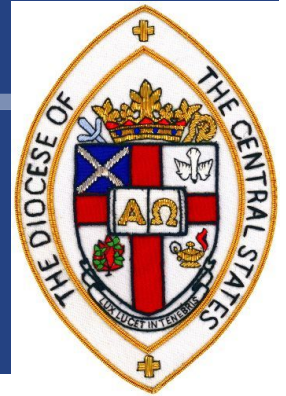


Diocese of the Central States News

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News from Christ the King, Dayton, OH

By Amanda McGill, Parish Administrator

In this Easter season, we have continued to sustain our ongoing ministries in the power of the Risen Christ.

We have had the joy of four baptisms during Eastertide.

For Sunday School, Fr. Wayne finished a study through the book *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* by George Hunter. We are now discussing how to apply the useful things we have learned.

The Women of the Church continue to meet monthly. In April, we met for a light luncheon and learned more about quilting from one of our members. In May, we gathered for an afternoon tea and brought books—whether fiction or non-fiction—that have been influential in our lives to recommend to each other.

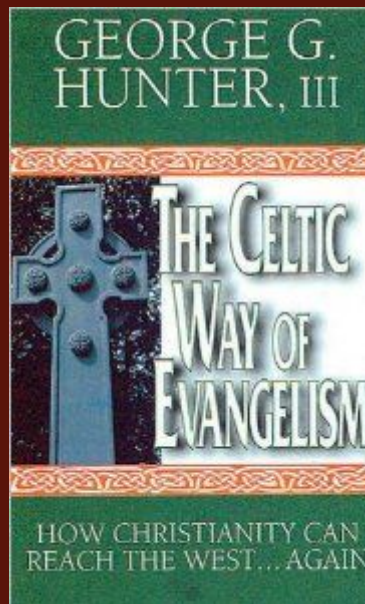
Fr. Wayne participated in the community National Day of Prayer Service held at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

On May 5th, our Film, Philosophy, and Faith group finished an 11-week study through the book of Ephesians. Led by Jon McGill, this study helped us to see that spiritual warfare is not normally a matter of spectacular, overt experiences. Instead, “the manifold wisdom of God” is made known to the “powers and authorities” when we cultivate postures of unity and love in our everyday lives.

For Rogation Day, we continued the tradition of “beating the bounds” around our Neighborhood. We visited our African refugee neighbors and prayed for families, gardens, businesses, unemployed people, the hospital, and crisis pregnancy center in our neighborhood. It was a good way of affirming and blessing our God-given place

We hosted Trinity REC and Christ Our Hope for the Ascension Day service on May 9th. We fellowshiped together over a meal at 6:00 and celebrated Holy Communion afterwards. It was wonderful to celebrate this important feast day with our sister parishes.

Visit the parish website at <http://www.ckrec.org>



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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish	Date
Resurrection, Shalimar, FL	5/26/13
Christ the King, Dayton, OH	6/02/13
St. Andrew's, Signal Mountain, TN	6/09/13
Trinity, Evansville, IN	6/16/13
St. Paul's, Greenfield, IN.	6/23/13
St. James, Memphis, TN	6/30/13
Holy Trinity, Fairfax, VA	7/07/13
Church of the Redeemer, Wilson, NC	7/14/13
St. Jude's, Richmond, VA	7/21/13
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	7/28/13

Discipleship in the Anglican Way: Renewal through Rediscovery

Mr. Wyatt Boutwell, Postulant for Holy Orders at Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church

It has been approximately 50 years since the advent of modern youth ministry. During that period, churches and denominations have devoted significant financial resources to reaching youth. Most efforts in youth ministry involved separation of the youth from the broader congregation with an emphasis on entertainment and togetherness at the expense of practical bible training and connection with parish life. Given this emphasis, has youth ministry succeeded? Surveys seem to indicate that it has not. These surveys report that between 55% and 88% of active church youth will not be active church members after they graduate from high school. These studies move us to consider what can be done to integrate youth into Christian life throughout college and their early adult years. What can a church do to keep their youth and, better yet, increase the number of young adults that remain active members of Christ's Church? It may be as simple as returning to the consistent use of our Book of Common Prayer.

Our parish, Holy Trinity REC, is a congregation serving the broader Washington, DC metro area. We are a church plant still in the process of finding a permanent home (which presents its own distinct challenges) and our congregation travels great distances on Sunday to attend common worship. More specifically, we have families driving an hour from the north and west to attend Sunday services. On average, a family in our congregation drives 20 minutes to get to church. As an outlying community close to our nation's capital, Northern Virginia has a culture of competition. This is evidenced in the highly scheduled lives of people used to long commutes and multiple activities. Sports clubs, fitness centers and summer camps for math, science and languages flourish in this climate of driven success which seeks to claim the time of every age group. Add to this the availability of many great museums, popular entertainment venues and lively political events in our country. In the midst of this, our parishioners have made a deliberate decision to take their Christian discipleship seriously. This generally means that effort has to trump convenience with our disbursed congregation amid the atmosphere of frenetic activity in northern Virginia.

Our effort to support and disciple our youth is very integrated. Every Sunday night we meet at the Senior Warden's home as a "young adults" group. While the event targets young adults, we regularly have small children, high school students, college students and married couples in attendance. We offer an open invitation to the entire congregation in a concerted effort

to emphasize the intergenerational aspects of the Body of Christ.

Evening Prayer is said every time we meet as a group. During Lent, we added the Offices of Instruction to the service to reiterate the basis of our Christian belief. (We alternated between the two Offices of Instruction as we also supplemented Evening Prayer on Wednesday night during Lent with a recitation of Offices of Instruction. For instance, if we read the First Office during Wednesday night, we would then read 2nd office on Sunday night).

After Evening Prayer is said, we have a Bible study. A variety of adult teachers bring different experiences and approaches to Bible study. For instance, since Trinity Sunday 2012, the study has featured four different teachers with studies on the Book of Amos, Theology of the Body, Apologetic approaches to the New Atheism, and The Role of Music in Worship.

After study we share in a common meal. We encourage each attendee to take ownership of the group by volunteering to bring desert and salad on a weekly basis. Service is a basic element in our fellowship as different people alternate in taking responsibility for clean-up. All of us, regardless of age, sit around a large table and talk. This gives us a greater opportunity to discuss interesting aspects of the Bible study and engage each other over what is happening in our everyday lives. Adult attendees make it a conscious effort to mentor younger members, and the younger members engage the children as well. When we share details of our lives, our hopes and concerns, we can pray for each other throughout the week. It is not uncommon for us to break into informal groups of two or three people when discussing pressing concerns that require specific advice. We also discuss needs in our congregation—who is moving and may need help, who is polishing their thesis or resume and could use editing, and other practical matters.

Ultimately, we want the youth to see the Church as an extended family in more than a theoretical sense. With an emphasis on service we create an atmosphere of reliance on each other and give opportunity for mutual support and encouragement. This closeness builds up the whole church as our relationships bear fruit in acts of service.

Our emphasis on community seems to build into our congregation the relationships that form a web of accountability and strength that encourages our youth to return to the group during school breaks and seek to find employment locally to remain in fellowship after graduation.

News from All Saints Church, Raleigh, NC

By The Rev. Ian MacGregor, Rector

In August of 2011, All Saints Church in Raleigh purchased land on which to build a new sanctuary. Presently, the parish is renting worship space from a local Methodist congregation. The new property is located on Western Boulevard, a highly travelled route into and out of town, near North Carolina State University and the town of Cary, one of the fastest growing areas of the state. Although there are several Anglican churches in Raleigh, none are located in the vicinity of the site.

In order to raise funds for a new building, parishioners held a yard sale at the property on April 27. Throughout the first part of the year, members and others donated numerous items, which were sorted, priced, and stored in a large shipping container on the property until the sale took place. The result proved to be such a success,

that a second yard sale was held on May 11, using items that had not sold during the first one. Over \$3,100 was raised during the two sales. The events also allowed the church to display a visible presence on the site, get to know its new neighbors, and answers questions from shoppers and curious passers-by. The footprint of the new church, designed by the architectural firm of GMK Associates was also laid off on the property, enabling future worshipers to get a feel for where and how the building will be situated at the site.

Parishioners are hopeful that the yard sales will be the first of many events that All Saints Raleigh will host on this new property, as it proceeds with its future building plans. Talks are already underway for a spring plant sale in 2014!



Pictured at left:

Camille Arrington (right) Katherine Hegyi and Judy Buckelew 'work the register' as a customer buys a basket of goodies!

Pictured below:

Some of the All Saints Parishioners celebrate Morning Prayer together on our property in October 2012

Visit the parish website:
<http://www.allsaintsraleigh.com>



Three Years and Growing! Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH

By Deaconess Candy Jacques

May 2013 is the third anniversary of Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH. Formed as a church plant from Christ the King Anglican Church, the parish has enjoyed several special anniversary activities during the month as they offered special thanksgiving to God for His goodness.

As part of the celebration, the Interim Rector, Fr. Harry Mathis, dedicated a new cross to hang over the altar (see photo below). The cross was built by parishioner Karen Burns, who also has built a lectern, baptismal font, and Paschal Candle stand for the church.

Also, the Junior High Sunday School class, under the direction of Junior Warden Jon Miller and Mrs. Karla Herman, presented The Book of Esther

as a play following the service on May 5. The class memorized nearly the entire book of Esther in order to present something very faithful to the Scriptures. With a majority of young women in the class, some of the male parts had to be "carefully costumed," and everyone agreed that the class efforts were absolutely wonderful (see photo below).

On May 12, the actual 3-year anniversary, a cake inscribed "3 Glorious Years" was enjoyed by all after the service (see photo below).

Membership in the congregation has tripled from the original 30, and Fr. Harry says, "We are trying to be faithful to our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ, and we are so very grateful for His many blessings."



Cross by Karen Burns



The Story of Esther



Happy Anniversary!

Visit the parish website: <http://daytonchurch.org>

News from Matt and Sora Colvin, The Philippines

By The Rev. Deacon Matt Colvin

Matt and Sora Colvin have had a busy month. Matt ended the school year at Faith Academy with an authentic Roman banquet for his history class.

He also gave a public talk on Christians' involvement in politics, ahead of the mid-term elections on May 13. Sora has recently brought Hosanna (5) and Naomi (9) with her to the birth clinic to help out. Hosanna got to hold a baby who had been born in a taxi on the way to the clinic. She also cleaned beds and helped tidy up after births.

Sora's experience as a midwife in private practice in Ohio has given her the job of preparing the clinic's students for their North American CPM examinations. This week, she will be going on outreach to offer prenatal care and the love of Christ to the Bajau people, the Muslim "Sea Gypsies" who live in houses on stilts or piles above the water.

Many thanks to all the DCS parishes that are supporting the Colvins by prayer and faithful giving!



Matt in blue toga carving Lechon (roasted pig) for the Roman banquet



Hosanna and the "taxi baby"

Keep up with news from the Colvins at <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com>



Sora with one of her patients and baby

News from around the Diocese

Bishop Morse writes that his recent travels have taken him to St. Jude's, Richmond; All Saints, Lynchburg; All Saints, Raleigh; St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC; and Trinity, Mason, OH.

St. Nicholas Anglican welcomed Bishop Morse on Pentecost, as he visited to extend an official welcome to them as a mission parish in the Diocese of the Central States. His visit was heralded by an article in the *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer* newspaper.

Visit the parish website: <http://www.nicholas-ky.org>

From **The Rev. Canon J. Scott Houser**: St. John's of Mt Laurel congratulates our two college graduates, Andrew Cox and Jeffrey Houser. In addition, both were commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the US Army on Friday, May 11.

Please join St. John's in praying for God's blessings on these two young men.

Visit the parish website: <http://www.stjohnsofmtlaurel.com>

From **The Venerable Peter Manto**: Trinity, Mason has begun to raise funds to remodel their chancel area. Construction is scheduled to begin by Mid-June. Phase One involves adding 7 feet to the front of the church by removing a storage area which still contains an old baptismal pool and remodeling the space to become the new chancel. The parish also plans to purchase or build a new altar for the area. Phase Two involves installing stained wood panelling throughout the new chancel area and will begin as funds allow. Our corporate worship is at the heart of our identity as followers of Jesus, and all agree that this remodeling project is "money well spent" in transforming an area used for storage into the attractive, reverent space at the center of our liturgical lives.

Visit the parish website: <http://www.trinityrec.org>

The website for Anglicans for Life maintains a list of churches that are committed to upholding the sanctity of life. To be added to their list, send your church's contact information on official church stationery to: Info@AnglicansforLife.org or Anglicans for Life 405 Frederick Avenue, Sewickley, PA 15143.