

**HUGS AND ROSES—BE A PART OF A LOVELY EVENT!**

A Happy Multi-generational Valentine's Day at Carolton! Our children have done their part—Valentines are decorated! Now, please donate \$5 on February 5th or 12th (after either service) for a Rose to be purchased on Valentine's Day for a Carolton Resident. On Valentine's Day, Michael Bantzen will coordinate the purchase and lead a group of Trinity parishioners from the Parish Hall at 5PM to deliver the roses with Valentines attached. Families are encouraged to participate! Money raised after expenses will go to purchase much-needed travel-size items for Operation Hope.

**PRAYING THE PSALMS**

Join Pat Spoor in the library on Thursdays 10 - 11:30 AM during Lent for a 5-week program, March 1st-29th. We'll look at how the psalmist can teach us to express our hopes, needs, fears and joys to a God described in language rich in imagery and metaphors. Surely our personal prayer life will be enhanced. Everyone is welcome. To sign up, or for more information, contact Pat Spoor, 203-226-1530 or: [psspooor@optonline.net](mailto:psspooor@optonline.net)

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Exploring Your Gifts**

Sunday evenings in March (4, 11, 18, and 25) from 6 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall, a Lenten study is offered. This 4-week journey is a process of self-discovery to identify your gifts and ways to use them in moving toward a fuller, more authentic life. Through interactive learning and thought-provoking activities, participants explore possibilities for growth by using their gifts in daily life. We'll also consider how our Christian faith together with our gifts might call us to "shared ministry." Each session includes a light supper. For more info or to sign up, contact facilitator Jean Moffitt before 2/27: 203-374-1242, or E-mail: [jean\\_moffitt@sbcglobal.com](mailto:jean_moffitt@sbcglobal.com)

**ARE YOU RESOLVED TO SERVE TRINITY IN 2012?**

Becoming an Acolyte is a significant way to do so with a minimal time commitment! Adults willing to serve once in a while, or young people (grade 4 and older) who'd like to learn, e-mail Christine Restrepo [chrisres@optonline.net](mailto:chrisres@optonline.net) Thanks!

**Ministry of 12 Teams** provide short-term assistance (rides, shopping, etc.) for any parish member in need. If you need help, contact **February Captain: Mary Cody**, [marycody@optonline.net](mailto:marycody@optonline.net) or 203-256-8949.

**TRINITY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP  
VALENTINE'S DAY OPEN HOUSE!**

Our group is kicking off a brand new year of bible study and fellowship. If you're a busy mom who would like to strengthen your spiritual growth by discussing how Jesus is relevant to your modern life, come and check us out. We'll be sipping coffee, getting to know each other and providing a better idea of what our group is all about.

**When:** Tuesday, February 14th  
**Time:** 9:15am – 11:30am (drop-in's and infants welcome)  
**Where:** Trinity Church Library (upstairs from TPNS drop off)  
**Rsvp:** [suzanneschulz@optonline.net](mailto:suzanneschulz@optonline.net) or [charlottebartol@gmail.com](mailto:charlottebartol@gmail.com)

**THE EVER-POPULAR "WELL-SEASONED LUNCHEON"**  
 Save the date: Well-Seasoned Luncheon 2012 in the Parish Hall, **Thursday, February 16.** Find invitations in today's bulletins, or contact Sue Carpenter: [suziecar@gmail.com](mailto:suziecar@gmail.com)

**ORGAN SHOWCASE RECITAL - 6 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

An organ recital will be held on Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to showcase the talents of one of the three finalists in the running for the Music Director position. The recital will be approximately 30 to 45 minutes. All are welcome.

**BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRIES  
FROM THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IN BANGLADESH**  
 Available for purchase in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour this Sunday, February 12 after the 10 AM service. For more information please call Mary Field Barrett: 203-259-6333.

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

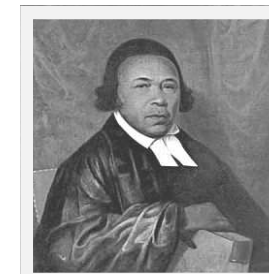
**8:00 AM: Lector:** Steven Van Fleet **Intercessor:** Gael Ficken  
**Chalice Bearers:** Peg North, Glenn Ratcliffe  
**10:00 AM: Lector:** David Crosby **Intercessor:** Sarah Bollman  
**Chalice Bearers:** John Fath, Judy Nessel  
**Acolytes:** Lucy Rieck, Isabelle & Sarah Radziewicz, Kaye Weber  
**Ushers:** Steve Smith (capt.) Joan Neiley, John Kreidler, Goffe Briggs  
**Altar:** Patria Swann (captain), Bebe Stetson, Eugenia Ardrey  
**Coffee Hour:** Ray & Rita Hooper, Ward & Alexa Horton  
**Readings:** 2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6  
**Lectionary website:** [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

**The Trinity Messenger † February 12, 2012**

**The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday 2/12</b>	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I "Children's Time with God" - Parish Hall Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour in Parish Hall Choral Evensong in honor of the Feast of Absalom Jones*
<b>Monday 2/13</b>	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 1:30 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Staff meeting in Library Knitting Ministry in Library
<b>Tuesday 2/14</b>	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Women's Fellowship Open House Taking Valentines to Carolton Contemplative Living in Library NO Men's Bible Study!
<b>Wednesday 2/15</b>	7:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Holy Eucharist & Healing, Chapel Rector's Bible Study, Library Youth Group, Parish Hall
<b>Thursday 2/16</b>	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 Noon 6:00 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel TPNS Board Meeting, Library Well-Seasoned Luncheon, Parish Hall Organ Recital/Audition, Sanctuary
<b>Friday 2/17</b>	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Morning Prayer in Chapel TPNS Chapel
<b>Sunday 2/19</b>	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I "Children's Time with God" - Parish Hall Holy Eucharist, Rite II Coffee Hour in Parish Hall



**\* A Service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of Absalom Jones February 12, This Evening! 5pm**  
 Attend the moving and well-beloved service of Evensong in Trinity's Sanctuary as we celebrate the first African American to be ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church.

## A READING: THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS 5: 1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

### PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up \*  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, \*  
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; \*  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; \*  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \*  
his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, \*  
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*  
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, \*  
and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; \*  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \*  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; \*  
O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; \*  
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \*  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

### THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 1: 40-45

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.* (Rite I)  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.* (Rite II)

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.* (Rite I)  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.* (Rite II)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Having heard the cleansing, restoring word of God, let us offer our prayers for the world, the church, and ourselves, saying:

*We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

O Jesus Christ, who looked with pity on the leprous man and reached out and touched him and made him whole, bring your great healing to the great hurt of our world: *We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

For your peace where there is war, the threat of war, or the steady preparation for it—for relief for victims of political folly or natural disaster—for comfort for all who cry for help, quite sure no help is at hand—and for all those who stand ready to be a part of your answer to these petitions: *We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

For all those who have been isolated by illness, old age, or an uncaring society—for those who are shunned or institutionalized and pushed to the edge of the community—for all in any need, especially Kathy & Kristi, Amy, Gail, Blair, Joby, John D, Jim & Stephanie, and Cammie, that you grant them your nearness: *We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

For those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Melanie Smith, Nancy Smith, Steve and Meg Smith and their family, Sandra Smyth, Max and Berkeley Soper and their family, Doug Soutar, Claudio Souza, Janet Souza and her family, John and Brooke Sparacino and their family, and for the wisdom to create a society more heedful of its members: *We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

For all who see the abandoned and remember the forgotten—for strength and perseverance for those who serve—for deliverance from the willfulness that sets the terms of our own healing and stumbles at the simplicity of faith: *We pray to you, Lord Christ.*

*Dear God, we ask, scarcely knowing what and how to ask. You know the needs we know and the deeper needs we hardly guess. Grant us what is required for the life to which you call us, not because we ask wisely or well, but because of the boundless compassion you have made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**OUR PRAYER LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED.** If you would like to add or remove a name from the list, please tell clergy or Cassia 203-255-0454, x300, [admin@trinitysouthport.org](mailto:admin@trinitysouthport.org)