

We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

April - May 2011

The Chimes

ALL-Le-Lu.....

Dear Ones:

It was just this past Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent. Like the other Sundays in Lent I broke the host and proclaimed: "Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us!" The response from the congregation was the expected: "therefore let us keep the feast!" Then I heard it; someone added "ALL-LE-LU..." It would have been a full out ALLELUIA had they not stopped when no others joined in. I listen for that incomplete alleluia every Lent. I don't hear it as a liturgical mistake. I hear it as praise to God that just cannot be held in!! It's still Lent but Easter's coming!

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Alleluia! Spring is here and winter is past!
Alleluia! Death is conquered, we are free!
Alleluia resurrection is for real!"

Call me old fashioned. Call me crazy. Call me superstitious. Call me what you'd like but I really really believe that Jesus Christ was risen from the dead. An actual event; not a metaphor!

I believe in the resurrection because it is built into the patterns of creation. Every year dead bulbs come to life with new flowers, dead trees break out in new leaves. Every night darkness is turned into light! I believe in a real resurrection because something sent that group of apostles, who were locked up inside a room out of fear, into the world declaring the Lord is Risen! I believe in resurrection because in ways in which words fail me to describe, I have experienced the mystery of presence of the risen Christ in prayer.

I believe in resurrection because I see the risen Christ alive and at work in this community. I see the risen Christ working good through us, the body of Christ on earth. I see the sick being healed and cared for, the lonely and those who mourn being comforted and visited, I see the hungry being fed; the homeless being housed! I see the risen Christ alive and at work in this community as we strive to seek him in all people; loving our neighbors as ourselves!

Celebrate the Risen Christ this Easter. We are having two identical services at 8 & 10 a.m. We are encouraging folks to come to the 8 so that the 10 won't be quite so crowded. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 a.m. service for the children. There will be yummy treats, good coffee, tasty punch and shared hospitality after each service!

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN,
Fr. Dave

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**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
8TH ANNUAL HACKERS OPEN
Saturday, May 21, 2011**

"The Golf Outing is coming! The Golf Outing is coming!"

We are looking for golfers and event sponsors for Trinity's upcoming annual golf outing that benefits our high school seniors via the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 21, at The Mainland Golf Course near Lansdale and will start at 11:00 AM. The outing will be a "scramble" format insuring fun for any level golfer. Registration fee for golfers is \$75 and includes golf, cart, and a post golf awards picnic for the golfers and their families.

All golfers will be asked to supply a dessert or small salad. All other picnic food and drink will be provided.

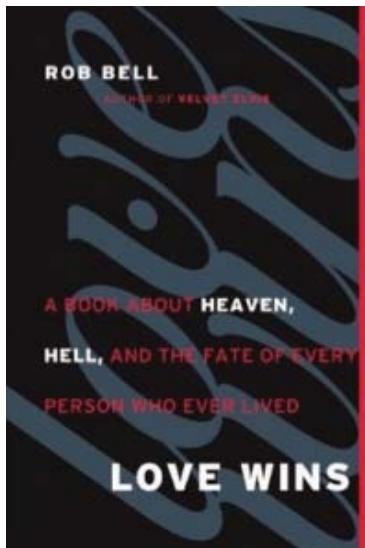
Sponsorship opportunities are available for individual golf holes, as well as other event related needs. Please see the Narthex bulletin board for a complete listing of sponsorship opportunities.

One way or the other, we are asking you to join us in making this worthy fund raising endeavor a great success. For further details see Dennis Reid, Sr. or Roy Irvin.
- Fr. Dave



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE
MISSION POSSIBLE 2011 THROUGH OUR RAFFLE
TICKETS AND FISHER POT PIE SALE!**

ONE CHURCH, ONE BOOK!



If there was ever a time I wanted the whole church to read one book it is now and it's this book: Love Wins by Rob Bell. I think this book could be one of the most important books written for and about Christianity. It is deeply theological but very accessible and very easy to read. Here are some of the reviews:

"Rob Bell is at his usual best here, casting fresh light on biblical truths, engaging readers with the compelling metaphor,

turning the arresting phrase, and reminding all that the love of God is more powerful and sweeping than we can imagine." (Christianity Today)

"One of the nation's rock-star-popular young pastors, Rob Bell, has stuck a pitchfork in how Christians talk about damnation." (USA Today)

"In Love Wins, Rob Bell tackles the old heaven-and-hell question and offers a courageous alternative answer. Thousands of readers will find freedom and hope and a new way of understanding the biblical story - from beginning to end." (Brian D. McLaren, author of A New Kind of Christianity and Naked Spirituality)

"Claiming that some versions of Jesus should be rejected, particularly those used to intimidate and inspire fear or hatred, Bell persuasively interprets the Bible as a message of love and redemption. . . . His style is characteristically concise and oral, his tone passionate and unabashedly positive." (Publishers Weekly)

"It isn't easy to develop a biblical imagination that takes in the comprehensive and eternal work of Christ . . . Rob Bell goes a long way in helping us acquire just such an imagination--without a trace of soft sentimentality and without compromising an inch of evangelical conviction." (Eugene H. Peterson, Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Theology, Regent College, and author of The Message and The Pastor)

"A bold, prophetic and poetic masterpiece. I don't know any writer who expresses the inexpressible love of God as powerfully and as beautifully as Rob Bell! No one who seriously engages this book will put it down unchanged. A 'must read' book!" (Greg Boyd, senior pastor at Woodland Hills Church and author of The Myth of a Christian Nation)

Not everyone loves this book the way that I do!

Here is what one of his critics writes:

"Rob Bell is one of the hottest Christian preachers in the nation today, but does he say anything that's uniquely Christian? In his new book, "Love Wins," Bell paints a picture of a God who loves, but doesn't ground it in God's defining act of love towards men: the atoning death of Jesus Christ. Instead, what he says could easily be embraced by Mormons, Muslims, and Jews alike. As such, Bell robs the Christian message of its power to save."

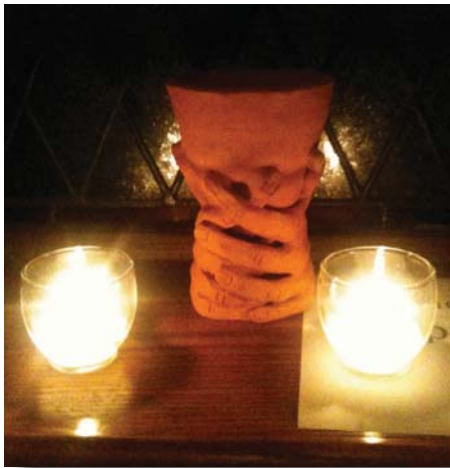
We will be scheduling some book discussions in the spring but we know we're going to talk about Love Wins at Theology on Tap, Saturday May 14 at 6:00 p.m. - Fr. Dave



THEOLOGY ON TAP Saturday, May 14, 2011 6:00 PM

Many of Jesus' teaching moments take place around a meal. He uses meals as a time to instruct and dialogue among his followers. We at Trinity have a similar program. Theology on Tap is an opportunity to get together share a meal, and discuss a theological topic that is burning in your soul. If you don't have a topic, someone else will. There is never a lack of conversation at our gatherings. The next gathering is taking place on May 14th @ 6:00 pm. The location is yet to be determined.

If you are interested in attending please let Fr. Dave or Jay Walton know in order that we have enough room at the table. This month's topic will be Rob Bell's new critically acclaimed book 'Love Wins'. It is not necessary for you to have read the book before coming. The book will only be a jumping off point to our discussion. Please consider joining our group for our dinner and discussion. If you have any questions about Theology on Tap, please ask anyone that has attended in the past (Jane Saunders, Liz Wendt, Bill & Barb Davis, Kelly Rupperecht, Anne Canan, Dave Canan, Jay Walton, and many more.) See you May 14th @ 6:00 p.m. - Jay Walton



I THE LAST SUPPER



**II THE WASHING
OF THE FEET**



**III THE AGONY IN
THE GARDEN**

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

THE EVE OF PALM PASSION SUNDAY, SATURDAY APRIL 16

5:00 p.m. The Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion
at the Come As You Are Eucharist

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:00 a.m. The Blessing and Distribution of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 a.m. The Blessing and Distribution of the Palms and the Holy Eucharist Rite II

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 18

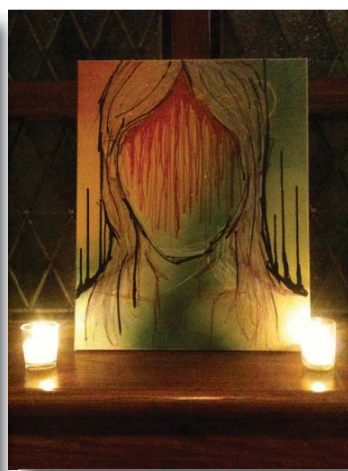
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist, Chapel

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:00 p.m. The Great Litany and the Holy Eucharist, Chapel



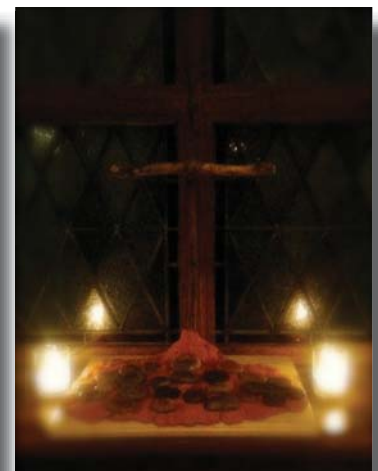
**VII CHRIST BEFORE
PILATE**



**VIII THE SCOURGE
OF CHRIST**



**IX THE WAY
TO CALVARY**



**X JESUS NAILED
TO THE CROSS**



**IV THE BETRAYAL
OF JUDAS**



**V CHRIST BEFORE
CAIPHAS**



VI THE DENIAL OF PETER

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

• 7:00 p.m. Healing Eucharist, Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21

• 7:30 p.m. The Holy Eucharist with Foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar and Church

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament in the Chapel
- 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy in the Church
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with Choir in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy, Church
- THERE IS NO 5 p.m. Eucharist on Holy Saturday



XI THE CRUCIFIXION



**XII THE DESCENT
FROM THE CROSS**



XIII THE ENTOMBMENT



XIV THE REQUEST FOR CHRIST'S BODY



XV THE RESURRECTION

EASTER AT TRINITY CHURCH

EASTER DAY, APRIL 24

- 8:00 a.m. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and Festive Hospitality following
- 10:00 a.m. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with Festive hospitality and Easter Egg Hunt for the children; gather on the Rectory porch

THE KOINONIA SERVICE RETURNS

“ . . . this community of faith is exploring, not resting . . . ”

What is the Koinonia Service, you may ask? For Trinity Church, the Koinonia Service is a worship service held simultaneously to the traditional worship service on a Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. During the season of Eastertide, 2011, on the Sundays of May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, the Koinonia Service will be offered in the parish hall. Encompassing both Word and Sacrament, this simplified liturgy is designed for worshippers of all ages, utilizing the gifts and talents of parishioners. The service will be interactive, with gospel dramatization and discussion; the prayers of the people engage all who want to participate; the sacrament of Holy Communion will be given to one another in small groups. This liturgy is appropriate for the entire family as well as engaging for anyone desiring a more casual design of worship.

Koinonia is a Greek word that means ‘communion through participation’, a fitting description of this style of worship. Our traditional worship service will be held in the church at 10:00 a.m. as well. There will be no church school on these Sundays and children are expected to worship with their families.

We are always called to stretch beyond our comfort zone in this life of following Jesus. The challenge before us is to continually search for and discover ways to make the gospel of Jesus relevant, accessible and alive in new ways. So this Easter season, you are invited to experience “Koinonia” whether you come for one service or five. Come and see.

- Mary

CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL KICK-OFF Sunday May 1st!

CHILDREN’S CARNIVAL
Thursday, May 26th through
Saturday, May 28th; 6 - 10 p.m.

For a number of years Trinity Church’s top fund-raising activity was the Carnival. The carnival was stopped due to escalating teen violence on the church property. We miss the carnival. We miss the money it made for mission and outreach and the church property. We miss the opportunity it allowed members of the parish to get to have fun and get

to know each other working side by side at the carnival.

So we are reviving the carnival in a new form. A Children’s carnival with only children’s rides and games. We hope that this Children’s Carnival will not attract teens and the violence that seemed to come with them. We know that it will give us all a chance to pitch in and work together to support mission and outreach and our church property.

On May 1 our efforts to put together the 2011 Children’s Carnival go into high gear! We need your help in almost every area of the carnival!

We will be looking for volunteers to:

- Help with Set-up and Tear Down
- Work the Ticket Booths
- To Staff the Parsons’ Porch
- To work at the Bake Sale Table
- Staff the Quilt Raffle Tent
- To work at Pete’s Grill: the Food Tent

We need fresh baked goods donated to sell!
We need sodas donated to sell from the food tent!

WE NEED YOU!!

Children’s Carnival Coordinators: Steve Skinner and Robin Dixon

Bake Sale Coordinators: Barb Shields and Anne Canan

Ticket Booth Coordinators: Stephanie Gold, Ellen McAfferty, Anne Richtarik

Parson’s Porch: Leslie Vacante and Chris Lennox

Tellers: Katherine Driggs and Kelly Moylan

Set-up/Break Down: Dave McCullough, Bill Davis, Piers Prater

Face Painting: Kelly Rupperecht and Cheryl Bayard

Food Tent

- Fr. Dave





Education for Ministry (EFM) aka “Exploring Faith Matters” is a unique learning program linking Faith and Life. All baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church’s total ministry.

Ministry is about living our lives intentionally in a way that lets others meet Christ in us. Education for Ministry gives us a good grounding in Scripture, history, and theology, but more importantly; we learn to use this knowledge, our own experiences and viewpoints, and our cultural contexts, to engage in theological reflection ... the heart of the EfM program and the way we learn to ‘hear’ the good news of what God is doing in the context of the world in which we live.

The Education for Ministry program provides people with the education to carry out their own personal ministry. Ministry is not necessarily a structured activity, like pastoral care or preaching. Ministry is more often relationship, engaging with others on the journey of faith, encouraging and supporting one another. EfM helped me to recognize those “ministry moments’ that crop up every day in mundane situations in the workplace, at home, anywhere I interact with others. Too often we have this sense that ministry is always church-connected, and EfM helped me to understand that ministry is acting on and living out my baptismal vows.

In summary, the program helps lay persons to gain an understanding of the Christian tradition, to learn to find God’s presence in everyday life, and to decide how to live in response to that presence.

The Education for Ministry program is a four-year curriculum. Each “year” is a nine-month cycle of study. Students enroll for one cycle at a time. The Seminar Group is the heart of the Education for Ministry program. A group consists of six to twelve students and two trained co-mentors who usually meet weekly for 36 sessions over the course of a year (September to May). These meetings are generally two and 1/2 hours or three hours in length. Sessions include three parts: discussion of textual material, theological reflection

and worship. Seminar groups have a very relaxed atmosphere.

Trinity Episcopal Church has two groups – one is on Monday nights and the other is held on Wednesday mornings. You are welcome to join us. Please let Father Dave or Mary know if you have interest about obtaining more information. Or talk with Jay Walton, who is our EFM Coordinator of The Diocese of Pennsylvania. Trinity’s current mentors who are Karyn Jean Dickoff, Ed Mahler, Kelly Rupprecht and Reita Detweiler (cell phone # 267.664.4817 and personal email address is RDetweiler1955@gmail.com) will gladly answer your questions and address your concerns.

Respectfully submitted because EfM is one of several pillars on which my life is lived, Reita Detweiler.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
EFM GRADUATION CEREMONY
Sunday, May 21, 2011
3:00 PM**

Are you a current or former student of EFM? If so, then make sure that you plan on attending the Education for Ministry Diocesan Graduation Celebration on May 21st at 3:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Cathedral. The Right Reverend Charles Bennison will be celebrating. We will be carpooling from the Trinity Parking Lot. For more information, contact either Fr. Dave or Jay Walton.

- Jay Walton

JOKER’S CORNER

A police officer found a boy crying on the side of the road and asked what’s wrong. The boy replied “my mom beat me and left me here”. The cop offered to take him to his father’s house and the boy cried “No! he beats me too”. So the officer asked the boy where he’d like to go and he said “Take me to the Mets they don’t beat anyone”.

- Roger Clarke



**BUTTERFLY PRESCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**
Sponsored by the Anam Cara Chapter of the
Daughters of the King at Trinity:



This spring we asked for Trinity's parishioners to lend their financial support to raise funds to purchase a desktop computer and educational software for the Butterfly Preschool at the St. Barnabas Mission in West Philadelphia. We began this fundraiser on Sunday March 27th when our Sunday school children presented a skit based on Eric Carle's story The Hungry Caterpillar. Ms. Dana Barby-Nuble, the Educational Director at St. Barnabas, was also present and provided information about the program and its needs. As of April 10th, we have raised approximately \$1,500 – many THANKS to all who donated to this worthy cause! St. Barnabas Mission is a homeless shelter for women and their children sponsored by Episcopal Community Services (ECS). The Butterfly Preschool program offers early education to children, ages 13 months through 5 years of age. For nearly 15 years, this program has offered a quality learning experience for homeless children in a safe, nurturing environment, while allowing their mothers to work, look for a job or go to school. Hundreds of children have been provided the best possible start in life despite extremely difficult circumstances. This program is funded completely through private donations raised by ECS from generous parishioners - like you! We hope to have Ms. Dana return to Trinity in early May to accept the check from our parish. For more information you can contact Carol Szwajkos, Vice President of the Anam Cara Chapter of the DOKs.



SHARE Food Program of PA is coming to Trinity

Your help is needed and wanted as we get this project in place for our neighborhood community of Ambler. The needs of our local community are great and the TAG Team for Homelessness and Hunger are moving ahead with this organization as one of the programs TAG is supporting.



SHARE Food Program of PA, Serving:
Pennsylvania, Delaware
New Jersey, Metro NY and the MD Eastern Shore

**CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR OF SERVING THE
COMMUNITY**

WHAT IS SHARE?

SHARE is an acronym for Self-Help and Resource Exchange

This food program is where people get a break on their grocery bills by exchanging volunteer time for the opportunity to buy affordable food. For each package of food purchased, we simply ask for two (2) hours of "good deed" time, whether at SHARE, other institutions in your community, or your own neighborhood.

Food packages (worth up to \$45) offer meats, fresh fruits and vegetables and grocery items. SHARE purchases the food from growers, brokers and packaging plants. SHARE Food is *never* donated, government surplus, or salvage.

SHARE Food Program, Inc. in Philadelphia, PA, is an independent organization that is not affiliated with any other existing or former SHARE entity nationally or internationally.

SHARE is a non-profit corporation registered as a 501(c) 3 with the Internal Revenue Service and as a charity with the Pennsylvania Department of State.

<http://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>

**More information will be coming forward in May
Please help make a difference in our local Trinity Ambler community**