



A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator

January 2011

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2011

Notes From the Interim Rector

Dear Members of HAM,

I had just finished six months as supply priest at a parish in lower Bucks County. I called Jill Mathis, the person who handles clergy placement in the Diocese, and asked "What's next?" She asked if I could supply for two Sundays at HAM.

The first thing I did was look at a map! The next thing I did was a weekday dry run to find out how to get to HAM and how much time I needed to allow. After that first Sunday, October 17, I went home happy and told Jan both how magnificent the church building is, and how delightful the parish's members are. Every Sunday since has been happy and deeply satisfying. So I am pleased to have been chosen as Interim Rector, honored by the trust you have placed in me, and excited about our future together for however long that may be until your Vestry selects your next Rector.



An Interim has three tasks, I think. The first is to do all the things a Rector does, such as celebrating the Eucharist, preaching, teaching, counseling, visiting the sick, etc. The second is to help the congregation become very clear about its hopes and expectations for its next Rector. The third is to buy you time. You've heard the old expression, "Marry in haste, repent at leisure." Many a parish has made a poor choice in its priest because the Vestry felt pressure to get the searching and calling process over with. My hope is that you will feel your parish is in good hands during this interim period, so the Discernment Committee and Vestry can take all the time they need to find and call just the right person.

There is much more to talk about, and we will do that. For now, know that I will be at HAM on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and will work one day at home as my study and sermon preparation day. Also, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me anytime. My telephone number is 215-348-2999, my e-mail address is rbsmcm@verizon.net, and my mailing address is PO Box 1681, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Best wishes,

Edward Garrigan

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Fred Browne
- 4 Edith Harris
- 5 Rashia Bell
Virginia Crichlow
- 6 Melonie White
- 13 Michelle Harris
- 18 Joy V. Miller



- 21 Eugene Parker
- 25 Shanika Lawson
- 26 Cheryl Bethea
- 27 Kim Johnson
- 30 Jared W. Holeman
Saudah Al Akbar
- 31 Darrell Walton Jr.
Genesis Jebbeh Sonii



**Annual Church Meeting
January 23, 2011**



Thank you from ECW

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the this year's ECW Annual Christmas Bazaar. We had a wonderful time and the food was great!

MLK Day of Service at HAM



H.A.M. has been selected as a community service project site to commemorate MLK Day on **January 17, 2011** from 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. Our project is cleaning and painting the gym/basketball court. We are asking for volunteers to participate Saturday, January 8th and 15th to help prep the area. You will need to arrive between 11:00AM-2:00PM and would only need to volunteer 1-2 hours. Any one over 13 years of age is invited to participate. If you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer please see Janis Moore (215-471-0815) or Bioma Sonni (610-931-3768). Ten volunteers from the community will be at our church on January 17th to help us complete our project. T-shirts will be given to all participants and lunch will be provided at the church on MLK Day.

2011 Offering Envelopes



2011 Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Hall. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.



3 - Vestry
17 - BOSA

31 - Roundtable

10 - ECW
24 - DOK



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.



Hurray for Synae!



Synae Allen has been accepted into the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts & Sciences. She will be a member of the 259th class since Benjamin Franklin founded the University in 1749. Synae was one of 4500 early decision candidates for the Class of 2015. According to the University, this is the most widely accomplished incoming class in

Penn's history; with members hailing from 43 states and 23 nations. In addition to her monumental acceptance, Synae also received a full 4 year academic scholarship!

As her acceptance letter confirmed, Synae was recognized for her "hard work and individual excellence" and expressed hope that during her undergraduate experience she will "take risks, explore and discover". We at HAM couldn't say it any better.



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.



Thank you for your many calls, cards, gifts and prayers during this most difficult time. God's blessings, Always,

Norma J. Smith

Lectors - January 2011

- 1/2 Joshua Miller & Tyler Robinson
- 1/9 Pat Peterson & Sharida Gillison
- 1/16 Everett Gillison & Richard Warner
- 1/23 Julia Maddy & Anna Moore
- 1/31 Joshua Miller & Tyler Robinson



Money Counters - January 2011



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| 1/2 Janis Moore, Marit Anderson & Pat Peterson | 1/9 Everett Gillison, Boima Sonii & Byron Golson |
| 1/16 Udean Morris & Adele Thomas | 1/23 Marit Anderson & Clare Nelson |
| 1/31 Angela Harris-Thompson, Iola Harper & Janis Moore | |

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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

Francis L. Lee 01-20-1983
Marjorie Slocum 01-22-1986
Michael Joseph Williams 01-20-1992
Moses P. Harris, Jr. 01-11-2003



Alice Clements 01-27-1983
George Britton Hawkins 01-18-1992
Thelma Zeigler Gee 01-29-1993
Clarence L. Burchette Sr. 01-28-2003

The Vestry

2011

Byron Golson, Director of Music
Angela Harris-Thompson
Patricia Peterson

2012

Clare Nelson
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist
Boima Sonii

2013

Everett Gillison
Iola Harper
Janis Moore