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Padre's Ponderings



Alleluia!

*O God, may the empty tomb
Fill our hearts with faith.*

Alleluia!

~ ~

Jesus, our way, our truth, and
our life:

As the gift of Easter unfolds,
open our hearts and minds to
you, that we may see you clearly
and follow where you lead; to
you, risen Savior, we offer
praise, now and always. **Amen.**

Meditation Point

The Trouble with Easter

But....I want the tomb full,
like temple or tent —

With the Holy
enshrouded in fabric un-rent.

Yes, I want death preserved
in sweet-smelling spice;

Not my neighbor
perspiring the aroma of Christ.

-Julia McCray-Goldsmith



A Song of Our Adoption

(Ephesians 1: 3-10)

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ,
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace,
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight,
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ,
things in heaven and things on earth.

How will we together embrace the gift of life in all its fullness today?

~ ~

In the work we do this day, May the risen Christ teach us.
In the challenges we face this day. May the risen Christ guide us.
Through the people we meet this day, May the risen Christ renew us.
As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,
May the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us.

~ ~

Jesus, our friend and savior:

*Guide us in this new day and this Easter season, that we may know God's desire
for us and gain strength and courage to live as beloved children of God. Amen.*

~ ~ ~ ~

A Glorious Happy Easter to you All!

Until I "ponder" this way again,
In Christ's Spirit,

Fr. Larry+



Holy Week at Trinity

Palm Sunday, March 29~

8:00am, 10:30am-Holy Eucharist w/Distribution of palms

Wednesday~ 6:00 pm, Seder Meal

Thursday~ 7:00 pm, Maundy Thursday service, Stripping of the Church, followed by The Great Prayer Vigil

Friday~ noon service w/Eucharist, church open until 3:00pm for quiet meditation



Easter Sunday

8:00am~

Holy Eucharist

10:30am~

Festive Eucharist
With Choir & Brass



Vestry Day & Goals

by Fr. Jackson

On January 29th, the Vestry gathered for the day in the Conference Room for a time of fellowship in building community, orientation of expectations as a Vestry member and the process of setting forth goals that would be addressed at each month's meeting to evaluate progress.

The purpose of this article is to share with you, the Parish family, those goals. And where, progress has been made, to share that with you also.

[1] To begin Trinity Hall renovation by phases

We are on track with this goal as the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and another Vestry member walked through the suggestions of the Junior Warden and began to break them down in phases toward completion of the renovation. More will be reported as action begins to occur.

[2] To sponsor a Scholar Singers' Fundraiser initiated by the Vestry

No progress has been made on this goal.

[3] To revitalize the Acolyte Ministry to what it was before

I have sent a letter to each Acolyte with a return post card to let me know if the child wants to continue as an Acolyte or to be dropped from the ministry. Letter sent three weeks ago and no response has been received as of the writing of this article.

[4] To recruit a Stewardship Chair and Committee as soon as possible

No progress has been made on this goal.

[5] To stabilize the Prayer Chain Ministry and the Healing Team Ministry

I am working on finalizing the new prayer chain with the new folks who have volunteered to be a part of it. In regards to the Healing Team, am trying to recruit folks called to this type of ministry

[6] To create a peaceful transition involving the forthcoming retirement of Priest

No progress has been made on this goal.

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If anyone in the Parish has questions about these goals, they are asked to contact either me or a member of the Vestry.

A Call To A New Outreach Ministry

## Weekend Snack Sacks for Children

by Fr. Jackson

Recently several articles have appeared in the local newspaper about a "Snack Sack Ministry" by some of the local Methodist Churches in the area. It got me to thinking and then to praying about the possibility of this being an Outreach Project for Trinity.

I feel the Holy Spirit led me to have a conversation with parishioner Connie Bookman about the possibility of this ministry occurring at McKinley School on St. Marys Avenue. I discovered that McKinley is the second poorest school in the Wood County School System and that presently a like ministry is performed every other week for only 70 children in the school.

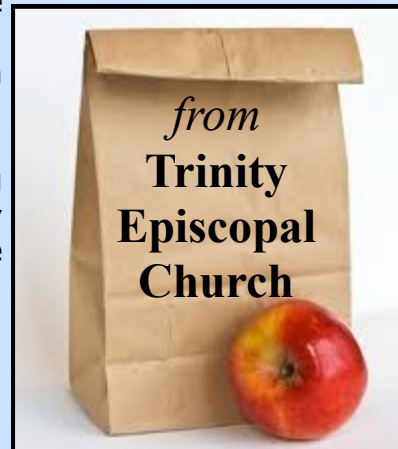
After more prayer and planning I presented this Outreach idea to the Vestry and they have supported this outreach ministry. It has been decided that we will develop this ministry to begin late April and end with the school year in June. Then during the summer it will be evaluated to see if this ministry should continue next year. The thought is to see that children have a nourishing snack for the weekend.

The following is my plan of action:

- communicate this idea to the Parish Family
- secure seed money for initiation of ministry (this has been done with the Vestry designating the Easter Loose Offering as seed money)
- recruit members of the Parish to be involved in the packing of Sacks
- communicate with the principal of McKinley School about our plan and develop a procedure for number of Sacks to be prepared
- request a grant from the Alpha Fund of the National Daughters of the King for expenses and involve Junior Daughters of the King with packing Sacks
- to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this Outreach Ministry

If you should have any questions or are being nudged by the Holy Spirit to be involved in any manner with the Snack Sack ministry, please contact me.

Fr. Larry



## SUPPER CLUB RESUMES

After our break for Lent, this monthly social event returns. As always, it is open to all adults of Trinity, a pleasant, relaxed way to spend the evening with your Trinity friends and make new ones. Check the calendar each month for the location, then speak with the host or hostess to see what type of covered dish is

needed and prepare to have fun.

This month's event will be held at the home of Connie Warren, also being hosted by Jim Batten and is Friday, April 24 at 6:30pm.



FaithLink, the local group which provides services through its volunteers, is having a fundraising dinner. Faithlink serves those who are 60+, physically disabled, or have a chronic illness. The dinner, with the theme of *Home Sweet Home*, will be Thursday

April 30 at Ohio Valley University. There will be a silent auction at 5:00 with the dinner and program from 6:00 to 7:30. Please reserve a seat or table by April 23 by calling the Faithlink office at 304-485-9238. You can also contact Trinity's Terry Shaw at 304-916-5281 or go to the website [www.faithlinkwv.org](http://www.faithlinkwv.org)



Sunday worship attendance:

8:00-10:30

Feb. 1: 18-68 (total 86)

Feb. 8: 10-62 (total 72)

Feb. 15: 12-50 (total 62)

Feb. 22: 12-55 (total 67)

Average Feb. 2015-72

Average Feb. 2014- 114

Rector's Discretionary:

Assistance w/utility-1;

Bottled gas-1;monthly bus pass-1;

Seed money for Shrove Tuesday pancake supper; income-\$147.00

Food closet: 10 families, for a total of 11 people

# APRIL 2015

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

| Sun                                                                                                                                                            | Mon                                                                                           | Tue                                                                                                                                               | Wed                                                                                             | Thu                                                                                                                                   | Fri                                                                                                      | Sat                                                                                                                                    |
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| <i>Holy Week</i>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                   | 1<br>7:30/12:10p-Eucharist<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>6:00pm-Seder Meal<br>7:30-Adult Choir reh. | 2 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b><br>10:00am-Bible Study<br>11:00-Food Closet<br>7:00pm-Holy Comm. w/Choir<br>Prayer Vigil begins in Adams Ch. | 3 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b><br>Prayer Vigil continues until noon in Adams Chapel<br>12:00pm-Holy Eucharist-Nave | 4 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b><br>9:00am-First Saturday breakfast group @Churn in Belpre<br>11:00am-Easter Egg hunt @Ann Bailey's<br>8:00pm-AA |
| 5 <b>Easter Day</b><br>8:00 am—Eucharist<br>9:15-Adult Ed., Choir Reh.<br>10:15-Sunday School<br>10:30-Eucharist                                               | 6<br>11:00am - Feeding Program<br><br><b>Office closed</b>                                    | 7<br>8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast<br>4:30pm Smoot Chorus reh. (Nave)<br>6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.<br><br>← <b>Fr. Larry vacation through 4/19</b> | 8<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br><br><b>vacation through 4/19</b>                                    | 9<br>10:00am-Bible Study<br>11:00am-Food Closet, Knitters<br>6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)                                                   | 10                                                                                                       | 11<br>8:00pm-AA                                                                                                                        |
| 12 <b>Easter 2</b><br>8:00 am—Eucharist<br>9:15-Choir Reh.<br>10:15-Sunday School<br>10:30-Eucharist<br>11:45-Choir brunch                                     | 13<br>11:00am - Feeding Program<br><br>← <b>Fr. Larry vacation continues through 4/19</b>     | 14<br>8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast                                                                                                               | 15<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>7:30pm-Adult Choir reh.                                            | 16<br>10:00am-Bible Study<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.                                                          | 17<br><br><br>← <b>Province III DOK in Maryland</b>                                                      | 18<br>8:00pm-AA                                                                                                                        |
| 19 <b>Easter 3</b><br>8:00 am—Eucharist<br>9:15-Choir Reh.<br>10:15-Sunday School<br><b>Discretionary Sunday</b><br>10:30-Eucharist<br>11:45-Youth Choir       | 20<br>11:00am - Feeding Program<br>6:00pm-Finance<br>7:00pm-Vestry<br><b>"Times" deadline</b> | 21<br>8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast<br>2:00pm-St. Anne's Guild                                                                                    | 22<br>10:00am-Calendar mtg.<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>12:10-Eucharist                           | 23<br>10:00am-Bible Study<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)                                                            | 24<br>6:30pm-Supper Club @ Connie Warren's                                                               | 25<br>8:00pm-AA                                                                                                                        |
| 26 <b>Easter 4</b><br>8:00 am—Eucharist<br>9:15-Adult Ed., Choir Reh.<br>10:15-Sunday School<br><b>Birthday Sunday</b><br>10:30-Eucharist<br>11:45-Youth Choir | 27<br>11:00am - Feeding Program                                                               | 28<br>8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast                                                                                                               | 29<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>12:10-Eucharist                                                    | 30<br>10:00am-Bible Study<br>11:00am-Food Closet<br>6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)                                                            |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                        |

### BIRTHDAYS

4. Barbara Full  
10. Cara Bowen

12. Michael Simmons  
13. Charles Yates  
14. Dianna Quick

16. Pam Gordon  
17. Will Couch  
Cathy Martin

18. Diane Hensley  
Nikki Mildren  
20. Mary Bonnet

Liz Ramsay  
21. Jack Dowling  
Gabriel Bookman

24. Fr. Larry Jackson  
27. John Alkire  
28. Madison Brown

### ANNIVERSARIES

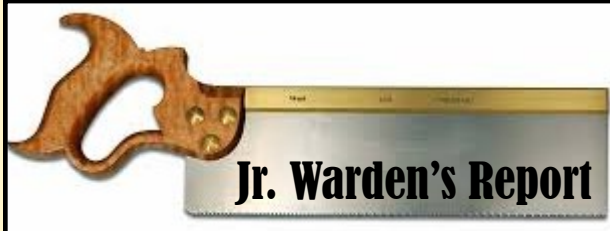
9. Beverly & Fr. Paul Hicks

Joan & Dennis Ramsay  
29. Karen & Paul Miller

# Lenten Dinners and Study



*Thank you, Father Art!*



As Junior Warden, it has been my pleasure to work with many talented individuals who have given generously of their time and talents. Many thanks to Bernard Bookman who

completed the final phase of wiring of the fire suppression system in the kitchen of Trinity Hall. Bernard hard wired the strobe/horn fire warning device which now brings that system into total compliance with the Wood County Fire Code. After a visit with the code enforcement officer and the Parkersburg Fire Chief, I learned that the kitchen door will have to swing "in" rather than out. As it is currently mounted, the door interferes with opening of red exit door of Trinity Hall. Also, part of the renovation of Trinity Hall will necessitate the addition of lighted emergency exits and battery operated emergency lights which will be integrated into the wiring of the fire suppression system. Further, we have received the "green light" from Fire Code enforcement to permanently eliminate the double doors near the Trinity Hall men's bathroom and, as a result, the men's bathroom will be moved closer to the hallway thus creating a much needed storage area. Many thanks to Larry Tucker and Jim Batten who dismantled the old wooden storage cabinet/counter. In its place, they set up two new stainless steel dish cabinets with stainless steel counter tops. Finally, thanks to Pam Parsons, Jim Batten and Connie Warren who cleaned the new cabinets, washed and put dishes in their "new" home. Stay tuned, more to come. Dan Thomas



## Trinity Outreach Programs

### Monthly Outreach Envelopes

April – Peterkin Scholarship Fund

May – Episcopal Relief and Development

June – Parkersburg Reading Camp

July – Companion Diocese of Columbia

August – Highland Education Project

September – Trinity Food Closet

October – Thanksgiving Outreach

November – Christmas Outreach



### Notes from the Senior Warden

Entering into Spring, many positive things continue at Trinity. Although we are slightly off our 2015 budget, our balance sheet is still looking good.

The Trinity Hall Project continues moving forward. We've been challenged by some leaking roofs. The Vestry has approved roof replacement and shingling for the flat and pitched roofs of Trinity Hall and the kitchen, which has been over-due. With three serious leaks it's now time to get them addressed. I appreciate Junior Warden Dan Thomas's endless work to get competitive bids. In the kitchen, you should see the stainless steel sink and new stainless cabinets, too. Dan has also met with the Fire Chief to discuss safety and compliance issues for the renovation. And, many more projects continue on all fronts.

I support the Men's Group and challenge the Men of Trinity to get active. Planning for the Church Picnic is underway, and we're open to suggestions for a location, possibly changing the location this year. In the area of Outreach, the Vestry approved adding Snack Sack Program to this year's activities. The search continues for a Stewardship Chairperson. If your heart calls, your support would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to throw a shout out to Craig Curry and the Monday Feeding Program. Craig is stepping down with Connie Warren and Jim Batten stepping up. I can't speak highly enough for this program and the impact for our community. Thanks Craig and all the volunteers that make this program successful.

Michael Rauh, Senior Warden

#### Highlights from March meeting:

- Approved plans to replace several roofs
- Fr. Larry introduced a program called "snack sacks" which provides after school snacks to local elementary schools
- Children's choir will perform on Mother's Day
- Fr. Larry and Jean will be on vacation April 6-20.

Julie Gyongyosi, Registrar

# FYNE JUNQUE SALE



## ***It's time to clean your closets!***

Trinity's spring cleaning event has now been scheduled:

### **The Fyne Junque Sale**

**Friday, May 1 from 8:00am to 3:00pm**

**Saturday, May 2 from 8:00 to noon**

Please start collecting your treasures for this important sale. Items may be brought in and stored in the room to the left of the stage. Just think—your spring cleaning will be done!

*Lunch (hot dogs & other yummy things!) will be available for purchase both days, beginning at 11:00.*

***And think about volunteering your time to work on the sale, too!***



On Friday, April 10, 2015, Wood County Habitat for Humanity will hold its third annual Destination Design, a unique auction experience which is Wood County Habitat's flagship fundraiser. It happens at Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna 5:30 PM – 9 PM. Our first year, we netted \$3000 in income by auctioning household items. Last year, our income jumped to \$13,000 by continuing to showcase area designers and furniture stores with items donated for auction. This year, we have many home items,

including furniture, construction materials, décor and interior design. Plus, we are expanding to include Destinations, including week-long and short term getaways. The evening includes a light dinner buffet and entertainment, and promises to be great fun!

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, however, for the first time, this year we are offering reserved tables of ten for \$500. Would your business consider sponsoring a table? We would love to have you as a featured supporter! Call Wood County Habitat at 304-422-7907 for tickets and reservations, or you can go to <http://www.woodcountyhhabitat.org/> and buy your tickets using PayPal.

We are celebrating our 25th year of building homes with families who are willing to partner with us by providing sweat equity in the form of hours on their own home and others; and who are able to make a reasonable house payment. We just dedicated our 70th house in March. Every dollar raised from our auction will help build more homes. If you are willing to help us, you will be assisting in providing a hand up, not a hand out. We hope to see you there.

(Jim Full, Trinity Church Habitat Liaison)

## Parish Nurse Ministry

*By Marian Culbertson*



Your Parish Nurse was delighted to see this Daughters of the King stained glass window and plaque in St. Gregory Church Boca Raton, Florida where Charlie and I are attending Sunday services. On Sundays, the DOKs special cross can be seen being worn by several women of St. Gregory's congregation.

We are fortunate at Trinity to have a Daughters of the King senior chapter as well as a Junior Daughters chapter .

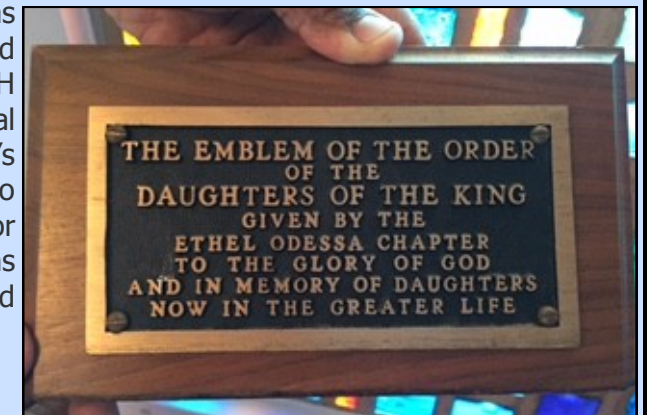
The vision of the DOK is:

***As Daughters of the King we are women who have made a commitment to serve God, our King. We wear our crosses as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives. We see our Order as a community of nurturing women accepting all people, bridging differences and cherishing traditions. Moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century empowered by the Holy Spirit,***

***our vision is to encourage and enable all to be reflections of God's love, reaching out through prayer, service and evangelism to spread His kingdom.***

This year I met Tom and Joyce who are my condo neighbors. Tom and Joyce noticed my cross and commented that I was a Christian. Because of my DOK cross they felt comfortable with my presence. Tom was terminally ill and passed away last week . Through my parish nurse ministry and as a DOK I feel I was placed here by God to minister to Tom and Joyce. She found my PERSONAL FAITH RITUALS Form and St Gregory's Episcopal church hymnal helpful as we planned Tom's service at her church. At this time I want to thank Fr Larry and other Trinitarians for keeping me informed about our Trinitarians that I can reach out to through PNM and DOK even though I'm in Florida.

FHS(for His Sake),  
Marion





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## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 4, 11:00am  
at Ann Bailey's house,  
55th & River Road in Vienna

Please bring a bag or basket to collect eggs. Prizes, carrots and apples to feed horses are provided. We ask that each child participating bring canned goods or toiletries to help stock the Trinity Food Pantry.

