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FROM THE RECTOR

Lent: Here we go...

Each year I struggle with how to effect the “observance of a holy Lent”, as we are invited to do on Ash Wednesday. Do I give up something I enjoy, thus denying myself some simple pleasure for forty days (excluding Sundays)? Or do I take something on for those forty days – something that will make me a better person, and thus, a better Christian? What to do?

Well, first of all, I need to remember just why it is that we take on a Lenten discipline, whether it be to deny or to add something to our routine of life.

What it's not: First of all, it's not anything like a New Year's Resolution. That means that the goal of becoming a better person is not necessarily what a Lenten discipline is about. Lent's goal is to become closer to our God. Period. Anything else that occurs as a result of whatever discipline we might choose is a by-product – lagniappe, if you will. It's not about dropping the caloric intake of that piece of pie after dinner in order to lose weight. It is about skipping that piece of pie and focusing instead on our Lord. We do not, after all, live by bread (pudding!) alone. But by the Word of God. Giving up treats should grab our attention, and focus it on God. Likewise, taking on an extra activity like study or added prayer alone won't win us any points for the hereafter. Not, unless, we find said denial or addition does indeed keep us closer to our God.

I remember fairly vividly the “contests” we kids in my Roman Catholic elementary school would wage over whose Lent was tougher to keep. Giving up chocolate, bubble gum, reading comic books; you name it, and we thought of it! And if we ever cheated on our discipline, there was always the heavy feeling of guilt. Not, at first blush, that might seem a bit childish to us adults. But let me tell you: for us Lent carried special meaning. Going to Confession on Friday afternoon was somehow more intense – dare I say intentional – for us and had quite an impact during Lent. (It probably helped that we did the Stations of the Cross every Friday as well!) And back then, those weren't options for us kids. Father Walsh and the sisters were insistent that each of us took part. And believe me, when they spoke, we jumped!

So, want a suggestion for a simple discipline anyone can do? We have booklets available that make it quite easy: *2011 Lenten Meditations*, from Episcopal Relief and Development. Inside are 46 brief readings from Scripture with a reflection on each one; one for each day of Lent along with the six Sundays. Each can be read in a minute or so, and how much time you spend in meditation is up to you. Pick yours up before they're all gone.

Peace,

Mickey +

Wednesday Night Suppers for March

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Menu</u> | <u>Youth</u> | <u>Team</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| March 2nd | Tacos | Yes | Johnston Team |
| March 9th | Ash Wednesday—No Supper Served | | |
| <u>*Lenten Season (3/9—4/20—All teams serve soup (at least 1 meatless) & bread only NO dessert*</u> | | | |
| March 16th | Soup & Bread | Yes | Ploeckelman Team |
| March 23rd | Soup & Bread | No | Altar Guild (Luke/John Team) |
| March 30th | Soup & Bread | Yes (5th Weds) | Vestry |

Trinity's Church Directory

Thanks to the sixty families that sat for new photos and for those who have submitted their own photos for Trinity's new church directory. These directories are such an important tool to our members and so your participation was greatly appreciated.

For all who *participated*, your photos and directories are scheduled to be delivered to you at the church on Monday, April 4 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thanks again! Cynthia Ebel Goad



Paper Recycling

Did you know recycling 1 ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, and enough energy to power the average American home for six months?

So be a good steward of God's creation and put those bulletins and other paper into our recycling containers around the church. There is also an industrial sized container available for **PAPER** recycling in the parking lot of the church if you want to recycle letters, newspapers, and magazines from home. **Please, NO CARDBOARD, plastic or cans. Only paper!**

CARDBOARD VILLAGE IS COMING!

Mark your calendars for April 2! Cardboard Village will be hosted at Trinity from 12 p.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. on Sunday. Youth grades 6-12 are welcome! Please see Anna Heron for the sign up sheet. We are needing donations of duct tape, cardboard boxes, capri sun, granola bars, bottled water, tarps, drop cloths, and other snack foods. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Telford at 931-980-4523 or by email at lisa.telford@asburyseminary.edu.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| 7:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (30 minutes) |
| Noon | Noonday Prayers Liturgy will last about 15 minutes. Church will remain open for meditation until 1:00 pm |
| 5:30 pm | Holy Eucharist (30 minutes) |



March Birthdays

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| 2 | Ralph Mickle, Kory Miller | 16 | Victoria Hunter |
| 3 | Lissy Gomez | 19 | Greg Smith |
| 4 | Anne Marie Rocconi | 21 | Chance Hulbert, Charlotte Marshall |
| 5 | Scarlet Van Meter | 22 | Pat Carter |
| 6 | Bill Kimbrough | 23 | Chris Jarvis, Jack Mitchell |
| 8 | Haedyn King | 24 | Mark Hunter, Lee Thompson |
| 9 | Rose Allgood, Anita Cobb | 27 | Sean Dial, Blake Yrabedra |
| 10 | Patrick Milligan, Dixie Webb | 28 | Phil Blake, Kealy Carter, Peggy Seay |
| 14 | Nancy Gibson, Bob Houston | 31 | Darren King |

Wednesday Nights at Trinity

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| 5:30-6:00: | Holy Eucharist |
| 6:00-7:00: | Supper served (modest charge) |
| 6:30-8:30: | Children's Choir (1 st & 3 rd) Children's Activities (2 nd & 4 th) |
| 6:30-8:00: | Youth Group (1 st & 3 rd) |
| 7:00-8:00: | Adult Classes (as announced) Adult Choir (2 nd & 4 th) |

** Times and specific activities/classes may change throughout the year. Check monthly newsletter and Sunday bulletins for updates.

** When Clarksville-Montgomery County schools close for inclement weather, all Wednesday night activities will be cancelled also.

Ash Wednesday Services

March 9th

7 a.m.

12:00 noon

6 p.m.



Remembered in our Prayers

Diocese and Worldwide: Our military and all victims of wars

Parish Family and Friends:

Naomi Cannaday, Tony Ciotta, Nancy Doherty, George Fisher, David Fiske, Virginia Gildrie, Nelson Gray, Nadine Hare, Della Hemmrich, Ed Irwin, Judy Janes, John Knickerbocker, Quentin Laver, Ginny Lindsey, Juanita McKinney, Harriett Moore, Tom Moore, George Northup, James Ramsey, Dan Rechten, Crys Sackrider, Bill Shorter, Jessie Shuman, Jeffrey Vaught, Dorothy Woodham, Mary Catherine Word, Mercy Yrabedra.



Don't Forget



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY for WEDNESDAYS at TRINITY



When the Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools are closed due to inclement weather on Wednesdays, there will be NO services (am or pm), supper or activities at Trinity. Choir or class members should contact their leader for specific instructions for those groups. If you have questions, call the parish office, 645-2458.

Secretary's Hours
Monday through Friday
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Children's Choir



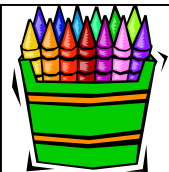
Whitney Price is the children's choir director. She is a recent graduate of APSU and is currently the music teacher at Barkers Mill Elementary School.

The children are learning songs to sing during services and receiving group training in basic music theory. Participants are elementary school age children who can focus and pay attention for at least 45 minutes.

Rehearsals are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the choir room (3rd floor). The children will perform during one Sunday service each month.

POC: Katie Dean at katedean1@charter.net or 217-8314.

Trinity Needles ...
Meet in the Library every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
If you knit or crochet please come and join us!



Coloring Books in Church

Look to your left as you enter the church and you will see our new coloring book display. We have coloring books and crayons in small canvas bags hanging on a children's coat rack. Help us point this out to new members and those visiting Trinity. Interested in making a donation? We are using Christian coloring books (we found ours at the Dollar Tree and Lifeway Bookstore), small boxes of crayons, and canvas bags with pockets, (from Hobby Lobby).

Room In The Inn Supplies
RITI still has needs! Travel size toiletries are always needed. Paper products are needed for the shelter. Any questions, please call the parish office, 645-2458.



Where Can I Serve?

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Altar Guild needs at least four people interested in joining this group. POC is Mary Smith, 624-6078, or mary@clarksville.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE!!!!

We still need some volunteers for our 2010 -11 Preschool through Sixth grade Sunday school program and to lead Children's Chapel! Please consider joining us in this very rewarding and important ministry. We have storyteller and assistants positions available. Fall term begins in September, followed by winter and spring sessions. Contact Dabney Peacher 931-627-2455, dabney-peacher@aol.com, or the parish office.

HANDS ON CLARKSVILLE is a brand new online clearing-house for organizations needing volunteers and for wantabee volunteers to find their niche. If you are part of an organization that would like to be registered with Hands On Clarksville or if you are looking for a place to volunteer your unique gifts (after using them at Trinity, of course!), go to www.handsonclarksville.org.



Trinity volunteers at Loaves and Fishes (Clarksville's Soup Kitchen)

the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Volunteers are always welcome to help in this fun and rewarding ministry. For more information, please contact the church office and Jan will put you in touch with

Altar Flowers for March

*To provide flowers one Sunday, contact Mildred Mickle at 503-0159 or Jan Hammett at 645-2458.



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| March 6th | Mr. Horace Taylor |
| March 13th | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hodgson |
| March 20th | Mrs. Mildred Mickle |
| March 27th | Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Knickerbocker |



Collecting Food for Loaves and Fishes



Loaves and Fishes is a local program that feeds Clarksville's needy. Next time you're shopping at the grocery store why not pick up an extra item—or two—for this worthy cause? Bring donations to church where there is container in the Vestibule of the church, and the Parish Hall for you to drop off your donations. These will be taken to Loaves and Fishes every month. Your support is very much appreciated. Please remember items that require refrigeration cannot be accepted in the collection bins. Shirley Hood. 552- 3538 #

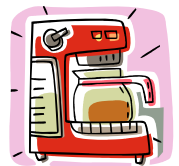


GREETERS FOR MARCH

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| March 6th | Dixie Webb |
| March 13th | James & Nicole Tafoya |
| March 20th | Jerry & Fessey Hackney |
| March 27th | Greg Poole |

IF YOU NEED COFFEE HOUR, WE NEED YOU!!

Coffee Hour schedule is posted on the hall bulletin board beside Dorothy Conroy Hall. Feel free to sign up for a week!!



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| March 6th | Elyse Wanke |
| March 13th | Available |
| March 20th | Available |
| March 27th | Hilborn's |

If you have question, please call or email Paige King, 931-302-3750 or paige@hodgepodge-home.com

Thanks, in advance, for your offer of help!

Daughter, sister, wife, mother, entrepreneur, newspaper contributor and now Trumpet Contributor. Not only is this month's contributor a woman of many talents she is an active communicant of our Parish. She and her family have been communicants of Trinity for some time now and seem to increase their influence with the passing of each year. Here then is Paige King.....

When Jerry "Hemingway" Knickerbocker approached me about writing an article for The Trumpet, I was simultaneously flattered and nervous. *Flattered* he thought I could put together something of interest to our congregation and afraid that I wouldn't be able to produce a coherent spiritual thought. This subject matter being my most daunting—I mean, we're not discussing table lamps or dinnerware, are we?

I decided to fall back on my ever-present inner battle with prayer. I struggle with the basics, like how to pray and when to pray. Then there is my biggest issue with prayer: how do I know when it's being answered?

I have a difficult time getting my head, heart or soul around comments that I hear from all directions. I hear people saying things like, "God told me to . . ." or, "My prayers were answered when . . .;" I want to grab them and ask how they know that what they heard was God. I'm skeptical because, more often than not, these people are hearing God tell them exactly what they were hoping for. I wonder if they're listening when God says, "No. I don't think this is the right time for you to receive the promotion you want." I wonder if they're listening when God says take the more difficult path, not the easier one.

I know a lot of people think God speaks through our intuitions. That feeling that you shouldn't take your usual route to work or you should call a friend. Is that God protecting you from an accident or helping your friend with a timely phone call?

I guess I'm trying to grab onto this feel good confidence that I'm carrying out God's plan for me. I worry, though, I'll be talking too loud when His message arrives—I won't hear His call. I worry I'll be pushing my agenda so hard, I won't recognize his efforts to guide me. I worry I'll be too busy.

Then, as I'm formulating the outline for this article, I have an epiphany (please pardon the ecclesiastical pun)! I have had prayers answered—I am hearing and even heeding His guidance. For example, as I've stated, I've been struggling with this prayer thing for a while, but now (and I mean—JUST now—today) I recognize how God has given me opportunities to improve our communications. Last fall, during Rally Day, I had a few moments to sit and visit with Elyse Wanke. She was setting-up the booth for Daughters of the King and we began discussing what the organization is about. As it turns out, they're about prayer! So I thought, I'm going to attend one of their meetings, which I did almost immediately, but "haven't had time" since. A few months pass, yet I cannot seem to adjust my schedule in order to attend another meeting. Then I get a call from Elyse, who wants to know if it would be possible to have their DOK meeting at my shop. And now Jerry asks me to write for the Trumpet? I don't know about you, but I'm thinking God wants to talk to me as much I want to talk to Him.

I've had a few other *indirect* communications with the Almighty recently—doors closing and others opening—which I'm going to happily conclude are God's attempts to clue me in on His plan for Paige. I'd just like it stated for the record that I'm a believer, but it was February 2011 is when I realized that God is at work in my everyday life and He's been answering my prayers for a while now.

Thanks, Elyse and the member of the DOK for pursuing me and thanks Jerry for prompting me to examine my spiritually gray area.

Murder of a Millionaire
“A Will Reading for the Rich and Greedy” Date: TBD

Stay tuned!!! This spring the Red Door Committee will be hosting another interactive party where we will try to solve a fictitious murder. This will be a “pay what you can” event. All are welcome to either play a character or just observe the fun.

Want to learn more?

Characters will receive a detailed role description and background information on the night in question prior to the party. Arrive in character; receive a set of objectives to read upon arrival along with bribe money and a nametag of the role you are playing. The objectives given to each of the characters are designed to help the guests mingle with one another and to help divulge more information about possible motives for the murder that is about to occur.

During the evening, characters will receive a list of more objectives to complete, secrets to keep, evidence and more. You will begin to reveal more and more information, evidence and motives of your fellow characters as you try to solve the crime while maintaining your own innocence. Prize will be given for best dressed, best actor and best actress so be ready to shine and show us your thespian skills.

POC: Sheila Foust, Kendall Welsh & Dede Casteel



Thanks to all who attended the Empty Bowls lunch or dinner or donated money or soup ingredients. The final count is not in, but over 650 persons attended and we are certain to have netted the largest total yet to benefit Clarksville's own Loaves and Fishes and Grace Assistance Ministries (of Urban Ministries).

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OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE (September through May)

Sunday

(Nursery provided during 9:30 worship and Sunday School)

7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, (no music)
8:30 am Old Testament Class
9:00 am Grace Chapel, worship
9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)
9:30 am Children's Chapel (through Offertory)

(Coffee hour in parish hall immediately following 9:30 service)

11:00 am Handbell rehearsal
11:00 am Christian Education for all ages
12:00 am Daughters of the King (2nd)
5:00 pm Grace Reformed Baptist Church meets in DC Hall

Monday

5:30-7:00 pm Brownies (1st & 3rd)

Tuesday

1:00 pm Needles (knitting/crocheting group) (2nd & 4th)
5:00 pm Executive Committee meeting (2nd)
6:00 pm Vestry meeting (3rd)
8:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday

(Nursery provided 6:30-8:00 pm)

7:00 am Holy Eucharist
12-1 pm Noonday Prayers & Meditation
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
6-7 pm Supper Served
6:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd)
6:30 pm Youth Group (1st & 3rd)
6:30 pm Older Children's Group (2nd & 4th)
7:00 pm Adult Classes
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (2nd & 4th)

Saturday

9:30 am Episcopal Church Women (2nd)