

Do you know Dorcas?

I did not know Dorcas. My friend and fellow Daughter, Bonnie Hunter, has introduced her to me. Dorcas is found in Acts 9:36-43. Be sure to read about her if you are not familiar with her story. The story of Dorcas spoke to Bonnie and encouraged her to offer an idea to other Daughters of a potential lay ministry at Trinity. Bonnie's idea is based on an organization called "Prayers and Squares."

Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Unlike many other organizations that make quilts for charitable causes, the purpose of Prayers & Squares is not to make and distribute quilts, but to promote prayer through the use of quilts. Their motto is: "It's not about the quilt; it's all about the *prayers*." The idea behind these prayer quilts is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt. Through Prayers & Squares many quilts have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer and AIDS patients, for adults and children facing surgery or personal crisis; for many reasons, but each for someone in special need of prayer. (1)

If you are interested in this potential ministry, please contact Bonnie Hunter at bonnie@quiltville.com or by phone 803-237-5216.

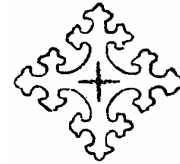
(1) <http://www.prayerquilt.org/>



Dates to Remember

Friday, May 4	Church Women United May Friendship Day
Monday, May 7	DHC General Meeting, 11:30 a.m.—Satterlee Hall
Sunday, May 20	United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering
Sunday, May 27	Pentecost - 10:00 Service Begins
Sunday, June 3	Trinity Sunday, Bishop's Visit, Confirmation and Reception
Monday, June 4	Vacation Bible School and Camp Wild Begin

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Music at Trinity: Past, Present and Future

"...I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also."

-- 1 Corinthians 14:15

As a parent of a child in the Cathedral Choir of Boys, I see St. Paul's challenge to the people of Corinth being met continually by Jared Johnson and his staff. The divine office of Evensong, sung in candlelight by the children's choirs . . . the moving and memorable Compline service of chant and anthems at the close of the day . . . the echo of children's voices singing the *Te Deum* - we have all experienced the soaring thrill of our choir "singing praise with the spirit." The spirits of Trinity's choirs are most definitely in tune with the Holy Spirit.

In large measure, the gift of music filling our beloved cathedral today is due to the special talents of our Canon Organist and Choirmaster. Formal training at Oberlin and Yale and tutelage at notable venues in Massachusetts and Connecticut honed the technical skills of the developing musician and provide a partial explanation of the success of Trinity's music program. But that success is derived from more than simply a gift of musical talent.

Jared Johnson is also blessed with the gift of teaching and moves his choir from the songs of the spirit into intelligible interpretation of the mind. His approach is that of any great teacher: the more the student knows about the subject, the better the outcome. An unapologetic baseball fanatic, he often seems to be a team coach rather than a choirmaster. A typical rehearsal for the boys on Thursday afternoon is somewhat like this . . .

3:15 Study Hall available in the Choir Library

4:15 Boys gather in Elizabeth Hill's office where snacks are available. Chat time about March Madness, the opening of baseball season, school, dogs, jokes . . . whatever the topic, it is a very engaging conversation for all.

This is followed by Choir Rehearsal during which the boys discuss the hymn they are learning, read music, practice scales, a game or two of kick ball, and briefly review the formalities of processing and recessing as well as expectations of behavior during church - all in the course of a 90-minute session.

Not only do the boys have a huge respect for Canon Johnson and his staff, they have respect for one another, their teammates. When I asked my son Samuel what he really likes about choir, he thought a moment and with a smile on his face said "I like it all!" Last year, when asked to prepare an autobiography for school, he listed "baseball, basketball and choir" as his "three favorite sports".

It is difficult to comprehend the huge accomplishments of our music program in the four short years since Mary Belser and her organist-choirmaster search committee delivered their recommendation.

Please join the Daughters of the Holy Cross on **Monday, May 7th** at **11:30** as our guest speaker, Jared Johnson shares with us "*Music at Trinity: Past, Present, and Future.*"

You'll not only sing praise with your spirit, but with your mind also.

--- Susie C. Dibble

W.A.Perry and Daughters of the Holy Cross Value Reading



6th graders enjoy Ms. Draper's Presentation in W.A. Perry's beautiful new theatre.

Trinity Cathedral is involved in an on-going partnership with W. A. Perry Middle School. W.A. Perry volunteers support the school on Thursdays with enrichment clubs and activities and on Tuesdays with Study Buddies. Extra incentives for academic success area also provided when special situations or events occur. On March 6, children's author and motivational speaker Sharon Draper spent the day at W. A. Perry Middle School. Ms. Draper's honors include Teacher of the Year, 3 time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award and NY Times Best Selling Author. The children read her books in class and were very enthusiastic about her visit. She spoke and met with the students in small groups. Ms. Draper also spoke to the teachers at the end of the day. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for the Daughters to support Trinity's efforts at W.A. Perry. As a result of a small grant provided by the Daughters, Trinity was able to offer 50 of Ms. Draper's books to the school to use as incentives for the students. These books were awarded to the first 50 students who turned in papers naming their favorite book and why, the theme, and a question for the author. Small Grant funds are available as a result of dollars raised at Trinity's Annual Bazaar. For information on how to apply for a small grant, contact Hiller Davenport, Chair of the Bazaar Grants Committee, 779-0830.



Mrs. Draper and a 6th grade budding writer share a smile!



Georgia Hart and her dancing partner tripping the light fantastic. Look out Dancing with the Stars!

Still Hopes Celebrates Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 6 and Thursday, February 8 Still Hopes celebrated Valentine's Day with desserts, dinner and dancing. Lucile Boyle and Elizabeth Dorn, chairs of Still Hopes Functions for the Daughters of the Holy Cross provided beautiful and delicious desserts for the party goers. There were also Trinity sons, both young and old, who attended and cut a rug or two with the lovely ladies at Still Hopes. Thanks to all the volunteers and Still Hopes staff who make this annual event possible.

Daughters of the Holy Cross General Meeting

We begin at 11:30 with lunch followed by a brief business meeting at noon. Following the business portion of the meeting, Canon Johnson will invite us to join him in the Cathedral for what promises to be an exciting and invigorating half hour of music. This is a great opportunity for you to encourage a fellow daughter or friend from outside our parish to join you for fellowship, delicious food and fantastic music. The parking meters on Senate Street will be bagged for your use the morning of the general meeting. Child Care is available by contacting Jean White in the Trinity Learning Center at 254-5819.

Daughters of the Holy Cross Well Represented in Leadership of CWU



Lois MacNaughton, Button Tucker, Betty Hunter, Iris Demates, Betty Humphrey, Elizabeth McClendon, Connie Britt, Isabel Baker and Nancy Boyle

Church Women United hosted its Annual Luncheon Meeting on Friday, January 26, 2007 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The meeting was attended by 10 Daughters of the Holy Cross. Daughters in leadership positions for CWU include Pride Carson, outgoing Secretary of ECW; Elizabeth McClendon, outgoing Celebrations Coordinator; Connie Britt, Incoming Secretary; Nancy Boyle, Incoming Coordinator for Ecumenical Development; and Rosemary Jones, Denominational Coordinator for Episcopal Churches. Thank you ladies for your service to the Daughters and to Church Women United!



Connie Britt and Nancy Boyle's Installation



**ECW 85th Convention
When Women Gather at the Well**

The Episcopal Church Women of the Upper Diocese gathered on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10 for the 85th Convention. Bet Tarrent, Clara Gillentine and Pam Woods represented Trinity Cathedral at the reception at Still Hopes on Friday night. Clara Gillentine, Caroline Judson, Jeanne Kean, Pam Woods and Janie Godbold attended morning prayer, the business meeting and Holy Eucharist on Saturday. The Right Reverend Dorsey Henderson spent the entire day with us.



Among the many items of business was the approval of the 2007 World, National and Diocesan Mission Projects which the Daughters of the Holy Cross support in our budget. The World Mission Project is orphanage assistance in the Diocese of Lake Malawi. The National Mission Project is Rebuilding assistance for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport, Mississippi. The Diocesan Project is United Ministries Learning Center, an adult learning center located in Greenville, SC. In 2006 contributions by the ECW of Upper SC to missions on a local, national and world level totaled in excess of \$180,000. The Daughters of the Holy Cross provided

\$40,950 of the total through our 2005 Bazaar proceeds and our contributions to ECW outreach efforts. Jeanne Kean was recognized as a Past President of ECW and Clara Gillentine is currently serving as the Diocesan Chair for the United Thank Offering. The UTO Spring Ingathering at Trinity is scheduled for Sunday, May 20. Please support this effort by gathering change in your blue UTO box (dollar bills and checks are also accepted) and bringing it to church with you on May 20. The UTO box is a great way to make a tangible gesture for those blessings for which you are thankful. Deborah Hollings is our UTO Chair and can be reached at 803-738-2984.