

TRINITY'S TRUMPET

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The Rector's Voice

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

The mark of January for most people is the setting of "New Year's Resolutions." It usually has to do with things like 'more exercise' and 'losing weight' and 'establishing some new habit' and 'more time with those we love', etc. These are each noteworthy and the downside for most of us is that we work hard for about 13 days and then we miss one and then miss two and before you know it we are telling our friends, 'I could not maintain the habit.' The word on 'habits' is that if you can do something for 21 days it is easier on day 22 'to do it' than it is 'not to do it.' This works!

Now, what are those direction changes? Actually, you should have started this in the beginning of the Christian Year which was on November 30th St. Andrew Day (Yes, I know the First Sunday of Advent was November 27th, BUT that is because it is 4 Sundays before Christmas). But I will give you a special dispensation and off we go NOW!

Do you read your Bible faithfully each day? As we are going through an Inquirer's Class right now we bring up the importance of biblical faithfulness and ways to accomplish this very important habit of faith. Do you use the Forward Day by Day each day? It gives you a verse or two of Holy Scripture and a meditation with which to start the day or end the day. You are also given the lessons for that day which is far more in depth. (Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel) I have difficulty expressing how important this 'habit' is for me and has been since I was in high school. One person got me started on this 'habit' and it is the fuel of my life.

Marek Zabriskie wrote an article in *The Living Church* magazine entitled "Transforming Lives: A Global Push to Read Scripture Book by Book" which is an effort to read the entire Bible in one calendar year. He started by reading with his tea each evening and more in the morning. The formula is: 3 chapters of the Old Testament, one Psalm, and one chapter of a New Testament Gospel or Epistle each day. We have a wonderful Bible Study on Tuesday afternoons at Holy Trinity where we study a book of Scripture for an hour and a half. Choose what challenges you the most. (www.thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org)

The marks of January on the calendar are important. January 1st is "The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is that name which calls for special devotion every time you hear it. "At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord." (Phil. 2:9-11) In our services when people 'cross themselves' it is at the mention of this name (not something required but a special sign to many).

Someone has said that "at the mention of the Name Jesus one must 'confess' support or denial." That brings us to a second important day in January, "The Confession of St. Peter" on January 18th. "You are the

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Messiah, the Son of the living God” replies Peter in Matthew 16. This is a peak moment in Jesus’ ministry and it all starts with one who will ‘confess’ and we are here today to do the same. Start off this year with your own ‘confession’ of who you are and more importantly, ‘whose’ you are.

A third important day in January that marks many of our journeys is “The Conversion of St. Paul” on January 25th. (Be sure to pick up your Church Calendar if you have not already!) Paul was filled with venom and hatred for everything ‘non Jewish’ until Jesus came to him on the Damascus road. You may have never had a “Damascus Road” experience of faith and that is OK but you sit in the pews Sunday by Sunday and you are one who is ‘converted’ based upon what you say each week. When you say “I believe...” it carries with it those words of St. Paul “Yes, Lord...” and your Baptism marks you as “Christ’s own forever!”. Sunday habits and ministry habits stem from this place that reminds you of your own “Conversion.”

“Habits of the Heart” was the name of a well known book that speaks to us each January. “Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest” says the famous Collect and now is the time for you to take this journey seriously and make sure your ‘habits’ are Godly ones.

If I or your parish church can be of help in this wondrous journey called ‘faith’ let us know. You are prayed for each day of this which our Lord has given us, life.

Faithfully, *John Bonner*



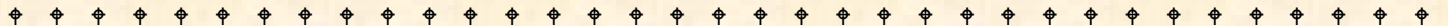
Choir Notes

Joan Ernst, Director

As I write this article for the January 2012 Trinity Trumpet, I am still feeling the glow of some wonderful musical moments in our Advent services. The addition of the string quartet on the third Sunday of Advent and the Trinity Bells for our Lessons and Carols on the fourth Sunday of Advent were so uplifting! But here I must include a public thank you to the choir members who made such a joyful noise to the Lord possible. Throughout December we had extended rehearsals on Wednesdays and two Saturday morning rehearsals – valuable time given so willingly to our music ministry by every choir member. Their dedication is a constant inspiration to me! Thank you, all!

And now the joyful seasons of Christmas and Epiphany await us! Looking ahead, we are in the process of planning a **Boar’s Head Feast** for “Candlemas,” February second. You will hear more about this special evening of merriment - complete with medieval dinner, costumes and music - in the weeks to come; so save the date **February 2, 2012!**

*Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, By thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee, In thy sweet humility;
Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption’s happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.*



Albemarle Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke



Kathie Columbus

Liz Foster

The Order of St. Luke met on Wednesday, December 14th, for prayer, worship and a time of quiet meditation, an oasis of calm during a very busy time of the year. We prayed during the Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, that God's healing love will touch the lives of those who are in pain (especially during the holidays) that they may find peace and healing in His Presence.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 18th, at 10:30am in the Parish House.



Through New Eyes

Susan McRae

A reading that travelled with me through this Advent season is Luke 1:45, “And blessed is she (he) who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her (him) by the Lord.” As I approached Christmas, I began to consider the ways fulfillment plays in this busy season of celebrating and giving.

Certainly the beautiful decorations, special gifts, meals with family and friends offer occasions for happiness and fulfillment. Still, I could also see the harried shoppers, exhausted parents, and sugar-dosed children as part of the season leading to Christmas. There was little fulfillment in those moments, when expectations are high and disappointment so easy to stumble across.

As Advent progressed I wasn’t finding a whispered response to this verse that kept crossing my heart and my mind. Then I happened to read it again one morning, hoping some margin notes I made in years past would spark some resonance within me. No margin notes. Instead, an emphasis on the words “blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment.”

Then a question: Was I believing in a fulfillment? Or, was I looking for a fulfillment? It suddenly seemed that these were two decidedly different activities. With a bit of chagrin I had to admit that I, and probably most of us, look for fulfillment at Christmas. What would it be like to believe in fulfillment?

The next days and weeks were not easy. Habits are hard enough to break in the off-season, much less so near to Christmas. Still, I took as a focusing prayer, “I am believing. Please show me.” And I waited. And I waited until Christmas day. Waking that morning I again prayed, “I am believing. Please show me.”

The trip to our family breakfast and presents was beautiful. Sunrise on the Albemarle Sound is breathtaking. My arrival was eagerly greeted by two precious small faces waiting to show me what Santa had brought. My son was preparing one of his famous breakfasts for all of us. There was love and joy all around me, but still that little part of me kept looking for fulfillment.

Our gathering had new attendees this year. Breakfast and play with the children was wonderful. Then the gift exchange began. I expected no surprises, and probably no fulfillment. Seemed like I had fallen back into the looking for fulfillment mode. Then my grandson brought me a card from someone I had not spent Christmas with in years. This was a surprise. As I opened the card, calm and anticipation vied for my attention. A simple enough Christmas greeting was ended with a scrawled note. “Welcome back into my life. I was lonely without my friend.”

God arrived. Something I would not look for came into my heart that had, despite my efforts to the contrary, believed for a fulfillment. No praising angels. No wise men. Not even a shepherd in sight. Heartfelt words written in an unexpected card brought me Christmas. I am indeed blessed for having believed.

My prayer is that each of us will stop and consider when God arrived for us this Christmas. We might find a fulfillment we missed. And we might find a way we live Christ in our lives without knowing it!



Event Reminders

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

Men’s Fellowship

We will have a breakfast together on Wednesday, January 18th at 8:00am to plan our year. It is not held on Thursday this month so that those who have conflicts on Thursday can come and join us this month. It is very difficult to find a day without some conflict. This is a golf day so I am counting on weather to be cold and a warm breakfast to be more inviting than the First Tee!



Photos by: Debbie Bonner

A Special Parking Place

Note the pictures! To the left of the Parish House door is a Special Orange Parking Sign for a very special person. No, it is not the Rector! It is placed for Catherine Nixon, a 1935 Graduate of The University of Tennessee. Catherine has earned the Right to park close to the building. She has been at Holy Trinity for over 30 years. PLEASE... on Sundays honor this place for Catherine as the special recognition, it is from your Vestry.



A Deanery Special!!!

On Saturday, January 7th the Albermarle Deanery is holding a very special Mission and Worship and Fellowship event and I hope all of you will come for this event. At 3:30pm at St. Thomas, Windsor we will hold a Mission Event called "Stop Hunger Now." We will, along with others from our Deanery, line up and fill food bags (10,000 total) to be sent to places in our world where people are hungry (Several parishes in our Diocese participate in this work). Our Convention 4 years ago participated in this good work. At 5:30pm, after the food ministry, we will have a Choral Evensong lead by the Schola Cantorum from our Diocese. This is a marvelous group of voices and they will lead us in this Deanery Worship event. After the service all are asked to bring an "International Dish" for a covered dish Supper with others from our Deanery. We had a Dinner together earlier this year and 60+ folks showed up for some great fellowship. You may participate in one or all of these important events. Come and join us for some good Ministry and celebration as a Deanery.



Courtyard Memorial Walkway Kickoff

Don Keith, on behalf of the Holy Trinity Vestry

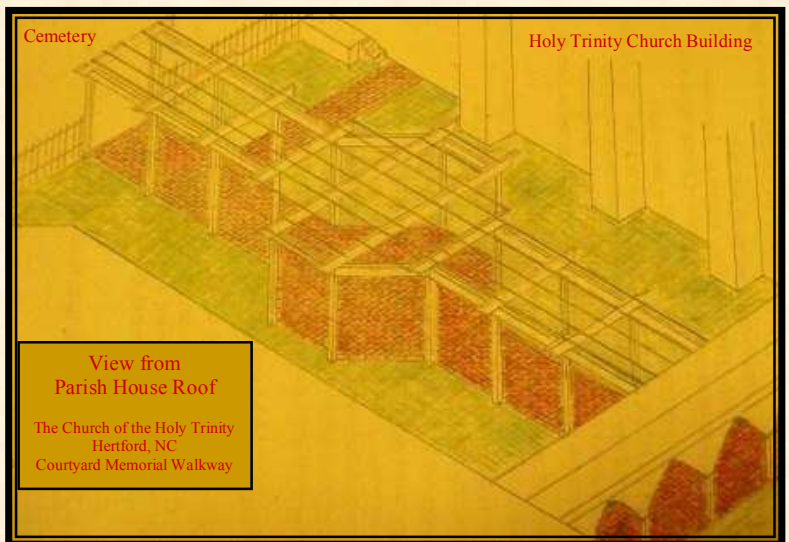
After the large tree was removed from the courtyard, ideas were explored about what to do with the space. A design was developed for a "Memorial Brick Walkway" with a "pergola" covering structure. The design was staked out in the courtyard last summer and drawings were displayed in the Parish House for comment. Comments and suggestions have been incorporated into the design and the project has been approved by the vestry to move forward.

The space will provide an attractive entry to our historical cemetery, an outside area for rest and reflection as well as providing a place for parishioners and friends of the church to place memorials.

There will be about 2300 bricks available for inscription. There will be space for six "memorial benches" to be donated. The funds donated for these bricks and benches will be used first for construction of the project, then, a fund set aside for maintenance, all funds beyond that will be used for the good work of the church.

Details of the project are displayed on the tripod in the Parish House, an info packet will be sent to each parishioner and info packets will be available in the church office.

Questions or comments should be directed to Don Keith or Dave M. Smith. We are looking forward to your support of this project.





Stewardship

Dick Mohler, Chairman

The Stewardship Committee thanks our congregation for pledging their financial and their time and talent support to meet the needs of Holy Trinity and our Outreach Programs. Our Treasurer, Ed Mueller reports that we received 72 Financial Pledge Cards totaling \$179,992, an average of \$2,499.98 per giving unit. (Ed is the only one who sees the Financial Pledge Cards.)

The Time and Talent Pledge cards have 34 listings of opportunities to serve the needs of the congregation. Eighty nine of our members submitted cards with a total of 312 activities checked. We also know that whenever there is a need for help for a special project our membership will step up and participate.

The year 2011 is history and 2012 is in its infancy. This year we look forward to continuing our efforts to reach out to our community and beyond to help meet the needs of others and to invite others to join us at Holy Trinity to share our Christian fellowship and realize the blessings that God has bestowed upon us.



St. Catherine's Guild

Cam Rivard, President

The next meeting of St. Catherine's Guild, the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) organization of Holy Trinity, will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012. We will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 9:30am. The meeting will start shortly before 10:00am.

At this meeting we will continue our program topic for this year "We Are We and Why Are We Here?" Nancy Gruner and Annette Mueller, Program Co-Chair have organized monthly programs to help guide us through this topic. In January, Regan Westra will present the Parish Care Program of Holy Trinity. We will also have a fun activity led by Nancy and Annette. It promises to be a fun and meaningful program.

In addition, we will receive reports on two outreach projects:

1. The collection of clothing for children at Thompson's Children Home. Thank you to Pat Smith, Grace Mohler and Cherry Powell for coordinating this outreach project. There is a collection bin for the donated articles of clothing and back packs in the Parish House. There are lists of suggested items and sizes in the Track Rack in the Parish House.
2. The annual Soup Café held on December 3rd before the Hertford Christmas Parade. Thank you to Pat Smith and her teams of volunteers for planning and conducting this fundraising project that brings many Hertford residents to Holy Trinity as well as raising much needed funds for outreach efforts. Thank you to all who contributed food, time and effort to this event.

At the January 9th meeting we will also be planning the ECW Card Party that will be held on February 6, 2012. Come and find out all the ways you can be involved in this event that each year puts fun back into fundraising.

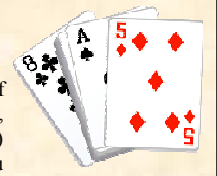
Please join us for our meeting on January 9, 2012. **All women of Holy Trinity parish are invited to attend.**

ECW CARD PARTY



The St. Catherine's Guild Card Party will be on Monday, **February 6th**, 1-4pm. Tickets will be sold by tables of four or six and are \$8.00 per person. There will be sign-up sheets in the Parish House for baskets, card tables, food, and set-up/clean up. We hope as many people as possible will help with this fun (and great fundraiser) event. Please keep in mind we can always use any spare baskets large or small. If you get any gifts that you cannot use, we can use them for door prizes. Your treasures are welcome. Annette Mueller will again do her magic with the beautiful

baskets. Baskets and basket items will need to be turned in between January 8th-15th. **Raffle tickets will be sold on January 29th and February 5th** in the Parish House. The display of baskets will be featured on those same Sundays during coffee hour. Tell your friends and support our ECW fund raiser at Holy Trinity. Give big and win big. Annette Mueller, Courtney Ritzmann, or Debbie Bonner will answer any questions if needed.



Remembering 2011



January through December



Thank you from the Bonners

John and I thank you for coming and making the annual Christmas Open House at the rectory this year a success. We appreciate all who volunteered to bring food. Your kindness means so much!

D. Bonner



The deadline for the February 2012 newsletter is January 22, 2012



Remember in your prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Carolina McDonald, Marion Delar, Joe & Dillie Streuli, Elizabeth Fields, Tara Murano, Paula B., Guerin V. Muzzulin, Sr., Millie Henry, Art Rikstad, Zack Kelly, Beth Harrington, Susie Montague, Skyler Burden, Amanda, Joyce Hobbs, Mike Groneck, Cotrisha Aycock, Jean Wilson, Ursula Pendry, Ellie Ernst, Rita Easterwood, Al Baldini, Gayann Pope, Kathy Carter, Skyler Barden, Stephanie Fickus and Betty Swindell.

Pray for our Armed Forces:

The Rev. Ralph Clark, Casey Bouch, Kati Brinn, Jay Johnson, Greg Carroll, Christopher Boyer, Rich Souza, Leanne Bridges, Chris Heughan, John Titus, Glenn Whelan, Cristi Whelan, Casey Carroll, Ethan Westbrook, Will Ross, Seth Spanner, Billie Cartwright, and DeAndre Privott.

Pray for the Departed:

Karen Bednarski, Dr. Barbara A. Sawyer and Tim Shea.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	
Ed Ritzmann..... 01/01	Tony Pivinski..... 01/17
Sandy Easterwood 01/02	Carol Romney 01/17
Mettha Davenport 01/04	Wes Brown..... 01/18
George Umstead 01/12	Lorraine Saunders..... 01/27
Daphne Marshall..... 01/16	Alice Smith 01/31
Anniversaries	
Norm & Annette Young 01/04	

Lay Ministers

January	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector/ Prayer Leader	Usher	Offering Counters	Coffee Host/Hostess	Altar Flowers
1	Robert Earl Lane	Wes Brown	Beth Harrington & Susan Wingerter	Erie Haste & Russell Gregor	John Sabo & Billy Rowell	Coffee Only	Catherine Nixon
8	Ed Mueller	Vince Gullotta	Erie Haste & Ray Winslow	Bill Horton & Ron Wingerter	Barry & Daphne Marshall	Jo Ann Morris	Edison & Barbara Ward
15	Ed Muzzulin	Susan McRae	Bill Horton & Betty Lane Winslow	Vince Gullotta & Proctor Baker	Wes & Barbara Brown	Rocky Motter	
22	Billy Rowell	Laura Rowell	Robert Earl Lane & Debbie Bonner	Helen Mae Murray & JoAnne Muzzulin	Dave Foster & Beth Harrington	Barbara Ward & JoAnne Muzzulin	Beth Harrington
29	Barbara Ward	Debbie Bonner	Jane McCoy & Wes Brown	Ed & Courtney Ritzmann	Dick & Carole Medford	Barbara Pivinski	Mary Alice Brinn

Altar Guild

January: Kathie Columbus and Pat Smith

January 2012

This Month's Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist Inquirer's Class</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7:00a, Rotary Club 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p>4 4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	<p>7 10:00a, CHT Altar Guild 3:30p, St. Thomas, Windsor Deanery Meeting Choral Evensong International Covered Dish</p>
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<p>29 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist Bishop's Visit Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 7:00a, Rotary Club 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p><i>Please check the Master Calendar on the Office wall in the Parish House for any changes.</i></p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS 8:30a—12:00n Mon—Thu, & Sat 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by appointment</p>	<p>Rector: 426-3914 Home 426-5542 Church 619-4124 Cell Do not hesitate to call Fr. Bonner at home when need arises!</p>	

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