

Glad Tidings

Easter

May 2011

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen!!!

The Easter Day celebrations at Nativity were glorious. The brass quartet was playing throughout the service. Our choir performed a special Easter anthem. The church was decorated with lilies honoring our loved ones. As we usually do, we decorated the rugged cross, a symbol of suffering and death. As we placed our flowers on the cross, it was transformed before our eyes into a beautiful symbol of resurrection and new life. It was indeed a wonderful, joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As we move forward through Eastertide, and beyond, the question is, “What now?” A friend of mine once said in a sermon, “As Christians, we are Easter people.” It is now up to us to proclaim the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in our time. On Easter Day I asked in my sermon, “How are you proclaiming the resurrection Jesus Christ? What are you doing to make him known?” How do I live my life in a way that proclaims to the world that Jesus is risen, and that he is Lord of my life? How are we letting our friends, our neighbors, and our community know that the Church of the Nativity, Cedarcroft is a place where they might experience the love of Christ?

All of us express the fact that we would love to see our church grow. But unfortunately, most of us would rather see someone else be responsible for making that happen, the rector, maybe, or the vestry. And it is true, I need to be involved and so does the vestry. But the truth is, the Church of the Nativity is not going to begin to grow into our potential until every one of us begins to accept that it is our responsibility as well. Evangelism is not a bad word. And all of us are called to be evangelists.

In our Gospel lesson on Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene ran to proclaim to the disciples of Jesus that he was risen from the dead. She exuberantly ran to tell them what she had seen and heard. She went to tell them her story. My friends, we too are called to tell the story, to tell our story. What is it that brought you to Nativity? What moves you here? How has the love of Christ impacted you in this place? Who are the people, the saints of God that have touched your life? I have a story to tell. And each of you have a story to tell. That is all that evangelism is about, telling the story, being excited about how we see the risen Christ at work in our lives and in the life of this church.

We look into the tomb and Jesus is no longer there. Jesus is risen! He is alive! Jesus is alive and is waiting for me and for you to make him known, to proclaim to all, by our words and by our actions that he is risen! Will you join me? Over the next few months, I would like for us to work together to find new and exciting ways to proclaim the risen Christ. And when we are working together to know Christ and to make him known, the part of his body known as the Church of the Nativity, Cedarcroft will grow. Go! Run! Tell everyone that Jesus Christ is risen! Tom+

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**The Church of the Nativity,
Cedarcroft**

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Class of 2012

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Jonathan Pearce

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Director of Music

Patricia Schwarzman

Administrative Assistant

Cheryl Hazel

Christian Education Director

Birthdays

The Lily of the Valley is May's birthflower. It signifies Sweetness; Humility; Return of Happiness / Fertility; Hope



The Lily of the Valley is also known as *Our Lady's tears* because according to the legend the tears that that Mary shed at the cross turned in to Lily of the Valley flowers. Another legend claims that the flower also sprang up from the blood of St. Leonard during his battle with the dragon.

3 Jeannette Battenfeld

5 David A. Daniel

6 Jonathan Pearce

6 Samuel Dowding

9 Laura Cunningham

10 Eric Curry

11 Douglas Knowles, Jr.

13 Bruce Nelson

18 Catherine Kanwisher

24 Leo Sands

27 Eric Demastus

28 Kealy Evan Carter

29 Elizabeth Knowles

30 Jack Windsor

Anniversaries

1 Bruce & Edith Nelson

16 Joe & Pat Kimmel

18 Lou & Mary Beth Willett



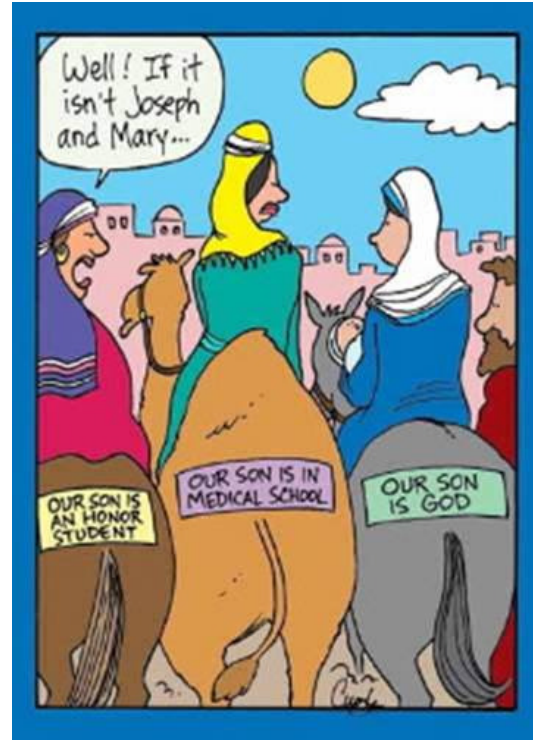
CALENDAR

May

- May 1-Sunday**-Nativity Book Club-2:30 p.m.
May 1-Sunday-June Fair Team Mtg-12:15
May 8-Sunday-Outreach Clothing Drive
May 14-Saturday-Christian Formation Festival-St. Paul's School
May 15-Sunday-Nativity's Annual Meeting
May 15-Sunday-Outreach Clothing Drive
May 16-Monday-Outreach Committee Mtg.
May 20-Friday-Feedmore Fridays-5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 22-Sunday-Peace Service-First Christian Church-7:30 p.m.
May 22-Sunday-Outreach Clothing Drive
May 28-Saturday-Sandwich Saturdays-9-9:45 a.m.

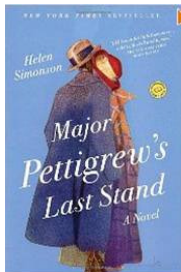
June

June 4-Saturday-**June Fair**-8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Far Side by Gary Larson
Submitted by Amy Norwood

*Congratulations,
Laura!*



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.

New York University
Is pleased to announce that
Laura Louise Cunningham
Is a candidate for the degree
of

Bachelor of Fine Arts
With a major in
Recorded Music
With an Environmental
Studies and Philosophy
minor

With Honors
At the 179th Commencement
Exercises
May 2011



**Confirmation Class
Field Trip
April 10, 2011**

**Nativity's Confirmation Class
Took a field trip to
The National Cathedral
In Washington, DC**

**From left to right:
Betsy Toland
Chelsea Laoyan
Clarisse Laoyan
Danielle Pearce
Father Thomas Carter**



Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

There are 8 funds within ERD. See information to the right for descriptions of 2 of them.

If you wish to make a donation of any amount by check, please mail a check to:

**Episcopal Relief & Development, P.O.
Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.** To donate by phone, please call **1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129.** Thank you

USA Disaster Response

Contributions to the USA Disaster Response Fund enable Episcopal Relief & Development to respond swiftly to disasters in the United States, providing critical supplies as needed. These funds also enable the agency to work with dioceses, preparing for crises and developing strong emergency response programs to lessen the impact of disasters on communities. **At this time, donations to the Disaster Response Fund will support the relief efforts of dioceses affected by storms in the Southeast.**

Japan Earthquake Response Fund

The Japan Earthquake Response Fund has been opened to collect donations for emergency relief provided through local partners in Japan and other areas affected by the disaster. A massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake centered off the east coast of Japan's largest island, Honshu, triggered a tsunami that devastated large areas of Japan and caused damage as far away as Hawai'i and the west coast of the US. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all those affected.

Other funds include:

- Global Needs
- Malaria/NetsforLife Inspiration Fund
- Clean Water
- Health
- Women's Development



Nativity's Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 15th following the 10:30 service. Please be thinking about nominating yourself or someone else for the Vestry: 3 new members are needed. Vestry nomination forms are available in the Church foyer on the round table and are included in the Sunday bulletins

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

NATIVITY PARISH LIBRARY By Catherine Bishop

Several years ago the magazine *Christian History* ceased publication with Issue 99. There is now a movement to revive it in some form. I have answered a questionnaire indicating that we would prefer it as a printed magazine though we would find a PDF file acceptable.

They have now sent us Issue 100. It is a special one celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. It covers a historical review of why and how this version, the Authorized Version, was published. It goes on to cover the more recent history, and how it became the standard English translation until the late 19th century. Since then, more scholarly and more reader-friendly translations have been published and now overshadow this version ordered by King James I.

Although it is not yet cataloged, I have left the copy on the library desk so that anyone who is interested may read it. You may sign it out for one week by listing it on the sheet under the blotter on the desk.



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



Church of the Nativity's



**85th Annual Parish
Flea Market & Fair
Saturday, June 4th, 8 am to 2 pm**



*** Plants ***

Plant Harvesting/Pick up - Sunday, May 1 after 1 pm.

Have plants to share for the fair? Perennials, houseplants, extra plant containers? Let me help you harvest perennials from your garden for donation to the Church Fair plant table. Call/ email Amanda Cunningham if you'd like to make an appointment for May 1 or another more convenient time. Evening: 410-426-4680 or amanda@c@erols.com



Flea Market



We are now collecting household items, kitchen and gift ware, lamps, small pieces of furniture, books, toys, etc. for the flea market. Church office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like items picked up, please contact - Debby Tupper, 410-215-5819; d.tupper@verizon.net

Beverages

Seeking donations of individual size beverages - water, soda, juice, children's juice boxes. Please place them in the church kitchen and label for the June Fair.



Thank you for your support of the June Fair!

The June Fair Team

Thanks to the following people who have joined...The June Fair Team

Nativity Welcome Table -
Tents and Set-up - Father Tom Carter

Moon Bounce -
Breakfast - Pati Carter
Lunch - Sam Dowding



Bake Table - Ginny North & Mary Beth Willett
Lemon Sticks - Jack Webb
Plants - Amanda Cunningham



Books - Sue Brookman

Flea Market - Melvina Coleman, Debby Tupper

Accounting - Margaret Dowding
Community Donations - Julia Van De Wille
Fair Patrons - Pat Kimmel
Permits - Meg Elseroad
Newspaper Publicity - Neal Baroody

Thanks to all who have already offered to help out with various aspects of the fair... contact Debby Tupper, 410-215-5819; d.tupper@verizon.net, if you would like to join the team!

**June Fair Team will meet on Sunday, May 1st at 12:15 p.m.
in the Upper Room to review our plans and progress.**



This year's Parish Fair will take place on Saturday, June 4.

As in the past, this year's Parish Fair needs your support!

For your convenience, please use this form to specify how you wish to have your name(s) listed in the Parish Fair Patron Booklet.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\$5 PER PERSON \$10 PER FAMILY

NAME(S) _____

(Paid: Cash _____ Check# _____)

Christian One Liners (submitted by Amy Norwood)

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**The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.**

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Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

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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 :**

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The Chimes
Georgie Berberich

Edenwald
Josephine Disney

Genesis Health Care Center
Betty Hall

The Maples at Towson
Thelma Crispell

Stella Maris
Peggy Tice

Active Day at Parkville
Stephanie Yateman

Shut-ins at Home

Charles Clayton
Lovejoy Clayton
Nancy Curry
Betsy Dunn
Chuck Dunn
Mary Gardner
Ted Jones
Rachel Marshall
Helen Whiteman

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