

The Anchor



Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Dear Friends,

August 2011

In lieu of an article from me in this month's newsletter, I am highlighting the article immediately below from Pem Hall. Along with Gregg Beck, Pem has been leading our planning process and this interim report is important reading for every member of the parish. I commend it to you.
Peace, Bo Millner

The Congregational Planning Process

A Report from Pem Hall

Have you noticed that the pace doesn't slow for the summer at G&HTC? We are traveling to Belize and Petersburg to build communities, continuing our weekly Soup Kitchen, studying the Bible during the Good Book Club on Sunday mornings, discussing Love Wins on Wednesday nights, and enjoying lots of food and fun in between. But have you heard about the group of parishioners who are working to define what God is calling G&HTC to do for the future? Since May, several dedicated volunteers have been considering our Church demographics, financial capacity and ministry programs as they relate to the need to renovate our Parish Hall. But, let's back up for a minute.

In 2006, a team led by Gregg Beck undertook a comprehensive study of our facilities at 8 N. Laurel. Through space utilization surveys and numerous interviews with parishioners, Gregg's team developed a prioritized list of projects – both large and small – that would enhance our buildings. Feedback from G&HTC parishioners indicated that the number one area in need of attention was the Parish Hall.

Fast forward to 2010. The Vestry decided to move ahead on the assumption from the 2006 Space Survey that the Parish Hall needed an upgrade, and they engaged architect Todd Dykshorn to prepare preliminary drawings and rough cost estimates. Comfortable with the ballpark estimate for the project and excited about creating a more welcoming and efficient gathering space for our parish, it was time for us to define how our ministries would drive the ultimate look of the Parish Hall. The theme going forward became "define, then design."

Using the Congregational Planning Process model from the Episcopal Church Building Fund, a Planning Committee was organized to oversee the task of developing a plan for discerning what God is calling us as a Church to do. The purpose of the

Planning Committee, co-chaired by Gregg Beck and Pem Hall, is to oversee the Parish Hall building project and present a ministry plan to the Vestry and congregation. The real work has been happening this summer in the three subcommittees that are defining **who** we are, **what** our resources are, and **how** we will respond to God's call.

The Data Subcommittee, chaired by Suzanne Davenport, is creating a parish profile that will include historical data and projections for attendance, pledge revenue, space use, and membership and community demographics. The Finance Subcommittee, led by Darrell Alexander, is analyzing the financial potential of the congregation in order to identify the amount of money that we can afford to spend on a capital project (a budget ceiling).

The Ministry Subcommittee, chaired by Dave Johnson, is evaluating our current SWEEPPS ministries through interviews with parishioners. By integrating the vision of the parish into the membership and finance data from the other two subcommittees, the Ministry Subcommittee will create a draft Ministry Program Report based on our mission statement. This report will articulate what God is calling G&HTC to do and will be presented to the congregation for feedback. Once we have defined how we are answering God's call, we can work with Todd to design a parish hall that will facilitate the ministries of G&HTC.

A complete list of the committee members is below. You will notice that members of our church staff serve as liaisons to the groups. If you are serving on one of these committees, thank you! If you have taken the time to be interviewed by the Ministry Subcommittee, thank you! If you have read this article and are interested in learning more, thank you! You may look for future updates on the planning process in our regular church communications or contact Julie Joyce, Senior Warden.

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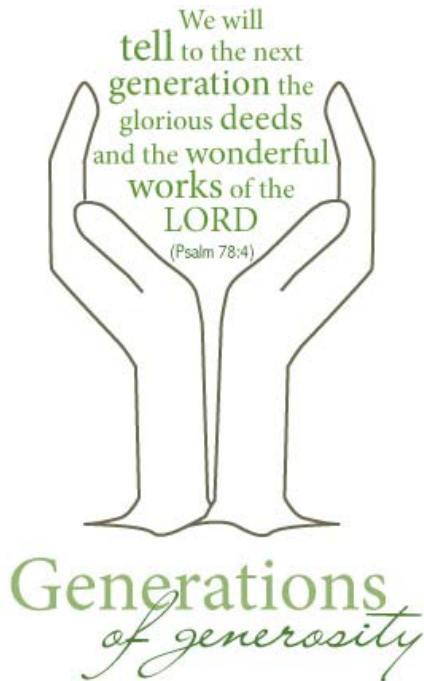
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Three quarters, two dimes and a nickel

By Sandra Hartley

Several years ago, when I was working with the stewardship committee of another church, I asked them, "What is your first memory of money as it relates to giving?" A priest said that his parents taught him to manage money and to give to the church a tenth, or a tithe. Every Saturday evening he was given his allowance - \$1 at that time. His parents would break it up in change: three quarters, two dimes and a nickel. One dime was for God. It went straight into his offering envelope and into his pocket for the offering plate the next morning. "After years of doing this my giving became automatic", he added. When he grew up and began to earn his own money, returning his first fruits to God was a natural step, something he never questioned!

What are your early memories of money and giving to the church? How are you modeling this for others?

Watch the ENEWS and Sunday bulletins for information on the special fall stewardship events:

- *September and October – Showcase of Time and Talents in the Parish Hall*
- *October 5th – a gala evening with the Rt. Rev. Ted Gullick, Assistant Bishop of the diocese (child care provided at the church)*
- *October 9th – our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo, Associate Dean and Director of the Institute for Christian Formation and Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary*
- *October 13th – Fun in the Fan night out for Young Adult's (21-39ish) (child care provided at the church)*
- *October 20th – Reception and party at the home of Jack and Leslie Blackwell*
- *November 6th – All Saints' Sunday and Stewardship Ingathering*

Please Remember Grace and Holy Trinity Church in your Will – Contact Carolyn Chilton Today

We respond to God's call in a variety of ways as we support God's work with our time, talent and treasure. Through legacy gifts, we can continue our support for future generations. Grace and Holy Trinity Church welcomes a variety of gifts that support your vision as a donor and how you wish to serve God and the future of God's Church.

There are some astounding demographic changes coming in the USA between now and 2050 that will present tremendous challenges and opportunities for the Church. The Church will need all the resources it can muster to continue its vital mission in service of the gospel. Your gift can make all the difference.

Carolyn Chilton, Assistant for Evangelism and Stewardship, is in the process of meeting with all those who expressed an interest in learning more about legacy giving when they made their annual pledge. If you would like to receive a visit please contact Carolyn today. She may be reached via e-mail: Carolyn@ghtc.org, by writing her at 8 North Laurel Street, 23220 or by calling 359-5628 ext. 16.

Pastoral Care, Evangelism & Worship



The Pastoral Care Team Needs Your Help: GHTC's Pastoral Care Team has identified the need to provide rides to medical appointments and to the grocery store for some of our parishioners. The Shepherd's Center of Richmond, whose purpose is to provide such transportation for those who are 60 and older, has agreed to be the coordinator of these rides. Because the Center will specifically serve our parishioners, it is necessary for GHTC volunteers to sign up as drivers. Presently there are 71 drivers volunteering for the Center. One GHTC parishioner to date has applied for a volunteer driver's position. More GHTC drivers are needed. Please call Sally Yates Wood with questions (741-4607). The Center is located at 4900 Augusta Avenue, Suite 104, Richmond, VA 23230. Also contact Julie, the Center's Volunteer Coordinator, at 355-7282 or jadams@TSCOR.org.

GREETERS are needed for the 8:45 am Sunday service. Greeters are a vital part of our ministry to visitors and guests. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Chilton at Carolyn@ghtc.org.

Another vital piece of our hospitality ministry is the *delivery of a "Thank you for visiting GHTC" bag* to homes the week after someone has visited with us. Volunteers are needed to take the bag to the person's home and hang it on the front door knob. It's a quick and easy way to welcome people to Grace and Holy Trinity. If you can help with this please contact Carolyn Chilton at Carolyn@ghtc.org

In the Event of an Emergency

A member of the clergy is on-call at all times. Please call Bo Millner at 359-56 28 ext. 17 to hear a recording of who is on-call and how to reach them.



Worship Schedule



We are on our Summer schedule through September 4

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m. Good Book Club
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

We move to our regular schedule on Sunday September 11

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
9:15 a.m. Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Lessons and Hymns
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II with dinner following

Lessons and Hymns

We will offer a special service of Lessons and Hymns at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday September 11.

As we mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in NYC, Washington and Pennsylvania, we will call to mind biblical heroines and heroes. We'll spend time with Ruth, Hannah, Elijah, Mary, Stephen and Paul. The lessons will be followed with hymns and other appropriate responses. This service will offer a unique worship opportunity as well as the chance to celebrate some of the great stories in the Bible. In addition, we will lift our hearts and minds to God in prayer.





Good Book Club- Sunday Mornings this Summer

Continues through August at 9:00 a.m.

This summer join the Good Book Club – you and your whole family. Read these and other favorite Bible stories together throughout the week, and then on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. join Bo, Lauren, Beth, Michael, and Carolyn in the Parish Hall to talk about these rich stories and characters. Bring the whole family. We want to hear from all ages. Light breakfast items are provided. The Remaining Readings are:

Aug 7 ~ *Lost and Found, The Prodigal Son, Lazarus and the Rich Man*
Luke 15; Luke 16:19-31

Aug 14 ~ *Jesus Enters Jerusalem, The Plot to Kill Jesus and The Last Supper*
Mark 11:1-19; Mark 14:1-26

Aug 21 ~ *The Resurrection, The Road to Emmaus, The Ascension*
John 20:1-29, Luke 24:13-33

Aug 28 ~ *Tongues of Fire, Peter the Healer, Death of Stephen*
Acts 2:1-3:26; Acts 6:1-7:60

Hope to see you there.



Doorways

Would you like to know more about GHTC – its history, architecture, worship and ministries? Would you like to know more about the Episcopal Church? “Doorways” is a series of three classes for adults who want to learn more about Grace and Holy Trinity Church and the Episcopal Church. These classes are meant to open new doors for you in your life here, to answer your questions, and help us connect with each other.



This class will be held Sundays, October 23, 30 and November 6th during the Christian Education time (10-10:50 a.m.). It will be led by members of the clergy and Carolyn Chilton.

 Find us on
Facebook

Help GHTC reach new people by going to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/graceandholyltrinity and clicking “like” or “share”. You’ll also stay up to date on all the latest GHTC news and posts from others.

Foyer Groups

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

- Do you like to...**
- Eat good food?**
- Meet new friends?**
- Or reconnect with old ones?**

The word ‘foyer’ comes from the Latin meaning fireplace or hearth. These dinner groups, often meeting in people’s homes, were developed by the Community of the Cross of Nails, an international organization established by England’s Coventry Cathedral to promote reconciliation among all peoples. At Grace and Holy Trinity Church the purpose of our Foyer Groups is to promote Christian fellowship throughout the parish.



Foyer Groups are informal groups of parishioners who get together every 4-6 weeks to enjoy each other’s company. There is no agenda or plan- it’s a time for fun, food and fellowship.

For 2011-12 you can choose from three different kinds of groups:

- Adult Foyer group** — 8-12 adults, couples and singles
- Family Foyer group** — 8-10 adults with children
- Restaurant Hop** — adult group, couples and singles, which meets only at local restaurants

Groups will be formed in September and begin meeting in October. Groups usually meet through May. The registration deadline is September 26th.

The groups are put together randomly to encourage familiarity throughout the parish and to help us get to know those whom we might not otherwise have a chance to meet.

Except for the Restaurant Hop group, members take turns hosting the group in their homes or if someone prefers, a meeting can be held at the church or as a picnic. The decision is up to the group! Often, the host provides the main course while the other members fill in the rest of the meal.

To sign up, send this form to Carolyn Chilton at the Church office. Or you can send Carolyn an email (Carolyn@ghtc.org) with this information.

Name(s): _____

Email(s): _____

We/I want to join:

_____ Adult Foyer Group

_____ Family Foyer Group (please give names and ages of children)

_____ Restaurant Hop Foyer Group

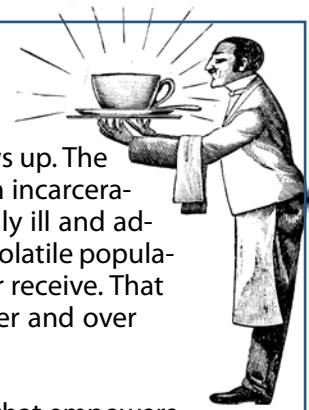


Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which has been in existence for 12 years, is still going slowly but surely. Our knitters are still turning out shawls, which we present to anyone who asks. We have prayers for Healing, Comfort, and Grief, which we attach to the bag containing the prayer shawl. Anyone in our congregation who cares about someone in need of the comfort of a shawl (whether or not they belong to our church), please call Betsy Featherstone 353-9760. Many Thanks to all of our knitters, but particularly Molly Howle and her friend from Virginia Beach. They make a lot shawls! Anyone who is interested in knitting one (very simple-- just a knit stitch), please call Betsy Featherstone.

A Day in the Life of the GHTC Soup Kitchen:

Each Friday, a dedicated core of volunteers shows up to prepare and serve a meal to whoever shows up. The “whoever shows up” most often includes the homeless, the transient, those recently released from incarceration or residential treatment facilities, day laborers, those who live in rooming houses, the mentally ill and addicted, and undocumented persons from other countries. It is a fragile, vulnerable, and potentially volatile population. They are greeted with smiles and “welcomes” – perhaps the only gracious greetings they ever receive. That hospitality is what separates the Soup Kitchen at GHTC from so many other places. We hear it over and over again – “you’re nice to us.”



Working with this population takes patience, flexibility, good humor, and a love for God’s children that empowers one to “respect the dignity of every human being”. And, you never know what might happen. There could be a fight brought on by one guest’s medication not being well regulated (only one this past year). There could be medical emergencies requiring Emergency Services to be called. And, anything else you could imagine. What do our volunteers do? They continue serving and smiling, comforting and encouraging our guests. And, they keep coming back to serve this fragile, vulnerable and potentially volatile population with warmth, patience, humor and humility.

The volunteers who serve in this ministry are faithful, flexible, and competent. They serve the community and represent GHTC with distinction. They are (in no particular order) Nell Crawford, Bob Hebb, Gene Barham, Molly Howle, Merrily McNamara, Benji Willis, Carla Matthews, Jim Fauntleroy, Marilyn Schreiber, Barbara Francis, Kate Bishop-Pevsner, George Pugh and others who drop in from time to time. Please thank them and join some Friday.

Soup Kitchen re-opens after its August vacation on Friday, September 2nd. We’re here every Friday and invite everyone to join us in this work.

Upcoming Service Opportunities:

CARITAS will be re-starting this September and will run through November. More information will be made available in upcoming communications. Glenn Moore has agreed to take the lead on this ministry of hospitality.

Grants and 1618 Fund:

Did you know that since 2005, GHTC has awarded over \$450,000 to agencies in the greater Richmond area? Historically, GHTC has funded grants through the program budget and monies granted from the Trustees of the Endowment. These grants have been awarded broadly to agencies in the community assisting in such areas as elder care, family case management, crisis management, food and other basic needs, health care, homeless services, and youth enrichment. The 1618 Fund distributes grants specifically to agencies that work in the area of early childhood development. As the fall comes closer, the committee will evaluate grant proposals and decide how these gifts will be distributed in 2011. Please contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret with your interest or suggestions.

Stuff you could donate

Non-perishable food

With no promotion whatsoever, the Service Ministry bin in the back hallway quietly fills with donated non-perishable food. When it’s full, we send this on to the Central Virginia Food Bank. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you**, whoever you are that brings the food in.

For everyone else, **did you know** that the Central Virginia Food Bank has seen a 28% increase in requests for assistance? Please remember to pick up a couple extra items to donate the next time you’re at the grocery store.

Grocery Store Gift Cards are a very convenient way for Bambi Richardson and the rest of the staff to address emergency need for food, particularly with the holidays approaching. Please consider picking up few cards (in denominations of \$25 or smaller) to donate to Service Ministries.

Clothing: New Underwear in a variety of sizes for men and women.



The Grace and Holy Trinity Church Endowment Fund Has Granted Funds to be used for a Church Bus...

The Vestry Has Accepted This Grant... Now We Need Your Help to Serve as a Driver.

The Grace and Holy Trinity Endowment Fund was established in 1949 by the Vestry of the Church and with funds derived from the sale of the Rectory. Since that time, with generous gifts and sound stewardship the Endowment has grown to approximately \$6,000,000. Each year between 3% to 5% of the Fund is used to support Grace and Holy Trinity Church. Traditionally this is for capital expenditures, for the building upkeep and maintenance, and for charitable purposes. Requests for grants are received from a number of parish ministries, reviewed by the Vestry and then forwarded to the Endowment Fund Trustees.

This year grants from the Endowment Fund will support a variety of ministries- music, mission, and outreach in greater Richmond and in Central America, campus ministry and beyond. In addition this year, a grant was made for \$60,000 to fund and support the purchase of a church bus. This grant will be given in \$20,000 increments over three years. The grant will allow the Church to purchase the bus and also create a reserve of approximately \$10,000 to be used for maintenance.

This bus will be used to support our current ministries and programs, and will also empower us to expand our ministries, thereby facilitating greater participation by more people inside and outside Grace and Holy Trinity Church.

One of the programs we hope to start, with leadership from the Pastoral Care Team and its Vestry liaison Bill Derry, is to bring some of our older cherished members to church on Sunday. We plan to begin by developing a route to serve Westminster Canterbury as this facility is home to the largest group of GHTC members. Letters and telephone calls were made to GHTC members asking if there is support for use of the bus. Four people expressed strong support, while others said that they are still driving but could see that in the future they would need transportation. We think that support will continue to grow when we actually begin to offer this service. Owning a bus for this purpose makes sense. If we wanted to rent a van for Sundays to offer such a program it would cost us \$389 per Sunday, not counting gas. If we did it every week for a year, that would cost over \$20,000. And that is providing we could actually get a van when we needed it, which is not always the case.

This is where we need your help. We want to make sure that we have the volunteer corps necessary to operate the bus on Sunday (and at other times as the program expands) prior to finalizing a purchase. You will be trained and the church carries insurance (see below). But we need to have a fairly large group of volunteers so the ministry can be shared. Can you help? Please call the Pastoral Care Team leader, Bill Derry at 697-1375 or send him an e-mail: bill.derry@troutmansanders.com.

In addition to Sunday mornings, owning a bus will also allow us to bring groups to special events, Lenten dinners, and church picnics. We could also organize great day trips, such as to Washington, DC or to other places.

Our Youth and Campus Ministry programs will also use the church bus. Currently these groups take between 8 to 10 trips in a year. They have to utilize a three day rental at a cost of \$600. At 8 events a year this costs \$4800.

The insurance for the bus will be paid by the operating budget at a cost of \$1650 per year. This includes liability for the driver up to \$1,000,000. Typically, the church group using the bus would pay for the gas that is used. This will come out of the operating budget. Sunday morning trips to pick up members would be paid for from the general operating budget. This will be an increased expense but is one that we consider well worth it in order to facilitate greater participation and expanded service to the community. A special driver's license is not need for the bus. We will do training for our drivers, as well as conduct driver's license background checks.

It is always the right time to build for the future and we are pleased that the trustees are helping Grace and Holy Trinity Church support its members and expand its mission. We would be interested in knowing how you might like to use the bus and if you can volunteer as a driver!

If you have questions and ideas, please contact the Rev. Bo Millner, Rector , Dr. Kinloch Nelson, President of the GHTC Endowment Fund or Bill Derry, Vestry Member and liaison with Pastoral Care.



Financial Report - Your Gifts Make a Difference

Our priorities here at Grace and Holy Trinity Church are:

- To Build Strong Disciples
- To Build a Strong Church Community
- To Serve God and the World God has Made

How do we make this visible?

- Through our Worship and Study of God and God's word.
- Through our work and service in the world – in our neighborhoods, homes, offices and the world.
- Through our gratefulness to God for all our many blessings – the gifts of our time, talents and treasure.

One way to see how GHTC is visible in the lives of people in this city and throughout the world is by looking at our operating budget.

How is our operating budget allocated on a yearly basis?

Look at the pie chart to the right. It shows the nine major categories of our 2011 operating budget. There are the seven SWEEPPS areas (service, worship, education, evangelism, parish life, pastoral care, and stewardship), Administration (communications/publicity and office expenses) and Building and Grounds.

As you look at the pie chart, you can see that, for example, our planning calls for spending 24% of our total operating budget on Service ministries; 13% on Education, etc. The amount for each SWEEPPS category is made up of two figures – leadership costs (personnel) and program expenses.

A purely monetary picture doesn't reflect the countless hours that YOU give to God through this church as a member of the Altar Guild, teaching Sunday School, going on mission trips, and so much more. Nor does it reflect the talents that you offer to God through GHTC – leadership on our committees, working in the Soup Kitchen, leading our youth groups, singing in the choir and much more!

Together we are making a difference in the lives of each other, our neighbors, our communities and the world. We do this as we respond to God with treasure and also with time and talent. Thank you!

What is our current financial picture?

June 30th marked the half way point through 2011 - 50% of the year was finished. And our income and expenses are exactly on target at approximately 50% each.

As of June 30th, the total income for the church stood at 54% of what was budgeted. Pledges received, which make up the bulk of our income stood at 55% of the budgeted figure. This means that over all we are slightly ahead, and is excellent news for a summer report. Thank you for keeping your pledges current, and please continue to do so as we finish out the summer and head into the busy fall.

On the expense side, as of the end of June we are on target for personnel and basic administrative expenses (office expenses, computers, and so forth). The building and property expenses are on target at 54% of that budget. The total program ministry/ SWEEPPS budgets stood at 50% which is exactly on target. Total expenses are at 49% as of June 30th.

If you would like more financial information, please contact Judy Miller and she will be glad to answer your questions.

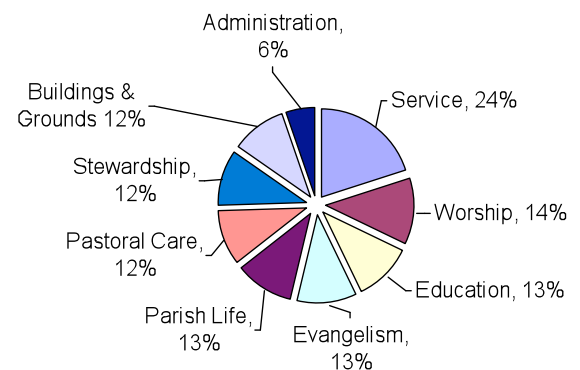
Mind the Gap

You may recall that the Vestry adopted a deficit budget for 2011. Our budgeted expenses exceeded our projected income by \$43,093. The "Mind the Gap" initiative from the Vestry is designed to help us close this gap. As of June 30th we have raised \$16,339 toward this goal. If you would like to contribute to "Mind the Gap" please contact Judy Miller in the church office.

Thank You

Thank you very much for your pledge and your support. The Vestry, all of our volunteers and the staff are working hard to be good stewards of the resources you make available to them. Thank you also for keeping your pledge current over the summer.

2011 Operating Budget



The Stained Glass Windows of Grace and Holy Trinity Church

The Supper at Emmaus The John Sidney Davenport Memorial Window

Our stained glass windows were given as memorials and installed from 1887 to 1970. Dr. Lewis Wright and others have studied them making a serious effort to identify the subject and maker of each. The information below is taken, with gratitude, from Dr. Wright's research.

The Supper at Emmaus window is located in the Chapel. It was made by Lamb Studios in New York in 1946. The studio continues today. The artist who designed the window was Katherine Lamb Tait (1895-1981), a third-generation member of the Lamb family. She studied in Paris and New York. In addition to stained glass windows and mosaics, she also did paintings and book illustrations. The Lamb Studio made four of our windows, provided the brass pulpit and lecterns, the baptismal font in the main Sanctuary, the wainscoting, tiles and many of the wooden furnishings of the chancel.

This window depicts the risen Christ at Emmaus, sitting at a table with two disciples (one identified as Cleopas) and blessing the bread. It depicts the story in Luke 24:13-35.

Go into the Chapel and look at this window and pay special attention to the border. It is rich in Christian symbolism. In the corners (clockwise from the upper left) are a dove (symbol of the Holy Spirit), a menorah (symbolizing the Jewish people), a white rose (often a symbol of the Virgin Mary), and an angel (possibly the Archangel Gabriel who announced Christ's birth).



Above Christ's halo there are stone tablets of the Ten Commandments in the Ark of the Covenant. On either side are gilded angels or cherubim which were beside the Ark of the Covenant in Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Finally, along the lateral borders are vines (which are symbols of Christ's statement "I am the true vine...") and grapes (symbols of the Eucharist).

This window was given in memory of John Sidney Davenport, Jr. (1877-1946) by his widow Louise Marguerite Warwick Davenport. Mrs. Davenport chose the subject of the window as a permanent reminder of the resurrection. Today seven of their grandchildren, plus their families, are members of GHTC.

Legacy gifts to Grace and Holy Trinity Church have made possible the beautiful sanctuary and appointments, and many of our ministries. If you are interested in preserving the future of this place and its ministry through a planned gift, please contact Carolyn Chilton in the church office. Your gift will make a difference.

Spaces for Your Spirit...

G&HT Fall Parish Weekend

October 14 – 16, 2011

Experience Shrine Mont during the beauty of fall color. Join fellow parishioners for a fun filled weekend at our diocesan retreat center nestled in the Shenandoah Mountains. Our 2011 Parish Weekend will again focus on intergenerational activities so that we can forge new or deepen existing relationships with fellow parishioners and family members.

All scheduled activities will be designed to include school age children. A nursery with pre-school activities will also be available.

Weekend highlights:

- Program (passive & active) on ways in which we nurture our spirit
- Bonfire with singing & smores
- Square dance/line dance
- Free time to hike, read, play games, garden, nap, or tour the country side
- Delicious family-style meals in Tucker Dining Hall

Please register by October 2nd. Registration forms are located in the hallway beside our Parish Hall. The cost for the weekend (includes two nights lodging, six meals, and taxes): \$160 per person or \$140 per person in a shared room; kids under 3 are free; ages 4-7 are \$40; and ages 8-12 are \$90. Total cost per family is no more than \$425.

Questions or for further information:

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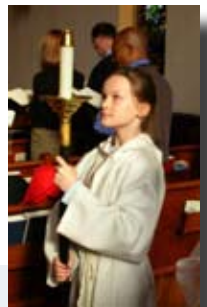
Campus Ministry News:

VCU move in weekend is August 20th and 21st.

Our first 5:00 p.m. service with music and worship will be August 21st at 5:00 pm. We look forward to having our VCU students back!

Youth Education:

Are you interested in being an acolyte? An acolyte is a person who helps lead the worship by serving during the service. We are looking for youth 4th grade and above to acolyte. If you are in the 4th grade or above, you are welcome to acolyte at the 8:45 a.m. service. If you are in the 6th grade and above you are welcome to acolyte at the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in acolyting at either the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service, please contact Lauren Kuratko at lauren@ghtc.org or call her at the church offices.



Youth Events:

We are planning youth events for 2011-2012. If you have any youth events that you want to be sure we do again, please contact Lauren at lauren@ghtc.org. If you would like to receive announcements about upcoming youth events and Lauren doesn't have your email address, please send it to her at lauren@ghtc.org.

THE BIBLE – coming this Fall

Beginning this fall and continuing through the program year, the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings will offer a comprehensive introductory course on the Bible. Do you ever:

- Wonder about all the different translations of the Bible?
- Wonder how the story of Israelites fits with other civilizations of the ancient Near East?
- Wonder if the prophets really predict the future?
- Wonder why the gospels share certain stories, but differ in so many ways?
- Wonder about how the church decided what texts should be included in the Bible?
- Wonder about how women are depicted?
- Wonder whether the Bible is a handbook for life?
- Wonder how the church and culture has been impacted by the Bible?



We'll discuss all these topics and more. Look for more information over the summer, and if you'd like a head start try these websites: www.enterthebible.org, www.textweek.com, <http://bible.org/netbible/index.htm>. For more information, contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret.

Children's Education

A new curriculum for children's Sunday school

Weaving God's Promises is a three-year Christian education program for children ages 3 (preschool) to 11-12 (5th-6th grade). The curriculum was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. It's titled *Weaving God's Promises* after the process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives.



The goal of *Weaving God's Promises* is to teach children the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world, and to give them a solid grounding for future youth formation programs, which in turn will prepare them for Christian adulthood.

Weaving God's Promises provides children with basic knowledge of Church teachings in the three elements essential to the practice of our faith. Each is dependent on the other in order for the faith to stand firmly: Christian education, Worship, and Service.

What areas are covered in *Weaving God's Promises* to help build this faith foundation?

1. **Holy Scripture** - the great stories of the Old and New Testaments are the core of the lessons, with special emphasis on the life and teachings of Jesus
 2. **The Church** - the curriculum includes information about church history, seasons of the Church year, church practices, use of The Book of Common Prayer, our Anglican and Episcopal tradition, the principal sacraments of our Church: Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist
 3. **Christian Living** - applying Christian principles to our lives as essential to faith. Includes the principles and practices of: prayer, outreach and service, Christian ethics, and contemporary issues
- Other than Bible stories, what else is part of the core material?

The following special themes are incorporated into the schedule:

- **Church seasons** - lessons on Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter are included at the beginning of their respective seasons
- **Special holidays and feast days** - Lessons for these days are placed at the beginning of the seasons in which the dates fall
- **The church and its sacraments** - Lessons cover the Anglican and Episcopal faith tradition, including the church, its ministries and the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist

For more information or to volunteer to help out this fall, please contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret.



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Greetings fellow Grace & Holy Trinity parishioners!

My name is Nicole Groome and I just graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University as part of Campus Ministry. I am about to embark on a wonderful journey to the Asian Rural Institute at the beginning of this September. The ARI focuses on sustainable agriculture and takes in students from all over the world. The program is based on a tight-knit community practicing organic farming techniques to explore the idea of a self-sustained living. People from less fortunate and isolated geographical regions to those more fortunate believe and strive for one common goal:

“...to more effectively serve in their communities as they work for the poor, the hungry, and the marginalized.”

When I started the process of applying to the Young Adult Service Corps I wanted to continue my passion for the built environment and how it affects human life. I just graduated with my interior design degree and have obtained skills in woodworking and metalworking. With my background I was hoping to be building houses, little did I know I would be spending my time with piglets and chickens. My whole idea of missions work was completely changed, and I realized that God always has a plan in store.

The earthquake and natural disasters that have devastated Japan postponed the decision to send me to ARI, but with the radiation levels at a normal level now, the process is moving forward. I cannot express how much my heart tugs at me and tells me that this is what I am supposed to do and where I need to be with my life right now. I feel so strongly that my talents and strengths can be used in Japan and at ARI.

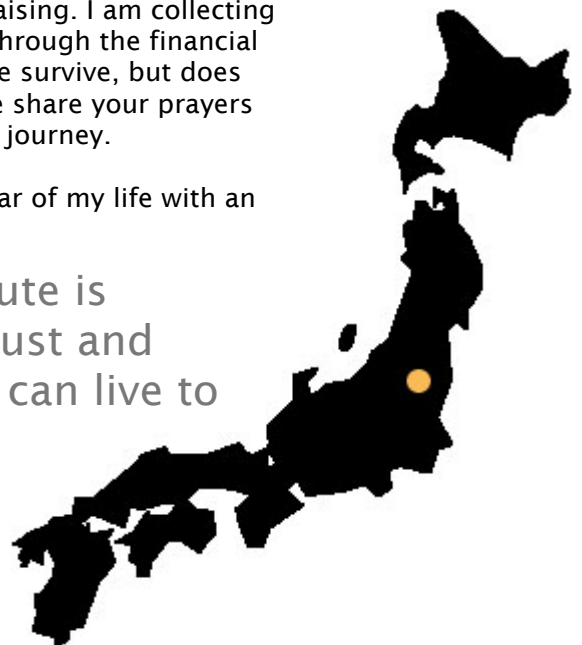
As the process of getting details taken care of starts, so does fundraising. I am collecting donations to help towards my \$10,000 goal which can be donated through the financial office at Grace & Holy Trinity. Financial support is needed to help me survive, but does not make emotional and spiritual support any less important. Please share your prayers and excitement, and I hope you will follow and learn with me on my journey.

I am honored to be chosen for this mission and to be spending a year of my life with an organization that has such a beautiful disposition:

“The mission of the Asian Rural Institute is to build an environmentally healthy, just and peaceful world, in which each person can live to his or her fullest potential.”

Thank you for your support!

-Nicole Groome
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Liturgical Schedule for August 2011

	8/7/11	8/14/11	08/21/211	8/28/11	9/4/11
Altar Guild:	Archie Nichols	George Pugh	Anne Percival	Louise Williams Liz Bisset	Archie Nichols
7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45
Lectors:	Kate Bishop-Pevsner	Andrew Peacock	Saint Pinckney	Kay Gray	TBA
10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
Acolytes:	Drew Williams Caroline Williams Charlene Boyd Ruslan Thomas Matt Kollmansperger	Will Gregory Thomas Gregory Jordan Smithson Emma Smithson	Taylor Cadaret Liz Candler Madeline Cadaret Joey Krzyston Matt Kollmansperger	Trevor Hall Rachel Hall Molly O'Quinn Libby Alexander Catherine Alexander	Tripp Walker Caroline Williams Barclay Jument Mitchell Green Tim Johnson
Greeters:	Vicki & Jay Ayers	Kristi & Steve Hall	Carla & Richard Hazelgrove	Bev Eggleston Jennifer Gregory	TBA
Lectors:	Nancy Chafin Steve Hall	Nancy Trego Annette Hook	Dawn McNamara Jim Kelly	John McLees Jason Corner	Kristi Hall Tom Baynham
Chalice Bearers:	Nancy Trego Judy Lankford	<i>Daily Morning Prayer</i>	Donna Campbell Annette Hook	David Abbott Aisha Huertas	TBA

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Showcase of Time and Talent



*Generations
of generosity*

Generations of Generosity, our 2012 Annual Campaign, will kick off in September showcasing the talent of many of our congregation. You will be surprised how many artists of all ages we have and how they are willing to share their creations with us for the month of September.

Do you have a piece of art you'd like to share with the GHTC community? Maybe you have a painting that you've done, or one that has special meaning for you and your family. Have you published a book? Would you be willing to share one of your photographs or a series of them? Have you designed a webpage? Would you share your musical talents on Sunday morning during breakfast or after church?

What GHTC ministries are you involved in and how can that ministry, or committee, showcase its work (and recruit others) through a creative poster or picture?

Our Showcase will open on Sunday, September 11th and be on display through Wednesday, October 5th, the night of our gala dinner with Bishop Ted Gullick. Your art will be displayed throughout the Parish Hall and there will be special musical presentations on Sunday mornings. Committees and programs are also being asked to contribute art so that we can all learn how we to be involved in programs and ministries of this church. All ages are asked to participate.

Watch the ENEWS and Sunday bulletins for more information.
Questions? Contact Kathleen Thomas.