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Being the Eucharist...

Dear Trinity Family,

On June 6th, the Wednesday Book Study group will be attending a meeting with the Reverend Chris Yaws. Chris is the author of the book *Jesus was an Episcopalian (and you can be one too)*. His book is an introduction to the Episcopal Church. Those of us who are reading the book are finding it interesting and informative. We have had some lively discussions about the book and the Episcopal Church.

One topic we explored was the Eucharist. The Rev. Yaws states, “Episcopalians like to think of every Sunday as Thanksgiving Day.” (p.67) The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. We come together on Sunday mornings to say thanks to God.

In the Episcopal Church, the principle service on Sunday is to be the Eucharist. The service must also be an approved one. We are to use the Eucharist services from the *Book of Common Prayer*. We can also use the services from *Enriching Our Worship*. Trinity uses services from both sources. With these choices, Trinity is able to vary the liturgy at least slightly from week to week. (There are many Episcopal Churches that use the same service – usually Rite II prayer A – every Sunday.)

Our readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary. Most mainline Protestant Churches use this

source for their Sunday readings. So, if you go to the Presbyterian Church, you will hear the same readings that are read here at Trinity.

We also vary the Prayers of the People every Sunday. The music changes from week to week. We have approved hymnals for our music. Our choir director selects the anthem for the Sunday service.

Chris Yaws tells this story about music in the service:

“One Sunday morning, following services, a bishop I know was standing by the back door of the church greeting parishioners as they left.

A young man stopped to shake hands.

He said, ‘Bishop, I really didn’t like that last hymn.’

The cheeky bishop smiled and said, ‘That’s OK, we didn’t sing it for you.’” (p. 68)

He makes a good point about the Episcopal Church. We don’t attend services to be entertained. We attend to worship God. Some churches seek to entertain their congregations. In the Episcopal Church we are the participants and God is our audience. We come to thank God. We come to worship God.

Chris makes another good point about the Eucharist. “We’re not supposed to simply *take* the Eucharist. We’re supposed to *be* the Eucharist. In this communal meal we too pour ourselves out for the world.” (p.73) As Christians

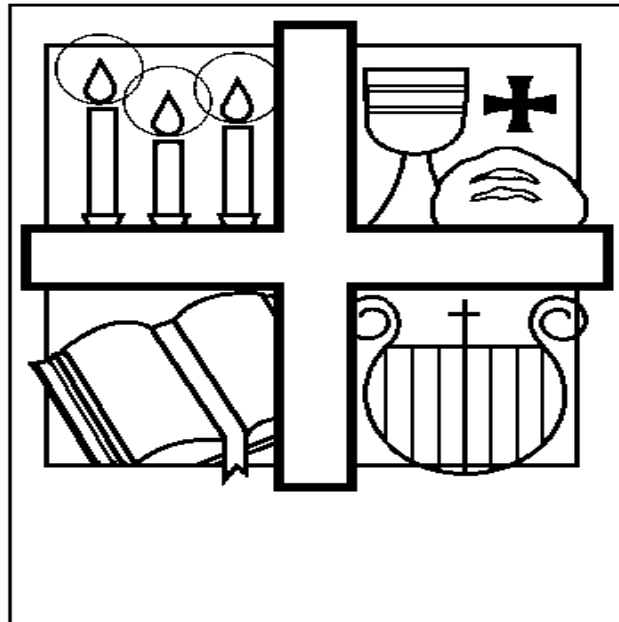
and Episcopalians we are to heal the world. We are to reach out with Christ's love to others.

If you are interested in reading this book, it can be purchased from Amazon. You are welcome to attend the meeting with the author. It would be helpful to have read the book prior to the meeting, however.

Chris Yaws calls the Eucharist "our weekly altar call." We come to the Lord's Table every week together. We set aside our differences and worship God together. Our unity as Christians is based on Jesus – his love for us and our love for him and each other.

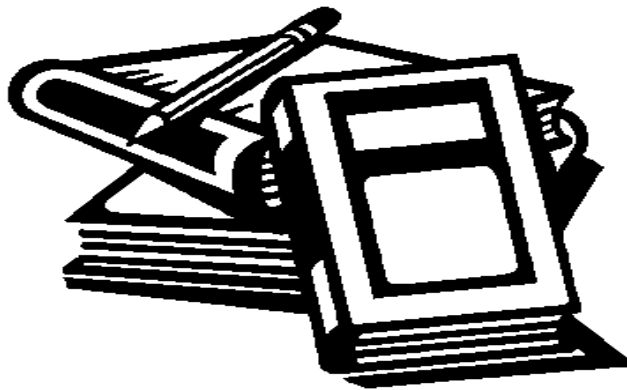
Please plan to attend church during the summer. God doesn't take a vacation from us, and we shouldn't take one from him. Have a wonderful and relaxing June, and I'll see you in church!

Blessings,
Chris



Christian Education

Our Book Study, which began on April 28th will be coming to a close on June 4th. We are reading “Jesus was an Episcopalian” by Chris Yaw, and it has proven to be quite interesting and educational.



United Thank Offering

Joanne McPherson

“Episcopalians like to think of every Sunday as Thanksgiving Day,” according to the Rev. Chris Yaw, author of *JESUS WAS AN EPISCOPALIAN*. “When we come together on Sunday, we want to give thanks well.”

The Rev. Yaw was not writing about the United Thank Offering or Trinity’s parish Blue Box, but he could have been. What better way to give thanks well than to say “Thank you Lord” before our faith community and give a monetary offering that will ultimately benefit people outside of it. Let’s continue to make every Sunday Thanksgiving Day at Trinity.



***Community Prayer Walk
June 1st - 30th , 2010***

Joanne McPherson

Trinity has been assigned 25 streets in Wards 3A and 3B. Trinity parishioners have walked this area several times in previous years. Ward 3A is the area surrounding Trinity on the west side of South Main Street; 3B is the neighborhood south of Lincoln Street to Locust Street from South Main to Hurd Avenue. Ten parishioners have committed to walk. You can be a part of the Prayer Walk by praying for the City of Findlay and for our Trinity walkers.

Lunch Bunch

Margi Griffiths

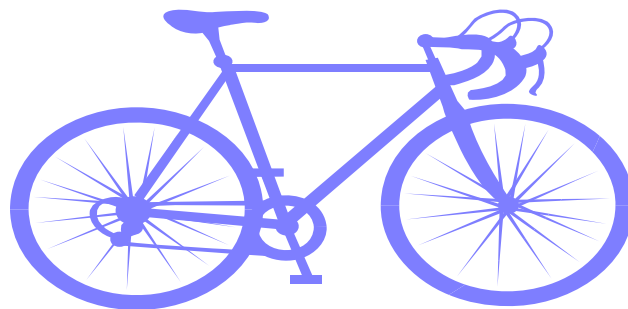
The Lunch Bunch will again meet on Friday, June 11th at a restaurant yet to be determined. All women of the parish are welcome! The objective of the group is to get to know each other better. While participants order from the menu, we like to give the restaurant warning of how many are coming. Please contact Margi Griffiths or Joanne McPherson for more information.



Bishop's 5th Annual Bicycle Ride

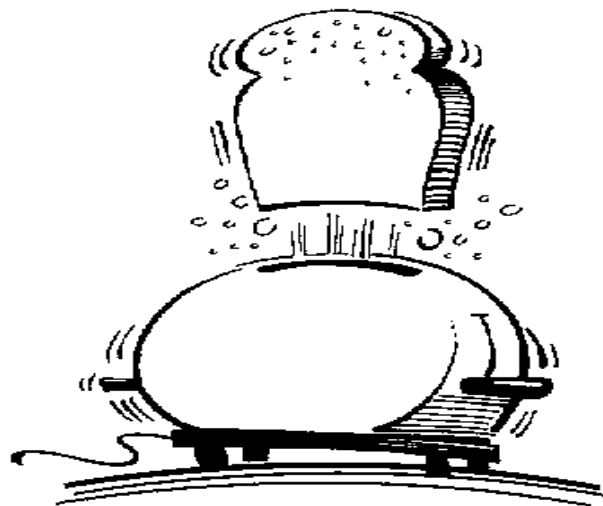
The Fifth Annual Bishop's Bike Ride will cover a loop along the lake. The event begins Sunday night, June 27, 2010 and finishes Friday, July 2, 2010 in Ashtabula, Ohio. Riders will spend their first night at St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay, ending their journey at St. Peter's, Ashtabula, where the ride will be completed around noon.

All are invited to ride around with us, as we loop around the lake. Please visit the diocesan website at www.dohio.org for more information.



Parish Breakfast

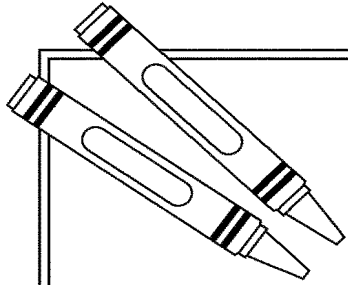
Save the date, save the date!!! Join us on Saturday, June 19th, beginning at 8:30 am for our monthly parish breakfast. There is always good food and engaging conversation, so bring your appetite and be prepared to have a good time.



Habitat for Humanity Visiting Youth Group

We will be hosting an Episcopal youth group from Kirkwood, Missouri, on June 8, 2010. They will be in Findlay to help out with our local Habitat for Humanity build. While they are in town, Trinity will be providing them with dinner in our Parish Hall. If you are available on that day, and can help out in any way, please let Chris know as soon as possible.





Just for **KIDS**

Summer is a good time to sit under a tree with a good book. Find the names of the books below. On each line write the letter that comes after the one given below it.



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2. a
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3. _____
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F d m d r h r

1. A baby is born in a stable. Jesus feeds 5000 with 2 fish and 5 loaves. A man dies and comes back to life.

2. A man interprets dreams and is also thrown into a lions' den.

3. The Queen of Persia saves her people from evil Haman.

4. A burning bush. Ten plagues. Ten special laws.

5. A man is swallowed by a fish.

6. Advice to live by.

7. The creation. A beautiful garden. A great flood.

Where can you find all of these books?

H m x n t q A h a k d!



"Maybe it wasn't the message they wanted to hear, but now you're sure they were listening."



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:00 Book Study 12:05 Holy Eucharist	3	4	5
6 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Coffee Hour	7	8 Habitat for Humanity Youth Visitors	9 12:05 Holy Eucharist	10	11 Lunch Bunch Restaurant to be Announced 12:00 pm	12
13 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Coffee Hour	14 Knitting Circle	15	16 12:05 Holy Eucharist	17	18	19 Parish Breakfast 8:30 am
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