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JULY 2015

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Pastoral Associate

The Rev.

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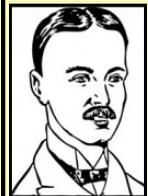
Trinity bids farewell to Father Larry 💧💧



There were tears all 'round as the congregation said "so long" to our beloved Father Larry, our priest for the last 10 years. The large congregation prayed, sang, smiled, and cried together on June 21 for Fr. Larry's last Sunday. The service included a baptism, Fr. Larry's favorite music, and a special reading by all, *The Celebration of the Completion of a Ministry at Trinity Episcopal Church*. In this reading, parish representatives accepted the return of symbols of the rector's responsibilities: keys to the church, vestments, Prayer Book, oil of anointment, hymnals, and Canons of the Church. In the Litany of Farewell, led by Junior Warden Dan Thomas, the congregation expressed our prayers and love for Father Larry and for Jean as they begin a new phase of their life in Christ.

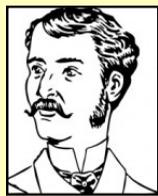
At the beautiful reception following the service, Father Larry received gifts from the congregation, including a large screen TV.





MEN OF TRINITY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

by Paul Miller



MINUTES OF THE MEN OF TRINITY MEETING

30 May 2015 (but really should have been the week before).

The meeting was called to order (well, I guess it depends on your definition of "order") by Paul Miller, in lieu of John Brownfield who had another excuse for not being there. The meeting was attended by 11 men, if you include two who showed up last week (on the REAL date) and the one who jogged by at exactly 10:00 am and who was therefore on church property, so it counts. This does NOT include those with good excuses: one who was attending to "official" business on Kiawah Island; one in the hospital who probably wished he was on Kiawah Island; and one who was attending his wife's family reunion who probably wished he was in the hospital.

Items discussed, in no particular order were:

- Bernard Bookman will put together a "Card Night" (aka Poker night) to raise money for the Scholar Singers.
- Scott Ramsay is looking into a church outing at one of the Charleston almost pro baseball games.
- Thanks was rendered to all those who participated in the outside work day on 9 May 2015, even though neither one showed up today. The grounds look great!
- Questions were asked regarding the Habitat mowing situation, but the air conditioner kicked on right about at that time which startled everyone so the questions went unanswered.
- Charlie Culbertson was congratulated on his 50th (!) wedding anniversary.
- Jim Batten is looking into getting a group together to attend a WVU football game, if we survive the Card Night (see above).
- The church picnic was discussed, and Bernard Bookman is looking into getting a pavilion at Jackson Park for the occasion, whenever it is. He has an "in" on the vestry in case this has already been taken care of.
- Mention was made of a Formal Dinner for the women and girls of the parish, with Chuck Geyer offering his culinary expertise. This will be held next year near Mother's Day.
- The meeting was dismissed with a prayer.

Trinity by the Numbers May

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00~10:30

May 3: 23~50 (total 73)

May 10: 13~75 (total 88)

May 17: 20~56 (total 76)

May 24: 15~70 (total 85)

May 31: 94 (one service)

Average May, 2014—102

Average May, 2015— 83

Food closet

13 families, for a total of 14 people

Crisis Intervention

Assistance with : 10 electric bills, 3 gas bills, 1 water bill (all \$30 ea.)

May Outreach Offerings:

Nepal: \$1307, Monday Feeding: \$408,

Music Scholars: \$100, Snack Pack (for McKinley School): \$675, Food Closet:

\$100, Rector 's Discretionary: \$181

??History Mystery??

Under the seat on the prie-dieu (the prayer desk next to the organ) are two metal brackets that slide in and out. They look like tie racks. Nobody seems to know what their purpose was (or is), and we are hoping that someone can shed light on this mystery.

Save the Date

August 2

Church Picnic, @ Jackson Park
More information later



A special celebration was held Sunday, May 31 for two Trinity couples for their 50th Wedding Anniversaries:
Julie and Mike Matheny
Marion and Charlie Culbertson
Congratulations!!

ECW Summer Luncheon Saturday, June 13, 2015

Twenty seven ladies and Father Larry gathered at the Blennerhassett Hotel for the summer meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church Women. Beautiful floral arrangements graced the linen covered tables where everyone laughed, talked, commiserated and shared lunch together. A presentation by Adam Dotson as Colonel Chancellor was offered during the dessert course. We learned many interesting facts about the early years of the hotel and its changes throughout the years. A gift certificate for dinner at the hotel was presented to Father Larry and Jean from the ECW in honor of their many years of service to the church. In the business portion of the meeting the Proposed 2015 ECW Budget and the treasurer's report were presented. The reports were approved and accepted. The meeting closed with an inspirational reading from the writings of Minnie Smith. The next meeting of the ECW will be in the fall at Trinity Hall. All ladies of Trinity are members of ECW. Those of you who are unable to attend are missed... those of you who have not participated are missing great fellowship.....please join us next time and learn more about ECW and what we do to keep Trinity Episcopal a living church! *Paula Sellers*



JULY 2015

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	2 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Knitters, Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	3 Office closed for July 4 holiday	4  8:00pm-AA
5 Pentecost 6 8:00 am—Morning Prayer 10:15-Sunday School	6 11:00am - Feeding Program	7 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	8 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	9 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	10	11 8:00pm-AA
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19 Pentecost 8 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School	20 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 7:00pm-Vestry "Times" deadline	21 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	22 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	23 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	24	25 8:00pm-AA
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BIRTHDAYS

- Kelli Marteny
- Sue Ellen Johnson
- Linda Bennett

- Wendy Raisten
- Fr. Paul Hicks
- Jordan Westbrook
- Allan Zipf

- Paula Sellers
- Tiffany Orem Deem
Sheldon Hinkley
- Jean Jackson

- Abigail Darnell
- Jacob Miller
Gary Vincent
- Linda Brantner

- Larry Tucker
- Gavin Fury
- Camille Currey
Katharine Nutter

- Jim Full
- Blair Couch
- Bill Mildren
- Joan Ramsay

- ### ANNIVERSARIES
- Charlie Allman
 - Sue & Herb Palmer
 - Linda & Jack Dowling

- Dianne & B.J. Hess
- Lori & James Wright
- Sarah & Andrew Patrick
- Denise & Everett Orem



Congratulations, Graduates!

Sean Christopher Curry, son of Craig and Betsy Curry, graduated from Parkersburg High School. He will be attending Marshall University

Kathryn Grace Staats, daughter of Paula & Kevin Oliphant, Jr., graduated from Parkersburg High School. She will be attending Marshall University in Nursing.

Mary Beth Lewis, granddaughter of Betty Earl, graduated from Denver South High School, Denver, Colorado and will be attending the University of Colorado majoring in Business.

Annie Lucas, granddaughter of Susan & Butch Shock, graduated from Parkersburg High School.

Jack Douglas Smith, grandson of Betsy Smith Murray, graduated from Paideia High School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Catharine Bailey West, granddaughter of Bill & Barbara Bailey, graduated from Parkersburg High School and will be attending West Virginia University.

Nicholas Craig Curry, son of Craig and Betsy Curry, graduated from Marshall University with a degree in Business Administration.

Cameron Bookman, son of Bernard and Connie Bookman, graduated from Alderson Broaddus University with a BA in Music Education, magna cum laude.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Brent Francis, son of Randy and Lynne Francis, has graduated from Shepherd University with a Masters in Business Administration, cum laude.

Blake Johnson, son of Becky and John Roberts, graduated from West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

Erica Parrish, daughter of Rob Parrish, graduated from the University of Alabama, with Honors in Design&Art History. She will be attending the Univ. of Oregon for a Masters in Architecture.

William V. Rathbone, III, son of Vint and Betty Rathbone, graduated from Washington State Community College with a Bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, summa cum laude. He was selected to

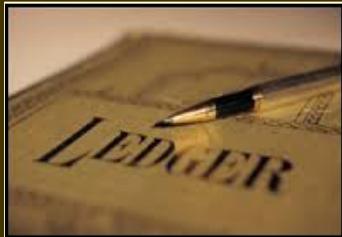
give the invocation and benediction at the graduation service.

Marcus Christopher Ducla, grandson of Betsy Smith Murray, graduated from Bucknell University-Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Lynn Kepple, granddaughter of Mike and Julie Matheny, graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in Math & Finance and a minor in Spanish & Statistics.

Benjamin Rowland Ross, grandson of Betsy Smith Murray, graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.

Christina Engle Smith, granddaughter of Betsy Smith Murray, graduated from the University of North Carolina with a Masters in Social Work.



A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

. . (W)e desire to call attention to the fact that the financial condition of the church is not good. By reason the fact that the recent quarantine closed the church for five weeks, our income was greatly diminished. . .

Thus begins the *Treasurer's Statement* for November, 1918—a document full of interesting, surprising, and poignant bits of information. It seems that the influenza epidemic had come to the Mid-Ohio Valley, necessitating the quarantine of a number of public institutions including Trinity. The *Statement* reports a grand total of \$3.35 in the bank at the end of the month, thus precipitating the concern of the treasurer, Mr. C. W. Vierheller:

. . . (I)t is strongly urged that all subscribers to the envelope system and all renters of pews who are in arrears, will make an effort to immediately remit to the Treasurer the amounts due.

If you ever wondered why the pews in the nave are numbered, it was because families who could afford to do so rented pews in lieu of pledging. This created a need for ushers who guided visitors and mere “subscribers to the envelope system” away from those pews already assigned and paid for. And if you ever wondered why the pews aren't in numerical order, it was because when they were replaced after one of the tragic floods, the workers either didn't know or didn't care that the pews were numbered. Pew rents for September, 1918 were only \$6.25 compared to \$126.25 received in November that year. In comparison, the Envelope System garnered \$162.25 and \$117.20 in these respective months.

The Treasurer's concern was understandable since there were people depending on him to pay their salaries. Not surprisingly, the largest monthly expenditure was the “Rector's salary and Housing” which amounted to \$200. However, the Sexton (\$30), the Organist (\$50), the Collector (\$12.50) and, interestingly enough, Singers (\$30) also expected their monthly pay. In addition, the Pension Fund received a monthly installment of \$13.13.

Then, of course, the utilities had to be paid. For the month of October, 1918 the totals listed were: Telephone--\$1.50; Electricity--\$8.48; Gas--\$0.80 for church and \$0.80 for the chapel; Water Rent (evidently paid quarterly)--\$1.95; and Laundry--\$3.50.

In spite of its fiscal difficulties, Trinity was somehow able to reach beyond itself and make contributions to various organizations: in November, \$57.20 was donated for Diocesan and General Missions; and in October, the Bishop's and Contingent Fund received \$131.25 for the quarter. [Note: Is this the equivalent of our over \$12,000 quarterly Diocesan Apportionment of today?]

In addition to all the (to us, ridiculously small) payments and bills listed above, there were two other items listed on the November balance sheet—payments of \$30 to the Church War Commission and \$77.81 for a “Thanksgiving Offering for Sheltering Arms Hospital.” Remember that on the 11th of the month, the armistice of the Great War had been signed and we were no longer at war.

Paul Miller



Trinity Outreach Programs

Monthly Outreach Envelopes

July – Companion Diocese of Columbia

August – Highland Education Project

September – Trinity Food Closet

October – Thanksgiving Outreach

November – Christmas Outreach



I want to express to our Trinity family my heart felt thanks for the kindness shown to us during my illness. The cards, calls, and expressions of support helped us through a very rough time.

Your kindness exceeds all expectations. John Brownfield

I would like to thank all of you for the cards and prayers during my recovery from surgery. Indeed, it is people like you that make an illness tolerable. Again, it is with sincere and heartfelt gratitude that I want to express my gratitude and appreciation.

God bless each and every one of you.

Chuck Guyer

Dear Church Family,

The reception held in Trinity Hall for those of us celebrating 50 years of “Wedded Bliss” was so much appreciated. The yellow rose corsages and boutonnieres given by Trinity were worn with pride. On May 8th 1965 I walked down the aisle with my dad, thinking, “I hope I'm doing the right thing”. I guess I did. Here we are, 50 years together. So many of you donated time, talent and “goodies” to make this event very special. Lori and Linda & Larry, you are amazing!!!! Jean, Connie, Julie, Edie, Dianna, Joan and Marjorie and Fr Larry. THANK YOU. The many cards and words of congratulations reinforced our knowledge that being a member of the Trinity family is a true blessing. Sincerely, Marion Culbertson



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

May meals served: 420, Helpers: 44

Special thanks to **Claudia Smith** for the donation of a new Cuisinart to help us with chopping! Thank you!!!



The First Saturday of the Month Breakfast will NOT be held in July since the date falls on the Fourth.

Please mark your calendars now for the breakfast on August 1.



Notes from the Senior Warden

With Father Jackson's retirement, arrangements have been made with Father Bennett and Father Hicks for continued coverage. A schedule has been prepared through the end of September, which may include some guest/exchange priest. This should allow for some variety and ensure coverage. The one exception is the July 5 service, which will be morning prayer. Otherwise, I feel confident Sunday services will continue as normal.

I do expect some changes in the day to day operations with Father Jackson's departure; however, the church will continue to function. I charge the Vestry and all committee leaders to energize their functional areas. I'm confident we can and will remain strong throughout the transition period. Should a need arise, please contact myself or Susie, in the front office. She can direct any need to the correct point of contact.

On the budget, we should remain in the black. I don't expect this to change for the remainder of the year.

Although not in time for all the rain we've had recently, the work on the roofs will begin shortly. Additionally, Dan and I have both talked with the painters and they remain on track for later this summer. The new energy efficient lighting upgrades continue for Trevor Chapel. Reminder, Dan will be asking for assistance moving pews and preparing for the scaffolding, which should be a two day project.

We exceeded our goal for the Nepal Earthquake Relief; please do the same for the Parkersburg Reading Camp. Our Church Picnic is on track for August 2 at Jackson Park. Please mark this on your calendars.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for their donations to Father Jackson's retirement purse and gift.

Michael Rauh, Senior Warden

Vestry Highlights from June:

- Church picnic is August 2 at Jackson Park.....save the date!
- We will purchase a fiberglass ladder to use for electrical activities.
- Vestry brainstormed fundraising ideas for the Music Scholars. If you have an idea, please talk to a vestry member ☺

Julie Gyongyosi, Communications



PARISH NURSE/HEALTH MINISTRY

July 2015

The Parish Nurse Ministry in **collaboration** with Clergy supports parishioners during sickness and in health. Parishioners often need increased support at the time of a loved one's death. Over the past six years I have tried to send the following letter of support to those Trinitarians who have lost a close family member. Your Parish Nurse has been trained in pastoral care and is licensed by the Bishop to be a Eucharistic Visitor.

Dear _____,

You and your family have been in our prayers since word of the loss of your (*mother, father, wife, husband, sister, brother, child and person's name*). Loss of a loved one is always difficult whether it is a sudden or expected loss. We hope the following prayer helps support you at this time of grieving.

Sheltering God, hold close NAME as he/she grieves the loss of his/her relative & name. This severing of earthly ties feels final, yet we know that the life of the spirit is eternal. We mourn the death of his/her relative & name, whose bodily life on earth has ended, but whose spirit will live on in the memories of all those who knew and loved him/her. May he/she rest in peace, for we know that for him/her, all fear and pain is over. I ask you to release his/her loved ones from regrets, and keep them close to all that was good about his/ her relative.

If sorrow overtakes NAME, surround him/her with strength. Help him/her grieve and remember. Help NAME take care of himself/ herself, and give him/ her time to recover but never to forget. Send him/her friends who will encourage him/ her and be with him/her in the hours of heavy sorrow. Help him/her lean on you for support, for you have suffered many losses in this world and are acquainted with grief. All these things I pray in the name of your beloved and eternal son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Healing Words for Healing People by Deborah L. Patterson

Keep in mind, **grieving** is an **individual process** and the way you **choose** to grieve is **OK** for **you**. If you feel "stuck" and could use some assistance with the grieving process, please consider contacting the clergy of Trinity, your health care provider and /or this parish nurse for guidance or referral. Please ,also, keep in mind, many at Trinity continue to keep you in their prayers.

Thoughts and Prayers,
Marion
Parish Nurse Ministry

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Graduate Sunday

Father Larry presented gifts to two of Trinity's graduates on Graduate Sunday: Sean Curry and Nick Curry. Sean and Nick also participated in the service by being Layreaders, reading the Lessons and Psalm.