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# High Notes

News for and about members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church, Mineral Point, WI  
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THIS month we are in our "stewardship" mode. Stewardship is much more than finances. Stewardship is a personal spiritual practice, which like all matters of faith, is a journey, not an "event." True, there will be moments of singular awareness, when we find that the worship of money, like all idolatry, proves to be a profoundly negative experience. True, many in our consumer-centered economy never ask "why?" They continue to seek satisfaction in something that never satisfies. There is never enough money. Ask any Vanderbilt.

Unfortunately, we will hear a great deal about our economy in the next twelve months. Here are two concerns. First, it is my humble opinion that the collapse of the go-go mortgage market, which took twenty years to develop, will take ten years to resolve, when an ordinary income will be able to finance an ordinary mortgage. By that time Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will be history. But I digress.

My second somber opinion, in the midst of current political rhetoric, is the fact that the average consumer debt remains in the tens of thousands of dollars. Our past prosperity was driven by this excess. I feel that before our "consumer economy" can resume its old levels, this credit card debt must return to reasonable levels (*i.e.*, one month's income). Ah, but I feel we will hear little on this matter.

What can I offer? What difference can "stewardship" make?

First, realize that human nature has remained remarkably consistent over the ages. Humanly, our basic responses were shaped in times of scarcity, when our enemies were four-footed and hungry. Now, many centuries later, a little voice in the back of our brain says, "there is not enough."

The psalmist knew this. In response he wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." This is a solid faith experience, not simple poetry. We do well to remember where the table of abundance is placed. The psalmist knew reality, God's reality.

Jesus knew this when he answered the crowd, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's (Mt 22: 21). Stewardship calls us to face the anxiety that surrounds the use of "wealth," and it calls us to identify and name that anxiety. Only then will we recognize how much energy it takes to deny that anxiety.

Further, stewardship gives us the antidote, an action that the world of scarcity finds impossible to imagine, which is generous giving. In exactly the same way that our souls thrive only when we turn from being self-centered to being God-centered, a whole set of energies is released when we turn from some imagined state of scarcity, and begin to respond to God's generosity. That is the joy of stewardship.

—Fr. Hector+

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# October@Trinity

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## Sunday, October 2

**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.

## Friday–Saturday, October 14–15

**Diocesan Convention in Racine.** All members of the diocese are encouraged to attend. Fred Bowden, Barbara Hector, and Mark Prouty will attend as Trinity's deputies. For Convention details, please see [www.diomil.org](http://www.diomil.org). (And note to the Altar Guild: In case you're interested, there will be a vestment exchange during the Convention.)

## Friday, October 21

**5:00 p.m.** Vestry meeting in the undercroft. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## Thursday, October 27

**7:00 p.m.** Hymn Masters practice. Please see page 7 for details.

## Saturday, October 29

**9:00 a.m.–** Fourth annual Pre-Advent Retreat at Cedar Valley, led by  
**3:00 p.m.** the Rev. Deb Woolsey. The day will begin and end with abbreviated morning and evening prayer. \$25 for the day includes lunch. For more information, please call Mother Woolsey at St. Alban's, Sussex, phone 262-246-4430.

## Sunday, October 30

Our 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 **\$3,722 a month** to operate Trinity (see chart, pg. 3). Your support is vital to our shared ministry, and the Vestry can't start on a realistic 2012 budget until all pledges are in. (A copy of our 2011 budget is posted on the bulletin board in the undercroft so you can see where the money goes.) Thank you.

## Birthdays

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



## Anniversaries

5 Jim and Janet McNeill  
21 Jim and Barbara Ballard

## 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.

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■ The 2011 Convention of the Diocese of Milwaukee is coming up October 14 and 15 at the Racine (WI) Civic Center, 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 and the convention banquet. 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. For more information, please check the diocesan website at [www.diomil.org](http://www.diomil.org).

■ What does a healthy, growing Episcopal community look like? To get some answers, the Episcopal Church's Office of Communication and the Office of Congregational Vitality have produced a series of videos that take a close look at five dynamic churches across the country. You can see the videos at [www.episcopalchurch.org/vitality](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/vitality).

■ At their July meeting, Guild members decided to donate the proceeds from the Fourth of July event to Fr. Hector's discretionary fund.

■ **Jean-Margret Merrell-Beech** had an eventful summer, and writes, "Vacation! Four straight weeks of poison ivy requiring two doctor visits, medications and multiple lotions! I'm hoping that the fifth week does the trick. And then Hurricane Irene at our grandchildren's in New Haven with the ensuing chaos. But lots of time for both girls to knit hats from the homespun I brought, as school kept



being put off until power could be restored. Our grandson's first appearance in a professional Shakespearian theater made us very proud if a bit concerned about his future earnings. As an apprentice member of Equity, he is

applying to colleges with both science and theater in mind." And for her summer reading, she writes, "*The Caves of Perigord* by Martin Walker ties together ideas of early religion in the cave paintings, the WWII French Resistance, and a modern 'mystery.' I found the politically complex motivations of the Resistance so French."

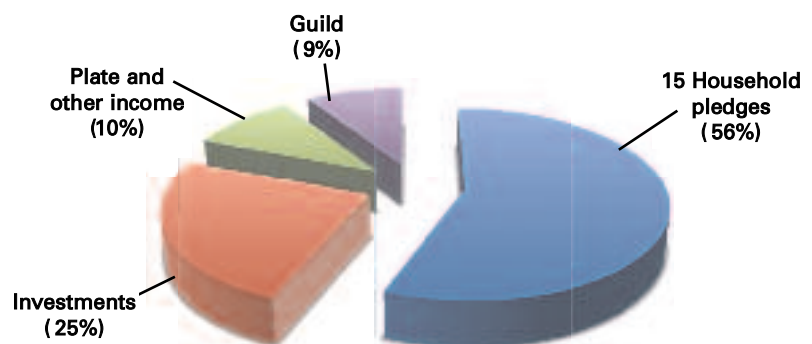
■ OK, so we missed National Book Week. But we can pretend. Grab the book nearest you, turn to page 56, and copy the fifth sentence. Then send it to Ye Ed. at [deltadirect@earthlink.net](mailto:deltadirect@earthlink.net) and we'll post it in next month's newsletter. (There may be prizes . . . .) C'mon!

## Trinity finances at a glance

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

- In 2011, the total church budget for the year is \$44,664—meaning it costs us an average of \$3,722 every month to keep the doors open.
- We have 15 pledging households, which pledge \$25,074. Average pledge is \$1,672 (up from \$1,633 in 2010).
- However, household pledge income provides only 56% of our budget, down 4% from last year. Other income comes from investments (\$11,090, 24.8%) and plate offerings and other income (\$4,400, just under 10% of budget), with a further \$2,500 being pledged by the Guild, which also has contributed an additional \$1,600 this year, bringing the Guild's total 2011 contribution to \$4,100 (9.1%).

Our 2011 budget is posted in the undercroft. If you have any questions, please see our treasurer, Sara Hector, or a member of the Vestry. ( Note: Percentages in chart below are rounded.)



# Holy women, holy men

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

**October 3—George Kennedy Allen Bell**, Bishop of Chichester, and Ecumenist, 1958. A major voice in the Church of England during World War II and a major figure on the ecumenical stage during the post-war years, Bishop Bell took an active role in securing safe haven in England for Jews and non-Aryans escaping from the Nazi terror. He developed a close association with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and was a signer of the Barmen Declaration, the manifesto of the Confessing Church that stood in opposition to Hitler's views. It is widely presumed that his outspoken condemnation of the indiscriminate bombing of German cities during the war cost him the See of Canterbury. In the postwar era he was a staunch critic of the cold war and the nuclear arms race. He was a founder of the World Council of Churches, and developed a friendship with Giovanni Montini, Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, who was to become Pope Paul VI.

**October 3—John Raleigh Mott**, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955. Long an official of the YMCA and convinced of the need for better cooperation among Christian communities in the global mission field, he was chairman of the committee that organized the International Missionary Conference in 1910, from which the modern ecumenical movement began. Speaking before that Conference he said, "It is a startling and solemnizing fact that even as late as the twentieth century, the Great Command of Jesus Christ to carry the Gospel to all mankind is still so largely unfulfilled . . . ." In 1946 he received the

Nobel Peace Prize for his work in establishing and strengthening international organizations which worked for peace.

**October 7—Henry Melchior Muhlenberg**, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787. Born near Hanover, Germany, he is regarded as the patriarch of Lutheranism in North America, immigrating to the colonies in 1742. He developed a common liturgy which was an essential part of unifying Lutherans in America for some generations, and his axiom,



"one book, one church" is a benchmark for liturgical revision among North American Lutherans to this day.

**October 8—William Dwight Porter Bliss**, Priest, 1926, and **Richard Theodore Ely**, Economist, 1943. The son of Presbyterians, Richard Ely became an Episcopalian while an undergraduate at Columbia. After receiving his doctorate in economics from the University of Heidelberg, he taught at Johns Hopkins University and then at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. In 1894 he was accused of teach-

ing socialist principles and efforts were made to remove him from his professorship. Ely rejected the extremes of both capitalism and socialism, and said in his defense, "I condemn alike that individualism that would allow the state no room for industrial activity, and that socialism which would absorb in the state the functions of the individual." He argued that the Gospel was social rather than individualistic in nature, and consistently called the Episcopal Church to work toward the reform of capitalism for the sake of the rights and dignity of the American worker. He favored competition with regulation that would raise the moral and ethical level of economic practice. William Bliss also believed that the church was called to work for economic justice, the principles of which were grounded in the Gospel. Originally a Congregationalist, he became an Episcopal priest and consistently claimed that economic justice, for which all Christians were responsible, was "rooted and grounded in Christ, the liberator, the head of humanity." He organized the first Christian Socialist Society in the U.S. in 1899.

**October 9—Wilfred Thomason Grenfell**, Medical Missionary, 1940. Born in Cheshire, England, Sir William studied medicine at the London Hospital Medical School where he came under the influence of American revivalist Dwight L. Moody. After his medical qualification, he joined the Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fisherman as a medical missionary, and was

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# 'Our dear Lord's people' . . . and us

By Susanne Southwood

I have recently become aware, through a contact at SWCAP, of the number of families and individuals in desperate need in Iowa County. Truly desperate need.

- Need so great that SWCAP provides "hygiene" kits—toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, washcloths, hairbrushes—to some 30 children in the Dodgeville schools so they can brush their teeth and wash themselves and brush their hair before the school day starts.
- Need so great that one homeless family with small children was bathing in the river this summer.
- Need so great that an "Empty Backpack" program sends kids home on Fridays with food, so they'll have something to eat over the weekend.

The list goes on, in heartbreaking length and detail.

It's impossible to talk to the people at SWCAP and not be moved to tears. And impossible not to wonder what we, as Christians, are called to do to help.

We do not have a line item for outreach in our annual budget. I hereby request that we remedy that in our 2012 budget. I also request that we consider the questions raised below in the context of outreach by Trinity.

We at Trinity are blessed, individually and collectively, with the world's goods—sometimes, an abundance of those goods. What are we doing as a parish community to help others who are not so fortunate? What gifts can we bring to our larger community—

gifts of money, of our time as volunteers—to help our needy brothers and sisters?

In her September article in our newsletter, Jan suggested that we ask ourselves what Trinity's job is, and get on with doing it.

Then she answered her own question: "The job is the same one the apostles had 2,000 years ago—spread the good news and grow the Kingdom. All we are called upon to do is to know, value, and aid the life journey of every person who comes through our door—family, friend, or stranger—and to provide the experience of Christian love in our community. I suggest that we think about how we as Episcopalians do that."

So how do we do that? What are we doing? What can we do?

In response to the request made of all Vestry members at the June 8 meeting, I proposed the following list of five topics for discussion at adult education forums in 2012, with specific reference to outreach at Trinity.

1. *We express our gratitude and trust in God through tithing.* (At the 1982 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Resolution Number 1982-A116, titled "Affirm the Tithe as the Standard of Giving," states: "That the tithe be affirmed as the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians.") What does this mean in terms of outreach by Trinity?
2. *We participate in the ministries*

*of compassion undertaken by our congregation, diocese, and national church.* Are we doing this? What does this mean in terms of outreach by Trinity?

3. *We promise to seek and serve Christ in every person and to love our neighbor as ourself.* How can we make this happen? How can we manifest our love of our neighbors, especially our neighbors who are in need?

4. *We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of life and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God.* How is that thanksgiving reflected in our shared life at Trinity? How do we manifest it? What does this mean in terms of outreach by Trinity?

5. *We promise to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.* In concrete terms, what does this mean? What does this mean in terms of outreach by Trinity?

In a recent New York Times article about the history of nuns as founders of a huge number of hospitals in this country, a retiring nun spoke of the values of her order, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, who opened their first hospital in St. Louis in 1872.

Their earliest ledgers, she said, denoted those unable to pay as "Our dear Lord's."

Our dear Lord's people are all around us, in our midst. How can we serve them? What are your thoughts? ❖

## Minutes of the Trinity Guild Meeting

Trinity Guild met on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at noon at the home of Joan Faull with 7 members present—Le Hector, Carolyn Hunt, Ann Chapman, Penny Roberts, Fr. Hector, Barbara Hector, and Joan Faull.

The meeting opened with the ECW prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the June meeting were read—motion to accept by Ann, seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.

Treasurers' report was presented with a balance on hand of \$7,921.36. Motion to accept by Le, seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

Thanks were given to all who worked on a very successful July 4 event. Proceeds from the selling of hot dogs, root beer floats, bottled water and root beer were \$319.

Next was discussion of the cash outreach and service outreach options. Carolyn made a motion to give the proceeds from the July 4 event to Father's discretionary fund. Motion seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

Short discussion on the hanging for the Fall Rummage Sale. Decided to hang after the Sept. meeting.

Fr. Clark served as Rector at Trinity from 1971 to 1975. He will be celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination this year and they've asked for pictures of his time at Trinity. Joan is the only one left that was here when he was here so she will check in her pictures to see if she has any. He and his wife Carol are now at St. John's in Phoenix, AZ.

With no more business before

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## News from a peripatetic friend

On September 12th Carolyn Hunt and I took off on an adventure to explore Door County and Washington Island. The day was perfect, so with the top down, we ventured forth, excited to be on the road and especially me, as I could already smell the lakes I had so long been looking forward to seeing. I was not disappointed as our first stop was Green Lake. We stayed right on the lake and all I could do was sit and take in all the beauty. Dinner that night was superb and I had the best fish since Sydney.

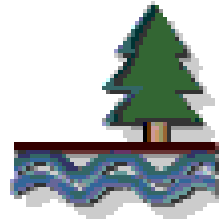
The next day we wended our way up, wherever possible avoiding major roads so as to enjoy the countryside. I do feel we picked the best time to go as the trees were just starting to change color and the land was a patchwork of brown, green, and yellow. The cows looked contented, the horses sleek, and the sheep covered with plenty of wool.

We explored Egg Harbour and Fish Creek, and here is where our basic instincts took over, as all the shops had just started their sales! Both of these places are charming and we were able to amble around at our leisure as it was not crowded. We went on to Ephraim and booked in to a beautiful hotel called the Breakwater which again was right on the water. We sat and watched the sunset from the verandah, sitting in comfortable cane chairs glass of wine in hand—ahhh, bliss.

The next day the wind had whipped up and the waves were crashing on the shore and for a

moment I felt I was looking at the ocean. It took very little to convince us that we would spend another day here and then go on to Washington Island. Another wonderful day of exploring the surrounds and yes, a "little" more shopping.

On to Washington Island. The ferry ride was a little bumpy, but for someone who grew up on boats it was such a joy to be on the water. The Island did not disappoint. We stayed in a charming place at Jackson Harbour and explored the Island from top to bottom. One of the highlights was visiting the Stavkirke which was built by the



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Stavkirke—which refers to the use of vertical posts—was conceived as a place of spiritual meditation and worship. This particular one is patterned after the Borgund, Norway, church built in 1150 A.D. One could not be in this beautiful wood structure and not feel at peace.

It was very hard to leave such a tranquil place and head back to civilization, but we wended our way home, still enjoying the scenery and with another stop overnight. We visited the Marshes and then on to our lovely Mineral Point.

I am so blessed to have such a friend as Carolyn who made sure that I had my fill of the beauty of the lake and who made it such fun to explore. One cannot look at those vast bodies of water and not feel the presence of God's hand in creating such magnificence.

—Ann Chapman

appalled by the near-starvation, poverty, and ill health of the British workers in Labrador. Devoting himself to their nurture, he built the first hospital of the Labrador Medical Mission in 1893, eventually opening boarding schools, hospital ships, clothing distribution centers, and the Seaman's Institute at St. John's, Newfoundland, often with money he raised himself.

**October 19—William Carey**, Missionary to India, 1834. An English Baptist missionary, Carey was a major figure in developing the Protestant missionary movement of the nineteenth century. He was a professor at Fort Williams College in Serampore, India, from 1800 until his death, and while teaching there he translated the Bible into Bengali and Sanskrit and the New Testament into other Indian languages and dialects. In 1818 his mission established Serampore College to train indigenous ministers and provide a classical education to anyone, regardless of caste or national origin.

**October 30—John Wyclif**, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384. A forerunner of the Protestant Reformation and an inspiration to later reformers John Hus and Martin Luther, Wyclif, with the support of powerful patrons, began in the 1370s to construct theological views that were at odds with and critical of the medieval church. He held that a national church could be fully and completely the church and not have to tolerate the interference and abuse of international, i.e., papal, authority. Believing that Scripture should be available to all who could read, he translated the Latin Vulgate Bible into English. In 1381, however, he was condemned for questioning the eucharistic doctrine of

transubstantiation, believing that the underlying philosophy was problematic and that the popular piety flowing from it led inevitably to superstitious behaviors. Although he had nothing to do with inciting the Peasants' Revolt of the same year, he was blamed for it, retired, and died three years later.

**October 31—Paul Shinji Sasaki**, Bishop of Mid-Japan, and of Tokyo, 1946, and **Philip Lindel Tsen**, Bishop of Honan, China, 1954. Paul Sasaki was a bishop of Nippon Sei Ko Kei (a member church of the Anglican Communion), who was persecuted and imprisoned for his support of the independence of his church during the Second World War, Lindel Tsen was the principal leader of Chinese Anglicanism in the middle of the 20th century. When the Japanese government ordered all Christians into a "united church" regardless of differences in doctrine or polity, roughly one-third of the dioceses of Nippon Sei Ko Kei joined the new church. Bishop Sasaki, however, refused, and inspired most of the churches to stay together and faithful to their Anglican heritage. He was imprisoned and tortured for his actions, but after the war his witness was an inspiring rallying point for the rebuilding of the church. Lindel Tsen was raised by Episcopal Church missionaries and, after his ordination, worked closely with Canadian missionaries in China. At the end of the Sino-Japanese work he became the leader of the Chinese Anglican Church. Upon his return from the 1948 Lambeth Conference he was put under house arrest by the Communist authorities.

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



**Who  
sings  
well,  
prays  
twice.**

—*St. Augustine of Hippo*

**Dorothy Prouty**, Trinity's music director, is looking for a few good men and women to join the newly formed Trinity Hymn Masters. You don't have to be a musical genius—if you enjoy singing and would be willing to give this gift of your time and voice, you will be most happily welcomed. The Hymn Masters will rehearse at the church on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. for about an hour (maybe a little longer, Dorothy says, near Christmas and holy days), and sing at the 9:30 a.m. liturgy on the fourth Sunday of the month. If you're interested, please let Dorothy know at coffee hour.

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us, Le moved to close the meeting. Seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

September 20 meeting will be at 1 p.m. at the church and we will hang rummage after the meeting.

Joan and Penny served lunch of baked chicken, potato salad, fruit salad, lemon bars, and more – a good time had by all!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Faull, Secretary*

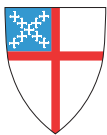
I have had many problems in my life, most of which never happened.

—*Mark Twain*

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## 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* (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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### OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	USHER	LECTOR/ PRAYER READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTE
2	F. Bowden	Martin	S. Hector	S. Hector
9	J. & T. Faull	Madigan	F. Bowden	
16	Powers	C. Bowers	Whitford	S. Hector
23	Holland	Powers	Holland	S. Hector
30	M. Prouty	Hunt	Madigan	

### NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	USHER	LECTOR/ PRAYER READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTE
6	Southwood	J-M. Merrell-Beech	S. Hector	S. Hector
13	F. Bowden	F. Bowden	F. Bowden	
20	J. & T. Faull	E. Hector	Whitford	S. Hector
27	Powers	Holland	Holland	S. Hector