

The Anchor



Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Advent / Christmas / Epiphany 2011-2012



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have begun a new church year and I wish you all the best in it. The church year is a great way to organize time. Thinking about time in this way constantly connects us to the great story of the Bible and of our faith- the story of creation and fall, of God's loving purposes in the work of redemption and of God's gift to us in his son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Starting with the Advent season, we are moving to a new publication schedule for our newsletter. Rather than publish monthly, we are going to publish the newsletter to correspond with the seasons of the church year. This newsletter covers Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. This publication schedule will facilitate planning and communication because it will help get the schedule and special opportunities announced earlier than is often the case now. Also, it will be more cost effective because there will be fewer editions so less printing and mailing costs. (Tentatively we'll have editions for Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week & Easter, Pentecost, Mid- Pentecost and Late Pentecost.) The seasonal newsletter will provide the "big picture" while the weekly eNews and Sunday bulletin announcements will keep things current. If you do not subscribe to the eNews, please just send me an email (bmillner@ghtc.org). Also, the liturgy schedule will still be published on a monthly basis and will be available with the eNews, on the web at www.ghtc.org and paper copies will be available at the back of the church and the chapel. If you let the church know, we can arrange to have it mailed to you.

The church year, like life itself, has its ups and its downs. Or perhaps I should say, it has somber times and also celebratory ones. Advent is a somber season for the most part. It concentrates on John the Baptist who is a rather severe prophet. Advent also reminds us that God is in control of history and of the world. This is of course, good news. But it also issues a challenge - that we be people ready to celebrate God's perfect love and justice. Toward the end of Advent the tone changes and then of course, we move into Christmas. Contrary to the culture around us (have you noticed, we live "post-christendom"?) which begins Christmas before Thanksgiving and ends at the stroke of midnight on December 25th. The church's celebration of the Incarnation begins with sundown on December 24 and lasts 12 days. Epiphany is also a season of celebration. The word itself means "manifestation" and traditionally it is a time when we renew our commitment to evangelism - to sharing the good news with others.

I look forward to moving through these seasons with you. You can see inside this newsletter that there will be plenty of opportunities to mind the times. We will have an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on December 11 and a Christmas pageant on December 18. On Christmas Eve we'll have two services. The early one (4:30 p.m.) will follow the format of our Sunday 8:45 a.m. service and the later service, which begins at 10:00 p.m. will follow the format of our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service. In honor of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, the gospel at both services will be read from that venerable translation.

We will have one service on Sunday December 25th, at 10:00 a.m. We will not have Sunday School or breakfast that day, but we will pick up with our regular morning schedule on January 1. (The 5:00 p.m. service will not be offered on December 25, January 1 and January 8).

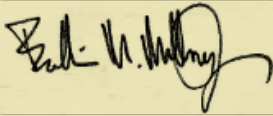
Looking further into January and into the Epiphany season, we will celebrate our next baptismal festival on January 8 the First Sunday after the Epiphany: the Baptism of our Lord. Services on that day will give us all the opportunity to renew our baptismal covenant. Annual Diocesan Council will meet in January and you can learn more about that at www.thediocese.net. We also look forward to our Annual Meeting with Vestry elections on February 5, 2012.

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Finally, please be sure to read the "Mind the Gap" article in this newsletter to learn how you can change \$1 into \$3.

Blessings and Peace.....Have a meaningful Advent, a joyous Christmas and an enlightening Epiphany!



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Thank You to everyone who has made a pledge to the mission and ministry of Grace and Holy Trinity Church for 2012. The support you give through your time, talents and treasure means that together we can do extra-ordinary things in our Lord's name, and continue to change lives here in Richmond and around the world.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we would appreciate your doing so as soon as possible. This information helps the Finance Committee and Vestry make the best possible decisions concerning our 2012 ministries and operating budget. As of the writing of this article in mid-November, our pledged income is slightly ahead of this point last year. With your support, we look forward to this trend continuing. A full report from the Annual Campaign will be available in the new year.



Generations of generosity

Mind the Gap – How You Can Turn \$1 into \$3

In order to keep the parish moving forward the Vestry adopted a deficit budget for 2011 in faith and hope that we could "mind the gap." Your generosity throughout this year has helped GHTC chip away at the deficit. Now, thanks to a generous and anonymous donor we hope to be able to close the gap completely. For every dollar that you give to Mind the Gap during Advent, the donor will contribute two dollars. The deficit at the beginning of the year was \$43,093. You have contributed \$18,339 to Mind the Gap so far. This leaves us with a balance of \$24,754. Will you turn \$1 into \$3 to help us close the gap? (With our donor's help we need contributions of \$8,251 to bring us home.) Please note:

- ❖ Contributions must be clearly designated to "Mind the Gap"
- ❖ Only gifts from November 27 through December 31 qualify
- ❖ These gifts are not part of your regular pledge payments
- ❖ Additional payments on your pledge do not automatically qualify for "Mind the Gap" unless you specifically so designate.

You may put your check (marked "Mind the Gap" in the memo section) in the alms basin on Sundays or mail it to the church, attention Judy Miller. The Vestry is most grateful for your generosity. **Thank you!**

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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 SWEEPPS: 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.

Pastoral Care & Parish Life

A member of the clergy is on-call for Grace & Holy Trinity Church, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. In the event of a pastoral emergency call the church at 359-5628. If this is during non-office hours, select extension 17. The message on extension 17 will give you the name and cell phone number of the clergy person on call. Then call that person for assistance. If you should get the cell phone voice mail of the clergy person on call, please leave a message. Be assured they will be checking messages throughout the day and they will return your call.



Write a note this week! Note cards are kept at the back of the church so that you can take one home and write to someone who was lifted up in prayer during the service, or perhaps someone who is not present and you miss them. These simple yet profound acts of caring empower us to share God's love.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on February 5.

On that Sunday, we will focus on the mission of our congregation. The meeting, with Vestry elections will begin at 9:45 a.m. We will then offer Daily Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon. A list of candidates will be available for your review in January.

What a wonderful Fall we have had at GHTC! Here are just a few of the things that have been going on. The sixth and seventh graders have been away for a weekend retreat at Shrine Mont while our high school youth prepare for a pilgrimage to London and Liverpool in the summer of 2012. The soup kitchen has shown hospitality to countless members of the Richmond community. We've had great music on Sundays (including "When the Saints Go Marching In") and special music at evening concerts. Thanks to the Endowment Fund we received the church bus and it has been bringing people to church every Sunday except when it was used, on two separate weekends, to take members to Shrine Mont. We had a tasty oyster roast to support our mission work in Belize. Also, we have helped a wonderful girl from Belize who is here for surgery with the World Pediatric Project. We had great teachers and preachers, including the Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. Richard Blackburn of Liverpool, the Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo of the Virginia Seminary and Dr. Kristen Swenson from the University of Virginia (and VCU). We've had great attendance at the Adult Forum Bible Study which, over the course of a year, is presenting an introduction to the Bible. The Campus Ministry has hosted the Rev. Canon Susan Goff, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese, for Wednesday evening dinner and again one Sunday for worship. Our cup is full to overflowing! **Thank you so much for making it all possible.**



The staff of Grace and Holy Trinity Church - Judy Miller, Barbara Hobson-Simpson, James Fleming, Tina Roberts, Valérie Aussanaire, Beth Davis, Carolyn Chilton, the Rev. Lauren Kuratko, the Rev. Michael Cadaret and the Rev. Bo Millner thank you for your support of GHTC and wish you a joyous Christmas and a happy new year!

The Four Murals in the Chancel

By Carolyn M. Chilton

For more than eighty years, the walls at the back of our chancel (behind the altar) have been graced with four murals. Painted in Gothic Revival style, they depict (from left to right) the Annunciation to Mary, the Nativity, the women at Jesus' tomb, and the Ascension.

The murals are unsigned and little was known about them or the artist until our Art Committee, in the early part of this century, undertook research on the many decorative objects at Grace & Holy Trinity Church. With special thanks to Dr. Lewis Wright and Mr. Donald Traser we now know more about these murals.

The artist was Frederick Auguste Benzenberg who was born in 1873 in Eberfeld, Germany. He studied art in Dusseldorf and came to New York City in the 1890s. Although he worked initially in decorating theater walls and ceilings, he soon developed a strong interest in religious art. For many years he was an Ecclesiastical Designer for the Gorham Company. Mr. Benzenberg's wife, Dora, was an American. They purchased a house in Brooklyn in 1902, in which a granddaughter still lives. Among his other works are the ornate ceiling in the Chapel of the Holy Family at the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City, and works in churches in San Antonio and Los Angeles. He died in 1961.

Our murals are done on canvas, and were applied to our walls by the Gorham Company in 1929. They are a memorial gift honoring Col. John W. Gordon



from his children. Col. Gordon also gave two of our stained glass windows (on the south wall), he helped raise the money for the new stone church in the 1880's, and the Ascension stained glass window over the altar.



In 1947 a leak developed in the roof over the Ascension panel and badly damaged that mural. Vestry minutes from December 1948 reveal that after much searching, Benzenberg was located and he was hired to paint a replacement panel which was installed in 1949. Prior to the installation of air conditioning some of the sanctuary windows and panels in the ceiling were opened to provide air circulation. This, of course, also allowed in dirt and soot, and the murals became darkened and dirty over the course of the years. In 2002 art cleaners were hired to clean and restore them. They tried using various chemicals all to no avail. Then one of them took a Q-tip, swabbed it around in her mouth, and tried cleaning a corner of one of the murals. The dirt and soot came right off! The murals were then cleaned with synthetic salvia!

As we move into the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons, find a moment to look at these beautiful paintings up close, especially the Annunciation and Nativity ones. What symbol of the Holy Spirit can you see in the Annunciation window? Look at Mary in both the Annunciation and Nativity windows...does she look the same? How is she

dressed in both of them? What background of the murals do you see that makes them in the Gothic Revival style? What is the source of light in the paintings and what might this tell us about the artist's intention? What do you notice about the angels in the two paintings?

Enjoy!

Christmas Ministry 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.



Donations for the needy

As the year comes to a close, 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 12:45-2:30, 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 Friday, December 23rd and 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 10am to cook and set-up. Others come around 12:30 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. The collection bin is 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

Of critical importance to the CVFB is stopping childhood hunger. 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.



From the Rev. Michael Cadaret

The congregation of Grace and Holy Trinity knows God's grace in powerful ways. We know God's grace in His generous provision in our individual lives and in our life together as the Body of Christ. We know God's grace in His call to the blessed and challenging vocation of serving others, particularly the needy in our community.

While it is often painful to confront the realities of homelessness, hunger, and poverty, God is deeply present in the faces and voices of those who reach out to us for help. We are reminded of how deeply God loves us and how generously He provides for us. We are reminded of our own neediness and vulnerability. We are reminded that we need not respond to our own needs and those of others out of anxiety or a sense of lack. Because we know of God's love for us and all, we can respond with joy, hope, generosity and love.



The give and take of God's call to us and our response is humbling, no doubt. And it is with a sense of humility and gratitude that I give you the news of one significant area through which this give and take has played out: Service Ministries. In 2011, the Grace and Holy Trinity congregation

- * Volunteered thousands of hours to community service at places like Boaz and Ruth, Habitat for Humanity, Crossover Ministries, the Anna Julia Copper Episcopal School, St. Andrew's School,
- * Served an average of 74 people each Friday through the Soup Kitchen which remained open after Thanksgiving and on the Fridays immediately preceding Christmas and New Year's (with over 3,000 meals served),
- * While final figures aren't available as of this publication, gave an estimated \$125,000 to the needy in our community through grants and emergency relief; keeping people in their homes, making sure they have their prescriptions, assisting them with dental and eye care, assisting them with the cost of utilities, and making sure that they have food on their tables.

Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." This is one of God-given vocations, and it is both a blessing and a challenge.



Youth & Campus Ministry

We will have a **Pilgrimage** meeting for **YOUTH ONLY** on **December 4th** from **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. Parents do not need to join us for this pilgrimage meeting. Please RSVP to lauren@ghtc.org.

Youth Holy-Day Brunch: We will gather **December 18th** from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. for the Youth Holy-Day Brunch.

- * All 6th - 12th graders are invited to Lauren Kuratko's house in Church Hill. Parents, please drop your youth off at 1:30 at Lauren's house, and pick them back up at 3:30 pm.
- * The Kuratko's address is: 2611 East Clay Street, Richmond VA 23223.
- * Remember to bring a wrapped gift (value \$10 or less) to be exchanged between youth members.
- * **Please RSVP to Lauren (lauren@ghtc.org) by December 11th** so she knows how much food to prepare!

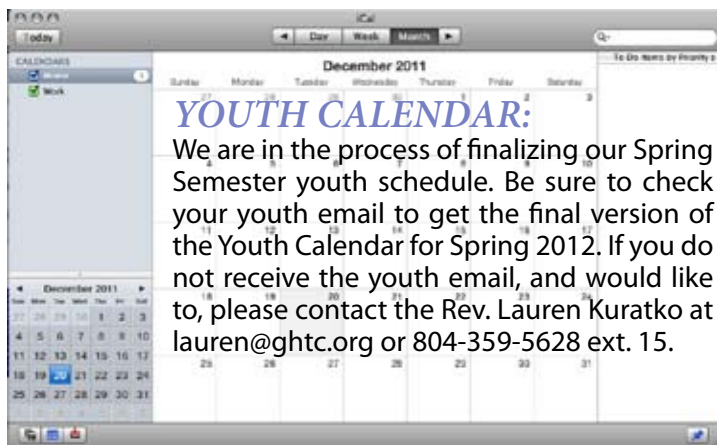
Children's Pageant: At 5:00 p.m. on **December 18th** we will have our annual Children's Pageant. Youth, please come and see this wonderful pageant. Please let Lauren Kuratko know if you are interested in being in the Pageant!

We look forward to seeing all of you at Christmas worship services! We have services Christmas Eve at 4:30 and 10 pm and Christmas Day at 10 am.



Pilgrimage Fundraiser: Truffle sales

The youth will be selling Valentine's truffles as a fundraiser for their pilgrimage to Liverpool and London. They will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 12th. The truffles will be available by **PRE-ORDER ONLY**, and we will be selling them on these Sundays: **January 22nd, January 29th, and February 5th**. Please look for more information in the enews and bulletin in January.



Campus Ministry

Please pray for the VCU students as the Fall 2011 semester draws to a close. VCU Finals are Dec. 12th - Dec. 20th. The campus ministry students will have two study breaks during finals. The first is Sunday **December 11th**—we will gather for the 5:00 p.m. worship service and then go out to dinner. The second will be Wednesday **December 14th** from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Classes resume again on January 17th, 2012.



Sunday night worship:

We will NOT be having the 5 pm service on December 25, January 1st and January 8th. The 5 pm service will resume on **Sunday, January 15th**, so if you are in town, come join us for a service. VCU classes resume on January 17th. Our first Campus Ministry event in 2012 will be Wednesday night dinner & activity at 6:00 pm on January 18th. Our Sunday night program with dinner and music resumes on Sunday January 22nd at 5:00 pm.

CAMPUS MINISTRY MISSION TRIP:

Our Campus Ministry students are preparing for their 2012 Spring Break Mission Trip to South Africa. Save the date: The students will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on **Tuesday, February 21st** as a fundraiser for their New Orleans Mission Trip. Look for more detail in the bulletin.

If you would like to make a contribution to support the Campus Ministry New Orleans Mission Trip, you can mail your donations to the church office with "New Orleans Mission Trip" in the memo line. We thank you for your support!

CELEBRATION OF UNITY CONCERT

There will be a Celebration of Unity concert at Grace & Holy Trinity on Monday, **January 16** at 7:30 p.m. This concert will feature the Grace & Holy Trinity Adult Choir, Greater Richmond Children's Choir, and the Sanctuary Choir of Ebenezer Baptist Church. These three wonderful choirs will perform anthems and spirituals in honor of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. Please plan to attend this exciting annual community event!



An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on December 11. This lovely service will include traditional carols, anthems, and hymns for the Advent season. The readings and music will culminate with John the Baptist, the great prophet and forerunner of Christ. This service should provide a great way to mark the season of Advent with its themes of hope and judgment.

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be offered at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday December 18. Please gather in the church for the service and come to the parish hall afterwards for fellowship hour.

On Christmas Eve we will have two services - 4:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Both of these services will be Rite II Holy Eucharist and in honor of the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, the Christmas gospel will be read from that venerable translation. The early service will follow the format of our 8:45 a.m. Sunday service and the later service will enjoy the ministry of our renowned adult choir. Both services will be preceded by thirty minutes of special holiday music. The 8:45 Music Team, a harpist, and a flutist will provide special music at the 4:30 PM service. The adult choir, a harpist, and a flutist will provide special music at the 10:00 PM service.

There will be one service on Sunday December 25th at 10:00 a.m. Please gather in the chapel. Other Sunday morning activities will not be offered on December 25 but we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule on January 1, 2012 with services at

7:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and breakfast at 9:15 a.m. The 5:00 p.m. Sunday service will not be offered on December 25 or on January 1.

IN LOVE WITH MUSIC CONCERT

There will be an In Love with Music concert on Saturday, **February 11** at 4:00 p.m. This annual concert in its sixth season will feature internationally renowned soloists Anne O'Byrne, soprano, Tracey Welborn, tenor, Cody Austin, tenor, George Pugh, piano accompanist and Grace & Holy Trinity parishioner, along with The Grace Notes, a vocal ensemble from Grace & Holy Trinity and the Richmond area. The musicians will present traditional and most-loved arias and duets from light opera, opera, and musicals celebrating love in its many forms. This concert will be a collaboration between Grace & Holy Trinity and Lyric Opera Virginia. There will be a reception following the concert hosted by the Music Ministry Team. Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful and popular concert on our series!

THE BIBLE

The Adult Forum on Sunday mornings will offer 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:

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).

Jan. 1st – Good Book Club Reprise (see article below)

Through January and February we will have sessions on the Psalms, Proverbs and other Wisdom Literature, and will then move into a close study of the New Testament.

For more information, contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret

Christmas Pageant is coming ...

That's right, it's that time of year when we all are shocked 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.



This year we unveil a new presentation of the Christmas story with lessons taken from Eugene Peterson's biblical paraphrase *The Message*, carols, and tableaux (still scenes).

Rehearsals will take place during the Sunday School hour on December 4th and 11th. If have any questions or want to take this opportunity to help out, please contact the Rev. Michael Cadaret at the church office.



Good Book Club Reprise

That's right Good Book Club is back for New Year's Day.

On Sunday, January 1st at 10:00am in the Parish Hall, we will be reading the Nativity and Epiphany Stories from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. Study Guides and Discussion Questions will be distributed at church and in Sunday School. Read the stories with your family and then join us. Bring the whole family. We want to hear from all ages. Light breakfast items will be provided.



Third Annual Ping Pong Tournament

The Third Annual Missionary Society Ping Pong Tournament will be held **January 20th** beginning at six o'clock in the Parish Hall. There will be 64 players in the draw, divided into 4 divisions: men, women, college students, and teenagers. Consolation rounds will be held and almost everyone will play three matches. The cost for adults is \$50/person. Teenagers and college students are \$15/person. Spectators are \$20/person. The evening includes a pulled barbecue dinner, both eastern North Carolina and Virginia styles, as well as beverages. Child care is also available. The tournament is open to Grace & Holy Trinity members and friends. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends and neighbors to GHTC. Judging from the fun and success of past year's tournaments, you better sign up early! All proceeds benefit the Missionary Society's summer trip to Belize where for the 3rd year they will be running a week long arts, sports, and music camp for the youth in San Ignacio. Signup sheets will be posted in the Parish Hall in January or contact Mary or Kinloch Nelson at 288-8743 or knelson@uro.com.



Missionary Society Brunswick Stew

Once again, the Missionary Society will be selling their famous Brunswick Stew to make your Super Bowl party easy and delicious! Orders will be taken beginning in January. The stew will be available for pick up only on Sunday, February 5th.

Episcopal Church Women Christmas pot luck luncheon

to be held on **Tuesday December 13th** at the home of Betsy Featherstone at 212 Gun Club Road. Please come at 10:30 to wrap gifts and stuff stockings for the 11th House Girls and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Thanks so much,
Jodie Polly



Spring Art Auction

The Missionary Society will be holding an Art Auction in the Spring. If you have art to donate to the auction, or have artist friends to recommend, please be in touch with Dede Davis or Mary Nelson.

Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia

The members of the parishes in the Diocese elect Vestry members and the Vestry then elects delegates to Annual Council. Your representatives at Council are Sara Jo Williams, Dawn McNamara and Shelli Lord. All clergy canonically resident in the Diocese are also members of Council so that the Rev. Lauren Kuratko, the Rev. Michael Cadaret and the Rev. Bo Millner have seat, voice and vote. You may read about Council at the diocesan website. (www.thediocese.net) Any of your representatives would be happy to talk with you. The 217th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia will take place January 26-28, 2012 in Reston.

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Baptismal Schedule for 2012

If at all possible, Baptisms should be scheduled for the major baptismal festivals of the church year.

Baptisms are performed on these days:

January 8, 2012 - Epiphany I, at all services
April 7, 2012 - Easter Eve, especially appropriate for Adults
May 27, 2012 - Pentecost, at all morning services
November 4, 2012 - All Saints, at all services

The following dates are also offered:

February 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
February 12, 2012 at 8:45 a.m.
April 15, 2012 at all services
June 17, 2012 at all services
August 15, 2012 at all morning services
September 16, 2012 at all morning services
October 14, 2012 at 8:45 a.m.
October 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
December 30, 2012 at all morning services

Baptisms may also be scheduled at 7:45am and 5:00pm services on a case by case basis. Please consult with a member of the clergy:
The Rev. Bollin M. Millner, Jr., The Rev. Lauren Kuratko,
or The Rev. Michael Cadaret.

