



# The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Parish took place on January 22 after a delicious covered-dish brunch and a wonderful slide show of Trinity's past five years put together by Dr. Fran. Early in the meeting we "retired" off-going vestry members Bill Litsinger, Carol House and Russ Tagg, and then elected three new vestry members, Jeff Christ, Andrew Lowery and Pat Pandolfini. Dr. Fran thanked off-going members for their service and welcomed the new members. She then briefly went over the Rector's Report which focused on Trinity's celebrations and challenges during her first five years at Trinity. She said she hoped she had met people's expectations of her as their rector. She then turned the floor over to other members of the Vestry for their reports. A copy of the Annual Meeting booklet was distributed by email and is available from the church office as either e- or hard-copy.

## MEET YOUR NEW VESTRY



Fran Stanford  
Rector



Jonathan Deford  
Sr. Warden



Bob Newton  
Jr. Warden



Carol Knight  
Treasurer/Outreach



Carol House  
Registrar



Sherry Rast  
Parish Life



Andrew Lowery  
Bldgs. & Grounds



Judy Neumyer  
Finance



Mike Berry  
Membership



Jeff Christ  
Christian Education



Pat Pandolfini  
Pastoral Care



Joanne Maits  
TCDS Liaison

## VESTRY REPORT

Following the Annual Meeting, the newly elected vestry met to to elect officers and to assign responsibility for the various commissions of the parish. Because of the Vestry Retreat on Saturday, February 11, there will be no regular vestry meeting in February.

*-Fran Stanford-*



# FRANFARE

Dear Friends:

## *Whatever!*

I vaguely remember a sitcom from the early 60's involving a clean cut all-American teenager/young man by the name of Dobie Gillis. His friend, Maynard G. Krebs was a beatnik (beatniks were precursors to hippies should you be too young to recognize the term). As a "good girl" I found Maynard fascinating, especially his use of slang. For some reason, I don't think adults appreciated his language as much as I did.

Slang changes with time, and what was considered risqué in the early 60's was passé by the 70's. The use of slang sets one group apart from all other; "we" understand the meaning and use the slang properly, "they" either don't get it or misuse it. When the we-they/us-them divides across generational lines, you can bet the older folk disparage the use of slang by the younger group.

One such expression to which I (as an adult) respond to with visceral dislike is, "Whatever." This single word typically indicates total indifference to the opinion of the other person. It means "I don't care enough about what you are saying, or you either, to respond." Every attempt to engage in thoughtful conversation, to either understand the other's position or to express one's own position, is blocked by "Whatever." "Whatever" is a passive-aggressive verbal ploy that shuts off conversation, which is why I hate it.

As I was flipping through one of the many catalogues that arrive at the church, I was brought up short by "Whatever" written in bold at the top of one page. In my mind, I heard the dismissive tone in which the word is usually spoken when used as slang. Then I realized that this catalogue meant the opposite of the usual slang usage.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul says, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." Paul's use of "whatever" invites the readers to open their minds and hearts to God's good work in the world around us. Rather than shutting off conversation, this use of "whatever" encourages us to explore more deeply how each person sees the world, where each one of us finds something about which to rejoice and give thanks.

Political discourse, especially in the run-up to presidential elections, tends towards the slang meaning, usage and attitude of "whatever." Given the multitude of options for news, we pick that which agrees with our presuppositions, and shrug off the opposite perspective with a "whatever." Meaningful dialogue becomes almost impossible at this point in the election cycle. Paul's use of "whatever" suggests that Christians are called at all times, but especially when the world surrounds us with negativity, to focus our own attention and that of those around us on the positives – emphasizing our similarities, listening with respect when we have differences, seeking and serving Christ in all persons and rejoicing always that God continues to be at work in the world around us.

Let's give "whatever" a new lease on life.

Fran+

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should seasonal weather (snow, ice, etc.) strike at the time of scheduled events at Trinity, you may check the church answering machine for cancellation of events. In general, if there is a winter weather advisory warning people to stay off the roads, services will probably be cancelled. As always, your own judgment should prevail.

# LENTEN PROGRAM

*Before the next edition of the Trumpeter goes to press, Lent will have begun.  
Our Lenten program has several elements this year*

**Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Supper – We begin before Lent begins with the traditional Pancake Supper/Mardi Gras night, Feb 21 from 5-7. Details can be found in this issue of the Trumpeter.



**Ash Wednesday** – Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with services at 12:30 and 7:30 pm. The liturgy includes the Litany of Penitence and the Imposition of Ashes.



**Lent liturgy changes**—As a continuance of the our season of self-examination, we omit the *Gloria in excelsis* as the Hymn of Praise throughout Lent, using the *Kyrie eleison (Lord have mercy)* in its place. The Prayers of the People will follow Form IV, allowing a period of silence after each petition. To further set apart the season of Lent, we will use Eucharistic Prayer A at 10 and Eucharistic Prayer II, Rite 1 at 8 allowing us to focus more attention on Jesus’ sacrificial death. As has been our custom for several years, we kneel together for the confession and the Eucharistic Prayer to emphasize our solidarity during this time of fasting and prayer, even as we will stand together to emphasize our solidarity in celebration during the season of Easter.

**Soup N Study** - On the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday (Feb. 29, Mar.7, Mar. 14, Mar. 21, Mar. 28) we will keep our Lenten custom of gathering in the parish hall for a soup meal at 6 p.m. Approximately 6:40, we will begin the study portion of the evening, and around 8 pm will share a simple Eucharist in the parish hall. This year our study focus will be on *A Life with God in 12 Simple Words* as discussed by Brian McLaren in *Naked Spirituality*. Not only do the 12 words provide tools for prayer and spiritual practice, they also give insight into spiritual growth throughout life. Please come for all or part of any of these sessions.



**Prayer Opportunities** – As a way to participate in additional prayer opportunities throughout Lent, consider :



**Tuesday Eucharist** – Eucharist will be celebrated in the church on Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 12:30 pm.  
**Tuesday Evening Quiet Prayer** – Each Tuesday at 6 pm the church will be open for lay-lead quiet prayer. Take time out from the business of life to be still and know God.  
**Healing Service** – On Monday, March 12, our regular monthly Healing Service will take place in the church at 6:30 pm.

**Coming to Communion** - In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are encouraged to receive Communion (Eucharist) every Sunday. This includes young children, the norm being that as soon as a child indicates a desire to partake of the Eucharist, he or she be allowed to do so.

At an appropriate time, first or second grade being the ideal time, children who have been receiving Communion since infancy, as well as those whose parents have chosen to have the children wait for “first communion,” should be instructed in the meaning and practice of the Eucharist. At Trinity, we call this instruction “Coming to Communion.”

For approximately two months, the child works through a lesson book with his or her parents at the rate of one lesson a week. Dr. Fran meets with the families of the Coming to Communion Children at the mid-point to share a pizza lunch and a brief instruction in the proper manner in which to receive communion. On the Sunday after Easter, each child completing the program will be recognized and given a Certificate of Completion.

The initial meeting of this year’s Coming to Communion Class will be February 19, at 11:30 a.m. after coffee hour. Mid-point check-in will take place on March 18, again beginning at 11:30 a.m. Recognition will occur on April 15 during the 10 a.m. service.

If you wish to enroll your child in this year’s Coming to Communion Class, please notify Dr. Fran immediately so that sufficient materials can be obtained. She also welcomes your questions about this important part of our children’s Christian Formation.



-Fran Stanford -

## AND.....

### MEMBERSHIP

For the last 12 months ending in December attendance was 72 compared to 67 for the same period a year earlier. For every month this year, the 12-month average has been greater than the previous year's 12-month average. What is far more important though, is the fabulous increase in spirit, energy, and participation.

Movie nights continued with *Mr. Popper's Penguin* on January 20 and with a great turnout of about 25 kids and 35 adults. On February 17, we will show *Happy Feet*, and on March 16, *Happy Feet Two*. The giant screen, digital projector, audio-visual receiver, BluRay player, and the six-speaker surround sound system are all in place, and WOW, what a difference the new equipment makes.

Except for some minor fine-tuning, the **audio-visual equipment project is complete**. In addition to monthly movie nights, this equipment supports Dr. Fran's education programs, Day School presentations, town hall and parish meetings, and certainly, a whole lot more stuff we haven't thought of yet.

The Projector Fund currently has about \$670.00 in donations as of late January, with outstanding expenses of \$975.00. Not only is the project complete, we are very close to having it paid in full!

The Family and Friends monthly breakfasts continued on January 8, and the next one will be when the Bishop comes to visit on February 12. The last one this spring will be March 11. Breakfasts are from 8:45 to 9:45 am. These will start up again in the fall but we will be holding them just a few times a year on special occasions.

As of the end of January, the layout for the Lent and Easter postcard is just about complete and ready to go to the printer. We will mail about 6,000 of these to the communities surrounding Trinity around mid-February in time for Shrove Tuesday (February 21) and the start of Lent. The cards will feature pictures from last year's Palm Sunday processional and this year's combined adult and children's choirs. The reverse side will list the Lenten and Easter services and events.

- Mike Berry -

### VISIT BY BISHOP BURNETT



On February 12, Trinity will welcome Assistant Bishop Joe Burnett for this year's Episcopal Visitation. Bishop Joe will preach and celebrate. He will be available for conversation between services at the monthly Family and Friends Breakfast, and also during Coffee Hour. Bishop Burnett will also confirm Bailey Alexander Rast.



### NICKELS FOR NURSES

**Hot off the presses!** The Diocesan Lenten Outreach Project this year is *Nickels for Nurses*. "Nickels for Nurses" will help provide a nurse for La Resurrection Parish School in Gros Morne, Haiti. Working in



partnership with La Resurrection Episcopal Parish in Gros Morne, the Haiti school nurse project will provide a nurse for the parish school and its 829 students from grades K-12. For \$20 (or 400 nickels), the project will support the salary of the nurse for a day. Marked donation jars will be located throughout the church and parish hall. Bring your nickels (and other change, bills or checks labeled "Nickels for Nurses") throughout Lent and see how much Trinity can help.

- Fran Stanford -

***The Trinity Church Day School  
cordially invites you to attend the  
2012 Silent Auction Fundraiser***

***“Sip Into Spring”***

*Saturday, March 10, 2012*

*6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.*

*Long Green Gardens & Banquet Hall*

*4506 Long Green Road*

*Glen Arm, MD 21057*

*\$35 per person / \$60 per couple*



*Mingle with friends while bidding on great silent auction items. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, soda, coffee and tea will be served. Ticket prices include a complimentary glass of wine or beer. Additional wine or beer will be available for purchase. Music will be provided.*

*Please respond by Friday, February 24, 2012 by returning this form to the church or day school office. You may also call the school at 410-592-7423*

*or*

*trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net*

*I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s). Enclosed is my cash/check in the amount of*

*\$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Trinity Church Day School.*

*Name:*

*Email:*

*Address:*

*Telephone:*

# TRINITY NOTES

## PASTORAL CARE



January birthday and anniversary cards were sent out, and sympathy cards were sent to the Tagg and Nelson families for the death of Russ Tagg's dad and Bruce Nelson's sister. Six "Thinking of you" notes, as well as get well cards have been sent to members who have not been well. Flowers and cards were sent to Thelma Lawrence for her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We hope to expand our Pastoral Care ministry with more regular home visits. Four members attended a Stephens Ministry Workshop in November and will be a core group.

- Sherry Rast -

## SENIOR WARDEN



I do hope you attended the annual meeting. There was a lot of information brought up and talked about. I know that it seemed that most of the time was spent on finances, but other information was given out too. If you did not attend, get a copy of the report from the Church Office and read about what happened at Trinity in the past year.

The "new" Vestry will start off the year with our annual retreat. This year we are talking about "vision". We always have a guest speaker and he will bring new insights to us about our job and taking care of the church. Normally we do not have a monthly meeting the same month as the retreat, so we will conduct any business that needs to be taken care of at that time.

There are several projects going on this winter. The interior of the church will be painted along with other improvements to try to improve the lighting. Also there is a large ongoing project of cleaning up the woods near the cemetery.

Do not forget about the "men's breakfast" each month. It is held on the first Saturday and I promise there will be some food that most of us should not have. It is always fun and filling.

Remember to check the answering machine in case of bad weather and for details on events and services at Trinity.

Till then ..

**THINK SPRING.**

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



Weather permitting, the Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 4th at 8am. Good food and company will ensure we are kept warm during the coming cold winter days. Hope to see you on Saturday.

- Bill Litsinger -

## FORGIVENESS AND LOVE



He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. It is impossible even to begin the act of loving one's enemies without the prior acceptance of the necessity, over and over again, of forgiving those who inflict evil and injury upon us.

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship.

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

# STEWARDSHIP

For those of you that were unable to attend this year's Annual Meeting here is an update of what was discussed regarding Stewardship .

The pledge drive for 2012 has 67 pledges for a total of \$118,068. Here is a different way of viewing our Stewardship than used in the past. I think you will find it very informative.



21 Families	pledge below \$1000
26 Families	pledge between \$1000 and \$2000
08 Families	pledge between \$2000 and \$3000
06 Families	pledge between \$3000 and \$4000
06 Families	pledge over \$4000

Most people that pledged last year have done so again, however pledges have come in at lower amounts than in 2011. We had hoped to at least match 2011's pledge drive of \$120,000, but we are looking at \$118,000 instead. This is a very big problem for the church as the expenses that our pledges help to pay have not gone down! We know that the economy continues to make things difficult but based on the pledges received and the 2012 budget; we are facing a deficit of @ \$20,000 for 2012.

At the meeting I asked for everyone to please revisit their pledges and see if they can do that little bit more. During the meeting 1 parishioner stood up and said that he would be increasing his pledge and asked that we all consider doing the same. After the meeting 3 other parishioners added their names to the list. Even though you may not have been at the meeting we still need everyone to follow their lead. If we spread the deficit over the entire Trinity family we can get this done and we really need to pull together on this. Please give this important issue prayerful thought. You can call either me or Sandy in the office with your good news.

- Susan Wiley -

## RESPOND TO THE GIFT by Patrice Vecchione

To give thanks is to recognize what has come to you....

How does the seed give thanks? It flowers.

You take what you have, who you are, and you respond to the gift of that beingness with a course of action that aligns with it.

You do what is in your nature.

Source: *Writing and the Spiritual Life*



## APOLOGIES IN ADVANCE



### TWO PRAWNS

*Far away in the tropical waters of the Coral Sea , two prawns were swimming around.*

*One called Justin and the other called Christian.*

*The prawns were constantly being harassed and threatened by sharks  
that inhabited the area.*

*Finally one day Justin said to Christian, 'I'm fed up with being a prawn;  
I wish I was a shark, and then I wouldn't have any worries about being eaten.'*

*A large mysterious cod appeared and said, 'Your wish is granted'*

*Lo and behold, Justin turned into a shark.*

*Horrified, Christian immediately swam away, afraid of being eaten by his old mate.*

*Time passed (as it does) and Justin found life as a shark boring and lonely.*

*All his old mates simply swam away whenever he came close to them.*

*Justin began to realize that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.*

*While swimming alone one day he saw the mysterious cod again and he thought perhaps  
the mysterious fish could change him back into a prawn.*

*He approached the cod and begged to be changed back, and, lo and behold, he found  
himself turned back into a prawn.*

*With tears of joy in his tiny little eyes Justin swam back to his friends and  
bought them all a cocktail.*

*(The punch line does not involve a prawn cocktail - it's much worse).*

*Looking around the gathering at the reef he realized he couldn't see his old pal.*

*'Where's Christian?' he asked.*

*'He's at home, still distraught that his best friend changed sides to the enemy & became a  
shark', came the reply.*

*Eager to put things right again and end the mutual pain and torture,  
he set off to Christian's abode.*

*As he opened the coral gate, memories came flooding back.*

*He banged on the door and shouted, 'It's me, Justin, your old friend,  
come out and see me again.'*

*Christian replied, 'No way man, you'll eat me. You're now a shark, the enemy, and I'll not be  
tricked into being your dinner.'*

*Justin cried back 'No, I'm not. That was the old me. I've changed.'.....*

*I've found Cod.*

*I'm a Prawn again Christian*

*(Compliments of my Aussie brother in Sydney, Australia)*

*- Wendy Walker -*

*Hey! Let's go to the movies!*



*Friday, Feb 17,  
6:30 pm*



➔ *NOTE: Friday, March 16 will be Happy Feet Two  
Includes snacks, popcorn, and drinks. Bring your parents  
and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!*

*Trinity Long Green Parish Hall*

*For more information please call the church office.*

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## HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Randall Hand      | 22 Megan Chesser    |
| 3 Jennifer Collins  | Asher Louis Collins |
| Leonard House       | Sarah Weglein       |
| Asher Collins       | 23 Steven Rozics    |
| 5 Vanessa Lowery    | 24 Jake Deford      |
| 6 Garette Chesser   | 25 Barbara Demaree  |
| Judy Neumyer        | Gretchen Ward       |
| 8 Katherine Weglein | 27 Joanne Maitis    |
| 10 Payton Robinson  | 28 Nancy Ciesla     |
| 11 Martha Wheeler   |                     |
| 15 Ric Jacobs       |                     |
| William Talbot      |                     |



## HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 5 Ric & Ruth Jacobs  
17 Bill & Janis Seegar

### PAUL'S PLACE



Anita and I will be making Paul's Place Casseroles on Monday, February 6th. Checks made out to

Trinity Church marked "Paul's Place Casseroles" will help with the purchase of ingredients. Thanks.

- Linda Smith -

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



**From Fran:** Thank you, so much for my Christmas gift. Your demonstration of generosity expressed through this extra financial gift is greatly appreciated. I will put it to good use purchasing books for my new Kindle. Thank you for this gift, and even more, for the gift that is Trinity. You are great to work with! May God bless you as you have blessed me.

**From Sandy:** Thank you very much for your very generous Christmas gift. I truly enjoy working as your Parish Administrator and appreciate your support and generosity. Although I faced challenges throughout 2011, working at Trinity continued to be a pleasure! Thanks Again.

Also check the bulletin board in the parish hall for a Thank You note from **Bruce Williams** who cleans the church and parish hall for us.

**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**THANK YOU!**

- To Gayle Harting and Pat Pandolfini for giving the kitchen a thorough scrubbing
- To Jen Rommel, Ruth Jacobs and Sue Luba who are teaching Sunday School this term
- To Russ Tagg, Bill Litsinger and Carol House who have completed terms on the vestry
- To Carol House who will continue as Registrar
- To the cooks who fed us at the General Meeting
- Movie Night set-up and clean-up crew
- To Dr. Fran for her five years as rector of Trinity

-Wendy Walker -



# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Cemetery Monitor: Andrew Lowery Please remove birthday memorials 15 days after the holiday. Thank you.		1	2	3	4 8 am Men's breakfast
5 <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	6 6pm Healing Service	7 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer	8	9 7:30pm Choir	10	11 9am Vestry Retreat
12 <b>Bishop Burnett visit</b> 8am Holy Eucharist 8:45 Family and Friends Breakfast 10am Holy Eucharist 11am Coffee Hour	13 6pm Quiet Prayer	14 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer	15	16	17	18
19 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 11:30am Coming to Communion	20 21 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 11:00 am TAT 5-7pm Pancake Supper 6pm Quiet Prayer	21 <b>22 Ash Wednesday</b> 12:30 Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes 7:30am Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	22 <b>23</b>	23 7:30pm Choir	24 6: 30 pm Movie Night	25
26 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11:00am - Coffee Hour	27 11:00 am TAT 12:30pm Eucharist 6pm Quiet Prayer	28 11:00 am TAT 12:30pm Eucharist 6pm Quiet Prayer	29 6-8:30pm Soup N Supper			

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bradley Olver, member of Boy Scout Troop 1908, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America on January 7, 2012. Bradley is a 17 year old senior at Hereford High School and will be attending college in the fall of 2012. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Church. He and his brother Jeremy, who is also an Eagle Scout, are the grandsons of Pat and Bill Kincaide.



- Wendy Walker -



**Boy Scout Sunday will be held on February 5—scouts are encouraged to wear uniforms and will assist in the worship that day**

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