Women retreat to Rehoboth Beach in May

Wouldn't you like to spend a relaxing weekend at the beach enjoying friends, food and fellowship? How about treating yourself to a few days full of relaxation? Could you gather a group of friends for a weekend get away?

The Annual Trinity Women's Group Retreat, will be held May 17-19, 2013 at Memorial House, Rehoboth Beach. Our Retreat Leader will be The Reverend Carlyle Gill. Registration fees include lodging and all meals. Cost is $220 per person and scholarship money is available. If you have questions, please speak with the Retreat Coordinator: Cathleen Peipher (610-444-5953 or 302-494-0490).

Registration details
The deadline for registering for the annual Trinity Parish Women's Retreat is quickly approaching. To register, simply call the Parish Office at (302) 652-8605. Registration deadline is Thursday May 9th.

Anglican Idol set for May

Mark your calendar. Friday, May 3rd, 7:00. "Anglican Idol" triumphantly returns to Trinity for the third time. Last year's show featured a variety of musical and comedy acts performed by someone who may be sitting in the seat next to you. Yes, this is a home-grown show featuring the talents of fellow congregants, and this show promises to be even better than the last two. The third time truly is the charm, and you can help make this happen by expressing your interest to share your talents either on stage or back to Chris Ennis at 429-0638 or cjennisv2@gmail.com.

Delaware Futures Haskell/Wyeth Awards Reception

"Delaware Futures held their annual Haskell/Wyeth Awards Reception on April 18th at the Russell Peterson Wildlife Refuge. Delaware Futures recognized Chip Rossi, Bank of America, as the Haskell/Wyeth Honoree and NaTeka Shelton, 2006 DF Graduate, with the Alumni Recognition Award. June Peterson graciously acted as Honorary Chair. Bruce Kallos, DF Board President, (pictured above, left) took this opportunity to thank Patti for her and Trinity’s support of our students and the program.
**News and Events from around the Diocese**

*Biblical Women* ECW Retreat at St. George’s Chapel

*Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

The Rev. Carlyle Gill and Aimee Wiest, PhD, will present a program titled *“Biblical Women, You and Me.”* Prepare for a day of information, exploration, creativity, and empowerment as we look into the lives of our Biblical foremothers. Lunch is provided. To register, write a check for $15, made payable to ECW St. George’s Chapter, and mail it to the parish office at 18 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or bring it to the office.

**Scholarships for St. Anne’s Episcopal School**

*Deadline: Friday May 10*

Two Community Merit Scholarships to St. Anne’s Episcopal School for $7,500 per year are now available for new Middle School students for the 2013-14 academic year. Students with strong, well-rounded academic and extracurricular abilities who are entering Grades 5-8 are encouraged to apply by the deadline: May 10, 2013. The awards are for the number of years that they attend the school; for a student who attends four years, this means an award of $30,000 over four years. For details, visit the St. Anne’s website. Other financial assistance is available.

**Musician in Residence at CCCH**

*May 11 and 12*

Christopher Robinson is coming to Christ Church Christiana Hundred as the Letty Downs Musician in Residence. One of the best-loved musicians in the Anglican Communion, he will lead an open rehearsal on Saturday, May 11, with the Christ Church Choir from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Following a break, he will talk about “My Life as a Musician” in the Christ Church Parish Hall. On Sunday, May 12, he will lead the Jean Langlais Messe Solennelle at the 11:00 Choral Eucharist service. For Evensong at 5:00 pm on Sunday, the choir will offer the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis from Herbert Howells’ St. Paul’s Service. The anthem will be Festival Te Deum by Benjamin Britten. A reception follows. All are welcome. For details of this weekend of inspiring music, call 302 655-3379 or visit the Musician in Residence page of the Christ Church website.

**Market Fair at Ascension Church, Claymont**

*Saturday, May 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

(Rain date: Saturday, May 18)

Ascension Church’s annual Market Fair will include rummage sales, crafters and vendors. Market Fair will include games and activities for the children, food and bake sale and prize drawings. Rummage and crafter’s tables are $20, commercial vendor’s tables are $25. To rent a table contact the church at 302 798-6683 by May 1, or call any time for details of the Market Fair.

**Celtic Pilgrimage to Scotland**

*May 23–June 1, 2013*

Join Sister Barbara Jean Brown for an island-hopping adventure to the holy island of Iona, in Scotland. See the beauty of the Isles of Skye and Lewis. This 10-day journey will visit holy places of the ancient Celts and Picts. There will also be visits to the Calanais Stones (older than Stonehenge) on Lewis and to 12th-century churches and castles. The focus will be to learn of the development of Christianity on the islands, unique to the Hebrides. Flying from Philadelphia or Newark, NJ, the costs will be approximately $3,500 which include lodging, most meals and coach service. There is a $300 non-refundable deposit at the time of booking. Contact Sister BJ at the Interfaith Resource Center 302 477-0910 or 302 420-7117 for details.
Episcopalian in Boston support neighbors after marathon bombings
By Mary Frances Schjonberg, Episcopal News Service

They all may not have been able to get to their churches, but in the hours after the second of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings was captured April 19, Episcopalians in the Boston area continued to support each other and their neighbors.

Police captured Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, as he holed up in a boat parked in a backyard just blocks away from Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown, Massachusetts. He was weakened by a gunshot wound after fleeing on foot from an overnight shootout with police that left 200 spent rounds behind. The Rev. Amy McCreath, Good Shepherd’s priest-in-charge, e-mailed her congregation shortly after the capture, calling the capture a “great gift.”

“Your vestry met by conference call while events unfolded tonight, praying for all of you, for your children, and especially for our neighbors on Franklin Street,” she wrote.

Good Shepherd was open during the day on April 20 for “prayer and companionship,” and Angelita Caceda was one member who came to the church the day after the internationally watched drama unfolded in her neighborhood. The evening before, she had been on the floor of her home as the bright light from a police search helicopter illuminated the room.

“When I saw it was Franklin Street I said ‘that’s where I usually walk. I see that boat all the time,’” she told the Salem Patch website.

McCreath said people came in the church and blurted out their experiences from the previous day. “They had it inside and needed to share it.” That evening about 300 people gathered on Watertown’s Victory Field for a vigil to remember the victims of the Marathon bombings.

“This is one way everyday citizens can really give thanks to everyone that took care of us,” Mary Labadini, a 56-year-old elder care specialist who lives in Waltham and attended the vigil, told the Boston Globe. “You can’t thank them all individually, but this shows the sentiments of the public are with them.” Residents at the vigil swapped stories about the dramatic police action in their neighborhoods, including gun battles and methodical door-to-door searches by SWAT teams.

Volunteers from a local Veterans of Foreign Wars post passed out American flags. Residents spontaneously sang the national anthem and other patriotic songs, recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and listened in silence as McCreath led an impromptu prayer of thanksgiving.

Diocese of Massachusetts Thomas Shaw, SSJE, came to Good Shepherd on April 21 “as a sign to us of the prayers and companionship of the larger church,” McCreath told her parishioners.

The church had healing ministers to pray with people during communion and a guided discussion during the Liturgy of the Word for children, “to help them process the events of the week and recover their calm and hope.”

April 21 was the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the gospel appointed for the day is John 10:22-30, a portion of the story in which Jesus calls himself the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Thus, it is the patronal feast day of congregations known as Good Shepherd.
Trinity Episcopal Parish

Trinity Church Copley Square meets in local synagogue following bombing

Square, just yards from where the bombings occurred near the marathon’s finish line, is still off-limits because it is within the crime-scene boundaries investigators have set. The FBI allowed church officials a half hour on April 20 to go inside to gather vestments and the wine and bread for Eucharist, according to one report.

The Temple Israel synagogue opened its doors to the congregation and Trinity’s congregation filled the 900-seat sanctuary. Rabbi Ronne Friedman told CNN that the synagogue was honored to host Trinity in an hour of need. “It was beautiful, moving,” he said. “And it was a reminder of the deep bonds that exist between us. It reminded us all that our proximity is not just geographical.

“After the trauma of the past week, we are in proximate relationship with one another spiritually and psychologically, I think we all very much felt it was one Boston.”

The Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, Trinity priest in charge, prayed for those who were slain “and for those who must rebuild their lives without the legs that they ran and walked on last week,” Yahoo News reported.

“So where is God when the terrorists do their work?” Lloyd asked. “God is there, holding us and sustaining us. God is in the pain the victims are suffering, and the healing that will go on. God is with us as we try still to build a just world, a world where there will not be terrorists doing their terrible damage.”

Lloyd was among those priests and pastors who shared with Time magazine their thoughts about preaching on the Sunday after the six extraordinary days in Boston. He wrote that people had to name what the bombers tried to do to them and “name the way that has touched our spirits, and then talk about everything we are gathered to do on a Sunday, to care for each other, to remember the grace and mercy at the heart of everything day by day, and claiming the call to live that here and now. All of that is our answer to the terrorists’ efforts to undermine the fabric of our lives.”

The service at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul near Boston Common included a prayer to the “Lord Christ, Risen Victim,” who “even on the cross you prayed for the forgiveness of those who murdered you.” The prayer in part asked that Christ would “remind us to pray for those who persecute us. Keep us aligned with your justice and not our own. Teach us to undo the cycles of violence and retribution and give us courage to act on our faith.”

And, in London on April 20, the Rev. Jacqueline Cameron of the Diocese of Chicago preached for the London Marathon Dedication Service held at All Hallows by the Tower. The next day Cameron ran in the London Marathon for the second time and in her 14th marathon overall.

The London event attracted much attention coming as it did six days after the attack in Boston and, as in Boston, many runners ran with pledges of support for various charities.

“The potential healing power of events such as the London Marathon is at least as staggering as the power of violence,” Cameron said during her sermon. “We do need to remember pain. We do need to remember the suffering and the dead from Monday’s bombing and from all of the acts of violence and destruction that pepper human history. But also we need to learn how not to be burdened by bitterness or poisoned by a desire for revenge. And one of the best ways to do that is to allow our pain to spur us to acts of courage, of joy, and of compassion.”

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