

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# TRINITY GRAND LEDGER

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**Summer** is here. The regular program year activities are finished. Different opportunities for study and fellowship have started. Please enjoy the relaxed rhythm of Trinity and Grand Ledge this summer.

**Five Tuesday afternoons in June and July from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**, there is a book discussion group in the Trinity Room led by Ann McMillan. **'The Shack'**, a very popular bestseller by William Paul Young, is the work being explored. At the time of the first gathering on June 2, fourteen people are involved. For more information and/or a reading list and meeting schedule, call the church office (517) 627-6287 or call Ann at (517) 706-0150.

The **Wednesday evening Golf League**, with a team from our church and Emmanuel Lutheran, continues throughout the summer. Jill Knaggs, at 627-3413, may be contacted for further information.

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**Attendance in April** was up. **Attendance in May** was about the same as other years with a new twist. Parishioners are telling me that they will be away and where they are going. Parishioners must be realizing that they are missed when they are away, and that others will be concerned about them. This is a very good sign that our community is growing in numbers and commitment to Christian community!

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On Saturday May 2, The Knaggs hosted a **Kentucky Derby Party** in the undercroft. The food and fellowship were great, and proceeds from the races went to the Food Bank in our community. Thanks to Cliff, Daniel, Jill, Mike, Ellyssa, Abigail, and Alexandra for a good time.

We extend our thanks to **Sallee Anderson** for overseeing (setting up and cleaning up) at the **Potluck on Sunday May 31**.

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Thanks to the visiting **musicians**. In addition to the choir anthems, **Bill Henson**, tenor, (from the Early Music group *Sine Nomine*) sang No. 2, **"Who is this fair one?"** from the **Four Hymns for Tenor and Viola** of Ralph Vaughan Williams on April 19, and on May 3 sang No. 3 of the same work, **"Come Love, Come Lord"**, with Helen Niblock playing the viola part. **Tamara Hicks-Syron**, soprano, (from *Sine Nomine*) sang Cesar Franck's much loved ***Panis angelicus*** accompanied by the parish Choir and organist Marian Stolz during the offertory on the Feast of Pentecost on May 31.

Thanks to the **Parish Choir** for their musical leadership in our 10 am services. These singers are a joy to work with and are increasing their skills at a very fast rate. On Pentecost the choir finished the season. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday September 10 at 6:30 pm.

Thanks to Diane Britt, Soprano  
Cindy Buchweitz, Soprano  
Inger Lanese, Soprano  
Emily Rodeck, Soprano

Rose Doty, Alto  
Ann McMillan, Alto  
Marsha Smith, Alto

Michael Kegley, Tenor  
Kal Smith, Tenor

Tom Anderson, Bass  
Dan Rodeck, Bass

For the Fall, we have cassocks and surplices available for

1 more Soprano  
2 more Altos  
1 more Tenor  
1 more Bass

Please contact me if you are interested or if you know of someone whom I should approach about one of these openings. My cell number is (248) 978-5537.

Rehearsals are

Thursday evenings (from September to the end of May) from 6:30 pm until 8:09  
Sunday mornings (from September to the end of May) from 9:15 am until 9:47

Services are

Sundays from (September to the end of May) from 10 am until 11:14.

On Sunday June 7, the final hymn will be '**Higher Ground**', a hymn with a text by Johnson Oatman Jr., who was the maternal grandfather of **Sandy Kallen's late husband David**. The Rev. Mr Oatman is also known for his hymn 'Count your blessings'.

I am slowly **visiting all of the parish families**. Please expect a call. I have questions. I hope that we will look for the answers together.

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On Saturday, May 30, our wardens, Sallee Anderson and John Lanese, our parish secretary, Jill Knaggs, and I participated in the final event of the **Small Church Seminar** sponsored by Western Theological Seminary of Holland, Michigan. On this day, the religious historian Diana Butler Bass, author of many books including the book, which the vestry and other parishioners read, **Christianity for the Rest of Us**, spoke about her observations about changes in society and Christian culture in recent decades.

Bass asserts from her four-year national-multi-‘mainline’-denominational study funded by the Lily Foundation of Indianapolis that vibrant congregations exist **where three communities intersect** within a parish: A Community of Practice (Christian activities such as Worship, Prayer, Singing, Pilgrimage, Household Economics etc.), A Community of Mission (congregational, local, national, international), and A Community of Memory (remembering the past while looking to the future).

The shadows of these that do not lead to a vibrant future are programmatic burnout instead of Christian practices, self-congratulation and inactivity instead of mission, and a loss of creativity instead of memory informing a way forward.

We will have to consider what we have learned from Bass’s research and how it is relevant to our parish at this point in time.

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On Saturday May 16, some families with children came to our home for a barbeque, games, and a discussion of the **Christian formation** program. On Saturday June 6, more families will meet at our home in Okemos. There will be a third opportunity at another time.

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May God richly bless you in His service,

Nixon+

### **Lugnut Game**

TEC members need to choose if they prefer the July 17 evening game with fireworks afterwards or the August 16 game at 2pm with a Christian concert afterwards.

Please call me (517) 626-6410  
or email me  
([bingzing88@yahoo.com](mailto:bingzing88@yahoo.com))  
ASAP so I can respond to the  
group sales representative.

Thanks, Inger

## Thank You

Speaking only for myself but I'm sure for the whole choir, I would like to thank Father Nixon for his superb direction and teaching of all of us. The choir has developed into a true musical experience. He has introduced all of us to serious but singable music for the church. The rehearsals are sometimes arduous but so very rewarding. I would encourage anyone who likes to sing to consider joining this fine group. And Father teaches us how to read music so you don't have to be a trained singer!

I am honored to be a small part of this hard working and talented group of servants of God.

Marian Stolz

## Summer Book Group

Summer Book group will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons to read and discuss **The Shack** by Wm. Paul Young. The book can be purchased at local book stores or on-line through Amazon.com. We will have our first meeting on June 2 and meet every other week (June 2, 16, 30, etc).

Reading Assignments are:

June 2 Pages 1-42

June 16 Pages 43-103

June 30 Pages 104-150

July 14 Pages 151-208

July 28 Pages 209-248

For questions call Ann McMillan, 706-0150 or email [mcmill31@msn.com](mailto:mcmill31@msn.com).

## Kentucky Derby Party



Ellyn Weihl, Connie Fast and her friend.

A special Thank You to all that came out in their finery to attend the Kentucky Derby party at Trinity. We had 24 attendees.

The Derby was watched on the TV, Hot Brown sandwiches were serviced and then Trinity's

## Thursday Nights

On Thursday nights until July 2nd John Lanese will be performing a solo acoustic show from 9 pm to midnight at the Log Jam, in Grand Ledge. Each performance will be different from the last with a special show on July 2nd. The Log Jam is smoke-free and serves food, so plan a Thursday night of dinner and a show.

own ponies ran. Some of the ponies that ran where, St. Nick, Broken Vile, Lawyer's Weekly, Nurse Nelly, High Ceiling, Marian the Librarian, Clem the Lem, Kalamine Lotion and of course Sinister Minister.

*Next Year in Jerusalem!***HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE – April 13-22, 2010****SITES TO BE VISITED**

Bethlehem, Cana, Dead Sea, Nazareth, Qumran, Massada, Caesarea, Mount of the Beatitudes, Tel Meggido, Capernaum, Old Jerusalem: Garden of Gethsemane, Upper Room, Via Delorosa, Neve Shalom-Wahat al Salam (Jewish & Arab village)

We will worship at various sites, including holy communion in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We will also visit archeological sites, have conversations with Arab and Jewish peace leaders, and tour historical churches in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem.

**COST** Approximately \$3,200 per person, double occupancy

Includes air fare from Detroit or Chicago, first class hotels and taxes, daily breakfasts and dinners, motor coaches with expert guides, and reservation fees at designated venues.

\$200 Deposit required by June 1, 2009

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If you would like additional details, please visit the website of the Boston based tour company with whose clergy staff we are working: **travelillumine.com** and then go to our link **trc/amb**.

**DIOCESAN MISSION TRIPS SCHEDULED**

The Diocese is planning mission opportunities in 2009. The missions will provide hurricane disaster relief along the Gulf Coast. The first mission is to Mississippi, the last week of October. The second mission is to New Orleans, the first week of December.

Episcopal Relief and Development has made a long-term commitment to rebuild the Gulf Coast. Devastation from the hurricanes is so massive whole communities have been obliterated. The Diocese of West Michigan is partnering with the Diocese of Louisiana and Mississippi in this endeavor. Accommodations are provided once volunteers arrive at the mission site. Beds, lavatories with hot showers, stoves, refrigerators, phones, snacks, and necessary amenities are at each camp. Mission sites have a director and staff to address each volunteer organization's group and individual needs.

Most of the work is reconstructing homes. On site crew leaders provide basic instruction before each workday begins. Alternatives to construction may also be offered, such as meal preparation and serving, dispensing basic needs in the community, landscaping, clerical work, and camp maintenance. The work at the mission site changes weekly, sometimes on a daily basis.

Volunteers range from young adult to seniors. All work is valuable, and each mission volunteer makes a significant contribution to Gulf Coast renewal. Qualifications needed are the desire, time, patience, and flexibility to do what is needed to serve Christ. Volunteers work, eat, and sleep in a group atmosphere, and must have the ability to cooperate with each other at the work site and the relief center.

Travel will be by car pools. There will be one motel overnight to and from the Gulf Coast. All parishes will be asked by the Diocese to help defray the cost of the missions. No volunteer will be denied the opportunity of a mission trip experience because of finances.

For more information, or to volunteer for either or both missions to New Orleans and Mississippi, contact either Terry Dorcy, a member of St. Luke's in Kalamazoo, or Lynn Carson at Christ Church in Charlevoix. Terry's email is [tjdorcy@aol.com](mailto:tjdorcy@aol.com). His phone number is 269-349-3625. Lynn Carson can be reached at [lecarson2002@yahoo.com](mailto:lecarson2002@yahoo.com)

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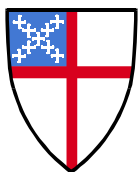
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**Our Mission Statement**

Trinity Episcopal Church is an inclusive environment, open to everyone, actively promoting God's love in our community and the world through liturgical worship and outreach.

**Interim Priest**

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**Service Schedule**

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m..

**Vestry email: [vestry@trinitypeople.org](mailto:vestry@trinitypeople.org)**

Member	Sallee Anderson	(1/2012)	627.4864
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Member	Paul Viles	(1/2012)	282.2354
Member	John Lanese	(1/2011)	626.6410
Member	Roger Lee	(1/2010)	627.6614
Member	Yvonne Fleener	(1/2010)	898.9420
Recording Clerk	Bev Seling		627.7052

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