

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ENEWS

*8 North Laurel Street  
Richmond, Virginia  
May 1, 2013*



*Day of Service at the Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School  
More pictures below.*

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter** May 5, 2013

**Holy Eucharist: Rite I**  
7:45 a.m. in the Chapel

### **Capital Campaign Moving Forward!**

With your generous and strong support as indicated in [the feasibility study](#), the Vestry voted unanimously to move forward with a capital campaign. We are very pleased that Caroline and Marshall Morton have agreed to serve as co-leaders of the Capital Campaign team. They have already had one meeting to discuss the overall plan and the recruiting of volunteers. In an undertaking like this, every member of the parish is important and there are numerous jobs to be done. We will keep you posted on opportunities. And a special word of thanks this week goes to the Mortons for agreeing to lead this effort.

### **Bishop Johnston Visits This Sunday!**

We are pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Bishop of Virginia, at the 11:00 a.m. service on May 5<sup>th</sup>. He will preach, celebrate and confirm. Come to the church at 10:00 a.m. and meet the Bishop as he talks to the Confirmands. Also, there will be a great reception in the parish hall following the service. To learn more about the Diocese of Virginia please [click here](#).

### **Bishop Johnston will Speak at the Adult Forum on May 5**

Please come to the church at 10:00 a.m. where Bishop Johnston will be meeting with the Confirmands. This will give us all the chance to hear more about his vision for the Church.

### **The Adult Forum on May 12 and May 19**

Upcoming Adult Forums will feature two important discussions about the future of Richmond. The one on May 12<sup>th</sup> will focus on transportation and on May 19<sup>th</sup> we will discuss the possibility of a children's hospital in Richmond. The Forum meets in the library at 10:00 a.m.

### **Education For Ministry Open House – Today!**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 6 p.m. until 8:30, Room 6 at GHTC**

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. EfM groups dig deeper into the Christian faith, study the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and reflect on

**Nursery**  
**8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**  
Upstairs in the Education Wing

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**8:45 a.m.** in the Church

**The Best Breakfast in Richmond**  
**9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Hall

**Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults**  
**10:00 a.m.** First and Second Floors, and in the Church

**Holy Eucharist and Confirmation**  
**11:00 a.m.** in the Church

**Festive Reception**  
**Noon** in the Parish Hall

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**5:00 p.m.** in the Chapel

connecting faith with life experiences. EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. The EfM program does not evaluate or recommend individuals for ordination. Many people think that one must be ordained in order to be "a minister." The fact is that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry, whatever that call might be. The EfM group at GHTC meets Wednesday evenings from September through May. We are starting to enroll participants for the 2013-2014 year. Want to find out more? Come to the Open House on May 1 and experience an EfM meeting. For further information or to RSVP, contact Kris Boyd at [checkoutbooks@yahoo.com](mailto:checkoutbooks@yahoo.com) or Mary Lindert at [melindert@hotmail.com](mailto:melindert@hotmail.com).

#### **What's Happening with Children, Youth and Families?**

We will continue to offer great Sunday School programs through May 19, the Feast of Pentecost, at 10:00a.m. And, this summer, we will still have a time on Sunday mornings for Christian formation. The Good Book Club, where all generations gather round the table for breakfast and conversation will begin in June. Godly Play for younger ones will be offered during our 10:00 Sunday morning service. We look forward to engaging families in lots of different ways this summer. Have ideas about programs we might like to try? Please contact Mary Cay at [marycay@ghtc.org](mailto:marycay@ghtc.org) – she'd love to hear from you!

#### **Eyeglasses for the Children of Belize**

Our March 2013 mission in Belize has provided eye exams for many of the children in the Cayo District of Belize. Frames for those needing glasses have been donated. Now we need to provide the lenses. For \$37.50 one of our children can see clearly for the first time. Consider becoming a sponsor for one of these children in order to provide those lenses! [Click here](#) to download the form for helping these children. Forms are also available in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

#### **Learning about Belize**

On the piano in the Parish Hall is a big beautiful jar of gum



drops. Why? To help everyone learn about Belize, of course! Contest forms for guessing the number of gum drops are beside the jar or [click here](#). Learn about Belize, help the people there, and feed your sweet tooth!

### **How Do We Connect to One Another?**

RVA Transit is working to help the people of our City connect more efficiently... for work, school, healthcare, you name it... through a rapid transit system. Four new proposed bus lines will increase access to jobs and medical care; it will help to clean the environment, spur economic growth along the transit lines, and provide more opportunities for all of us to share this great city that we call home.

Want to know more?

1. Stop in the Parish Hall and look at the RVA Transportation board. We (Nancy Trego, Bill and Grace Broaddus, Sally Wood, Candy Osdene, Dawn McNamara) would like to share with you.
2. Come to the Adult Forum on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Library (after a great breakfast) to hear about RVA Rapid Transit. We want to hear your stories about how transportation in Richmond affects you.

### **Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont, Oct 4-6, Sign up before May 31**

with a \$25/person non-refundable deposit and reserve your spot! [Click here](#) for the registration form. Fees will increase after May 31. Registrations forms are now available at church. Get out of town for a peaceful weekend in the Shenandoah Mountains with your church family. Fellowship, learning, enjoying the outdoors, beautiful fall colors, hikes in the woods, comfortable rocking chairs and great food are just a few of the reasons to plan for this weekend. Babysitting is provided. Scholarship assistance is available. We also encourage gifts to the scholarship fund – this will help others in the parish attend the retreat. For more information contact Will & Jean Hershey, [Carolyn Chilton](#) or any member of the staff. Spaces are limited – sign up before May 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **Creating a Community of Prayer**

When you read the stories of the early church in the book of Acts

*Day of Service*

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you can't help but be struck by the role of prayer and discernment in the life of these communities. GHTC has entered a new and exciting time in our life together – our ministries to others are growing, our worship strengthens us, and we continue toward renovations of our Parish Hall and a Capital Campaign. The Holy Spirit and the prayers of this parish have been vital. As we enter the Campaign phase we want to be even more intentional about the role of prayer.

A *Community of Prayer* is being formed that will walk alongside the Campaign inviting the Holy Spirit's continuing guidance, inspiration and call. A 12 hour prayer vigil will be held overnight on June 8-9. People will be in the GHTC Chapel all night in prayer. If you would like to participate, we ask you to commit to: 7:00 p.m. Vespers on Saturday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>, one hour (or more) of silent prayer sometime during the following 12 hours, and the 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a security guard on duty throughout the night.

You may sign up in pairs or groups but the intent is for this to be a time of silent prayer. If there is interest, and the Spirit so moves, a continuing *Community of Prayer* will meet on a monthly basis following the Vigil. For more information and to register please contact [Bo Millner](#), [Michael Cadaret](#) or [Carolyn Chilton](#). or any member of the staff. Spaces are limited – sign up before May 31<sup>st</sup>!

### **GHTC Family Day of Service!**

Thank you and congratulations to every member of our Grace & Holy Trinity Church family who worked together last Sunday to make our first Day of Service a huge success! 80 teens and adults, along with dozens of little volunteers worked side-by-side to clean-up, haul, mulch, plant, fix, build and install. In one day we really transformed Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School's space – inside and out! The fellowship was amazing and many new friendships were formed as folks from many different GHTC groups got a chance to get to know each other. Thank you to everyone who made this day possible – we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you! [Click here](#) to view a slide show.

### **Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia**

The Spring meeting of the ECW will be held Thursday, May 23rd. The women of historic St. Mary's Whitechapel, Lancaster and the Rev. Torrence Harman have graciously agreed to host the meeting. The day should prove be both informative and spiritually renewing!

Registration will begin at 8:45 AM with coffee and fellowship. Our business meeting will start at 9:30 AM. During the business meeting, we will have updates and new information on some of our ministries. The Theme of our meeting will be "Many Paths, One Journey; Many Challenges, Going Home". For more information please e-mail Patricia Hardy.

### **Web Page Highlight**

Check us out on Facebook!

### **In and Around the Parish**

Please click here if you have anything to share for "In and Around the Parish."

### **Are You Scheduled to Serve this Sunday?**

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