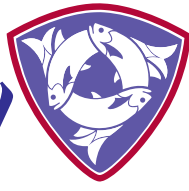


Trinity Tidings

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The Wounded Hands

by Scott White

The great Christian author Philip Yancey tells the story of the ministry of Dr. Paul Brand who worked tirelessly among leprosy patients Vellore, India. At the time, Brand and his workers were among the few in the area who would touch or closely approach a person with Hansen's disease – townspeople quarantined them. Yancey tells it in words similar to these: One night Brand is slipped into a meeting of leprosy patients and listening to their conversation. The air was heavy with combined odors of crowding bodies, poverty, stale spices, treated bandages. The patients asked that Brand preach. He reluctantly agreed. As he looked at the patients he was drawn to their hands, dozens of them, most pulled inward in the familiar leprosy claw-like position, some with no fingers, some with a few stumps. Many patients sat on their hands. "I am a hand surgeon," he began, and waited for the translation into the local language. "So when I meet people, I can't help looking at their hands. The psalmist claims he can tell your future by looking at your hands. I can tell your past. For instance, I can tell what your trade has been by the position of the calluses and the condition of the nails. I can tell a lot about your character; I love hands."

He paused and looked at the eager faces. "How I would love to have had the chance to meet Christ and study his hands! Knowing what he was like, I can almost picture them, feel them."

He paused again, then wondered aloud what it would have been like to meet Christ and study his hands. He traced the hands of Christ, beginning with infancy when his hands were small and helpless. Then came the hands of the boy Jesus, clumsily holding a brush or stylus, trying to form letters of the alphabet. Then the hands of Christ the Carpenter – rough, gnarled, with broken fingernails and bruises from woodworking with saw and hammer.

Then there were the hands of Christ the physician, the healer. Compassion and sensitivity seemed to radiate from them. Christ touched the blind, the diseased, the needy.

"Then," continued Dr. Brand, "there were his crucified hands. It hurts me to think of a nail being driven through the center of my hand, because I know what goes on there, the tremendous complex of tendons and nerves and blood vessels and muscles. It's impossible to drive a spike through its center without crippling it. The thought of those healing hands being crippled reminds me of what

Christ was prepared to endure. In that act he identified himself with all the deformed and crippled human beings in the world. Not only was he able to endure poverty with the poor, weariness with the tired, but – clawed hands with the cripple."

The effect on the listening patients, all social outcasts, was electrifying. Jesus – a cripple, with claw like hands, just like theirs?

Brand continued with the resurrected hands of Jesus, saying, "One of the things I find most astonishing is that, though we think of the future life as something perfected, when Christ appeared to his disciples he said, 'look at my hands,' and he invited Thomas to put his finger into the print of the nail. Why did he want to keep the wounds of his humanity? Wasn't it because he wanted to carry back with him an eternal reminder of the sufferings of those on earth. He carried the marks of suffering so he could continue to understand the needs of those suffering. He wanted to be forever one with us."

As he finished, Paul Brand was again conscious of hands as they were lifted, all over the courtyard, palm to palm in the Indian gesture of respect, namaste. The hands with the same stumps, the same missing fingers and crooked arches. Yet no one tried to hide them. They were held high, close to the face, in respect for Brand, but also with new pride and dignity. God's own response to suffering made their suffering easier.

Yancey's telling of Brand's encounter with the Lepers of India is a story that is also for us. The journey of Holy Week to Easter is a journey that lets the whole world know that God not only loves us but knows what it is like to be us. In our sorrows and in our joys, in our death and in our own rising from the dead, Jesus is one with us.

By Grace,

SWA+



Legos for Lent. See page 3.

Alan Yarborough Checks In

From January 31-February 7, a team of medical care providers from South Carolina visited Cange for a series of mobile clinics in 4 rural communities nearby. I served as one of the translators for the team, and it was my first experience with rural medical care in Haiti. It was truly transformative. I would like to share what I found so motivating about the clinics.

First, the experience created a sense of anger within me. Many of the ailments we saw can be cured with easy to access medications in the U.S. But in rural Haiti, "simple" sicknesses are incapacitating and life threatening not just to the one who is sick, but to all others who are dependent on the life of that individual.

Given the general excess in the U.S. and other areas of the developed world, the fact that people are dying who could otherwise live with medicine I could pick up at any drug store in the U.S. makes me angry. Given that billions and billions of dollars over the course of decades have poured into Haiti in the form of aid, the fact that this type of death still goes on makes me angry.

But this anger motivates me to seek change for this injustice. This anger must turn into motivation. Because this change isn't as simple as tipping a scale into another direction, or passing blame on someone else. The injustice is more systemic, and every one of us plays a role. So instead, I have to look inward and question what exactly should be



my priorities in life, and what I can do, with God's guidance and the support of those around me, to contribute to the relief of the suffering and the end of injustice.

Another reason the anger must turn into motivation is because otherwise, sadness and despair may become too consuming. Cynicism may prevail, and guilt just confines us to a selfish position. But when the anger turns into motivation, then there is an understanding that something can be done, even if we don't know exactly what that is. I find that in that realization, I notice more people who believe something can be done too. From that comes reinforcement that this is a group effort, a reminder to always be humble, and clarity for my own individual role in the fight.

The second motivating item on my list is the multicultural team of care providers and their support who worked so well together. I am particularly



humbled by the poise and leadership exhibited by the Haitians who planned and supported logistics. The Zanmi Lasante staff and networks did an incredible job. The team of Americans, many visiting Haiti for their first time, rolled with the expected and unexpected punches with poise and patience.

Finally, I find motivation in the Episcopal Church. "The church" as an institution so often, and justifiably so, receives criticism for being disconnected or involved in injustice itself, among other errors. The Episcopal Church is not immune to this behavior or criticism. But this week was a wonderful example of the effect of the institution of the Episcopal Church and Episcopalians bringing love and light into the world through individual vocation. This week was an example of Episcopal churches in the U.S. connecting with Episcopal churches in Haiti within the context of a 35-year-old ministry between Cange and EDUSC.

As a final, somewhat tangential thought, while I was translating for these patients, I couldn't help but think about my dad's work as a physician. Being in a position to contribute to someone's relief from pain, physical or mental, and having to break through barriers of modesty and privacy to gain necessary information to enhance quality of treatment, is an immensely emotional and intricate task of great responsibility. It requires integrity, respect, vulnerability, and compassion. Even though I was only a translator, experiencing what it's like to see a patient, diagnose them and attempt to treat them enhanced my respect and appreciation for what my dad does. Being a doctor (or any medical care provider) is a beautiful thing.

May God bless the work of Zanmi Lasante, the Episcopal Church, and all health care providers around the world. May God bless each person involved in the fight for justice, each in their own vocation, such that we all can realize that we have power, that we have hope, and that we are not alone.

Church Offices Closed

April 6 - April 10

Some of you may have noticed that the City of Asheville is doing some major work on Lexington Avenue next to the church. They are burying the power lines to accommodate the new housing that will be going up beside the A-Loft hotel.

As a result, the electrical system of Trinity Church must be updated. This is a major undertaking, the planning of which has been in the works for over six months. So, Trinity Church will be closed and without any electricity the entire week after Easter, April 6 through 10.

This is a major event requiring us to move frozen food to new locations and to completely shut-down the facility, including the telephones. Though Trinity's office is usually closed on the Monday after Easter, the church staff will still be working, from Tuesday through Friday at home with their laptop computers.

Below is a listing of staff phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you should need to contact anyone of us during the week please do so at the information below.

Scott+

Scott	828-772-7055	Dillon	828-674-0333
Carol	828-505-3588	Beth	828-337-4596
Peggy	828-778-0920	Debbie	828-216-1129
Ken	828-242-3857	Sharon	828-713-6276

Email addresses are <name as above>@trinity-asheville.org (ex: dillon@trinityasheville.org).



Trinity Kids



Looking back...



Communion Classes with Rev. Carol Hubbard

Godly Play 2 and Rite in the Middle participated in a two part series on Holy Communion with Rev. Carol Hubbard. The first Sunday was very experiential, with the children actually setting two tables for a meal; an ordinary meal and a "Thanksgiving" or celebratory meal. Carol invited the children into a discussion about the similarities and differences between these two meals. This part of the lesson was followed by the Godly Play story called "The Synagogue and the Upper Room"; a story of Jesus' last meal with his disciples. The children then hear about the special setting of the Eucharistic table and the nature of this very special "meal". The second Sunday was spent on a "field trip" of sorts! We made our way to the working sacristy and the clergy sacristy to see the sacred vessels and vestments used for Holy Communion. We also had a chance to "practice" at the altar rail in receiving communion. **Both Godly Play 2 and Rite in the Middle will have a special Sunday where they are acknowledged at the 10:45 service and receive communion together as a group. This date is tentatively scheduled for May 3rd.**

Snow Tubing Fun for Club 345

"Our junior youth group meets once a month for fun and outreach!"



Legos for Lent

Our Wednesdays in Lent included a special children's program called "LEGOS for Lent... Building Faith Brick by Brick". This was an interesting and creative way to explore the stories of Jesus by "wondering" with our LEGOS! Take a look

Children's Choir News!

Our **Alleluia Choir** and **Jubilate Singers** have been very busy rehearsing and performing this year! Handbells are among our favorite activities, but along with singing and performing in church, we learn about musical notes and rhythm!



Looking ahead...

VBS "Marketplace 29 Ad"- June 22Nd-25Th!

Mark your calendars now! Our annual VBS with 8 area churches gets rolling again this summer! This is truly an ecumenical endeavor!! Our preschoolers are at Trinity, with elementary age at First Presbyterian. We transform our spaces to look like a lively Judean village back in the time of Jesus! Children are put in "tribes" and experience shopping in a "marketplace", storytelling, music, tent time, games and more. **Registration will begin Sunday, April 12th and continue through May 17th. Keep looking for updated emails and news!**

Next Club 345:

One of our Favorites...

"Fake Sleepover"- Sunday, April 26th!

This Club 345 event has become a yearly favorite, where we all do the fun stuff of a sleepover without actually spending the night...hence the "fake" part!! Here's what happens...

- Come to church in your pajamas! Bring a sleeping bag!
- Make your own tacos and nachos bar, while enjoying cartoons on the big screen!
- Visit the bell tower and the catacombs!
- Play games like Sardines!
- Go on a church wide scavenger hunt!

I need one other adult chaperone for this event! RSVP to beth@trinityashville.org if your child is coming!

Youth

High Garst Chosen to Attend General Convention

This summer, I will be attending General Convention in Salt Lake City as part of the General Convention Official Youth Presence (GCO-YP). Eighteen youth, two youth from each province, were selected by the Episcopal Church



Youth Ministries. I learned about this opportunity at Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia this past summer and knew it was something I would like to do. The fantastic events and activities which I have experienced with Trinity and the diocese helped to give me a strong application. I owe my acceptance to a wonderful job done by Debbie Cox, Osondu McPeters, and Ian Williams, as well as my Trinity family, without whom I wouldn't have such a close relationship with the church. Thank you all!

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EYC Spring Conference

On March 6-8, the diocese held its annual Spring Conference for youth in grades 8-12. We had many youth from Trinity attend the weekend, which took place at Valle Crucis Conference Center. Our theme for the conference was "Touching on Diversity". We talked about the different ways in which our world is diverse and unique, our personal experiences with diversity, and how our faith can help us address

issues related to diversity. In addition to having these meaningful conversations, we spent lots of time hanging out as a group, dancing, playing games, and eating good food. All in all, it was a very successful and exciting weekend.

Maggie Hilderbran

April EYC Calendar

April 5th - Easter Day (No EYC)

April 12th - Help serve at Lake Logan

After Sunday School hour service

Service hours: 11:30 am-2:30 pm

April 19th - Confirmation Day

Tropical Mini Golf • 4:00 -6:00 pm • Cost: \$5.00

No "3rd Sunday" until September

April 26th - Celtic Service and Dinner, 5:15-7:30 pm

EYC is for grades 6-12 every Sunday, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please call Debbie Cox at 253-9361 or email at debbie@trinityasheville.org.

Haiti Mission Trip Dinner and Meeting

Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 pm

Hilderbran's household

337 Vanderbilt Road, Asheville, NC 28803

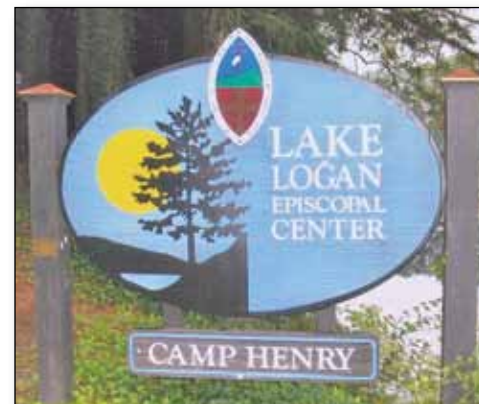


Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser

Our youth are selling stock certificates to support Haiti Mission trip this summer. Each share is \$25.00. If you would like to "take stock" in Trinity's youth, please contact Debbie Cox at 253-9361 or debbie@trinityasheville.org.

Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is Sunday, May 3rd at the 10:45 am service. Youth will participate as ushers, in music, as lectors, and giving the homily that day!



Camp Henry Day/ Camp Henry Wish List

Camp Henry Day is Sunday, May 3rd, in the Diocese of WNC. The loose offering all over the diocese will go to Camp Henry scholarships. Camp Henry is one of the most important diocesan ministries for our children and youth. Each summer over 500 children and youth attend Camp Henry. Every year we dedicate the first Sunday in May to celebrate this diocesan ministry. Trinity has over 40 children and youth. Please wear Camp Henry t-shirt to church on May 3rd! Camp Henry wish list is on Camp Henry t-shirts near youth bulletin board, please pick one and return by May 3rd.

Who is graduating from high school or college this year?

Youth Sunday will be observed on Sunday, May 3rd. We will recognize our young people and seniors on that day. We would like to know who is graduating from high school or college this year so we can publish this information in Tidings and our Youth Sunday bulletin. Please email the following to Ken Wilson by Monday, April 20th at ken@trinityasheville.org: Name of student, picture present and baby, graduating from, college attending, or other plans in the fall.

Adult Education in April

April 12 and 19

The Word for Today

led by the Associate Rector
in the Conference Room

As we move from the Feast of the Resurrection to the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season, our Sunday readings encourage us to ponder and celebrate the mystery of our salvation: the triumph over death won in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Please bring your questions and we will explore these fundamental texts together.

April 26 - May 17

Faithful Living, Faithful Dying: Anglican Perspectives on End of Life Questions and Care

led by the Rector in the Conference Room

As Christian people, we believe that the common societal perspective on life and death is backwards. It is not that life ends and that death goes on forever. Death is but a single event that is not itself the last word. At the heart of Christian faith is the Easter story of the Resurrection revealing that God does

not abandon us at death but raises us to new life. Faithful living calls us to cherish the mortal human life as we know it as a gift from God. It also calls us not to fend off aging and mortality. Additionally, modern medical advances have caused many shades of grey between faithful living and faithful dying. In this class we will look at the Anglican way of thinking about faithful living and faithful dying. **This will include questions about the challenges of making decisions around end of life care and how to best do it. We will also look at the Burial Office from the Book of Common Prayer and discuss how to shape a service that reflects one's personal faith in keeping with the traditions of our church.**

Mission and Ministry Conference

Save the Date

May 2, 2015, First Baptist Church in Asheville

Keynote Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta



group. Together we shared stories of the staff and Trinity Church at it's best and together we discerned a mission statement for the staff. Of course great conversation, food and fun were a part of the time, including trying to find out something about each other that we did not already know. For a tight knit group this was a hard task!

intended for rest and refreshment above all, and while Carol's plans are not complete yet, they will include a retreat with the Society of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA, as well as vacation with family and friends.



For the past twenty-five years, sabbatical time has been an important aspect of clergy life in the Episcopal church. It allows for renewal and restoration in ministry and extended time to reconnect with life in God. For the privilege of this time away, Carol is most grateful.

Annual Episcopal Visitation and Confirmation

Sunday April 19

The annual visitation of our Diocesan bishop will happen on Sunday, April 19. On this day the Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor will preach and celebrate at the 8:00 and 10:45 services. He will meet with the Vestry for breakfast at 9:00 and then with our confirmands at 10:00. Of course the day will including the sacrament of Confirmation and Baptism at the 10:45 service. Your support of our confirmands is always a joy and a blessing.



A Newcomer Brunch

Sunday, April 26, 12:30 p.m.

The Congregational Development Team will be host a brunch for all newcomers to Trinity since January of 2014. The brunch will be at the home of the White family. We will be sending an invitation to everyone in our records who is new to Trinity since that time, but if you do not know your status, and you are new to Trinity, please check in at the church office by calling Jo Rice at 253-9361 x 224 or office@trinityasheville.org.

From the Rector

Carol Hubbard has given many years of faithful service to Trinity Church. Carol was Trinity's major presence and stability from the time of Bill Whisenhunt's medical leave in 2009 through to my calling as Rector in late 2012. Some of that time Carol was our lead clergy presence and pastoral support. It is my joy that she finally has the opportunity to take sabbatical time. It is the tradition and expectation in the Diocese of Western North Carolina that every five years the clergy have sabbatical time in the amount of three months (not including vacation time). These guidelines are written into the Letters of Agreement between clergy and congregations for all clergy positions in the diocese. It is also true for the clergy at Trinity. During Carol's sabbatical time myself, Peggy Buchannan, Dennis Fotinos, and others will assist as we await her return.
Scott White+

Trinity Staff Go On Retreat

The Trinity staff spend a day and night away on retreat at Lake Logan Camp and Conference Center. The staff spent time in conversation discerning how they understand their roles individually as as a

Carol to Take a Much Deserved Sabbatical

The Rev. Carol Hubbard, our Associate Rector, is looking forward to a time of sabbatical this year, beginning April 20 and ending July 5. This time is

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Sundays at Trinity

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist

9:00: Breakfast

9:30: Nursery Opens

9:30: Education & Formation for All Ages

10:45 am : Holy Eucharist

12:15 pm: Coffee Hour

5:30 pm: Celtic Service with Eucharist

Church of the Advocate

Sundays: 1:30 p.m.

Our Vision Statement:

"Trinity Church is a nurturing Christian community providing opportunities for worship, spiritual growth and commitment in a supportive and open atmosphere."



The Reverend Dr. R. Scott White.....Rector
The Reverend Carol Hubbard..... Associate Rector
The Reverend Peggy Buchanan Deacon
Dillon Manly..... Financial Assistant
Ken WilsonAdministrative Assistant
Sharon Carleton Boone Music Ministry
Debbie Cox Fellowship & Youth Ministries
Beth Chestnut Children & Family Ministries
Paul Dismukes..... Building Engineer
Glenn Childes Sexton

VESTRY

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Sally Cochran	Hope Byrd	Spencer Atwater
Catherine Metzger	Vince Childress	Courtney Blossman
David Pheil	Todd Cross	Elizabeth Boulter
Adrian Vassallo	High Garst	John Hoskins
Charlie Waddell	Sandy Grant	Bonnie Scothorn

Catherine Metzger Senior Warden
Adrian Vassallo.....Junior Warden
Jeff Covington Treasurer
Katie Chappell.....Clerk

Music

Joint Evensong includes Trinity's Chancel Choir

On Sunday, May 17 at 4:00, the choirs of Trinity, All Soul's, and Central Methodist will join at Central Methodist for a community Evensong, sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. Choral music will include "Te Deum" by Britten, "O Clap Your Hands" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and the setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis are composed by Roland Martin.

SAVE THE DATE! On May 28, a wonderful group of talented children from East Africa is going to be performing here at Trinity. This choir, The Mwangaza Children's Choir is an inspiring group of 20 hopeful and talented children, ages 8-14, who admirably represent the orphaned and poverty-stricken youth of Uganda. Touring as a ministry

outreach of Africa Renewal Ministries, they come to share a special message of hope through authentic Ugandan song and dance. The upcoming performance will be a

part of Mwangaza's tenth international tour! "Joy radiates from the faces of the Mwangaza Children's Choir like early dew on an open field. These boys and girls captivated the hearts our church and took them to the presence of God." – Max Lucado, Oak Hills Church

We hope to see you here as these children touch our hearts through dancing, singing, and sharing



testimony about their experiences living in Africa. This is a great family event so we encourage you to bring family and friends out to see this spectacular worship performance!

HOST HOMES NEEDED! If you would like to host some of the children for the night of May 28, please contact Sharon at sharon@trinityasheville.org.