

The Newsletter of
the Trinity Episcopal Church
 Martinsburg, West Virginia

TEMPO

Trinity—
 A welcoming,
 Christ-centered community:
 Living under grace and
 Making a difference
 in people's lives

Easter 2010

Sing to the Lord a New Song!

We welcome Coty Graff to Trinity as our new Music Director and rejoice in the triumphal and joyful sounds of our organ and choir. Coty started his journey in music at the age of six and first started playing for church services as an organist by the age of twelve. Through his studies he learned about technique, pipe organ performance, vocal training, and choral conducting. Even while enlisted in the United States Air Force, he never gave up his love of music, even gaining the opportunity to play at the United States Air Force Academy. Coty has worked with all sizes of choral groups, large and small, and has great expectations for the group here at Trinity. In the near future, Coty hopes to build up the music program at Trinity. Not only focusing on the talent here within the church, but also by creating a venue for the local community to share the enormous talent that is around us. As we move into the spring and Easter season, there is a hope of life and growth. Coty is looking forward to implementing that life and growth into the spirituality of music here at Trinity.

April Family Fun Night
 Wednesday, April 14th
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Pan-American Day!

- Pot-luck featuring American Foods
- "Pan American" Games – Trinity Style
- Focus on Haiti/Chile and ERD Relief Efforts

TRINITY IS WORKING TO:

- Build a legacy for future generations while preserving our rich heritage
- Become a diverse, family-friendly, baptismal community
- Renew wonder and joy in worship
- Create an awareness of and response to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Tell our Story

Trinity Youth help pack food boxes at
 CCAP/Loaves and Fishes

◀ Photo credit Meg Partington

More pictures of our life together at
trinitymartinsburg.org/pictures



Rector's Reflections



The Rev. Julie N. Harris

Sunday Forum

Resumes on
Sunday, April 11th
9:15 – 10:15 in the
Library

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

One of my greatest joys in life is the moment in the Easter Vigil when we proclaim the surprising happy ending to the story of Jesus! The lights burn brightly. The Easter flowers bloom with fragrant and colorful abandon. Alleluias ring out. The newly baptized are welcomed. And we proclaim the wonder of our faith! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

During the Holy Week, we walked with Jesus as he made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem only to be betrayed by the very people he came to call back into closer relationship with God. We watched with Peter as Jesus was handed over to the authorities and sentenced to death on the cross. (*How many times are we tempted to deny our relationship with Christ?*) We stood with Mary and John at the foot of the cross. And we journeyed with Mary Magdalene to the empty tomb. And now, we experience the unbelievable truth that Christ is alive. Behold, God is doing a new thing right here in our midst.

In the days ahead we will encounter Jesus on the road to Emmaus, in the upper room, and in the breaking of bread. We marvel that Jesus has been raised to new life. We are invited through baptism into new life. We enter into a special covenant. We are marked and sealed as Christ's own forever. Let us renew our commitment to follow Christ. Let us embrace the new life that God is calling forth in us.

Your companion on the Journey – Rev. Julie +

I've been at my new position in Massachusetts for two and a half weeks, and I finally have a free moment to take a breath and write to all you wonderful folks at Trinity. Please permit me to express thanks from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful send-off on February 21st. The sadness I felt in leaving that day was trumped only by the love I have for each of you. The song from the choir was wonderful. The cookie-cake with the map on it was lovely (and shows just how much you all know me, knowing that I don't really like cake). Thank you also for the generous purse, which helped defray the costs of setting up my new place in Cohasset.

If I tried to enumerate the number of things I learned from you all, the number of meaningful conversations we had, and the number of wonderful relationship we built over the last two years, I would take up this whole issue of the Tempo. Suffice to say: I am a different, a better person from having lived among you.

Things are going well here in Cohasset, though as I said before, I haven't had much time to take a deep breath. I did take time to watch the Mountaineers win the Big East Championship, and I wished I were there to slap hands with all you crazy WVU fans. Thank you again for everything. May God's blessings continue to be upon you.

Much love and peace. Adam +

Check out Adam's blog:
www.wherethewind.com

Curate's Comments



The Rev. Adam Thomas

1st
Wednesdays
Alternative Worship Journey

May 5th
Soup Supper – 6:00 p.m.
Worship – 6:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Peterkin

Register now to attend the Peterkin Work Weekend during Memorial Day Weekend May 28-31. Check out the details on the website or the bulletin board. For more information call Nathan Arnett - 304-552-1422. Donations to help offset expenses can be made to Trinity and marked for Peterkin.



Register Now for Summer Camp

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| Junior Camp | June 20-26 |
| Senior Camp | June 27-July 3 |
| Beginner Camp | July 5-8 |
| Mini-Camp | July 8-11 |
| Family Camp | July 11-17 |
| Hallelujah Hike | July 17-24 |
| Creative Arts Camp | July 18-24 |
| Intermediate Camp | July 25-July 31 |



Dine-Out –
So Others May Eat
April 15th

When you eat a meal at one of the sponsoring restaurants on April 15th a portion of the proceeds will be given to CCAP/Loaves and Fishes to help feed the hungry.

April 23-25, 2010

Abundant Blessings Spiritual Threads

Women's Conference in conjunction with Province III ECW Annual Meeting
At Trinity Episcopal Church – Martinsburg
Sign up to attend this spiritual retreat – or better yet contact Mary Ann Hamilton to lend a hand with hospitality for the event

Youth Recognition Sunday

*Mother's Day, May 9th
at the 10:30 Family Service*

Join us as we celebrate our youth at the May Family Service. We will recognize graduating seniors and also those who participated in our Sunday School this year. The youth will be planning the service.

May 16th is the last day of Sunday School

Earth Day Festival

Saturday, April 17th
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
At War Memorial Park

For more information visit
www.artberkeley.org

May Family Fun Night

May 12th - 6:00 p.m.

Join us to Celebrate Spring, "Beat the Bounds of the parish", and Bless the Gardens. Bring a "Mexican" dish to share.

*"You created every part of me, knitting in my Mother's womb.
For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome this great wonder!"*

Introducing Trinity's new Shawl Ministry

Join parishioners Robin Kent, Barbara Bradley and Verna Anson and learn how prayer shawls can bless both the creator and the recipient. Participants will learn how knitting, crocheting, and/or quilting can wrap a person in need of God's comfort and grace in an unconditional embrace of a sheltering and mothering God.

This is a time of prayer and fellowship.



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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Come and celebrate
the Resurrection with us.

Saturday, April 3rd – 7:30 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 4th – 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Festival Eucharist
Bring a flower and help us “flower” the Cross.

Easter