

The Chimes

THE 192ND ANNUAL MEETING OF TRINITY CHURCH

The Wardens, Vestry, Clergy, and Staff of Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square invite all persons active in the parish—and those new to our common life—to attend the 192nd Annual Parish Meeting, Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Undercroft of the church.

A light afternoon tea will be shared. Those attending are encouraged to **bring a dish to share**—finger sandwiches, vegetable trays, scones or other pastries, etc. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

The meeting will focus on our life

together. Presentations will be made reviewing the past year and looking forward to events in 2010. Stewardship efforts will be discussed and an operating budget for 2010 will be presented for parish approval. New

leaders of the Parish will be elected.

During 2010 Trinity Church will begin an exploration, with the Diocese of Southern Ohio, into the possibilities of Common Ministry and Trinity's role. At the annual meeting we will hear about this exciting undertaking, and will have a chance for further explanation and understanding of the process.

We gather to pray as a church, to sing songs of praise, to celebrate our common life, to remember those we have lost this year, and to thank God for the privilege of doing all that we do as members of God's Church.

COMMON MINISTRY
 WITH GOD & PRAYER
 AT THE CENTER:

Identity:
 Formed and Baptized in Christ

Discernment:
 God's equipping for ministry
 (gifts assessment)

Practice:
 Enjoying in specific ministry with
 skill and intention

Transformation:
 Personal maturing in our faith and
 action

GOALS of IDPT in Common Ministry

As God calls us we:

- Claim our ministry
- Renew the church
- Transform ourselves and our world

Characteristics of ministers:

- Theologian
- Entrepreneur
- Community organizer
- Pastor's heart

Characteristics of
Congregations:

- T**ransparent in decision making
- L**eadership, formation/development
- C**onnected, community/nation/world

RECTOR'S REFLECTION...

—THE REV. RICHARD A. BURNETT

Dear Friends:

Every congregation in The Episcopal Church offers some type of an annual meeting. Many share in a lunch or brunch before or after Sunday worship. Some do the meeting in the context of abbreviated worship – not, as you might imagine, my favored option! And some, like us at Trinity, have the meeting on a day other than a Sunday.

There are several reasons why this pattern of an afternoon tea joined with a business meeting has worked, with slight tweaking, for more than 12 years now in our parish's life. But, mostly it works because it is a beautiful gathering for the people of God at the start of a new calendar year.

Beauty is one of the three unique and essential "transcendental" attributes of God – the others being truth and goodness. While only

God is pure beauty, we humans are drawn to see, know, and respond to God by the beautiful. This is why we sing in a church that is filled with art, and why we pray with poetry that elevates our thoughts and our imaginations.

It was Thomas Aquinas (1225-74) who gave us the finest description of beauty: *that which delights or pleases when it is seen*. So, when we worship together, when we serve side-by-side in community ministry, when we study and talk with each other in formation forums, and even when we come together to review the past year's administration of mission and ministry, plan for a new year, and elect parish leaders to share with us in that work, we are *delighted* by the faithful record of the past year reviewed, and our spirits are *pleased* to see God's Spirit moving in us all the more.

St. Thomas, the Angelic Theologian, said a bit more on beauty, and it

speaks to Trinity Church gathering on Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 p.m. for the 192nd Annual Parish Meeting.

Beauty, according to Thomas, has several "twined" characteristics:

- Radiance/Light
- Order/Harmony
- Integrity/Wholeness

At the annual parish meeting, each of us will show to one another the radiance/light of Christ in our lives; we, as a body and as individuals, will shape the administrative order/harmony befitting a Christian holy people; and together, with God's help, Trinity will act with integrity/wholeness in the name of the Risen One.

May God give us a glimpse of this continuous beauty!

Your rector and friend,

TORCHES AREN'T JUST FOR TEENS!

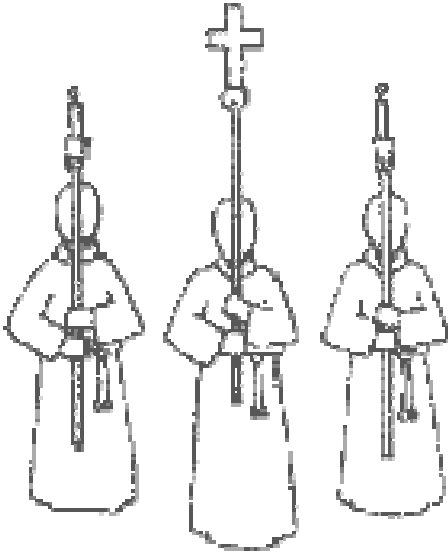
Serving as an Acolyte is a wonderful experience and a great opportunity to participate more fully in our worship services. While often viewed as a way to include teens and encourage their growth in Christ, the role of Acolyte is definitely not limited to teens alone. Adults are also welcome to take part. If you would like to serve as an Acolyte speak to one of the clergy or Debbie Wiedwald, Acolyte Coordinator. Debbie's email is deble@aol.com.



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FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

— THE REV. M. ALTON PLUMMER

Dear People of Trinity Church:

A year ago, in Advent and Christmastide '08, my first celebration of the seasons with you, I asked for your help gathering 60 or so dozen holiday cookies that we sorted and shared with our brothers and sisters in the police and fire precincts that serve and protect Trinity's neighborhood. Being "new" to Trinity Church I wasn't sure what the response would be, however, your generosity pierced the darkness of uncertainty with its brilliance, surpassing the asked for amount, and bringing your love and joy to many people, as gifts brought to the Christ Child.

This year the call went out to help provide gift bags for the people of Trinity Church who are known and gather as "In The Garden". Our goal was to hand out 125 gift bags with items of special need for folks who "live on the land" and for those who live in shelters and group homes. We asked you to sponsor this endeavor with a donation of \$12.00 per bag – with the hope of raising the \$1500.00 needed to meet our goal.

Again, Trinity Church! Again, and again, and again! Your faith and generosity has shone out, bringing light, joy and life into people's faces and lives! Not only did we meet our goal, we passed it by over \$1000.00! We were able to fill 125 bags, and then some, with the remaining money going to the fund that feeds "In The Garden's" program needs throughout the year.

There were also many unexpected blessings that came our way to help "I.T.G." cut costs and spread the light of Christmas and Christ further into the church year – the donation of 125 reusable-style shopping bags by Meijer's markets – as well as tarps, scarves, and many other items placed within the bags donated by other sources.

Susan Crompton, the "I.T.G." Governing Board, and I say, humbly, thank you, Trinity Church. On behalf of all of the folks who were blessed by your generosity and received gift bags this Christmas, thank you. Once again your love and joy has shined out, banishing the darkness of poverty and homelessness (if for only a moment) with your gifts, offered as gifts to the Christ Child. We are truly blessed to know people with such tender and giving hearts.

Joyfully, with you in Christ's service:

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