



# A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator



## February 2011

### Notes From the Interim Rector



Dear Friends,

The Annual Meeting of the Church of the Holy Apostles & the Mediator took place on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Byron Golson, Angela Harris and David Miller were elected to serve on the Vestry.

Senior Warden Iola Harper distributed demographic information about the area surrounding the church. This knowledge could help us develop ways to provide helpful ministries to our neighbors and, at the same time, increase awareness of HAM and its life to those who may not know much about us. My talk addressed two aspects of parish life. The first was based on Theodore Roosevelt's well-known saying, "*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.*" I talked about our focusing on three aspects of parish life:

- **WORSHIP.** Concentrating on weaving the liturgy, the music, and the preaching together into a coherent, excellently executed experience. My goal is that a visitor will go away saying, "*Wow! That was powerful. I'm going back for more.*"
- **EDUCATION.** The fact is that most people know very little about the Christian faith—and that their impressions of it tend to be that it is nasty, narrow, and self-righteous. We need to educate adults about the truth, beauty, and graciousness of Christian faith and life. I hope we can develop a solid program through which adults can learn and explore Scripture, theology, tradition, and spirituality as we Anglicans/Episcopalians understand them.
- **WELCOME.** In everything we do we need to be conscious of how badly people need a place of genuine warmth and acceptance, provide that for them, and be aware that much which is familiar to us is alien to them—always trying to see our life through the eyes of the newcomer.

The second part of my talk looked to the future and concerned the need for the congregation to develop a very clear and agreed-upon vision of what HAM might be and become. Only by doing that can the Vestry and the yet-to-be-appointed Discernment Committee know just what particular skills are needed in the person called to be your next Rector. We will be talking about congregational events through which that vision can be developed and articulated.

Nobody would ever accuse me of being the most cheerful guy around, and I am certainly not a Pollyanna who thinks everything is better than it really is. But I do feel strongly that we need to teach ourselves to see opportunities rather than obstacles, possibilities rather than problems, to look at what's right rather than what is wrong, and cultivate an energetic optimism about what the days and years ahead can hold for HAM. Attitude is everything!

Sincerely,  
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**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Robin Montague
- 8 Al Banks, Jr.
- 9 Jean Fowler
- Kelson Fraser
- 11 Niasha Gamble
- 12 Jared Brown



- 15 Denise Allen
- 16 Elijah E. Allen-Morris
- 17 Mesheck Osbourne
- 21 Leroy Murray
- 26 Dereck Burchette

**Annual Parish Election Results**



Congratulations and thank you to those who give freely of themselves for the life of the our parish.



**Vestry**

- Angela Harris-Thompson
- Byron Golson
- David Miller

**Schuylkill Deanery/ Convention Delegate**

- Pattie Burchette Davis
- Sonya Riggins- Furlow (alternate)

**Souper Bowl Day of Caring  
Sponsored by GFS**



**More than 20 years ago**, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: ***“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”***

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Help Girls Friendly, be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please drop off any canned and/or boxed food items in our soup pot. All donations will go to Philabundance the 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



**For the Younger Set...**

Worship kits provided by the Roundtable and GFS are now available for our youngest members of HAM. Filled with puzzles, books, coloring books and crayons, these bags have everything to keep active minds busy. Please ask an usher at the beginning of service for a kit.



**Transportation Ministry**



New Van Drivers are needed. If you are interested in becoming a van driver please call Janis Moore (215 -471-0815) for more information.

**Lectors - February 2011**

February 6, 2011	Tyler Robinson Spencer Boima	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16
February 13, 2011	Sharida Gillison Janis Moore	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
February 20, 2011	J. Ohanugo C. Ohanugo	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
February 27, 2011	Julia Maddy Rae Williams	Isaiah 49:8-16a 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

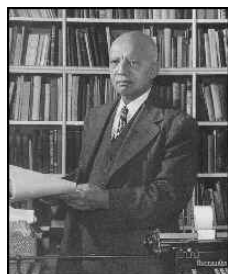


**PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
Application 2011-2012 Academic Year**

The Philadelphia City Scholarship Program awards 50 college scholarships to high school seniors each year. Scholarship awards are \$1,000 for each academic year for four consecutive years of full-time enrollment in accredited, four-year, bachelor degree programs. The city of Philadelphia funds this scholarship program and has assisted more than 2,500 students in earning a college degree.

This application may be downloaded at [www.freelibrary.org/cityscholarship](http://www.freelibrary.org/cityscholarship).

**Black History Month Quote**



"We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice."

~Carter G. Woodson~

Historian, Author, Journalist, Founder of the *Association for the Study of African American Life and History* and the Father of Black History

## Save These Dates for 2011

### February

**Black History Month (Roundtable)**

### March

**9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

### April

**9<sup>th</sup> Acolyte Fish Fry**

**10<sup>th</sup> Layette Sunday (ECW)**

**17<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

**24<sup>th</sup> Easter**

**30<sup>th</sup> Card Party (ECW)**

### May

**21<sup>st</sup> Taste of the World**

### June

**5<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Sunday**

### September

**25<sup>th</sup> Women's Day**

### December

**24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

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## The Roundtable Presents Black History Month

This Black History month the Roundtable will explore African-American fraternities and sororities and their extensive contributions to the black community and to communities at large. There are nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Collectively, these organizations are referred to as "**The Divine Nine.**" Each of these fraternities and sororities is rich in history - ties to one or more of these organizations may be found in many college-educated Black families in the United States.

**Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**, Founded 1906, Cornell University, **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority**, Founded 1908, Howard University, **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity**, Founded 1911, Indiana University, **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity**, Founded 1911, Howard University, **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority**, Founded 1913, Howard University, **Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity**, Founded 1914, Howard University, **Zeta Phi Beta Sorority**, Founded 1920, Howard University, **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority**, Founded 1922, Butler University, **Iota Phi Theta Fraternity**, Founded 1963, Morgan State University.



ECW Holiday Brunch  
Sunday January 3, 2011  
Springfield Country Club



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**Sunday**- Holy Eucharist Services: 10:00 AM Mass  
**1st Tuesday**- Noonday Eucharist & Healing Service  
**3rd Tuesday**- Noonday Eucharist  
**Wednesday**- Bible Study & Light Supper, 6:00PM

## Memorials

2/10/1985 Edna Holt Carroll  
2/24/2003 George Clifford Bell, Jr.

2/17/2001 Iris Mae Harris

2/5/2000 Alphonso M. Harris  
2/10/1993 Mary Fray Moore

## Anniversaries

2/1 Jack & Clare Nelson

2/7 G. Shaun & Pattie Davis

2/13 Tarleton & Rae Williams

## The Vestry

### 2012

Clare Nelson  
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist  
Boima Sonii

### 2013

Everett Gillison, People's Warden  
Iola Harper, Sr. Warden  
Janis Moore

### 2014

Angela Harris-Thompson  
Byron Golson, Director of Music  
David Miller