

THE TRINITY TIMES

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Padre's Ponderings



“Hallelujah Summer Is Here!”

I bet when you read the first line of the above statement, you did not expect the second line. But I am sure that you agree with me. What with the winter we just experienced, everyone seemed to be ready for summer to arrive. Students and teachers could not wait until books closed and the vacation began. Adults began planning summer trips and beach weeks when the crocus peeked through the ground. A change was needed from the cold dreary weather to a more relaxed fun-filled time lovingly called summer.

The only problem I see with this is that now instead of salt and a snow-shovel, it is a weed-eater and the lawnmower demanding our attention. We have traded one headache for another. Yet some would rather mow than shovel.

With the advent of summer, there is a change of attitude that occurs around the church. The Choir goes on vacation so the outstanding music program of Trinity changes. Thank God we still have music at the 10:30 worship time! As well, the attendance changes—the 8:00 worship has an increase in numbers due to wanting the whole day for those fun things of life. Some folks are absent in attendance the whole summer. But yet, worship is healthy and spirit-filled for those that partake of the time with God in the church building. In most churches, Christian Education takes a holiday during the summer but thanks be to God, here at Trinity we have Liz Ramsay and others who avail themselves to see that Christian Education does not stop for the summer but continues.

There are other differences but they are not as prevalent here at Trinity.

My ponderings recently have been on this attitude change during the summer. Right now I have only come up with the question, **WHY?** I have not been able to come up with a reasonable answer for the attitude change. I guess I have shared this to have you ponder with me as to finding an answer that would help explain the attitude adjustment.



I want to share some exciting news with my church family. While in attendance at the Provincial Daughters of the King retreat as the WV Diocesan Chaplain, I was approached by the National Director of the Junior Daughters of the King with a special request that I see as a very special honor. Susan Keith, the JDOK National Director, was visiting the Province II Retreat to encourage the Province Daughters to charter more Junior Chapters. The official National Chaplain for the Junior Daughters of the King will not be able to be the clergy presence for the National Junior Daughters Directresses Retreat to be held in Huston, Texas in August. Susan asked me to be the official clergy presence at this retreat which for me is quite an honor. To be the chaplain for a retreat of participants from all over the United States is beyond my wildest dream yet I have been called to do this. Thus, Jean and I will be heading to Huston, Texas for this special retreat and blessing, August 5th -12th..

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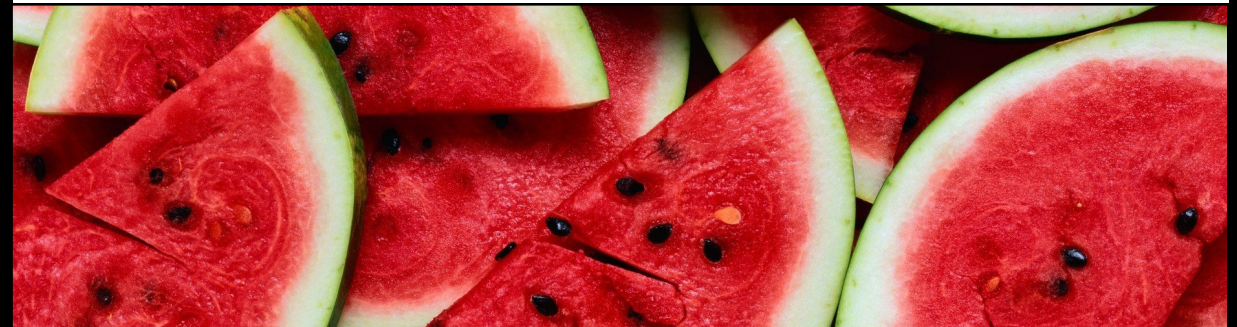
Speaking of the month of August, please mark your calendars for the Annual Church picnic with worship. The date this year has been change to the third Sunday of August—the 17th and will again be the Annual Pig Picking at the City Park, Shelter #10. Dick Bonnet, head chef and his loyal crew of men will again do the honors of spending the night in the Park cooking the pig. We will gather for a 10:30 worship service followed by the picnic. **(NOTE: to all non-pork eaters, there will be chicken available this year.)** Kim Couch, Vestry Fellowship chair, will be glad to have volunteers help with set up and such.. Please contact her soon.

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The Committee Chairs are now in place for Trinity's hosting of the Diocesan Convention and information will soon be coming on how you can be of assistance. This is going to take the effort of every person who calls Trinity home to host the Convention.

Until I “ponder” this way again,

In Christ's Spirit,
Fr. Larry+



EYF News

By Paul Bennett



The EYF is going to be starting a monthly movie night. I am looking at the 3rd Sunday of each month, possibly around 5 or 6 pm and ending around 9 with compline in Adam's

Chapel. I would like to provide dinner for these events by either having a different family prepare food for each event or ordering pizza. However, I am still in the planning stage so the input of the parents will be important in order to make these events a success. Please talk with your family about what Sunday evening will work and get back to me via the EYF facebook group or by email: pbe2ne2t@suddenlink.net. My intended start date for movie night is either August 17 or September 21 so please get your input to me asap so that I can have an idea of what dates we will be holding movie nights and can have them published in the July Trinity Times (deadline is July 20th).

Trinity by the Numbers May

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00~10:30

May 4: 19~77 (total 96)

May 11: 21~89 (total 110)

May 18: 15~84 (total 99)

May 25: 19~82 (total 101)

Average May, 2014—102

Average May, 2013 - 101

Rector's Discretionary Fund

Assistance with: Pharmacy—2, Monthly

bus pass—1, Misc. assistance—1

(donations to Discretionary Fund:

\$700.00 from ECW Booksale, \$161.00

from Discretionary Sunday offering)

Food closet

11 families, for a total of 17 people

Crisis Intervention

Assistance with : 5 electric bills, 6 gas

bills, 4 water bills (all \$30 ea.)



Prayer List

On July 1, we will be updating our prayer list. If you have any people who still need to be on our list, please notify us in the office or by speaking to Father Larry. If we haven't been notified about any names on the list, we will be removing them. We want to pray for those who need it, but want to keep it as current as possible.

From Susie:



Thank you
to the
office
angels

I would like to thank all the office angels who assisted in any way while I was in Ireland: Joy Brownfield, Marjorie Thomas, Joan Ramsay, Jim Full, Linda Tucker and Dennis Ramsay: Thank you!!!!

Tablecloths

Please check your laundry rooms for any of our tablecloths. We are VERY short on the pale pink and ivory cloths and would appreciate them being returned as soon as possible. Thank you!!

Altar Kneelers History

Have you looked carefully at the kneelers we use every week? In case you haven't, here is a history of their design and creation:

The Trinity Altar Kneelers were designed and stitched in 1970 by parishioner Mary Jo Mullenix, with planning for the symbols guided by the rector at that time, the Rev. Griff Callahan and his wife Betty.

The basic design is the triangle—a symbol of the Trinity. Within each triangle is a symbol. Each cushion is divided into three triangles whose bases face the people as they kneel and four triangles whose bases face the priest as he administers the Sacrament. The triangles which face the people represent the concerns that we bring to the altar, reminding us that God accepts everything we offer Him, both joys and sorrows. The triangles whose bases face the priest contain symbols of the gifts we receive from God at Communion.



As you face the altar, the first symbol of our offering is an abstract design representing anxiety, tension and conflict.



The second symbol, the earth as seen from space with a man wearing a space suit, is the technological world with its promises and problems.



The third design reminds us of the traditional offerings of TIME (an hourglass), TALENT (a banner reading "Hosanna") and TREASURE (a stack of coins).



The first symbol on the epistle side suggests knowledge and learning and is represented by a version of the Pythagorean theorem, the three outer sections of the diagram showing the eye of God, a chalice and a dove, indicating that God is wise in each of His three persons.

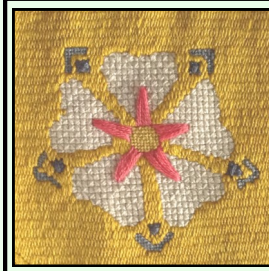


The middle design shows a city scene with tall buildings and many people, symbolizing our crowded world with multiplying relationships and chances for both good and evil choices.



The last is the interdependence of all peoples, represented by a circle of joined hands worked in several flesh tones.

Returning to the Gospel side, look at the symbols of the gifts we receive from God.



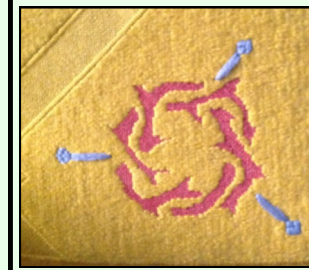
The first symbol seen is the compass rose, a medieval symbol of the Virgin Mary, representing purity.



The second symbol is a man laying his hand on a beggar for healing.



The third design represents God's strength, symbolized by a lion crouching on a globe, which is surmounted by a cross.



The fourth is a crown of thorns representing the redemptive power of Christ's suffering for us.



Back on the Epistle side, the fifth symbol is Chi Rho, a monogram of Jesus, who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist.



The sixth, a phoenix rising from the ashes, symbolizing Resurrection.



The seventh is our charge to mission, showing three fish ("we are fishers of men") with arrows pointing outward ("into all the world")




Last is a lily, another symbol of Mary, representing the Incarnation.



The center cushion is also divided into three triangles. On the left is the Alpha and Omega, symbol of God, on the right, the Holy Spirit's tongues of fire, in the center is the Agnus Dei, the lamb of God. Carrying as banner with the uplifted cross of victory

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn.Stamp Soc.	2 7:30/12:10p-Eucharist 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	3 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	4  Office closed	5 8:00pm-AA
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BIRTHDAYS

1. Kelli Marteney
2. Sue Ellen Johnson
3. Linda Bennett

4. Wendy Ralsten
6. Fr. Paul Hicks
7. Jordan Westbrook
9. Allan Zipf

10. Paula Sellers
12. Tiffany Orem Deem
Sheldon Hinkley
13. Jean Jackson

15. Abigail Darnell
20. Jacob Miller
Gary Vincent
22. Linda Brantner

23. Larry Tucker
24. Gavin Fury
25. Camille Currey
Katharine Nutter

26. Jim Full
27. Blair Couch
28. Bill Mildren
30. Joan Ramsay

31. Charlie Allman
- ### ANNIVERSARIES
6. Sue & Herb Palmer
 8. Linda & Jack Dowling

10. Dianne & B.J. Hess
13. Lori & James Wright
21. Sarah & Andrew Patrick
27. Denise & Everett Orem
Christy & Sean Rice



Thank You Notes - More lovely notes have arrived from groups that our Book Sale funds sponsor. It is so rewarding to hear their comments. Here are some excerpts:

CASA - Voices for Children

On behalf of the children served by CASA, I thank you so much for the thoughtful contribution from Trinity. *Margaret Burdette*

The Smoot Theatre

Thanks SO much for your generous donation to the Smoot. This gift will pay for an entire semester's worth of music for the Children's Chorus! I KNOW how hard you all work for every cent that you give. *Felice Jorgenson*

Parkersburg Day Nursery

I would like to thank you for the kind donation from your group. We can always use additional funds for our Learning Center and we truly appreciate your support! *Cindy Bullock*

Book of Remembrance - ECW of West Virginia

It is with gratitude that the Women' Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia accepts your gift for the Book of Remembrance. This gift will help support young women in their academic goals. *Paula Hoffman*

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*Remember all of these worthwhile organizations when you are toiling away over those dusty books. Please come join the forces.....Tuesdays and Wednesdays.....it is indeed a wonderful thing that we do here at Trinity Church! Paula Sellers, ECW Secretary*



**Trinity Outreach Programs**

**Monthly Outreach Envelopes**

Continuing our 2014 Outreach program which includes funding for our World, Diocese and Local Community.

July's outreach opportunity is  
**Companion Diocese of Columbia**

A couple of years ago, the Diocesan Convention went on record to ask each congregation in the Diocese to develop a sister relationship with a church in Columbia. That program is still being developed on the Diocesan level but we here at Trinity have taken on the responsibility to set aside a month to collect funds that would be earmarked for the mission and ministry of one of the Missions or Parishes in Columbia until our sister church is assigned. So for the month of July watch for the envelopes in the Times and bulletin and be generous. Any questions can be directed to Fr. Larry.

**May total collected for Faithlink—\$180.00**



**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

Trinity's congregation is growing due to the following: additional young married couples, new births, teens bringing friends, Marietta college singers and us older folk living longer.

Young couples, children, teens, college students and those in the work force lead very active lives. Several of us *retired folk* also remain physically active. Besides involvement in church and community projects, some walk, run, swim, play golf, tennis, ping pong, ballroom dance and exercise at the YMCA or Fitness Center. Even some of our "homebound" folks do stretch exercises from their chairs. They know too well *"If you don't use it you lose it"*.

The parish nurse ministry of Trinity, along with clergy, advocates and supports those interested in maintaining health of body, mind and spirit. Upon encouragement from family and friends even your parish nurse has recently engaged in improving her physical health. I have joined the YMCA (only \$34.00 /month for WE seniors). My circle of friends continues to grow from participating in water aerobics Monday, Wednesday and Friday as well as bicycling, elliptical and weight lifting on Tuesday and Thursday. The "Golden Sneakers" group ( a real fun group) includes many women and men doing aerobics, balance training etc. I tell my grandchildren, "Nana is trying to stay out of the area nursing homes."

I do continue reading Forward Day by Day, meditating and journaling to start my day. Attending Sunday church service and resuming Thursday morning Bible study will definitely help my spiritual health. Playing Bridge, doing crossword puzzles and word-find games also helps our mental health, even though I sometimes "go down" in Bridge.

What are **you** doing to maintain health of body, mind and spirit? We can't all be marathon runners but we can **DO SOMETHING**. I'd love to hear about your special program for health of body, mind and spirit. ...and maybe we can share this with others in future TIMES articles.

Your parish nurse,  
Marion





# Congratulations, Graduates!

**Whitney Brooke Justice**, (daughter of Gwen Justice; granddaughter of Jerry & Pat Heslep) – graduated from Parkersburg South High School. Whitney plans to attend Marshall University and pursue a career in nursing.

**Caitlin Lorraine Culbertson**, (granddaughter of Charlie & Marion Culbertson) – graduated from Avon Grove High School in Avondale, PA. Katie will be attending Arizona State University majoring in Early Childhood Development.

**Rachel McCoy**, (granddaughter of Kerry & Cara Bowen) – graduated from Tyler Consolidated High School. Rachel plans to attend Marshall University to pursue a career in Elementary Education.

**Caroline McKnight**, (granddaughter of Ann Bailey) – graduated from Pembroke High School in Kansas City. She will be attending TCU in the fall.

**Alexander Andrew Ruley**, (grandson of

Betty & Vint Rathbone and former Trinitarians Dan & Diana Ruley and the late Barbara Ruley; son of Alan & Kate Dils Ruley) – graduated from Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, NC. Alex plans to attend University North Carolina State to major in Pre-Dentistry and Geology. Alex's parents were married here at Trinity.

**Nicholas Gyongyosi**, (son of Tom and Julie Gyongyosi) – graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a minor in Arabic. He plans to remain in Washington, DC where he will continue with his internship in global securities while seeking full time employment.

**Kerry Hensley**, (daughter of Dr. Michael & Diane Hensley) – graduated from Williams College in Williamstown, MA with dual degrees in Astrophysics and Chinese. She immediately will begin an internship in Pasadena, CA at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory- a NASA facility operated by Cal Tech. She has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and after internship she will teach in Taiwan.



# Congratulations, Graduates!

**Danielle Frances Abbitt**, (granddaughter of Betty & Vint Rathbone and the late Paul Nicholson; daughter of Dan & the late Kim Abbitt) – graduated from the University of Central Florida-Orlando with a BS degree in Biomedical Sciences and will be attending medical school at University of Central Florida this fall.

**Charles Frances Culbertson IV**, (grandson of Charlie & Marion Culbertson) – graduated from the University of Tampa with a BS in Entrepreneurship and is presently interviewing with Bank of America.

**Elizabeth Kuhr**, (granddaughter of Fr. Jack & Lynette Neilson) – graduated from Oberlin College winning "The G and C Life History" prize. She majored in European and Middle East History and minored in Arabic and Religion.

**Marie Lancino**, (granddaughter of Fr. Jack & Lynette Neilson) – graduated from ESSAC-Paris, France with an MBA degree and is working with a solar energy firm in Ovagadougou Burkina Faso, Africa.

**Lauren Elizabeth LeMasters**, (granddaughter of the late Dr. Robert & Shirley LawrenceBerrey) – graduated

from West Virginia University School of Medicine with a BS degree in Exercise Physiology Summa Cum Laude.

**Evan Nahins**, (grandson of Ann Bailey) – graduated from the Law School at Western New England University in Springfield, MA.

**Michael Allen Rathbone**, (grandnephew of Vint & Betty Rathbone; grandson of Vint's brother, Allan & Yvonne Rathbone) – graduated from West Point as a Second Lieutenant. He will be deployed to Ft. Wainwright, AK in the artillery service after training Fr. Sill, OK.

**Breanne Reed**, (daughter of Brian Reed and Kim Haase and niece of Michael & Monique Cameron) – graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School. She is in the process of studying for the North Carolina Bar and upon completion plans to practice in Charlotte. She is to be married here at Trinity in September.

**Chloe Smith**, (granddaughter of Betsy Smith Murray; daughter of Dr. Stephen & Beth Smith) - graduated from Duke University. She will be doing her graduate studies at the University of North Carolina.



# From the Organ Bench

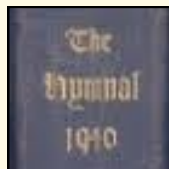
By Allan Zipf

**THE HISTORY OF HYMNODY** is in many respects the history of the Church itself, its worship, and especially its sacred poetry. Before we can begin this discussion of hymnody, we need to have an understanding of what hymnody means. Many definitions of the hymn are possible, such as would include or exclude various classes of poetical production. However, for the purpose of these articles, I'm going to rely on St. Augustine's definition: "A hymn is the praise of God by singing. A hymn is a song embodying the praise of God. If there be merely praise but not praise of God it is not a hymn. If there be praise, and praise of God, but not sung, it is not a hymn. For it to be a hymn, it is needful, therefore, for it to have three things--praise, praise of God, and these sung." This definition excludes the body of pagan song and also Hebrew and Christian poems not intended for song. However, I'm going to make a modification to St. Augustine because the definition of a hymn today includes several classes of song, some of which hardly existed in St. Augustine's day (354-430), so a further definition of hymn is needed for these articles--"For it to be a hymn it is needful for it to have *four* things--praise, and praise of God, and these sung, and sung by a *congregation of people*.



Now that I've given a definition of a hymn, I think it would be helpful to turn to the Preface of *The Hymnal 1982*, which is a revision of *The Hymnal 1940*, and see what the Standing Commission on Church Music has to say about the revision process of our hymnal. The Preface tells us that *The Hymnal 1982* "stands on the foundation laid by The Joint Commission of Revision of the Hymnal. The precepts guiding

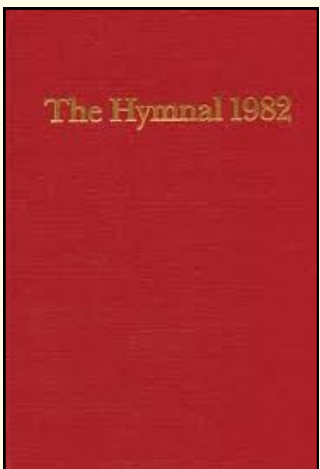
that commission led to a comprehensive book of unusual appeal and excellence which served as a model for a number of hymnals produced since the middle of the twentieth century.



"As an initial step in its revision process the Standing Commission on Church Music developed a philosophical statement expressing the Commission's commitment to maintain and enhance the rich repertoire which constitutes the singing tradition of the people of God. This commitment led to the development of the following objectives:

- to prepare a body of texts which presents the Christian faith with clarity and integrity;
- to restore music which has lost some of its melodic, rhythmic, or harmonic vitality through prior revision;
- to reflect the nature of today's Church by including the works of contemporary artists and works representing many cultures;
- to strengthen ecumenical relationships through the inclusion of texts and tunes used by other Christian traditions;
- to create a hymnal embodying both practicality and esthetic excellence.

*The Hymnal 1982* retains the best of the past and sets forth many riches of our own time. The Commission looked for theological orthodoxy, poetic beauty, and integrity of meaning. At the same time the Commission was especially concerned that the hymnody affirm ' the participation of all in the Body of Christ the Church, while recognizing our diverse natures as children of God. . . . Study and research into historic hymnody have led to the inclusion of chant tunes in rhythmic forms, of early settings of chorales and Psalter tunes, and of tunes whose roots lie deep in the treasury of American folk hymnody.



"Often, consistency of style and practice seemed a less important goal than a representation of the wonderful variety of materials that are available. The recent renaissance of hymn-writing imparts rich benefits to *The Hymnal 1982*. The Commission drew many new hymns from the wealth of available material and commissioned authors and composers to write hymns on themes for which nothing suitable could be found." I think it's important to establish the thought processes that led to the making of our hymnal before I begin a history of Hymnody. For the full text of the Preface, please turn to the front of the hymnal.

Next month, our indebtedness to Reginald Heber (1783-1826) for the full development of the modern hymnal as we know it.



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## Trinity Knitters

All knitters, crocheters, and needle crafters, or those who would like to learn, we welcome you to join our group. We will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM in the church library, which is adjacent to the sanctuary. Bring your projects to work on.

At our last meeting we decided to work on some projects for the Christmas Presence Sale during the Book Sale in November. This will give us several months to complete projects for the sale. Suggestions for projects are welcome.

We have begun working on caps for newborn babies, as pictured at left. We will continue to work on prayer shawls to be given to ill parishioners. Please let Marion Culbertson or Father Larry know of any one you feel needs a shawl or lap blanket.

If you would like to learn to knit we can teach you! Join us at our next meeting and we will help you learn. Anyone else who would like to know about our ministry you are welcome to join us at the meeting.

The next meeting will be August 7th at 11 AM.

Due to the holiday in July we will skip meeting in the month of July.

