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You Are Invited

Pancake Supper

Tuesday,
March 8
6:00 PM

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Wednesday

March 9, 2011

*Holy
Eucharist
with the
Imposition
of Ashes*

7:00 AM

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7:30 PM

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Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays 7:00 am in the Chapel

Sundays 8:00 am in the Chapel

Sundays 10:00 am in the Church

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Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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**Don't forget
Daylight Savings
Time begins on
March 13**

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Ever since my college days, Lent has been a very important time of spiritual renewal for me. I have often wondered why that has been true. A partial answer might be the fact that the church nudges us in that direction every year at this time. In addition many of our spiritual companions are engaging in special acts of devotion or study, which also encourages us.

As I think back to that first Lent that was such a seminal experience for me, one of my most vivid memories is of walking in a cold rain to go to a midweek Lenten service at a local church. It seems very strange that that should have lingered as such a strong memory. I think it's possible that the changes we see and experience in nature, and especially in the movement from winter to spring, might be the impetus for change and openness to opportunities for growth in our spiritual life as well.

I am sure there was more at work in me than a cold spring rain that Lent many years ago, but it is a reminder to me that God pours out God's grace in surprising ways, and uses the most common things to draw us closer to God in Christ.

May you be drawn ever more deeply into the heart of God this Lent. May you be blessed with a holy Lent.

Faithfully in Christ, Tony

FROM THE ASSOCIATE

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

As the parish now knows, we have hired Carol Brady as our new Director of Christian Formation for Children and Youth. We are delighted to have such a skilled colleague in ministry. Carol has written an introduction to herself (page 18); and going forward, she will write articles in The Window space entitled “News from the Undercroft.” I want to thank the search committee composed of Carolyn Coffin (chair), Kimberlee Coleman, William Garnet, Buck Grace, Chas Horvath, Martha Stone, and Jennifer Ubaldino for their time, wisdom, and excellent choice.

Though I am grateful for Carol’s presence, I also want to say how much I enjoyed serving as your Interim Church School Director. The Church School continues to thrive, with new children coming steadily. The energy and wonder of the children is infectious; the faithfulness, creativity, and joy of the teachers, inspiring. With the wonderful help of ASC alongside me. I learned the challenges of running a Church School of nearly 150 registered children/youth and a dozen teachers with attentiveness to pastoral concerns, administrative detail, curricular depth, all in a very limited amount of time and with not much money. I am more aware than ever how difficult it is for families with children at home to live in a conscious relationship with God between Sundays, and how important it is for the Body of Christ, made up of each and every one of us, to support those efforts as deeply as we can.

I also write to say that in May I begin a 3 month sabbatical. The Diocese strongly recommends that for every 5 years of fulltime ministry, a rector receive 3 months of sabbatical time. I will have been here for 7 years in July. What is unusual is Trinity's generosity in allowing me to take this opportunity as an associate rector. I am grateful to the Vestry for the chance for refreshment and renewal, aware as I am how rare it is in the rest of the working world to receive such a gift. The primary purpose of the time is to replenish the clergy person's energy, and to reground his relationship with God. But another important purpose is for the congregation to remember its strengths apart from the presence of ordained leadership. A good sabbatical results in both clergy and congregation feeling refreshed and ready to return to the ministries they share. I plan to spend time studying the Gospels systematically, start taking lessons on a musical instrument, and do some travel. I'll also have more time with my family and to do projects around the house.

Tony will draw on our curate Matt Kruger and our Priests Associate to fill in gaps in preaching and presiding. I will see that the ministries I work with have all they need in my absence. If you have any questions about these arrangements, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am so grateful to be working among you all.

Yours in Christ,

Nick

ADULT FORUMS

**WORD
WORSHIP
WONDER
WORLD
WITNESS**

Our Forum speakers connect with one of five themes—**word, worship, wonder, world, witness**—each being an important aspect of our Christian life. Forums meet on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Professional childcare is available in the nursery.

March 6 (Word) Bible Tool Box

The Bible is more than a book: it is a library of types of literature, assembled over a thousand years by multiple authors in various contexts and for various purposes, and offering the claim that it is, in some sense, the Word of God for us. How are we to approach such a work in a way that edifies both our souls and our minds, individually and as a Church? Parishioner Jim Wood, with the assistance of some of the clergy, will present a Bible Tool Box to give us a start, or renewed perspective, in that quest. They will discuss some of the commentaries and books that they have found to be the most useful in their personal approaches to studying scripture.

March 13 (Witness) Theology at the End of Life

The Rev. Dr. Spencer Wilking M.D. will share his dual perspectives as physician and priest on the processes of death. Spencer is one of Trinity's Priest Associates and is a physician specializing in geriatrics in the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.

March 20 (Word) David and Bathsheba

Author most recently of *God and Sex: What the Bible Really Says*, Professor Michael Coogan will take a close look at one of the most famous and most ambiguous biblical narratives (2 Samuel 11-12), with some questions about its underlying values on issues such as sexual harassment, adultery, polygamy, and divine justice. One of the leading biblical scholars in the United States and author of many books and articles on the Bible, Professor Coogan is the editor of *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* and Oxford Bible Studies online. He is also Director of Publications for the Harvard Semitic Museum, Lecturer on Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Harvard Divinity School, and Professor of Religious Studies at Stonehill College.

March 27 (Word) Jonah

The Nineveh Connection: Part 2. Everybody knows about Jonah and the “whale.” It is probably the only thing they remember about Jonah, and it may be the least important from a theological point of view. Jim Wood will follow up on his earlier discussion of Nahum with the other prophetic work centered on the city of Nineveh, capital of the Assyrian empire. Nahum rather gleefully described Nineveh's violent destruction; Jonah is given an opportunity to save Nineveh and its inhabitants—an opportunity he tries to avoid!

MUSIC NOTES

Ensemble in Residence and Choral Evensong March 6, 2011

Trinity has an ensemble in residence called the *Concordia Consort*. A “Consort” is an assembly of musicians who make music together, usually associated with the music of the Renaissance or Baroque musical periods. This group of recorder players (and occasional singers) is directed by Sheila Beardslee and rehearses here at Trinity and performs throughout Eastern Massachusetts. On Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 PM they will offer a half-hour prelude recital of music from the 16th and 17th centuries including composers William Byrd and Dietrich Buxtehude. They will also accompany some of the hymns in the service of Choral Evensong that follows the recital. Our Parish Choir will sing this traditional Anglican Service with settings by British composers Herbert Sumsion, John Ireland and John Reading. This liturgy is the office of Evening Prayer set to music and is sung by choirs in Cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. Choral Evensong is offered locally at Christ Church, Cambridge, Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill and St. Dunstan’s in Dover, among other parishes. Mark your calendars to come join this musical and spiritual event in Trinity’s life.

Ask the Music Director

If you have any questions about the choir or music program in general, please do not hesitate to ask me. I can be reached at the church at 978-369-3715, ext 20 or barney@trinityconcord.org.

LENTEN JOURNEY



Lent, begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9, and is that time set aside for us to slow down, focus inward, and prepare for the great Festival of Easter, this year, on April 24. For some, Lent seems only like a dismal time of great sacrifice, but many of us think of Lent as a journey of spiritual examination and of pondering the mystery of the Passion and Resurrection events, so central to our faith. There are special changes to our Sunday Liturgies in Lent, including the chanting of the *Great Litany* on Lent one and then using the Penitential Order, the singing of *Kyrie eleison* and *O Lamb of God* and refraining from the use of alleluias. Lent is 40 days long, includes five Sundays and is followed by Holy Week, focusing on events in Jesus' Passion beginning with Palm Sunday. Here at Trinity, we gather to celebrate special Liturgies to bring us into these important spiritual events in a personal way, including *Tenebrae* on Wednesday, *Maundy Thursday* and *Good Friday*. I will write more about these Liturgies in the April Window. As you are making your Lenten plans, think about using these special Liturgies to help make your Easter celebration more meaningful.



Rite 13 News

The Rite 13 group began painting its own room in the Undercroft and continues to explore the life of faith under the leadership of mentors Tom Beal, Patricia Kent, and Mike Quayle. Members of the group helped make the meal that was distributed to the members of the Common Cathedral at the beginning of February. This group spends a good amount of its time in the study and practice of prayer. They recently wrote their own collect: *Salutations, God, who has been a good friend and we trust in you: Please help us trust in each other so that we bond, grow and help each other because of our faith in you. Amen.*

Pilgrim News

The J2A Pilgrim youth group comprises 8th and 9th grade youth from Concord and surrounding towns. If you want a glimpse of the group you'll see us serving as ushers, acolytes, choir members, and lectors during the 10:00 am service on the first Sunday of every month. In January, the Pilgrims hosted the Epiphany Dinner, an event that provides a pleasant meal for approximately 100 parish-ioners, while raising money for both our summer 2012 pilgrimage and for the Common Cathedral program, an outdoor church service on the Boston Common offered for primarily un-housed people. Our contribution to Common Cathedral was more than monetary; all three of Trinity's J2A groups helped with some aspect of the February 6th



Common Cathedral service, either preparing meals at Trinity on Saturday evening and/or bringing them to Boston the next day where we assisted with the Common Cathedral service and distributed our meals to the Common Cathedral congregation. Afterwards the Pilgrims enjoyed their own meal hosted by Pilgrim mentor Colby Anderson in her Back Bay condominium. The Pilgrims are currently in the process of selecting a destination for our Summer 2012 pilgrimage; we hope to reach our decision within the next month. The pilgrimage will be within North America and locations under consideration include the Southwest, Montreal and environs, and tracing the route of the Spanish missionaries from San Diego to San Francisco. If we select the latter, unlike the original missionaries, we'll use a motor coach. ~ *Chas Horvath, Pilgrim mentor*

YAC News

Young Adults in Church continue to meet in room 1 in the Undercroft under the leadership of mentors Bob Penfield and Holly Steward. Most recently they have been hearing about ministries at Trinity from adults in the community who are leading them. This spring, YAC mentor Holly Stewart will be traveling while on sabbatical from Lawrence Academy, where she has worked for over 2 decades. She will be taking a leave of absence from J2A during this time. We wish her a refreshing sabbatical and look forward to her return. Godspeed, Holly!

TRINITY ART GALLERY

Margaret Alvarez De Toledo

Margaret is a past president of The Cape Ann Watercolor Painters Society. This group of some forty members meets and paints in and around the Rockport area on a regular basis. Margaret has also served as a board member of the Emerson Umbrella For The Arts and on The Town of Concord's Arts Lottery Council. She is a former member of Boston's Copley Society and Marblehead Art Association. She is currently active in the Rockport, Concord and Cambridge Art Associations.

Margaret began her interest in painting in 1970 while living in Brazil, doing some "primitives" in oil. Returning to the United States, the artist began to devote more time to her art and studied drawing and painting for three years at the University of Toledo, Ohio, eventually focusing on watercolor.

Moving to Concord, Mass. in 1982 Margaret set up her studio at home. She has had solo exhibitions in Washington, DC, Cambridge, Marblehead, and Concord, as well as in Capri, Italy. She also participates in group shows on a regular basis in the New England area. Margaret continues to study watercolor, taking workshops periodically and for many years has been painting under the tutelage of Betty Lou Schlemm.

Margaret is a Concord resident. Her paintings are in corporate and private collections in the U.S. and abroad. Margaret will be available at coffee hour for a meet & greet on March 13 and 20. Her work will be displayed through May 8 at 9:00 am.

Margaret's Focus

Painting is my passion! My paintings are based on the impact a subject has on the mind of the viewer. I wish to convey to others the emotions that I feel while painting.



My work is based on interpreting a feeling of the moment and not painting merely what I see. It is a particular thrill for me to overcome the difficulties of working in watercolor. Each day is a new experience and sometimes success is a happy accident.

My challenge is combining light with the creation of space. I am particularly interested in playing with light. While composing I'm always conscious of balancing the white of the paper with color, shape, and value. I also try to utilize the power of the white of the paper to suggest a feeling of space to the viewer. When working outdoors I particularly want to catch the spirit of the location and have the viewers develop their own feelings.



CARING CONNECTION



Good Grief

Losing a loved one to death is one of the most painful experiences we can have. It helps... and is necessary...to share that pain with people who understand what you're going through. A support group is an effective way to help the bereaved heal because it offers a safe place for people to do the work of mourning. We will be offering a new bereavement support group on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am-12:00 pm beginning March 17th. This will be an environment where individuals can share their feelings and experiences in a caring and confidential setting while receiving information about the grief process. The group will meet for five sessions, and will be led by Buck Grace and Anne Lynch. If you are interested in joining us, or have any questions about it, please contact Buck at 978-369-6346 or Anne at 978-369-3715. It will be a "closed" group after it begins, and participants are expected to make every effort to attend all five sessions. If you need transportation, please contact one of the group leaders and The Caring Connection will try to find you a ride.

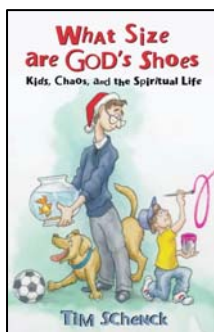


Many thanks to all...

young and older...

who created hand-made Valentine cards and cookies for some of our parishioners. One recipient said she has her card hanging on her refrigerator and it makes her smile every time she looks at it. A simple act of love has rippling effects!

LENTEN READING



Looking for a doable Lenten reading group to give you a new view of your spiritual life in the midst of many cares? This offering may be just right for you. *What Size are God's Shoes: Kids, Chaos, and the Spiritual Life* is a collection of very short essays written by an Episcopal priest in the midst of life as a husband and father.

It's a collection that will appeal to men in the choice of some topics (e.g. "Field of Dreams", on his pilgrimage to Baltimore's Memorial Stadium to procure a souvenir stadium seat before the structure's demolition) though his appreciation of the detail of daily life will appeal to parents of both genders. The collection can help us train our eyes and perhaps our hearts to see God at work in the mundane as well as the miraculous. The divine presence weaves its way into a family room fish tank, the town pool, and the drive-thru window of the local fast food chain.

The group will meet for three sessions on **Tuesday evenings: March 29 and April 5 & 12**. A light supper begins at 6pm; we will be done by 8pm. Carol Brady, our new Church School director, will run a concurrent program for children during these evening sessions. I hope to offer 3 daytime meetings as well. When signing up, indicate whether you prefer day or evening. Pre-reading is not necessary; the stories can be read aloud in the sessions. Sign up online at www.trinityconcord.org (go to "Announcements" in the pull down menu)

~ Nick Morris-Kliment

LENTEN STUDY 2011

A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years

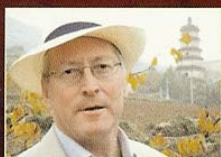
For one of our Lenten series this year, we will be doing a video series based on Diarmaid MacCulloch's monumental work, *A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years.*

Quoted from the series' back cover, "*A History of Christianity* is a six-part series presented by Diarmaid MacCulloch, an Oxford history professor whose books about Cranmer and the Reformation have been acclaimed as masterpieces. The *History of Christianity* will reveal the true origins of Christianity and delve into what it means to be a Christian. Intelligent, thought-provoking and magisterial in its scope, the series will reveal how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became the biggest religion in the world."

Unlike previous years, this will be a six-part series beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm. We begin with a simple soup and bread supper followed by the video presentation starting at 6:30 pm. That will be followed by reflection and discussion. Each evening will end with Compline. We will finish by 8:00 pm.

I hope you will join us for these evenings in Lent and in this opportunity to grow deeper in understanding of our faith.

The Rev. Tony Buquor



EPISODE 1
The First
Christianity



EPISODE 2
Catholicism:
The Unpredictable
Rise of Rome



EPISODE 3
Orthodoxy:
From Empire to
Empire

Six-part series
beginning Ash
Wednesday,
March 9th
Six to Eight PM

Soup & Study

6:00 pm

Soup & bread

6:30 pm

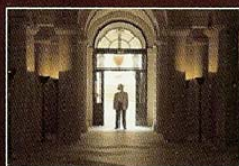
Video presentation
 followed by
 reflection &
 discussion and
 ending with
 Compline



EPISODE 4
Reformation:
The Individual
Before God



EPISODE 5
Protestantism:
The Evangelical
Explosion



EPISODE 6
God in the Dock

LOOK WHO'S NEW AT TRINITY!

What a warm reception you gave me on the day of the Annual Meeting, and I thank you for the exquisite bouquet of flowers!

I would like to share a little about myself and my family. I was raised in northern New Jersey, but have lived in the Acton area for almost 30 years. Don and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this summer. We have 2 daughters, Kathleen and Megan who are both away at college. I have worked with elementary and junior high children in the Acton Public Schools and in Girl Scouts, since my youngest was in first grade. I have been a teacher, director, Godly Play and J2A coordinator at the Church of the Good Shepherd for almost 20 years. Reading bestsellers, attending book group discussions, and crocheting are among my favorite leisure time activities.

At the Annual Meeting I spoke of how we are a people of faith and followers of the light of Christ. I pray that through the Spirit, we are and will continue to share that light with our children. And with God's help, may we also enable the children to understand that they are and continue to be a light for the world, as well. May we be ever mindful of how our children are just as capable of transforming us, as we are of them. The following Sunday, I met the children for the first time during Children's Chapel. We celebrated the minor feast of Candlemas, a time to celebrate Simeon's pronouncement of the tiny, helpless infant Jesus as being the light of the world and our salvation.

I look forward to formally beginning my ministry with you and the children at the start of Lent. Plans are being made as of this writing to offer a Children's Lenten Program coinciding with three of the Wednesday evening Adult Lenten classes. If you are interested in helping with one or more of these evenings, please let me know. Look for more information in the weeks ahead.

Carol Brady

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY



Trinity Luncheon March 10

Holy Eucharist at 11:30 am
Lunch at noon - \$5 donation
Tuscan Vegetable Soup,
Waldorf salad, hearty bread,
Larry's coffee cake

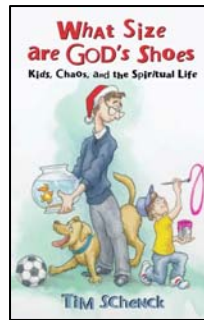
Take note of the beautiful mural featuring photographs of our children and youth over the entrance to the Undercroft (and on pages 10 & 11). Thank you to Debbie Scarff!

Newcomers Brunch

**March 27 after
10am service**

All are welcome (especially children!)

Home of Lucy & Brian
Rosborough
56 Elm Street, Concord



(see page 15 for details)

Thanks to all who responded so quickly and generously to the theft of goods from the Acton Food Pantry. Their stocks have been replenished, but the need for food continues.

Brochures for the 2011 summer session at the Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center are available at the bottom of the stairs into the Undercroft.



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