

# The Anchor



Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



September 2011

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

Can you feel the excitement! September is near and with it, the flurry of activities and opportunities that come with Fall. We have been flung far and wide, but now, we are finding our way back to Richmond and back to Grace and Holy Trinity Church.

Speaking of GHTC, here is some of what you can expect:

- ✿ We return to our regular worship schedule on September 11 – 7:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- ✿ Breakfast returns and Sunday School for all ages begins again on September 11 (Check out the new bulletin boards in the education wing and in the parish hall, done by a VCU intern, Parker Bendbow)
- ✿ We will offer a “Service of Lessons and Hymns” on September 11 at the 11:00 a.m. service (with special prayers for the 9/11 anniversary)
- ✿ Virginia Commonwealth University students have returned, as have dinners after the 5:00 p.m. service.
- ✿ Generations of Generosity, our annual giving campaign, begins with a “Showcase of Talent” in the parish hall
- ✿ Foyer Groups are forming (informal dinner groups)
- ✿ Our music programs – from choirs to concerts- have begun a new year
- ✿ And, much, much more from soup kitchens, to study groups and beyond

The excitement is in the air. I look forward to celebrating with you as we continue to build strong disciples, a strong community and to serve God and the world God has made. Read all about it inside!

Peace,

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**At Grace & Holy Trinity Church  
we strive to do three things:**

**We build strong disciples.**

**We build a strong church community.**

**We serve God and the world God has made.**

We are committed to helping individuals become better disciples of Christ Jesus and we believe in the power of community. We also believe that we exist not just for ourselves, but for God and for God's world. We live out this mission through a variety of ministries represented by the acronym SWEPPS: Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Parish Life and Stewardship. You can learn more about these ministries in the newsletter or on the web at [www.ghtc.org](http://www.ghtc.org).



A recently divorced mother with two children, ages 13 and 10, had been attending VCU part-time and working part-time, but last winter she had to quit school and then lost her job because her two child care helpers were no longer available – her mother had fallen and broken some bones and her sister had just been diagnosed with cancer and was facing major surgery. Her ex-husband was no longer employed and her child support payments had stopped. One of her daughters, who has sickle cell anemia and asthma, needed additional treatments. Plus her power bill was in arrears.

She called Grace and Holy Trinity Church in desperation seeking any type of assistance that we could give her.

And we could help. We were able to pay her power bill that month. Because it was December we arranged for Christmas presents for her two children. And we gave her food.

She calls occasionally to say thank you and tell us how she's doing. She still isn't able to return to school, but she's found another job. "It's a juggling act, day to day," she says.

What difference does a financial pledge to Grace and Holy Trinity Church make? It not only saved this family but gave them Christmas. Your generosity in the

form of a financial pledge makes it possible for this church to transform lives. Thank you.

The theme for our 2012 Annual Campaign is *Generations of Generosity*. For over 150 years this church has been a beacon to those who live on the edges of life. Service to our neighbors is at the heart of the Christian gospel. Your 2012 stewardship committee has set a goal of 100% participation in the Annual Campaign this year. Will you help Grace and Holy Trinity continue to transform lives?

### *Vestry Stewardship Statement*

At the vestry meeting in June, the vestry unanimously adopted the following Stewardship Statement for the 2012 Annual Campaign:

We the Vestry of Grace and Holy Trinity Church believe that our gifts of time, talent and treasure are a way we return to God the blessings that God has bestowed upon us. They are also the means through which we sustain and grow our own discipleship, our church community, and God's work in the world. We commit ourselves to follow Christ in personal spiritual growth, in community, and in prayerful witness to our faith. We believe that joyful giving results in personal spiritual growth and we commit to giving not only our time and talents, but also to give financially through a pledge to the mission and ministry of Grace and Holy Trinity Church. We urge the parish to join us in the commitment to deepening our faith.





## 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 of shawls! Anyone who is interested in knitting one (very simple-just a knit stitch), please call Betsy Featherstone.



## Doorways

Would you like to know more about GHTC – it's 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 am). It will be led by members of the clergy and Carolyn Chilton.

For more information you can contact Carolyn at [Carolyn@ghtc.org](mailto:Carolyn@ghtc.org) or 359-5628 ext. 16.

## WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Through September 4th we will have three services each Sunday: 7:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Beginning on September 11 we will observe the following schedule:

- 7:45 a.m. worship in the chapel (a traditional language communion service)
- 8:45 a.m. worship in the church (a service designed to be especially inclusive of children and featuring our intergenerational music team)
- 9:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. worship in the church (Holy Eucharist with Morning Prayer once a month and enjoying the ministry of our renowned adult choir)
- 5:00 p.m. worship in the chapel (led by VCU students and followed by supper.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday October 2 GHTC is partnering with the Richmond SPCA to present our annual "Blessing of the Animals." As autumn arrives, a procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of The Animals. This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. GHTC is very excited to announce our fourth Blessing of the Animals! The service will take place outside, rain or shine and will include a blessing of the pets. So, bring your pet with you to church and invite your friends and their pets to come as well. Be sure to stick around after the service for refreshments, kids crafts, the Tail Wag'N mobile adoption unit and more!

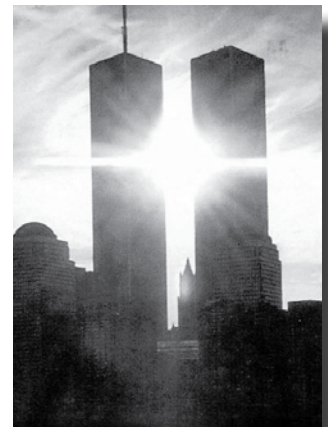


## Worship

## 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.



## COME AND JOIN A CHOIR OR 8:45 MUSIC TEAM!

If you like to sing, or play an instrument, please join one of our choirs or the 8:45 Music Team at Grace & Holy Trinity! Everyone is welcome to join. Previous musical experience is not necessary.

### ANGEL CHOIR

The Angel Choir is for children from preschool through third grade. This choir rehearses from 10:45-11:00 a.m. on Sundays in room 8A, beginning on Sunday, September 11, and is directed by Mary Holman. The Angel Choir sings monthly at the 8:45 a.m. worship service.

### ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, September 8. Youth in high school are welcome to join the adult choir. This choir sings weekly at the 11:00 a.m. worship service and for special worship services throughout the year.

### 8:45 MUSIC TEAM

The 8:45 Music Team is comprised of singers and instrumentalists of all ages. They lead the music weekly at the 8:45 a.m. worship service. The 8:45 Music Team rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. They will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 11.

If you are interested in joining a choir or the 8:45 Music Team, please contact Beth Melcher Davis at (804) 359-5628, ext. 18, or e-mail her at [emelcherdavis@ghtc.org](mailto:emelcherdavis@ghtc.org). Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord with us!

## AN EVENING OF TRUMPET AND KEYBOARD MUSIC

*Ryan Anthony, Trumpet Gary Beard, Organ*  
Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m.

This program is co-sponsored by the Virginia Commonwealth University's Brass Fest. The popular duo Anthony and Beard have delighted audiences in over 20 states and three countries with their consummate artistry, unique programming and delightful personalities.

Anthony and Beard's program will include orchestral transcriptions, Broadway and opera favorites, spirituals and folk songs, and standards from the baroque era. Ryan Anthony is the Principal Trumpet with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and is a former member of the Canadian Brass.

Gary Beard is Artist-in-Residence at Lindenwood Church in Memphis, Tennessee and Director of Music at Theatre Memphis. There will be a reception, hosted by the Music Ministry Team, following the concert. Please invite your family and friends to this opening concert on our series!



**BALLICEAUX**  
203 N LOMBARDY

*Young Adults* (ages 21-39ish) will meet for food, fellowship and fun on Thursday, Sept. 15, 6.30 pm, at Balliceaux, 203 N. Lombardy St.  
Contact: Julie Herring

## Campus Ministry

Episcopal Campus Ministry at VCU is back to school and back here worshipping regularly with us at Grace and Holy Trinity. We worship each Sunday night at 5 pm and then have dinner together afterwards. We are so thankful to all the Grace and Holy Trinity parishioners who "Cook For Jesus" and make wonderful meals for us! We also gather on Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship.

"Cooking For Jesus" is a ministry where Grace and Holy Trinity parishioners make a home cooked dinner for the Campus Ministry students. The dinner is served on Sunday nights, following the 5 pm service. Volunteers can sign up to cook as individuals, groups in the parish, or just a group of friends getting together to cook for the students. We usually serve about 20-25 students dinner each Sunday night. You can be reimbursed for your food expenses up to \$75- be sure to give the Rev. Lauren Kuratko your dinner receipts. We invite the cooks to eat dinner as well, and get to know these wonderful VCU students.

We are still looking for volunteers to cook this Fall. If you are interested in "Cooking For Jesus" please contact the Rev. Lauren Kuratko at (804) 359-5628 ext. 15 or email her at [lauren@ghtc.org](mailto:lauren@ghtc.org). Thank you to all who have "Cooked for Jesus" in the past, and for those who are willing to "Cook For Jesus" in 2011-2012.

Soon, Lauren will be making the Spring 2012 "Cooking for Jesus" list. If you are not interested in Cooking this Fall, but are interested in cooking this Spring, please contact her.

## 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.



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

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.

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

*In August an informative report was circulated, at church, on the web, in the newsletter and in the eNews concerning the work of our wonderful planning group led by Pem Hall and Gregg Beck. You may have missed this report while on vacation so we are reprinting it here.*

## 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.

#### G&HTC Parish Hall Planning Committees

##### Data Subcommittee

Suzanne Davenport, Chair  
 Bill Perkins  
 Billy McGuire  
 Hank Artz  
 Mark Mabry  
 Mary Lindert  
 Staff Liaisons: Carolyn Chilton,  
 Valérie Aussanaire

##### Ministry Subcommittee

Dave Johnson, Chair  
 Carter Abrahams  
 Hal Hill  
 Kinloch Nelson  
 Kate Benson  
 Mary Jo Hughes  
 Meredith Maples  
 Paul Hughes  
 Staff Liaison: Michael Cadaret

##### Finance Subcommittee

Darrell Alexander, Chair  
 Bill Shumadine  
 Bill Derry  
 Harold Williams  
 Sue Fitz-Hugh  
 Staff Liaison: Judy Miller

##### Planning Committee

Bo Millner  
 Carolyn Chilton  
 Darrell Alexander  
 Dave Johnson  
 Ed Starr  
 Gregg Beck, Co-Chair  
 Julie Joyce  
 Pem Hall, Co-Chair  
 Suzanne Davenport

## 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, michael@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. If you'd like a head start try these websites:

[www.enterthebible.org](http://www.enterthebible.org), [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com), [bible.org/netbible/index.htm](http://bible.org/netbible/index.htm).

For more information, contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret, michael@ghtc.org.



*Christian Education for all ages begins at 10:00am Sunday, September 11th*

*Youth Pilgrimage with Mission Experience.*

Next June Grace and Holy Trinity will send a group of 9th-12th graders on pilgrimage (with a mission experience built in) to Liverpool and London. This trip has grown out of the relationship between the Diocese of Virginia and the Diocese of Liverpool. The Diocese of Liverpool invited youth from Grace and Holy Trinity and Immanuel, Old Church (in Mechanicsville) to pilgrim to Liverpool.



While in Liverpool we will join up with a similarly aged group of youth in Liverpool and journey together. We plan to visit holy sites (did you know there are two cathedrals in Liverpool that are on the same street?), do a mission project (we get to work on something together, like we do on our mission trips to Petersburg and Belize), and we hope to have a good bit of fun as well! While in London we will pilgrim to Westminster Abbey, hopefully get a behind the scenes tour of Parliament from the Bishop in Liverpool, and enjoy the beauty that London has to offer.

If you are a 9th-12th grader and you are interested in the Pilgrimage, please contact the Rev. Lauren Kuratko at [lauren@ghtc.org](mailto:lauren@ghtc.org).

We will be fundraising for this pilgrimage in the fall and the spring. Look for information in upcoming newsletters about our fundraisers. We will be having an Auction on November 12th, we will host a dinner during the Music in the Old Church Concert on November 19, we will sell truffles for you to buy your sweetie around Valentines Day, and of course, we will be selling parking spaces for events at the Landmark Theater.

We appreciate Grace and Holy Trinity's support (both prayers and finances) in the coming year!

*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](mailto:lauren@ghtc.org) or call her at the church office. Acolyte training has been scheduled for September 18th following the 11 am service. All acolytes are encouraged to attend acolyte training, as we will have new information for current acolytes as well as training for new acolytes. See you on September 18th!



*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](mailto: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.

*Picnic at the River:*

Our annual Youth Fall Picnic will be held on Sunday September 25th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Brad Sauer's house on the River. All youth (6th grade through 12th grade) and their parents are encouraged to attend! Please contact Lauren to RSVP at [lauren@ghtc.org](mailto:lauren@ghtc.org) or 359-5628 ext. 15.

*Please Mark your Calendars!*

This year Grace and Holy Trinity will again be taking groups to the Diocesan Youth Weekends! At Diocesan youth weekends we go to Shrine Mont and join other youth of the same age for a weekend long retreat. Retreats run from Friday afternoon through Sunday at lunch. Please mark your calendars now. Please contact Lauren at [lauren@ghtc.org](mailto:lauren@ghtc.org) or by phone at 359-5628 ext. 15 to get registration forms.

**8th Grade weekend is October 7th-9th.**

**6th and 7th Grade weekend is November 11th-13th.**

**9th-12th Grade weekend is in the Spring.**

Youth Event September 11th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.:

**All 6th-12th grade youth** are invited to come out and meet the new youth interns, Alli and Justin. We have exciting activities in store for you! As always, friends are welcome! Please RSVP to [youth@ghtc.org](mailto:youth@ghtc.org) so we can plan meals accordingly. See you soon!

**Update on the Church Bus...It looks like we are on go to accept the grant and buy the van. But we could still use some more volunteers. Many of you were away last month and may have missed this article in the newsletter, so we are reprinting it here. The contact information and how to volunteer is included.**

## ***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](mailto: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.

***A member of the clergy is on-call twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. Please call 359-5628 ext 17. This is Bo Millner's extension and a recording there will tell you how and with whom to be in touch.***

*Liturgical Schedule for September 2011*

	9/4/11	9/11/11	9/18/11	9/25/11	10/2/11
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Archie Nichols	George Pugh	Anne Percival	Louise Williams & Liz Bisset	George Pugh
<b>7:45</b>	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45
<b>Lectors:</b>	Andrew Peacock	Kate Bishop-Pevsner	Andrew Peacock	Kay Gray	TBA
<b>8:45</b>	No 8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	No 8:45
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>SUMMER SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>Greeters:</b>					
<b>Lectors:</b>					
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>					
<b>10:00 &amp; 11:00</b>	10:00	11:00 Back to full Schedule	11:00	11:00	10:00 Pet Blessing
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Tripp Walker Caroline Williams Barclay Jumeat Mitchell Green Tim Johnson	Will Gregory Thomas Gregory Charlene Boyd	Russel Jarvis Tyler Starr Liz Candler Caroline Williams Joey Krzyston	Trevor Hall Rachel Hall Molly O'Quinn Catherine Alexander Libby Alexander	Taylor Cadaret Tyler Starr Madeline Cadaret
<b>Greeters:</b>	Marie Selfe Carter Abrahams	Bev Eggleston Cathy Saunders	Virginia Totten Brad Sauer	Kristi & Steve Hall	Anne Williams Sally Woods
<b>Lectors:</b>	Kristi Hall Tom Baynham	Randy Totten Dawn McNamara Jason Corner Ann Gray	Jim Kelly Wendy Smailes	Floyd Dormire Marshall Morton	Brad Davenport Hugh West
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Leslie Winn Marcia Miller Hailey	<i>Daily Morning Prayer</i>	Robin Johnson Sue Fitz-Hugh Jane Chaffin	Caroline Morton Marshall Morton Catherine Perrin	<i>Daily Morning Prayer</i>

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## *Spaces for Your Spirit...*

*G&HT Fall Parish Weekend October 14-17, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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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