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For the first time in many years we will have Confirmation at Nativity on September 25th! We have had many people who have been confirmed in that time. However, the confirmations have all been regional confirmations or confirmations at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. When Bishop Ilhoff was our diocesan bishop, he preferred that those being confirmed be raised up and supported by the wider church. So, during his time as bishop of the Diocese of Maryland there were no confirmation services at local parishes. They were all regional confirmations.

Bishop Sutton believes that those being confirmed should be supported by their local congregation. He feels confirmands should be supported on the day of their confirmation by the congregation that nurtured them in their faith. While I understand the reasons that Bishop Ilhoff did things the way that he did, I must say that I am truly excited that Bishop Sutton and Bishop Burnett have decided to return to what the church has traditionally done and confirm people in their own parish. It allows all of us to see who is being confirmed and to celebrate with them. It is an exciting time for the confirmands. And it is an exciting time for us as a congregation.

At the appropriate time in the service, we will present Chelsea Laoyan, Clarisse Laoyan, Danielle Pearce, and Betsy Toland to Bishop Burnett for confirmation. The bishop will then ask each of those to be confirmed, "Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?" To which they will respond, "I do." Then they will be asked, "Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?" And they will say, "I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord." Then, just as at baptism, the congregation will be asked to do all in our power to support these persons in their life in Christ. And we respond that we will. This is not just the act of four individuals who are recommitting themselves. But, it is a community of believers who are all making a commitment to walk together in faith, to support one another.

That, my friends, is why I convinced that the most appropriate place for confirmation is in the local parish. In this parish is where we live into Christian community. It is here that we laugh together, cry together, play and work with one another for the building up of the body of Christ. Confirmation is a major milestone in the life of a congregation. It is a time when all of us once again renew our baptismal covenant. We have been asked to have only one service on that day so that the entire community can gather at the same time. The service on September 25th will be at 10:00 a.m. I hope that all of you will plan to be present that morning to enthusiastically support Chelsea, Clarisse, Danielle, and Betsy as they recommit themselves to Christ.

Following the service there will be a reception in Hart Hall to celebrate with the confirmands and to welcome Bishop Burnett, the new Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland on his first official visitation to the Church of the Nativity. It will be a joyous occasion in the life our parish. Hope to see all of you there.

God's blessings,

Tom+

**The Church of the Nativity,
Cedarcroft**

Vestry

Class of 2012

Douglas Knowles

Jonathan Pearce

Julia Van De Wille

CLASS OF 2013

Melvina Coleman

Lee Smith

Deborah Tupper

Class of 2014

Neal Baroody

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Maria Hardinger

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Administrative Assistant

Cheryl Hazel

Christian Education Director



The **September** birth flower is the **Aster**-symbolizing Love, Afterthought, Faith, Wisdom, Valor and Light.

Ancients believed that burning the leaves of the Aster flower drove away serpents. Also to symbolize afterthought, asters were laid on the graves of soldiers

Birthdays

- 1 Timothy Fenhagen
- 2 Betty Russell
- 8 Harold Hardinger
- 8 Rachel Marshall
- 10 Neal Baroody
- 12 Scott Elseroad
- 12 Allyson Gittings
- 15 Craig Hart
- 15 Deenie Werkmeister
- 15 Robert Burke
- 15 Joey Southall
- 16 Sergio Lattanzi
- 17 Joan Browne
- 18 Amy Redmon Norwood
- 18 Hildegard Trapnell
- 19 Chelsea Laoyan
- 19 Clarisse Laoyan
- 22 Mary Tupper
- 22 Robin Cox

Anniversaries

- 1 Robin & Mike Garrison
- 4 Basil & Lee Howard
- 11 Tim & Kelly Burke
- 15 Erin & Ryan Gittings
- 18 Tom & Pati Carter
- 20 Vince & Nancy Monti

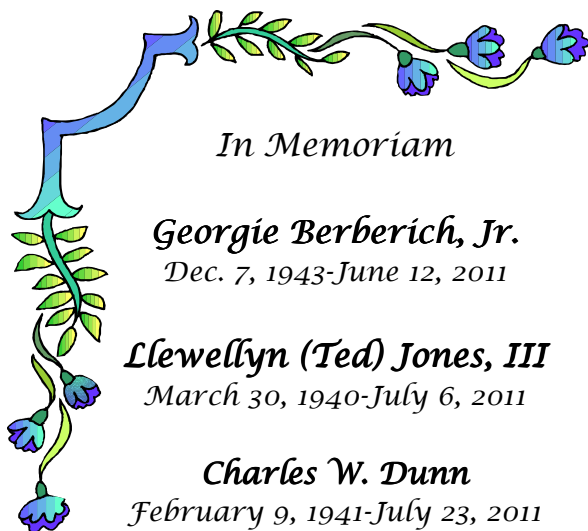


Congratulations, Confirmands!

On September 25th, Bishop Joe Burnett will bestow the sacrament of confirmation on four of Nativity's members:

***Chelsea Laoyan
Clarisse Laoyan
Danielle Pearce
Betsy Toland***

Godspeed and best wishes from your Nativity family.



In Memoriam

Georgie Berberich, Jr.
Dec. 7, 1943-June 12, 2011

Llewellyn (Ted) Jones, III
March 30, 1940-July 6, 2011

Charles W. Dunn
February 9, 1941-July 23, 2011

Summer Schedule Ending

The Church of the Nativity's Summer Schedule which went into effect July 3rd until September 4th will be ending this month. Beginning September 11th, there will be TWO SERVICES: Rite I at 8:00 and Rite II at 10:30 a.m. with the exception on September 25th with ONE 10:00 a.m. service.

Mark your calendars!

First Sunday of every month is Cares Food Pantry Donation Day. Please bring in non perishable food items to help the food pantry at Cares.

The Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett will be at Nativity on September 25 for a Rite II service at 10:00 a.m. with Confirmation. Please plan to come and support our confirmands and meet Bishop Burnett.



CALENDAR

September

- 4-Sunday**-Bring food for Cares Pantry
- 5-Monday**-Labor Day Holiday-Office Closed
- 11-Sunday**-8 and 10:30 a.m. services (Special 9/11 Remembrance) and Sunday School resume
- 11-Sunday**-Nativity Book Club-2:30 p.m.
- 19-Monday**-Outreach Meeting-7:00 p.m.
- 23-Friday**-Pray for Peace-7:30 p.m.-St. John's Methodist Church
- 24-Saturday**-Sandwich Saturdays--9-9:45 a.m.
- 25-Sunday**-Meet Rt. Rev. Joe Burnett at Nativity at 10:00 a.m.

Ted Hendricks in the News!

By Danielle Rexrode
Erickson Tribune

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Write at home

Former Baltimore Sun reporter discovers new beat in his own backyard

From the 1973 police strike to the indictment of former Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew, if there was news happening in Baltimore in the 50s, 60s, and 70s, you can bet Ted Hendricks was writing about it.

For over three decades, Ted worked as a reporter for the local pages of the Baltimore Sun, retiring his beat in 1983. But as comedian Billy Crystal's character Larry said in the film *Throw Momma From the Train*, "a writer writes always." So now instead of criminals and corruption, Ted writes about local artists, war veterans, and environmental efforts for the Village Voice, an eight-page community newspaper that keeps the pulse of [Oak Crest](#), the [Erickson Living community](#) in Parkville, Md., where he lives. "I first saw the Village Voice when I moved to Oak Crest about three years ago," says Ted. "I thought it would be a good place to stay active with my writing."

Full scoop

Ted is amongst a handful of volunteer staff that contributes to the tabloid-style publication featuring everything from current events and travel articles to book reviews and brain teasers. Most issues include feature stories about interesting people who live at Oak Crest and in-depth pieces on community life. "When I worked for the Sun, I had daily assignments," says Hendricks. "I would go in at 4 p.m. and my deadline was the next day. It was a hectic life because I could have up

to ten stories at one time. It was an adjustment for me when I began writing for the Village Voice because it's produced monthly. There are no quick turnarounds or overnight deadlines. I've got ample time to write my articles."

One of his most notable Village Voice stories was an interview with Maryland's late Governor William Donald Schaefer. "I talked with Schaefer in 2010 in his apartment at Charlestown, our sister community in Catonsville," says Ted. "He was happy living there. He loved his apartment which overlooked the Baltimore City skyline of which he was mayor for 15 years. It was interesting to hear him reflect on his career and some of his most memorable moments as mayor."

Read between the lines

Although Ted was able to support his family of seven from his newspaper career, he says he's always considered himself a writer, not just a reporter.

"I aspire to write good stories that people want to read," says Ted. "It's always been a challenge to take a story that's not that interesting and give it gas. That's the fun of it—sitting down and reworking the words until they fit and flow just right."

Ted recalls interviewing a Baltimore City sanitation worker during the strike in the 1970s. "His job was to rake through the burnt garbage that came out of the incinerator and retrieve metal from the rubble to be taken and sold," says Ted. "During the strike this man continued to come to work every day and sit there at the incinerator directing people where to put their trash. I did a story on him in the Sun, dubbing him the guardian of the trash."

Ted is currently honing his storytelling skills in a creative writing college course through the Community College of Baltimore

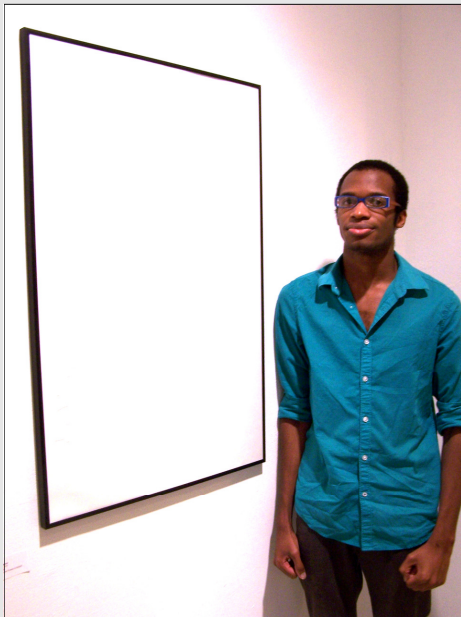
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County's Lifelong Learning program at Oak Crest and says after all the years he worked as a newspaper reporter he is anxious to write a good novel. He still reads the Sun, but says it's changed a lot over the last 30 years.

"Back when I was a reporter, we were more focused on the hard news," says Ted. "We wrote an article on the city's budget every day. We covered what was happening in the local courts. Now the paper is heavily focused on social and feature articles. Don't get me a wrong, it's still a good paper, so I have no grounds for criticizing. It's just a different era when it comes to what is 'news.'"

Blank Space Is Scary



Francis Dempster stands beside a white-on-white design poster entitled, Blank Space Is Scary, that was selected for a Maryland Institute College of Art Exhibition, August 11, 2011. Not visible from the angle of the

photograph are the precisely cut, angled letters comprising the title of the work in the design of the graphic. Illustrating both psychological insight and a sense of humor, Francis should be justifiably proud of this work, as his parish family is of him and this latest evidence of creativity.

Peach Pie Recipe

(Courtesy of George's Farm Market, 7956 Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234)

Ingredients

1 cooked pie crust
4-6 peaches
1 Cup of sugar
1 Cup of water
4 Tablespoons of corn starch
3-4 Tablespoons of peach Jell-O



Directions

Cook sugar, water, and corn starch until clear. Remove from heat. Slice peaches. Add peach Jell-O and peaches to mixture. Add to pie crust. Chill in refrigerator. Enjoy!

Note: Blueberries could be added to peaches for added nutrition and eye appeal. Also, other fruits could be substituted for peaches and peach Jell-O. For example, strawberries could be used with strawberry Jell-O or mandarin oranges could be used with orange Jell-O.

Submitted by Amy Norwood



Nativity Book Club

By Catherine Bishop

The next meeting of Nativity Book Club will be on **Sunday, September 11, at 2:30** in the room at the top of the Parish House. We are reading *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Our discussion leader will be Amy Norwood, and Pati Carter will provide refreshments.

I found the first few chapters of this book somewhat confusing since it keeps switching back and forth telling Sarah's story in 1944 and the story of a present-day journalist who has researched the true event which happened in 1942. That true story is that in 1942 the Jews in Paris were rounded up by French police and eventually shipped east to Poland where they were killed by the Nazis.

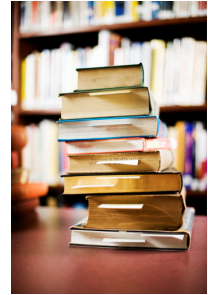
Sarah's story begins the day of the round-up when she is 10 years old and locks her younger brother into a closet space where he likes to hide. She thinks that she will return later that day and release him. The other story is of a present-day journalist who is preparing the story for publication at the time of a remembrance ceremony in 2002. This story is told in a current film being released now. I do not know how the movie tells the story, but the novel is a gripping tale that you will enjoy reading.

The work may be borrowed from the library or bought in a book store or downloaded in a kindle. I hope that others will read it and join us for the meeting on September 11th.

Nativity Parish Library

By Catherine Bishop

There have been some changes in the Parish Library during this year. Craig Hart designed and built a new section of shelving for the library. These empty shelves were there during Lent when Sam Dowding led a series of Sunday morning discussions based on *Jesus Christ Super Star*. During July, I asked a small group of people to help spread out the books on all of the shelves to allow space to add new books in all classifications. During August, Debby Tupper and I scheduled a Saturday afternoon to finish some work, to catalog a few books, and to generally clean up and put things away. Recently, Joyce Pressley has prepared a power point printed presentation to indicate the main subject areas.



Now we want to give you an opportunity to see the changes. The after-church fellowship event will be held in the library on September 4. Maria Hardinger will be the fellowship host while Debby and I will be the hosts for the Library. Please do come in to see the library.



The library is available on Sunday mornings and anytime while the office is open during the week. The computer in the library has the catalog of the collection so that you can find specific titles or general subjects.

You are always welcome to use or borrow the books. If you need help, either Debby or I can help you.



Episcopal Relief & Development Expands Response to Drought and Famine

August 8, 2011

The sustained drought in Somalia, said to be the worst in 60 years, is expected to impact additional countries in the Horn of Africa. The UN is warning that famine conditions are likely to spread from two southern regions of Somalia to the entire country, as well as to parts of Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia over the coming weeks. In addition, reports indicate that over 800,000 people have fled Somalia and are seeking refuge in neighboring Kenya and Ethiopia.

The current famine in the Horn of Africa has required an urgent humanitarian response. Rates of mortality and malnutrition are extremely high; estimates indicate that malnutrition among children under age five currently exceeds 20%, and is increasing. Over 12 million people across the region are in need of food, water and other basic supplies. Although reports indicate that food aid delivery currently is being hampered by insurgent groups in the worst-affected areas of southern Somalia, assistance is reaching refugees arriving in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working through its network of Anglican and Episcopal partners in northern Kenya to meet the needs of drought-stricken villages, and to provide support for Somali refugees crossing the border. Responding to the widespread famine, local government and NGOs

on the ground are currently supplying food aid in these areas. In coordination with these efforts, and to address unmet needs, Episcopal Relief & Development is working with partners such as Christian Community Services Mount Kenya East (CCS-MKE). Water is being provided to drought-stricken villages in the Eastern Province of northern Kenya, allowing medical centers to provide critical care and decreasing the incidence of disease resulting from the use of unsafe water. The organization is also distributing feed for livestock, which are crucial to people's livelihoods and provide essential nutrition. CCS-MKE's water provision and livestock protection efforts will assist an estimated 6,000 individuals in northern Kenya.

Episcopal Relief & Development is also working with local partner Ukamba Christian Community Services to provide food aid (including maize, beans, and cooking oil) to as many as 1,320 households in four areas of northern Kenya over the next five months. As an initial step, the organization will be purchasing maize from farmers in central and western Kenya for distribution to those hardest hit by the drought in Wanzauni and Makaa, with special focus on orphans, widows and the elderly. The program will also support community efforts to prepare the land for the next rainy season, with soil and water preservation measures such as terracing and sand dam construction. Rains are expected between November and December 2011.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by drought and famine in East Africa, and especially for those who have fled their homes in search of food and water for survival. Please also pray for the return of rains, and healthy harvests in the future.

To support the crisis response efforts of organizations like CCS-MKE and Ukamba Christian Community Services, please make a contribution to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Disaster Response Fund](http://www.er-d.org/EastAfricaResponseAugust2011). <http://www.er-d.org/EastAfricaResponseAugust2011>.



St. Matthew, Apostle-Sept. 21

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

- 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**
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