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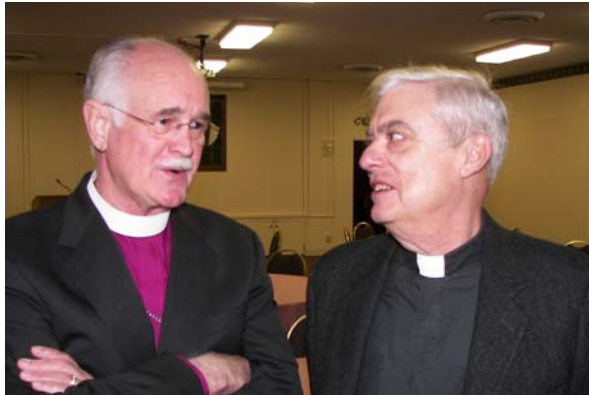


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Prayer Book Revision: The Untold Stories



Bishop Joe Burnett and Canon Gregory Howe visit

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From Dean Medina

The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music met in Ashland last week. It was the final meeting for this three year cycle and the last meeting of my six year term. I wanted to share with you excerpts from an article that I helped draft for *The Living Church* which gives a good summary of the work of the Commission. If you are interested in seeing any of the projects discussed, please let me know.

The Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music is seeking General Convention approval for a replacement it has prepared to the Book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, authorization to begin work on a new edition of the Book of Occasional Services, and approval of a new collection of prayers and liturgies addressing reproductive loss and grief.

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From Dean Hurley

"The Mystery Worshipper"

A member of the Cathedral recently brought my attention to an article in the Wall Street Journal entitled "The Mystery Worshipper." It seems that, as there are mystery shoppers who secretly test retail and food establishments, there is now a service that will do the same for a church. A general list that is used to rate the worshipping community includes, but is not limited to, such things as overall cleanliness, bathrooms, strength of sermons, odors, light bulbs, greeters, voicemail and websites, and how visitors are treated. The article notes that "44% of American adults have switched religious affiliations" and that "brand loyalty among worshippers is declining."

I have a sense that this "consulting service" might be best used by the mega-church crowd. The article mentions "strolling past the coffee bar . . . past the electronic giving kiosk and into the cavernous, stadium style sanctuary." Many of the observations noted however are applicable to our reality. The care of our building and grounds and the friendliness of the people should be noted. I think that Trinity Cathedral would receive merit in those areas. I would however like to address the topic of "brand loyalty."

In decades past, it was "once an Episcopalian

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Good Gums, Good Health

Put your toothbrush where your mouth is: Not only is dental hygiene important for healthy gums, it may be vital for your overall health.

Scientists have found early evidence of an association between periodontal (gum) disease and common serious conditions, including:

Heart Disease: The risk of dying from heart disease is higher in people with chronic gum disease.

Stroke: Studies show that men who have lost several teeth have an increased stroke risk compared to men with all their teeth.

Diabetes: Gum disease makes blood-sugar levels harder to control in people with diabetes.

Pneumonia: Excess dental plaque increases your risk for catching serious lung infections such as pneumonia.

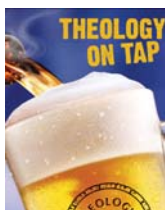
Signs of gum disease include bleeding gums, painful gums, bad breath and tooth loss. However, the majority of people with gum disease have no symptoms.

So brush twice a day, floss daily, and get dental checkups at least every 6 months. You're likely to stay healthier when you take good care of your teeth.

Flu Shots

The Visiting Nurses Association will be at Trinity on Sunday, November 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. to give flu shots. Shots are available to people 13 years or older and the cost is \$25. Medicare pays for the flu shot, so bring your Medicare card if you have one. Contact Kim Roberts for information at 551-1604 or bkeroberts@msn.com

Theology on Tap: Events for 2008/2009



Nov. 2, 2008—Mixer at BrazenHead

Jan. 10, 2009—Theology of Cathedral Architecture

Feb. 7, 2009—Panel discussion of Tri-Faith Initiative at BrazenHead

Apr. 4, 2009—Mixer at BrazenHead

May Community Service Event (date and event TBA)

Prayer Book Revision: The Untold Stories

Presented 10/18/08 by **The Rev. Canon Greg Howe**, Custodian of the Standard Book of Common Prayer

Our exploration of being Episcopalian continued with a wonderful prayer book display from the libraries of the Episcopal Archives, Canon Howe, Deans Medina and Hurley, and the Trinity Cathedral Museum. Many thanks to the sponsoring organizations: Trinity Cathedral Historical Society and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Women. Dean Hurley's biblical architecture tour and Canon Howe's fascinating historical tour of our prayer book were well received by the 80+ in attendance.



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Please email articles, congratulations and photos to lwgardels@aol.com

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The Commission, which considers policies and strategies concerning the common worship of the church, completed its pre-convention report during a meeting Oct. 13-17 at a retreat and conference center in Ashland, Nebraska.

The proposed title for the revised Book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts is "Holy Women, Holy Men" and includes an additional 70 people for commemoration. No names have been dropped from the current edition, but some dates have been changed to correspond with ecumenical calendars. The new book contains fewer duplicate scripture readings than the current one. Former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold proposed revision about a decade ago.

The Book of Occasional Services is a collection of liturgical resources for events that do not occur with sufficient frequency to warrant inclusion in The Book of Common Prayer, according to the preface of the current edition which was authorized by General Convention in 1994. The resolution prepared by the liturgy and music commission for consideration by convention next year would authorize the commission to begin preparing a new edition.

The working title of the third publication is "Rachel's Tears, Hannah's Hopes." In the resolution to be submitted to General Convention, it is described as a comprehensive collection of prayers and liturgies addressing issues surrounding reproductive loss and grief.



FRICKE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

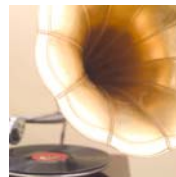


Please help the Fricke Pantry financially by designating your United Way giving to the "Dean Fricke Memorial Episcopal Food Pantry, Inc., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 113 No. 18th St., Omaha, NE 68102," phone 342-7013. We are not on the list, so ask your United Way volunteer for a Donor Designation form. Fill in the space for a non-affiliated agency, indicating Episcopal Food Pantry. You do not need an ID #, even though the form may ask for it. To ensure proper credit, please check the box to receive acknowledgment of your contribution. United Way funds are important to this mission of the Omaha-area Episcopal churches -- in the year 2006 the Fricke Pantry received over \$16,500.00 from this source.

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Please help the Dean Fricke Pantry by designating your Combined Federal Campaign giving to the "Dean Fricke Memorial Episcopal Food Pantry, Inc., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 113 No. 18th St., Omaha, NE 68102," phone 342-7013. The Fricke Pantry is part of the Combined Federal Campaign.

All Federal employees can now designate our pantry, a mission of the Omaha-area Episcopal churches, on their CFC pledge forms. To insure proper credit, please check the box to receive acknowledgment of your contribution. Our CFC # is 41899.



Trinity Treasures

Thank you for your loyal support over the past five years for Trinity Treasures, the primary fundraiser of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Women (TECW). The money generated from our participation in the annual St. Andrew's Antique Show and Sale support our outreach and mission endeavors, which have included:

- § Health Ministry
- § Altar Guild
- § Historical Society
- § Habitat for Humanity
- § Voices for Children

We have been able to double our space for the 2009 sale on April 17—18. We now have the entire room. Consequently, we must double our effort and inventory. In addition to our requests for antiques, collectibles, linens, vintage jewelry, etc., we will now be able to accommodate and sell smaller pieces of furniture.

Even though the sale is in April, we would be happy to receive your donations **now**. Please call Gail Krenzer at 397-4508.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist and Homily.....8:30 a.m.
Choral Holy Eucharist and Sermon.....10:30 a.m.

Nursery available at both services.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist (Nativity Chapel) Tuesdays at 12:10 p.m.

GIVE THANKS

Please help Together, Inc., feed needy Omaha families this Thanksgiving.

The Cathedral Health Ministry asks you to donate all/any of the following items in a grocery sack to be left in the Clarkson Foyer. Please consider including a check, payable to Together Inc. for \$10 towards a turkey voucher. Checks may also be sent to the church office.

Donations will be collected starting Sunday, November 2 with

FINAL DONATIONS COLLECTED ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16th.

Sacks should include:

Check for \$10 payable to Together, Inc.

- 1 box instant potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 3 cans vegetables
- 1 lge. can sweet potatoes
- 1 lge. box jello
- 1 pkg. marshmallows
- 1 pre-made pie crust
- 1 can pumpkin or fruit pie filling
- Optional: Bisquick, syrup

Questions: Angenette Meaney (393-7973)



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always an Episcopalian." That is no longer the case. One of the biggest problems that is rampant in this denomination is holding on to the people that we have, let alone bringing new people into the communion. Even though parishes might hold on to their congregants, there is no guarantee that any of those people who move away will choose the Episcopal parish in their new community. So much has changed since I was aware that I was an Episcopalian. While not born into the faith, my only church memories as a child (including my baptism) were in the Episcopal Church. Those changes include Prayer Book revision, changes in ordinations, political entanglements and the list goes on. Since all of that has taken place, the published numbers for the Episcopal Church have declined. That is not an indictment of the Episcopal Church it is just the truth. I would suggest that any "brand loyalty" for an Episcopalian has much more to do with their parish than it does for the denomination.

Our task at the Cathedral is to first do all that we can to minister to the worship and pastoral needs of those who are here. The second is to reach out to those whom we believe might appreciate the worship and pastoral care that we enjoy. The most effective way to do that, and has been for a very long time, is for parishioners to invite their friends and family to join them at the Cathedral. That is solid evangelism which does not require a conference or a budget and that will show positive results.

We have a rich tradition at Trinity Cathedral. That can be preserved with integrity as we move to a new time. We can accomplish that with the overflowing love and concern that I know is present here to both people and worship and building. Our future will not be successful based upon a latte bar or day care center but because in our uniqueness, individual souls can be touched by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Very Rev'd Thomas J. Hurley
Dean and Rector



"For all the saints..."

The trumpet shall sound, and the ethereal music of All Saints' Sunday will resound on **November 2**. The Cathedral Choir will sing a chorus from Handel's *Messiah* and *O quam gloriosum* by Tomás Luis de la Victoria.

November is also a time of preparation for Advent and Christmas music. The Cathedral Choir will present a Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols as the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, December 14 at the 10:30 Eucharist. The EYC will serve lunch following the service. Mark your calendars and invite friends to join us for morning of glorious music and good food.

The Cathedral Choir is open to all adults who sing and read music. Additional singers are needed and welcome, especially during these holy seasons. Rehearsals meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 and Sundays at 9:30. For more information, contact Marty Wheeler Burnett, Director of Music, at 342-7010, extension 117.

Please join us!



ANNUAL MEETING

The annual informational Altar Guild Meeting with Clergy will be held on **Saturday, November 15, 2008, from 9:30 to 11:30**

a.m. in Gardner Hall. Altar Guild Members, Sacristans, and anyone interested in becoming a member of this ministry, please attend. E-mail Virginia Gessert at gessertvg@aol.com with any questions.



NOVEMBER 9 NOTICE

Due to the meeting of the Annual Council of the Diocese of Nebraska in Gering on Nov. 7-9, both services at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, November 9 will be Morning Prayer.