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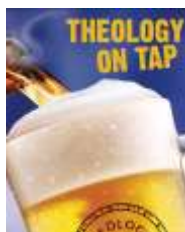
The Annual Meeting of Trinity Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, January 31**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. **Please note there will be ONE service that**

day at 10:00 a.m. This follows the tradition of the last few years and is a continuing attempt to make it more convenient for both the 8:30 and the 10:30 congregations to come together at one time to participate in the Annual Meeting. After the service, we will gather in Gardner Hall for a brunch served by members of the Cathedral Chapter. Following the brunch a variety of reports will be given and encouragement offered for 2010. **Reports** for the meeting booklet are due in the office by Monday, Jan. 18, in copy ready form.

Annual meetings have various traditions and customs from parish to parish. Our tradition is to come together as a time of celebration and thankfulness for the good work accomplished by so many members of the congregation in the past year and to support one another as we look at the challenges and opportunities for the coming year. Hope to see you all on January 31.

THEOLOGY ON TAP JAN. 15

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Cathedral! We will share drinks and snacks and lively conversation in a relaxed, safe, fun, and spiritual gathering! Childcare will be provided. Feel free to bring friends and relations.



From Dean Hurley

HIBERNATION

The bears and certain other animals have it right. The nights lengthen, the temperatures drop, the snow piles up and they burrow in and go to sleep. For these animals their body temperatures drop, their metabolism slows and they live on the fat stored in their bodies during the warm months of plenty. Some will sleep sporadically while others don't move until spring. I think that I have a certain hibernating spirit. Don't get me wrong, I love the winter. The snow and cold of this particular winter reminds me of so many good times of winters past in my history. It is a beautiful time as the earth gently goes to sleep. I enjoy being out in it but (and this is the hibernating part) I enjoy being inside and looking out at it as well. It always seems to me that when the "weather outside is frightful" that things should come to a halt.

The weather has caused many of our congregation to be absent from church. This is understandable. It is certainly more prudent to stay at home than it is to put life and limb on the line in a snow storm or on slippery walks and streets. It was one of the strangest experiences of my life to be at home at 11:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our decision to cancel some of our Christmas services was correct but it just didn't seem right. Christmas was, for me, less than it could have been because we were unable to be

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Reflections

The past year has been challenging with the economic downturn affecting every one of us. No one has been immune, and many have suffered and dealt with anguish that won't likely resolve until a recovery is sustained. Keep those less fortunate in your prayers always. Our support of one another now is essential and part of the fiber that truly binds our church, its family, and our faith.

Trinity Cathedral is feeling the impact of this unparalleled recession through its parishioners and also to its bottom line. We began 2009 with our pledge commitments 14% below our flat and balanced budget needs. To date, our actual pledge receipts have fallen 45% below our commitments. All indicators would suggest that we will very likely end 2009 with about a 15-20% shortfall in revenue. Our plan is to remain vigilant, act responsibly, and reassess our 2010 budget as the stewardship campaign and year-end financials clarify themselves.

Please include our Cathedral in your prayers as we together weather what lies ahead. Reflect upon those suffering, the many in need and less privileged, and find comfort and be renewed by your faith, and the spirit of our Lord. It may also be an important time for each of us to pause, and reassess our commitments.

May all the blessings of the Christmas season be yours.

Faithfully, and as your senior warden,

Bruce W. Henricks



Cathedral Handbells

Trinity Cathedral has received a new one-octave set of Schulmerich handbells given in memory of David Mohler. The handbells, which will enhance hymns and service music in the liturgy, were used for the first time at Christmas. They will be formally dedicated during an upcoming Sunday Eucharist.

PARISH RECORDS



Kendall McKay Lauritzen,
daughter of
Emily & Clarkson Lauritzen



Lacey Michelle Jackson
&
Craig Alan Akridge

Dean Hurley's Epiphany to Ash Wednesday Sermon Series "The Voice of God"

I. The Baptism of Jesus: "You are my Son."

II. A Wedding at Cana: "My hour has not yet come."

III. Reading in the Synagogue: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

IV. Consequences of the reading: "No prophet is accepted in his hometown."

V. Commanding Peter to continue fishing: "Do not be afraid."

VI. The Transfiguration: "This is my Son, listen to Him."

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and photos to
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The Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 11, 2009



Foster Weyand,
Becky Lowe Weyand,
Bev Otis



Quilt winner Kim Roberts with Merrilee Miller



Sarah Haskell, Karen Burkley, Neal Haskell



Carol Schrader, Bill Roberts, Lynn Martin



Jan
Mohler,
Chris
Tracey

Photos taken by Ann and John Williamson and Linda Gardels



A good time was had by all.

Christian Math

This form of math says $1 + 1 > 2$.

Example: One (1) Stephen Minister visits one (1) homebound parishioner in a retirement facility and the result is:

The parishioner has a plate of home made cookies to share with her friends (>2). She has a new story to tell her daughter and her tablemates (>2). She has the warmth of knowing she is part of the church family (>2), and she has another friend (>2).

The Stephen Minister has a new friend (>2), has heard interesting stories of the past (>2), has learned about a family (>2), and she has received the hugs and blessings of another Christian (>2). Of course, the best result is knowing that she is following Christ's call (multiple 2's).

If you are interested in Christian math and the Stephen Ministry program or know someone who could benefit from a Christian care giver, please contact Deacon Ellen Ross.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist and Homily.....8:30 a.m.
Choral Holy Eucharist and Sermon.....10:30 a.m.
Nursery available at 8:30 & 10:30 services.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist (Nativity Chapel) Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m.

ABUNDANCE AT FRICKE FOOD PANTRY

Christmas 2009 came early for the Dean Fricke Memorial Episcopal Food Pantry, as an abundance of donated food was added to the pantry on Dec. 19. The pantry is a combined effort of eight Episcopal churches in the Omaha area. It took seven vehicles and a dozen volunteers to load, transport and sort through the nonperishable items. The food was collected by the Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce from several area schools and businesses, placed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, and then taken to Trinity Cathedral in downtown Omaha, where the food pantry is located. Thanks to all those who helped in this effort to bring food to needy families and individuals in the Omaha area.



MANY HELPING HANDS Food and volunteers filled the hallway next to the pantry in Trinity Cathedral. Back row, from left: Ken Palmer and Tim Witty of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Dave Holmquist and Paul Ahrens of St. Augustine Episcopal Church, and Bill Roberts of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral; front row, from left: Doug Hokenstad of All Saints Episcopal Church, Orral Murphy and Pat Sheldon of St. Augustine, and Jennifer, Grant and Kevin Jensen from Bethany Lutheran.

Photo by Noreen Witty of St. Andrews Episcopal Church

You Can Help Those Affected by the Haiti Earthquake

Episcopal Relief & Development is providing critical support in the aftermath of a 7.0-magnitude earthquake. Please pray for those impacted and donate online to the [Haiti Fund](http://www.haiti-fund.org) by visiting www.er-d.org. It is the first story and has links to more information.

From Dean Hurley

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together at the altar of the manger.

We must be careful during this time that we do not fall into a spiritual hibernation. Unlike the bears, we are not able to slow down our need for food anymore than we can slow down our need for the Gospel. . We are a different sort. We need continual feeding of the body to stay alive and we need continual feeding of our souls to stay in relationship with God. We need the bread of the earth and the Bread of Heaven received in Holy Scripture and the Sacrament of the Altar in Holy Communion. When you are able and the weather permitting, do your best to be in the Cathedral on Sundays. When you are not there, you are missed. When it is not safe or possible, take some time on Sunday morning to read your Bible. It doesn't have to be the lessons for the day. Let the Spirit guide you. Pray the prayers of the Book of Common Prayer. Receive a Spiritual Communion that allows the Risen Christ to come into your life and your heart. Pray for others who are in need and pray for your Cathedral. While we might like to hibernate in the warmth and safety of our homes, do not allow your soul to hibernate from the Word of God.

God Bless You and I hope to see you soon,

Dean Hurley

====**Concerts at Trinity**=====

Our new concert series will feature four performances in upcoming months:

Sunday, January 24, 3:00 p.m. Voice Recital presented by Cathedral Choir Section Leaders
Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Antonio Vivaldi, Léo Delibes, and others

Sunday, March 21, 3:00 p.m. Solo Piano Recital by Nathan Green

Saturday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Spring Choral Celebration
Featuring the CSM Chorus, UNO Chamber Choir, and Trinity Cathedral Choir

Sunday, May 2. 3:00 p.m. Concert by Jackson and Almeda Berkey

Admission is free; donations will be accepted to support the concert series. For more information or to join in supporting this new outreach ministry, please contact Marty Wheeler Burnett, Director of Music, at mburnett@trinityepiscopal.org or by calling the Cathedral office.

Congratulations to our Director of Music, Marty Wheeler Burnett, who has completed her Doctor of Ministry degree at The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Dr. Burnett's studies focused on liturgical music; her doctoral project, "Hope, Joy, and Wonder: The Hymns of Rae E. Whitney," included a DVD of the hymn festival filmed at Trinity Cathedral last April. Burnett will receive her diploma in May.



Choir
Road Trip
to St.
James,
Fremont

The Cathedral Choir welcomes new members when rehearsals resume on January 6. In addition to singing for the 10:30 Eucharist, the choir will be joining the All Saints' Choir for Choral Evensong on Feb. 21 and performing in a program of American choral classics at Trinity on April 24. For more information, please contact Marty Wheeler Burnett, Director of Music, at mburnett@trinityepiscopal.org or by calling the Cathedral office.

Trinity Cathedral

January 2010

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 9:30 A.M. Adult Forum
 9:30 A.M. Lectionary Group
 9:30 A.M. Church School Activity
 9:30 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 A.M. Church School
 11:30 A.M. EYC

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