering of the community and introductory music, followed by
Festival of Lessons and Carols

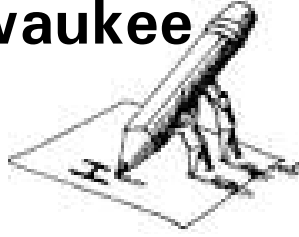
*Please join us for this traditional service that tells the Christmas story with
hymns, carols, and readings from the Old and New Testaments.*

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Free—all are welcome. Please arrive early, as seating is limited.

Notes from the 164th annual convention of the Diocese of Milwaukee



Mark Prouty writes: The 164th Annual Diocesan Convention started Friday, October 14, with afternoon workshops. One that impressed me was the diocesan alliance at Newala, Tanzania. This was organized in 1967 and continues to this day. One recent project is a new maternity and child health center. Another program, the Cow Project, is similar to The Heifer Project (which does not serve this region). A concern that astonished me was that HIV has decimated the child-bearing generation, often leaving as many as 20 orphaned children to be cared for by grandparents. Assistance for these programs is provided by UTO—United Thank Offering, and a little goes a long way.

Workshops were followed by an evening Eucharist. There is something powerful about many hundreds singing and worshipping together. Bishop Miller's message was that we are to live the abundant life Jesus promised, rather than adopting the mentality of scarcity that is our current societal stance.

Saturday's order of business included the expected nominations and elections of various positions, and acceptance of next year's budget. Two resolutions related to amendment and revisions to the Canon to clarify recent situations.

Three resolutions related to clergy compensation; all were approved. One resolved that the Consumer Price Index be replaced by multiple economic indices to determine an annual increase. Another increased compensation by 1.35% over 2011 levels. The last provisioned clergy health insurance coverage for calendar 2012. The stated

objective for these resolutions was to be able to attract and retain high-quality clergy.

The final resolution, regarding posting signage prohibiting concealed weapons on church property, generated the most discussion. Apart from a scriptural position of non-violence, some proponents of the resolution see this as a way to demonstrate their non-agreement with the state law. Some antagonists think that such a sign would be seen as a pronouncement of exclusion—that concealed weapon carriers are not welcome. The resolution passed. As it stands, individual parishes will need to determine whether or not they want to post signs (posting signage is "recommended" by the diocese).

I am left with the impression, even though we at Trinity are not numerous, that we really have a global presence when participating in a larger brother/sisterhood. Our actions, activities, and perhaps especially, our attitudes form a chain with generations of faithful believers that has and will continue to change the world for good and for God.

Fr. Hector writes: A Diocesan Convention for me is a great gathering of the clan; like any family reunion, my enthusiasm is in meeting the people. This time, at the Eucharist, Barbara and I sat behind a white-haired fellow, who turned out to be the Chancellor, Stuart Parsons, who was joined by Cindy Miller, the Bishop's wife. That night, at the

banquet, we were joined by a fellow from St. Thomas, Greendale, whom I know through our Fr. Edwards. He was a Racine native, and full of local chatter. On Saturday, our table was joined by the delegation from St. Boniface, Mequon, which included Steve Murphy, who, when we got to the balloting, was elected first alternate to the 2012 General Convention, which means he'll be in Indianapolis next July. By meeting these people, and by visiting a little, I feel closer to what we call "the Diocese."

Barbara Hector writes: Every member of Trinity Church should take the opportunity to be a delegate a Diocesan Convention. Why? First, they will meet people they would otherwise never have the opportunity to meet, who are there because they love their church and love to work for Christ, from Prairie du Chien to Whitefish Bay. Second, they will share in worship, with 300 or so, at the Eucharist, a memorable experience. And, they will have opportunity to visit with the vendors which represent organizations from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, to the UTO, to DeKoven Foundation, Marriage Encounter (Fr. Couper and Sabine), Daughters of the King, Order of Julian of Norwich, to name a few, all with informative handouts, candy, and many with a variety of items for sale. I would like to agree with Mark's closing sentence, that through our attitudes, we are a part of "a chain with generations of faithful believers that has and will continue to change the world for good and for God." ❖

Who, what, where—*Con't from pg. 3*

preparation for the nuptials of Ursula Kingsbury Bowden and Robert Russell Roberts who were wed in St. Paul, MN, on the 30th of September in an art gallery. An Anglican-based evening ceremony performed by the bride's godmother (under a cascade of flickering, suspended tea lights) was enjoyed by all. Then we danced (a polka, the chicken dance, big band, YMCA, waltz, Beatles, you-name-it, but no Macarena) the night away (at least until 11:00). Refreshments included 10 selected cheeses, 5 red wines, 5 white wines, champagne, 2 half-barrels of custom-made dark beer, and Russian Honey cake. Among the gifts: elegant glassware, kitchenware, housewares, their choice of opera tickets to "the Met," and a lovely picnic basket with a large rolling toolbox, a circular saw and a tabletop band saw (they were registered at Macy's and Home Depot).

"Wynn, our grandson, requested the uniform of a Civil War Union soldier for a costume for Halloween—**Katherine** does the sewing and I carved a 3/4-size Springfield 1863 rifle (sans the intricate detail—the profile is close) to complete the ensemble. Reese, his sister, requires no grandparent expertise this year—but wait until next year . . ."

■ A Daughters of the King retreat is scheduled for November 12 at St. Luke's, Madison. For details, email ljoscelyn@wi.rr.com.

RESOURCES AND LINKS

Anglican Communion
www.anglicancommunion.org

Episcopal Church USA
www.episcopalchurch.org

Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee
www.diomil.org

Another rummage sale success!

Thanks to the hard work of a great many people, the Trinity Guild's fall rummage sale scored a big success, raising a whopping \$1,066.90 for the Guild's coffers. (Previous totals for the fall rummage sale were \$652 in both 2007 and 2010, \$581 in 2008, and \$837 in 2009.)

This year, the Guild is contributing 9% of Trinity's total income, raising that money through the fall and spring rummage

sales, Holiday Gift Fair, and other events.

And speaking of the Gift Fair, Barbara Hector, president of the Guild, reminds us that it's just ahead, on December 3 (please see poster below). "This is our 55th annual Gift Fair," Barbara says, "and we hope to make it the best ever." As always, donations are needed for the crafts table, Christmas table, and of course, the food and candy tables. ❖



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

invites you to its
55th annual

Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Legate Hall - Trinity Episcopal Church - Mineral Point, WI

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. - Close at 3:00 p.m.

Needlework & Crafts

Baked Goods & Gourmet Foods

Christmas Decorations and Gifts

Lunch

served from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pie & coffee served until closing

Raffle Drawing

Locally Donated Items

Need not be present to win - Drawing at 2:00 p.m.

Raffle Tickets Available from Guild Members or Day of Fair

Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00

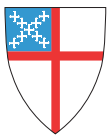
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Happy Thanksgiving!



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 (Rite I, 11/27)
9:30 a.m. Christian Formation for children

WARDENS

Jan Johnson, *Senior Warden* (2011)
Fred Bowden, *Junior Warden* (2011)

VESTRY

Joan Faull (2011)
Claire Holland (2013)
Mark Prouty (2012)
Susanne Southwood, *Clerk* (2012)

AND ALSO

Barbara Hector, *Trinity Guild President*
Le Hector, *Altar Guild President*
Sara Hector, *Treasurer*
Dorothy Prouty, *Music Director*

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would be in the 50's and rainy every day, we had rain only for one-half day and it was the warmest it had ever been in Alaska at that time.

Every morning I woke up feeling blessed to be on this ship, in this ocean, under this magnificent sky with my good friends. I was happy every day. Every night I thanked God for giving me the gifts of my day, and every morning I thanked God for the gifts I was to receive, and I asked God to help me to be aware of those gifts.

I don't know if you have lifelong friends, but I know I am truly blessed to have these smart, funny,

accomplished women in my life. The fact that we found each other as children and stayed in touch, closer than most sisters for all these years, is just a miracle.

Each of us has helped the others through both troubled and joyous times. The family we have created is stronger and better than the families we were born into.

I am grateful to God every day for the wonderful people who have been placed in my life, and Bev and Jan are right at the top of that list. The fact that we could spend this nine-day journey together was a gift to each of us that we all know came from above. ❖