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Lent/Easter

April 2011

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As I write this article, we are squarely in the middle of Lent. Sam Dowding has been leading a very active Adult Forum using the songs from the musical, "Jesus Christ Superstar". From what I am told, the discussions have been quite lively and interesting. And on Thursday evenings, we are having a potluck dinner followed by a program led by Fr. Hollis entitled, "Conversations Near the Cross". This program has also been quite successful and has enabled us to enter into the story of the final hours of Jesus' earthly life in creative and provocative ways. These have been wonderful vehicles for each of us to participate in a Lenten discipline that include investigating more deeply the gospel narratives as we have received them, while promoting deeper investigation into what they have to say to us today.

On Maundy Thursday evening we will have a service of Holy Eucharist including foot-washing at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Following that service, everyone is asked to sign up for a time slot for the overnight prayer vigil until 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday morning. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with him. They were not able to do so. Every year we have participated in the prayer vigil as a way of symbolically remaining awake and be in prayer with Jesus. This can be a profoundly moving experience. If you have not taken part in this prayer vigil before, I strongly commend it to you as a meaningful Holy Week spiritual exercise.

One of the things that came out of the Adult Forum discussions around the home visits made by members of the Vestry was a desire to engage in ecumenical services with other churches in the area for special services as had been done years ago. To that end, we have been invited this year to participate with other churches in our area for a joint Good Friday Service. There are seven churches representing five different denominations that will be participating in this service. In addition to Nativity, the participants are, Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, Govans Boundary United Methodist Church, Shepherd's Heart Missionary Baptist Church, Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, Nepalese Baptist Church, and Govans Presbyterian Church. The makeup of this group of churches is truly diverse, theologically, ethnically, and culturally. Pastors from each of these congregations will offer reflections on the "Seven Last Words of Christ". Each pastor will speak for up to five minutes on the portion of Christ's betrayal, suffering, and dying that has been assigned to them. What a marvelous opportunity for us to come together to recognize that these events bind us together as Christian people. Those things that we hold in common are far more important than the differences in the style and emphasis of our worship that we allow to separate us. Since all the participating churches are members of GEDCO, the monetary offering from the service will be given to CARES. I pray that everyone will join your brothers and sisters in Christ for this service. It will be held this year at 7:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hope Baptist Church, 430 East Belvedere Avenue. Maybe next year we can host this service.

Easter is so much more meaningful to all of us when we have first walked with Jesus through Holy Week and Good Friday. There can be no resurrection without first descending into the dead with Jesus. Nativity is offering many opportunities for everyone to grow spiritually this Lent and Holy Week. So that at the end we may proclaim triumphantly, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

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Birthdays



The Sweet Pea is
April's Birth Flower:
"Innocence; Youth;
Purity/Goodbye;
Blissful Pleasure/
Departure"

- 3 Deborah Robinson Inniss
- 5 Dorothy Brown
- 7 Tony Hollis
- 9 Judith Cox
- 10 Jean Chapman
- 10 Millicent Tyler
- 11 Jada Michael
- 14 Margaret Elseroad
- 17 Keegan Garrett Hoover
- 19 Ryan Gittings
- 22 Bert Hohman
- 22 Zoraa Gbeintor
- 24 Emily Hardinger
- 25 Victoria Dempster
- 25 Camile Layne
- 25 Camilia Layne
- 28 Larry Tupper
- 28 Doris Webb

Anniversaries

- 18 Joan & Bob Browne
- 24 Doug & Priscilla Vaughan
- 28 Ted & Diana Jones



CALENDAR

April

April 2-Saturday-Sandwich Saturdays- 9-9:45 a.m.

April 7-Thursday-Lenten Program and Potluck 6:30 p.m.

April 9-Saturday-Nativity Clean-Up Day for Easter-9 a.m.

April 14-Thursday-Lenten Program and Potluck-6:30 p.m.

April 17-Palm Sunday and last ***Conversations by the Cross***

April 18-Monday-Outreach Committee Meeting- 7 p.m.

April 21-Thursday-Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.

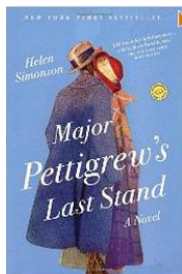
April 21-Thursday-Prayer Vigil-8 p.m. thru

April 22-Friday-7 a.m.

April 22-Friday-Good Friday Service-The Seven Last Words of Christ-Pleasant Hope Baptist Church-7 p.m.

April 22-Friday-Feedmore Fridays- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

April 24-Sunday-Easter Sunday Services 8 and 10:30 a.m.



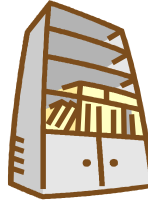
Nativity Book Club

By Catherine Bishop

The next meeting of the Nativity Book Club will be in the "Upper Room" of the Parish House at 2:30, Sunday, May 1. The book we will be discussing is *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, by

Helen Simonson. This is a story of current village life in England which explores the mind-set of the main character, a retired Major in the army and later a retired schoolmaster now living in his family home. It relates his relationship with his relatives and other people of the town and looks at the foibles and motivations of the major and of the townspeople with whom he associates.

Jane Parker will be our discussion leader, and Maria Hardinger will provide refreshments. Please join us for this meeting.



Our Growing Library

By Catherine Bishop

Craig Hart has provided additional shelving in the library, and we will be moving books after Easter. In the meantime, we would like to

have a scale floor plan of the library large enough to be able to annotate with the general arrangement of the books and the furniture—perhaps the size of two 8 and ½ x 11 sheets side by side. At this point, I do not know if any scale drawing exists of the library. This may require the efforts of two people—one to measure and the other to draw. We will need the plan sometime in May.

Please see me if this is something you would enjoy doing.

Library Findings

By Debby Tupper

Over the past year, I have been helping Catherine Bishop with various tasks in the church library. Catherine has developed and maintained an amazing array of materials. When I am shelving books, it usually takes me twice as long as one would expect. I read a little bit, and often put it in my pile to check out and take home.

Beyond the books on the shelf, Catherine prints off articles from two online subscriptions which she has. The first is *Religion Bookline*, a division of Publisher's Weekly, which shares recent releases of religious books. The second is *Christianity.com - This Week in Christian History*, which highlights four or five events from various years in church history. For the week ending February 11th, there are articles about the following events. The titles alone piqued my interest : 1945- Bonhoeffer transferred to Buchenwald Concentration Camp; 1865 - Ex-Slave Henry Garnet Addressed U.S. House; 1717 - William Wiliams, Welsh Evangelist was born 2/11/1717. He wrote "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah" (which was one of the hymns we sang on Sunday, March 27th); 1564- The Last Sermon of John Calvin.; 356 - Athanasius and the Creed of Chirst. The articles are currently kept in large binders on the bottom shelf in back of the conference table in the library. They are well worth looking for.

Biblical J-Names

By Solomon Golomb '51

<p>The letter <i>yod</i> begins many name in the Hebrew Bible, and most of these start with the letter <i>J</i> in English translations of the Old Testament. (A few begin with <i>I</i>, e.g. Isaac, Isaiah, Ishmael, and Israel; and at least one, Ezekiel, begins with <i>E</i>.)</p> <p>Here are the names, as usually spelled in English with <i>J</i>, of 18 biblical men, divided into three groups based on level of difficulty. See how many you can match up with the correct descriptions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Solutions on second to last page)</i></p>	A. Easy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacob 2. Job 3. Jonah 4. Joseph 5. Joshua 6. Judah 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. He was ultimately rewarded after years of terrible suffering. b. He led the children of Israel after the death of Moses. c. Sold by his brothers, he rose to become viceroy of Egypt. d. Son of Isaac, he married both Leah and Rachel. e. Son of Jacob, his descendants included King David f. Thrown overboard, he went on to prophesy the end of Nineveh.
	B. Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Jeroboam 8. Jeremiah 9. Jesse 10. Jethro 11. Joab 12. Joel 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> g. He was the chief general under King David h. He was Moses' father-in-law i. He was King David's father j. After the death of King Solomon, this man led the breakaway of Israel's 10 northern tribes. k. He prophesied around the time Babylon conquered Jerusalem. l. He was the prophet who recommended beating plowshares into swords.
	C. Difficult	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Jabin 14. Jehoiada 15. Jehu 16. Jephthah 17. Josiah 18. Jotham 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> m. After victory over the Ammonites, he had to sacrifice his daughter. n. He was a Canaanite king whose army was defeated by Deborah and Barak o. He was the charioteer who ended the dynasty of Omri and Ahab. p. As a Judean king, he centralized all worship in Jerusalem. q. He was the priest who arranged the end of the wicked Judean queen Athaliah r. Son of Gideon, he told a parable about trees choosing a king.

June Fair

Plans are underway for the 85th Annual Parish Fair and Yard Sale, Saturday, June 4th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Start clearing out the closets, basement, attic, and garage and bring your findings to church.

Donations could include:

- Household items, china, glassware, gift items, small pieces of furniture - chairs, tables, lamps, sports equipment, toys, games, - **PLEASE NO CLOTHING-**
- Books, music, dvds
- Plants - start some cuttings of your favorite indoor houseplants, plan out which perennials you could divide and bring in the week before the fair

Other Ideas: If you have any ideas to contribute, thoughts on raffles, or businesses from whom we can solicit donations, please be sure to share them soon.

A planning meeting for the Fair will be held, Sunday, April 3rd from approximately 12:15 pm to 1 p.m. in the "Upper Room".

Thank you in advance, Debby Tupper,
Part of the June Fair Team

June Fair Patrons

Support our 85th annual Parish Fair by becoming a patron. See Pat Kimmel or Leona Carter after Church to sign up, or fill in the patron envelope found in the May envelopes in your box.

\$5.00 per person
\$10 per family



Far Side by Gary Larson
Submitted by Amy Norwood



North East Region Education for Ministry EfM

Linda and Tony Hollis, a deacon and a priest, are mentors of an EfM group at Trinity Episcopal Church, Towson on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 till 9:00 PM. this EfM group is the North Beltway EfM and is made up of people from different parishes.

An EfM group has from 6 to 12 members so reflective discussions can occur. EfM is a four year program: year one is Old Testament Theology; year two is New Testament Theology and year three and four cover Church History from the early church to the present day. It is a course for all Christians seeking deeper understanding of scripture and how to listen for God's call in your life through Theological Reflection and sharing our journeys.

Lessons from all four years are shared, followed by theological reflections and common lessons in the cycle of study. EfM costs \$350 per year. Linda and Tony will be receiving new seekers this May -June for September 2011.

Please check out the EfM program on line through The School of Theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Email EFM@sewanee.edu or www.sewanee.edu/EFM/EFMhome.html

For more information and applications please contact:
Linda Hollis, administrating mentor and deacon at St. John's, Kingsville at 443-564-6225 OR Tony Hollis, co-mentor and associate priest at Nativity, Cedarcroft at 443-562-7311

On Wednesday, morning, March 16, 2011, Isabel Wilner died peacefully in her home in Tunkhannock, PA. Born on February 17,



1920, Isabel spent her childhood in China and in the Philippines, where her father was an Episcopal bishop. In the Philippines she attended the Brent International School in Baguio. She came to

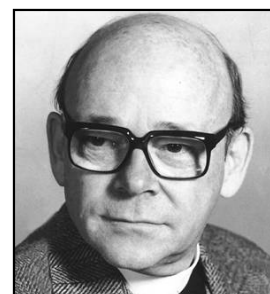
America to attend college, and graduated from William Smith College and Carnegie Library School. The job she loved most was at Lida Lee Tall School, the Laboratory School for Towson University in Towson, MD, where she served as librarian for more than 30 years. It was there that she formed a poetry troupe to go from class to class to recite poems. For many years she traveled back and forth from Maryland to Tunkhannock, a place of strong family roots, where she eventually made her home. Isabel was an author and a storyteller. At Towson University she taught a course on Storytelling. An acclaimed author, she wrote four books for children that were published and received rave reviews: The Poetry Troupe, The Garden Alphabet, B is for Bethlehem, and The Baby's Game Book. She also published assorted poems in various magazines, including The Horn Book, Cricket, The Christian Science Monitor, and The Nation. After she retired, she continued to volunteer in schools to bring poetry to children. She also joined various writers groups, including the Dietrich Theater's Writers Group. The homage she wrote to Robert Lewis Stevenson, can be used to describe Isabel: You taught me music, made words sing, Gave me rhythm's rush and swing, Gave me words like sluice and race, And pictures of another place. In Scotland's sun, in China's shade You and I together played You with Nursie standing by, I under Amah's watchful eye, Miles apart in space and time, Companions in your world of rhyme. She was preceded in death by her mother, Alpharetta Wilner, her father Robert Franklin Wilner, her brother George, and her brother Robert.

A memorial service will be at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Tunkhannock on Saturday, March 19 at 11 AM. **The Church of the Nativity in Baltimore memorial service will be held on April 16th** at Memorials to Isabel Wilner can be given to these churches.

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Rev. Frederick J. Hanna, All Saints Episcopal rector, dies He had worked for repeal of Maryland's miscegenation law during the 1960s.

The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna, former rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Reisterstown who was an outspoken champion of civil rights in the 1960s, died Friday of pneumonia and renal failure at the Carroll Hospice Dove House in Westminster. He was 86. The son of a steamship captain and a homemaker, Mr. Hanna was born in Baltimore and raised in Walbrook Junction. He was a 1943 graduate of City College.



Mr. Hanna had been a factory worker in Baltimore and an interior decorator in San Francisco before deciding to enter the Episcopal priesthood. In 1956, he entered Bexley Hall Episcopal Seminary in Gambier, Ohio. He was ordained an Episcopal deacon in 1955 and a priest in 1956. Mr. Hanna, who had studied at St. Augustine's College in Canterbury, England, earned a bachelor's degree from the Johns Hopkins University in 1969 and a master's degree in divinity from Bexley Hall in 1970. From 1956 to 1959, he was vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Redemption in Locust Point, and from 1959 to 1970 was associate rector at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Mount Vernon.

It was during his years at Emmanuel, when he was minister of social services, that he began working and counseling at-risk inner-city youths, many of whom were homeless, drug addicts or run-aways. Mr. Hanna called them the "disconnected," who came to the church seeking shelter, a meal or someone to talk to. "And when they come to me, it's often the last resort," Mr. Hanna told the Sunday Sun Magazine in 1967 of his social ministry. During those years, he also coordinated drug abuse programs for the Baltimore health department.

In 1970, Mr. Hanna became rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, where he worked until retiring in 1989.

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Golomb's Answers **Biblical J-Names Solutions**

<p>1. d; see Genesis.</p> <p>2. a; see Job.</p> <p>3. f; see minor prophets (Jonah).</p> <p>4. c; see Genesis.</p> <p>5. b; see Joshua.</p> <p>6. e; see Genesis.</p> <p>7. j; see 1 Kings.</p> <p>8. k; see Jeremiah.</p> <p>9. i; see 2 Samuel.</p> <p>10. h; see Exodus.</p> <p>11. g; see 1 Kings.</p>	<p>12. l; see minor prophets (Joel).</p> <p>13. n; see Judges.</p> <p>14. q; see 2 Kings.</p> <p>15. o; see 2 Kings..</p> <p>16. m; see Judges.</p> <p>17. p; see 2 Kings.</p> <p>18. r; see Judges.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>i) Events in 1 and 2 Samuel, and in 1 and 2 Kings, are also found in 1 and 2 Chronicles.</p> <p>ii) Jeroboam in number 7 was called Jeroboam I because a later king of Israel was called Jeroboam II.</p>	<p>iii) Jotham in number 18 is in the book of Judges. A much later Jotham was king of Judah (see 2 Kings, Isaiah).</p> <p>iv) Jabin in number 13 is also mentioned in the book of Joshua. It was his general, Sisera, who was routed in the Song of Deborah (see Judges).</p> <p>v) Most of these Bible stories make fascinating reading and were part of the literary heritage of the English-speaking world. (When Hamlet talks of Jephthah's daughter, Shakespeare's audience needed no footnote to identify the reference.) When the Supreme Court outlawed prayer in public schools, an unfortunate (and I believe unintended) consequence was the gradual erasing of the Bible as literature</p>
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Join Us on Good Friday

April 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m., at

Pleasant Hope Baptist Church
430 East Belvedere Ave
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As we present the
Seven Last Words of Christ ...

The Word...	Presenters...
<i>Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Luke. 23: 34</i>	<i>Rev. Heber Brown Pleasant Hope Baptist Church Host Church</i>
<i>Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Luke 23: 43</i>	<i>Rev. Samuel Cho Nepalese Baptist Church</i>
<i>"He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son." John. 19: 25-27</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Sandra Conner Shepherd's Heart Missionary Baptist Church</i>
<i><u>My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matthew 27: 46</u></i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Susan Spears Govans Boundary United Methodist Church</i>
<i>"I thirst." John. 19: 28</i>	<i>Rev. Donald Eisenhuth Holy Comforter Lutheran Church</i>
<i>"It is finished." John 19: 30</i>	<i>Rev. Tom Harris Govans Presbyterian Church</i>
<i>"Into thine hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46</i>	<i>Rev. Tom Carter Episcopal Church of the Nativity</i>

The annual convention of the Diocese of Maryland will be meeting May 12-14, 2011. The final day of the convention will be at St. Paul's School and will be a Christian Formation Festival and Workshops which is open to anyone in the diocese that wishes to attend. The cost for the day is \$30 and it includes Bishop Sutton's address to convention, lunch and three sessions of workshops. There are nearly 80 workshops being offered. They cover anything that you can think of related to the church. There are bound to be workshops that would interest everyone. I have attached a document listing all the workshops that are being offered. It is really an amazing array of offerings. I would especially call this to the attention of officers and vestry members.

If you wish to register for this Festival and its workshops simply go to www.ang-md.org/convention_2011/registration.php. You can register for just the Saturday Christian Formation Festival online with a credit card. It is advisable that you review the list and decide on your choices of workshops before going to the registration site because it only allows 20 minutes for

the transaction. So, you don't want to spend your time making the decision.

This is an incredible opportunity to gain valuable information about any aspect of the church which interests you.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE



Nativity's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Spring Clothing Drive for **May 8, 15 and 22nd**. Please bring in summer clothing for men on these days and place them in the bins located in the Church.

Donations can include items such as shorts, t-shirts, socks, underwear, shoes and sandals.

Any questions, call Frank Russell on 410-433-1234



The mission of the Church of the Nativity is to faithfully love and serve Jesus Christ by embracing all people through worship, outreach, and fellowship in His name.



**Remember
our
Nativity
members
who are
home-
bound or
in health
care
facilities :**

The Chimes
Georgie Berberich

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Betty Hall

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Active Day at Parkville
Stephanie Yateman

Shut-ins at Home

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