

The Anchor



Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



November 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

All Saints Sunday is on November 6. At this time we remember all those who "rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with in whom, in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are for evermore one." (from the Book of Occasional Services). Please send your prayer requests for those who have died since last All Saints Day to Valérie Aussanaire at the church office so their name may be included in the bulletin.

Also, on All Saints Sunday we will receive pledges from everyone who calls Grace and Holy Trinity Church their spiritual home, both members and friends. My sincere hope is that the amount pledged to this church will increase. This year, the Vestry adopted a deficit budget and unless the budget grows by at least \$43,000 in 2012 we will have some difficult decisions to make. But much more importantly I hope that prayerful consideration of a pledge will afford each person the opportunity to examine his or her life and relationship with God. Giving thanks to God in word and deed is what faith and stewardship are all about. God has given all there is to give, God has given us a life to live... what can we then do for God (to paraphrase Bob Dylan)?

Speaking of Thanksgiving, I hope you will attend our very special Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. Once again this year we will enjoy music by the Greater Richmond Children's Choir. This stellar choir uses GHTC as its home base and we are privileged to support them in this way.

Toward the end of the month, on November 27th we will begin a new church year, with Advent I. A special treat this year will be an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on Advent III, December 11. This service will lift up the great themes of Advent – judgment and hope.

Blessings and peace to you all...and don't forget...on All Saints' Sunday...in addition to praying for the Saints in light and turning in our pledges...we get to sleep an extra hour! Daylight savings time changes November 6 as we set our clocks back an hour.

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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 SWEEPSS: 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.

Prayer group

We have an awesome prayer group at GHTC. Each week, over 20 people receive a copy of a private prayer list. These intercessors remember the people on the list in their daily prayers and, when appropriate they may write a note or make a person to person telephone call. Countless people have let us know how much this ministry of prayer and personal contact means to them. If you'd like to take part, please contact Barbara Hobson-Simpson at the church office and she'll put you on the mailing list. This is a great and convenient way to extend pastoral care in our parish and beyond.



Note cards are kept at the back of the church so you may pick them up on Sundays and write a note to someone who was remembered in prayer. You are encouraged to pick a card up this Sunday and share the love of GHTC with others.

A member of the clergy is on-call all day, every day. Please call the Rev. Bo Millner's number to find out who is on call and how to reach them (359-5628 ext 17).

Altar Guild

There will be a meeting of the Altar Guild at 10:00 a.m. on November 6. Please gather in the Sacristy area. All members of the Guild should have received a copy of the new manual. If not please contact the Church office. Barbara Davenport, president of the Altar Guild, will lead the meeting and discuss the new manual.



The DIOCESE of VIRGINIA

Diocesan News

If you'd like to receive a weekly e-mail from the Diocese of Virginia, please go to the web site, www.thediocese.net and sign up. Also, on the web site you can learn more about the bishop suffragan election (which will take place in April 2012 and the Annual Council of the Diocese, which will take place in January).

Weekly e-News from GHTC

A weekly, information e-mail is sent out each week from GHTC. If you'd like to be on that list, please send an e-mail to the Rev. Bo Millner: bmillner@ghtc.org.



All Annual Campaign materials are available on our website for your convenience! www.ghtc.org

November 6th is All Saints' Sunday and Commitment Sunday.

On November 6th we will celebrate the generations of saints who have gone before us, teaching us about the Kingdom of God by their lives and witness. Each week during the Holy Eucharist we go forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine, body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have a wonderful tradition here at GHTC of personally placing our pledge cards on the altar. During the service on November 6th, you will be invited to join the procession forward to the altar where you will place your pledge to Grace and Holy Trinity Church for the upcoming year. So, please bring your pledge card with you on Sunday, November 6. If you cannot join the procession, you are welcome to place your pledge in the alms basin during the Offertory. Should you not be able to attend a service on Commitment Sunday, we ask you to please return it via US mail by November 6th.



Generations
of generosity

Thank you to all the artists who contributed to our Showcase of Talent!

The gift of your talents made our Parish Hall come alive with color and creativity. Thank you! Mark your calendars for our next arts event – an art auction sponsored by the Missionary Society on April 20th.

Evangelism

A Few Good Words

Our modern word "Gospel" comes from the Old English word "Godspell". In Old English, "god" with a long "o" meant "good", and "spell" meant "word." So in other words, "Godspell" meant "good word", specifically the good news concerning the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A few good words for us to remember and practice here at Grace and Holy Trinity Church are:

Hello!

Good morning!

Please remember to speak to those that you don't know on Sunday mornings. We have lots of visitors and new members who are trying to get to know everyone. Help them by sharing these good words on Sunday morning!

Eleanor

Grace & Holy Trinity, through our Missionary Society, is sponsoring a child for surgery through the World Pediatric Project. Eleanor, who is 7 years old, arrived a few weeks ago and has had successful foot surgery at the Shriners' Hospital in Greenville, SC. Eleanor, and her grandmother Elorine, are now back in Richmond for her post-surgery care and recovery, and will be here for several more weeks. Volunteers are needed to help them with shopping, cooking, taking them on outings around Richmond, and bringing them to church. If you can help, please contact Jean Hershey at 355-5017. This picture shows Eleanor on an outing to Maymont with the grandchildren of Hal and Kathy Hill.



The chief spiritual issue of our lives
A reflection by Carolyn Chilton

Twice a year I get a wonderful gift. It's a conference called Credo, and it's for clergy and lay employees of the Episcopal Church. The purpose is to help people focus on four aspects of their lives: spiritual, vocational, financial and health. I am blessed to be a faculty member for some of these conferences, and I always receive much more than I give. Changes in my relationship to money have been one of the many blessings I have received, and this is, I think, partly responsible for why, when I was job hunting last year, I searched for a job in Stewardship and not my previous field of Christian Formation. It is also why I believe that our relationship to our money is indeed a spiritual issue that we each need to wrestle with.

One bright spring morning at a conference a few years ago, my colleague Bruce started with these questions.

"Do you ever worry about money...about having enough? ... about keeping what you have?"

Worry about money, I thought?! Are you kidding? I worry about it all the time.

"Do you sometimes envy what others earn, have inherited, or have been able to do because of money they have and you don't?"

I thought of the outfits at Talbot's that I couldn't buy; the fancy BMW sports car outside our house that was driven by a 20 year old; the vacations around the world that our friends took each year.

"Do you ever get anxious about what inflation has done to depreciate your savings and your preparation for retirement?"

Good grief, I thought. Let's not think about this. I can't even open the statements from the broker these days. All those years of working and saving, and the darn stock market has cut it in half.

"Is bill paying stressful for you?"

I've got you there, buddy, I said. I don't pay the bills anymore. I passed that task to John because it was too stressful for me.

"Has money ever been the source of an argument or misunderstanding with a loved one?"

This one brought me up short and made me wiggle in my seat. Now Bruce is meddling in my personal life, I thought. Painful memories of arguments over money flooded through my mind.

"Do you ever spend more time thinking about money in any one day than you do in prayer?"

Oh well, I said to myself, now he's meddling in my prayer life. But then I realized it was true. My prayer life was broken, empty. I was too busy to pray.

Then Bruce paused, for what seemed like many minutes. As he raised his eyes from his papers, he looked us each in the eye and said,

"If you answered yes to some of these questions (*some I thought, how about all?*) then you may be having an affair with money, and this affair is buying your soul, taking away your freedom, paralyzing your creativity, debilitating your peace of mind, destroying and breaking up friendships and relationships, and even threatening your very salvation."

An affair with money? Me?

"Your view of money is the chief spiritual issue of your life," Bruce added.

And I knew he was right.

How do you answer these questions?

Service Ministries

● ● ● For more information about our Service Ministrie, please contact the Rev. Michael Caderet ● ● ●

Donations for the needy

Many assistance agencies have exhausted their funds for the year, and yet requests for assistance continue to climb. Please consider these simple donations to help the staff of GHTC respond.

Your Prayers

The need we encounter everyday is overwhelming. Whether we are confronted by those who panhandle and hold signs on street corners, or the sight of the poor sleeping in parks and alleyways and in transitional or transient housing, the need is greater than we are able to adequately answer. At GHTC, we try hard to be as responsive and generous as is possible, and still we know that we can't help everyone. When faced with this inadequacy, the Christian turns to God for solace and strength, mercy and hope. So please, pray for the poor and those whom it would be easy to forget and for those who work to relieve the suffering of those less fortunate than we.

Your Time

Soup Kitchen is a 30+ year old ministry of GHTC. We gather every Friday to cook and serve bean soup, cornbread, canned peaches, and fruit to 70-100 guests who come to us from a broad spectrum of need and circumstances. The day basically goes in two shifts: the first, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, cooks and sets up; the second, from 12:45-2:30p.m., serves and cleans up. From noon-12:45, the entire team eats lunch together. We are always welcoming new volunteers.

Holiday Soup Kitchen opportunities

Soup Kitchen will be open on the Friday after Thanksgiving, December 23rd and on Friday, December 30th. These are great opportunities to add an experience of service to the poor to your celebration of these holidays, and great opportunities for middle school and high school students to get community service hours. We serve from 1:00-1:45. Some people get to church about 10:00 a.m. to cook and set-up. Others come around 12:30 p.m. to serve and clean-up. Normally everyone (the cooks and servers) gather around noon to eat lunch together.

Non Perishable Food

We are always collecting non-perishable food. Please find the collection bin in the back hallway, just outside the choir room. Often recipients of assistance will "browse" what we have on hand, but most often we pass what we have collected on to the Central Virginia Food Bank. The Central Virginia Food Bank (CVFB) serves 31 counties and 5 cities, but approximately half of those agencies are located in the Richmond Metro area.

Recipients of CVFB food and programs include, but are not limited to children, the elderly, the disabled, the newly unemployed, the mentally challenged, the homeless, the working poor, battered women, victims of natural disasters, and single-parent families.

Stopping childhood hunger is of critical importance to the CVFB. Poverty and food insecurity negatively influence the diet and health of many low-income children. For more information on the CVFB please see <http://cvfb.org> and for more on childhood hunger and CVFB's efforts to combat it, please see their Kids Café page on their website.

Grocery Store Gift Cards are a very convenient way for the staff to address emergency need for food. Please consider picking up a few cards (in denominations of \$25 or smaller) to donate to our Service Ministries.

Toiletries

As our time with *Congregation Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter* (CARITAS) comes to a close, we'd like to put together small bags of personal items to distribute to the CARITAS clients. Please make donations of small personal hygiene products (hotel sample size items work really well). A collection bin will be placed by the Food bin in the back hallway. Please make your donations by November 10th.

Christmas Ministry

The Service Ministries team will be in the Parish Hall November 13, 20 and 27 to assist you if you would like to adopt a child or a family for Christmas this year. Ingathering of gifts will be December 4 and we will distribute gifts to families December 9 and 10. We will be available to help you at every step of the process. Please participate in our Christmas Ministry program - it provides a wonderful way for us to share our many blessings with our neighbors who are less fortunate. You may also make a donation to our program - these funds will be used to purchase Christmas meals for our families. For more information or if you would like to adopt earlier than November 14, please contact Kay Gray at 741-2984 or kaytgray@aol.com.

Concert Choir From The Greater Richmond Children's Choir

Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

The Concert Choir, directed by Hope Armstrong Erb, will sing anthems at the Thanksgiving worship service.



Service Of Advent Lessons And Carols

Sunday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.

There will be a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, sung by our adult choir, on Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m. This lovely service will include traditional carols, anthems, and hymns for the Advent season. Invite your family and friends to this special worship service! There will be a reception, hosted by the Parish Life Team, in the parish hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

ART *auction*

The Missionary Society is planning an art auction to be held on April 20, 2012 to benefit the mission work of Grace and Holy Trinity. We hope all our own Grace and Holy Trinity artists will consider donating some work for this event. Put on your creative hat and share for the benefit of the people of Belize. This is another way of showing the wonderful talents of G&HT -books, ceramics, knitting, paintings, photography, sculpture, and smocking were among the items offered at our 2009 auction. If you will donate and know of artists who will, please contact Dede Davis at dandridge.davis2@verizon.net



"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 5:00 p.m. 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 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 now looking for volunteers to cook. 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. 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.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving on Tuesday evening, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

We are pleased that the Greater Richmond Children's Choir will participate in the service. The GRCC uses our church for rehearsal space and in thanksgiving, they share with us in worship and at concerts from time to time. Please plan on coming to church for worship as you begin the holiday. The service is set for Tuesday so that even if you are going out of town on Wednesday, you can still come.

Christmas Pageant is coming ... SOONER THAN YOU THINK

That's right, it's that time of year when we all are surprised to realize that Christmas is right around the corner. One thing that means for us is the Christmas Pageant, which will be on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00pm. You will receive more information through your child's Sunday School class, but if have any questions or want to take this opportunity to help out, please contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret at the church office.



Youth Calendar for November:

November 6th 1:00 pm Pilgrimage meeting with youth and parents (lunch will be provided)

November 11th-13th: Diocesan 6th and 7th Grade Weekend at Shrine Mont

6th & 7th Graders: Sign up now for the 6th and 7th Grade Diocesan Youth weekend! We will go to Shrine Mont and join other youth in the 6th and 7th grade from all over the Diocese for a weekend long retreat on **November 11th -13th**. Retreats run from Friday afternoon through Sunday at lunch. **Registration is due Sunday, October 30th**. Please contact Lauren at lauren@ghtc.org or by phone at 359-5628 ext. 15 to get registration forms.



November 19th 6:30-9:00 p.m. Auction to benefit youth pilgrimage

On Saturday, November 19th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm we will have a festive evening here at Grace and Holy Trinity Church. The Reception and auction proceeds will benefit the youth pilgrimage to Liverpool and London.

Some of our auction items will include:

- Weekend stays in lovely homes at the River
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Tickets to upcoming events here in Richmond
- Items to decorate your home
- Gift baskets
- Gift certificates for services (for example, house cleaning or yard work)

Tickets for the Auction are \$25 per person. You can buy tickets at church on Sunday morning, or contact the Rev. Lauren Kuratko at lauren@ghtc.org or 804-359-5628 ext. 15. We hope you will all come have an evening of fun and support the youth on Saturday, November 19th!



The High School Students of
Grace & Holy Trinity and Immanuel, Old Church
Need Your Help to Make Their
2012 Pilgrimage to Liverpool, England
A Reality



*On Saturday, November 19, 2011, we will hold a charity auction and cocktail reception at Grace & Holy Trinity Church, 8 North Laurel Street, Richmond. We are currently looking for individuals, businesses and groups to donate **ITEMS, OPPORTUNITIES or SERVICES** to be auctioned at the event.*



Examples of **ITEMS**: tickets to a play or sporting event; antiques; homemade or purchased gift baskets; new or “like new” condition household or yard items with a value of \$50 or more; collector’s items; other valuable stuff!

Examples of **OPPORTUNITIES**: gift certificates; weekends at a timeshare, hotel or getaway; autographed sports or entertainment paraphernalia.

Examples of **SERVICES**: housecleaning; closet reorganizing; yard work; landscaping; painting; auto detailing; dog-sitting.

Your contributions to the auction are tax-deductible and will help these students enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS (If applicable): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Item / Opportunity / Service Donated: _____

Approx. Value: _____

Thank you for your support!

THE BIBLE

The Adult Forum and Bible Study on Sunday mornings is offering a comprehensive introductory course on the Bible. For your own research, try these websites: www.enterthebible.org, www.textweek.com, <http://bible.org/netbible/index.htm>.



Our schedule for the coming weeks is as follows:

Nov 6th – Kristin Swenson, PhD presents on her book, *“Bible Babel: Making Sense of the Most Talked About Book of All Time.”* Dr. Swenson is currently Visiting Associate Professor of Religious Studies and the University of Virginia and until recently was Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University. For more information on Dr. Swenson and her writing, please go to www.kristinswenson.com. We will have Dr. Swenson’s book on-hand for purchase.

Nov. 13th – The Rev. Michael Cadaret presents on the book of Exodus and the covenant made between Yahweh and Israel on Mt. Sinai.

Nov 20th – The Rev. Bo Millner presents on the historical books of Joshua and Judges.

Nov 27th – Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making (please see below).

Dec. 4th - The Rev. Michael Cadaret presents on the Biblical stories of the origins of the Israelite Kingdom, its eventual division and subsequent fall of the divided kingdoms and the people’s exile and captivity in Babylon.

Dec. 11th and 18th – Professor Mark Biddle joins us to present on prophecy and prophetic literature. Dr. Biddle serves as the Russell T. Cherry Professor of Old Testament at Professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He is author of several books including *“Missing the Mark: Sin and Its Consequences in Biblical Theology”* (Abingdon, 2005) and *“Deuteronomy in the Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary Series”*, as well as the Old Testament Area Editor for that series. Dr. Biddle is on the Editorial Board of Review and Expositor and Interpretation and is the general editor of the forthcoming publication *Reading the Old Testament* (Smyth & Helwys).

For more information, contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret

Advent Wreath Making – Intergenerational Sunday School on November 28th

In the Middle Ages, Christians adapted the Germanic and Scandinavian pre-Christian practice of using wreaths lit with candles. The pre-Christian use marked the people’s hope of the coming Spring as they watched the December days begin to lengthen. Christians adapted this and other traditions to mark our time of waiting on Christ’s coming. Materials will be available for families to make wreaths for use at home during Advent, but please feel free to bring greens and clippings from your home to share. A donation of \$10 per wreath for supplies is suggested.



Would You Like to Know More About GHTC...?

Its history, architecture, worship and ministries? Would you like to know more about The Episcopal Church? Then “Doorways” is just the class for you! This series of classes for adults will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays November 6 and 13 in the chapel (located at the back of the church). These classes will open new doors for you in your life at GHTC, will answer any questions you may have and help connect us with each other. The classes will be led by Carolyn Chilton and members of the clergy. For more information e-mail Carolyn or call her at 359-5628 ext. 16.

Liturgical Schedule for November 2011

	11/06/2011 All Saints' Sunday	11/13/2011	11/20/2011	11/27/2011 First Advent	12/4/2011
Altar Guild	George Pugh	Archie Nichols	Louise Williams & Liz Bisset	Anne Percival	George Pugh
7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45	7:45
Lectors	Kate Bishop-Pevsner	Kay Gray	Andrew Peacock	Saint Pinckney	TBA
8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
Acolytes	Kirby & Matt Kollmansperger	Ruslan & Conner Thomas	Mitchell & Jeffrey Green	Tim Johnson Kimlock Nelson	Charlie Holloway Henry Crowell
Greeters	Kathleen & John Thomas	Hal & Kathy Colwell Hill	Barbara & Gary Francis	Mary Cay & Frank Kollmansperger	Andrew Peacock Debra Cole
Lectors	John Thomas	Phil Dawson	Frank Kollmansperger	Carrie Hoge	Ellen Featherstone
Chalice Bearers	Ben Richardson	Nancy Disharoon	Barbara Francis	Carolyn Chilton	Ben Richardson
11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
Acolytes	Joey Krzyston Tripp Walker Liz Candler Barclay Jumet Carson White	Rachel Hall Trevor Hall Charlene Boyd	Will Gregory Tyler Starr Thomas Gregory Catherine Alexander Libby Alexander	Russel Jarvis Caroline Williams Molly O'Quinn Charlene Boyd Ella Spruill	Will Gregory Tripp Walker Barclay Jumet Thomas Gregory Carson White
Greeters	Vicki & Jay Ayers	Joann Purvis Harold Williams	Donna Marie joy Betty Markham	Ann Williams Sally Wood	TBA
Lectors	Shelli Lord Brad Davenport	Dusty O'Quinn Bill Broadbudd	Hug West John McLees	Steve & Kristi Hall	Tom Baynham Ann Gray
Chalice Bearers	David Abbott Donna Campbell Jane Chaffin	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Grace Broadbudd Bill Broadbudd Aisha Huertas	Annette Hook Nancy Trego Marcia Miller Hailey	Caroline Morton Marshall Morton Leslie Winn



THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 22 AT 7:00 p.m.	
Lector	TBA
Chalice Bearer	Catherine Perrin

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 IS UTO SUNDAY

Grace & Holy Trinity will have our United Thank Offering ingathering on December 11.
With the UTO envelope enclosed in the newsletter you can help others
by providing grants to support projects and programs in the US and throughout the world.



United Thank Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all creation, all love, all true joy; accept we pray these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

**The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people.
To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings
and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.**

