

The Trinity Times

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JUNE 2015

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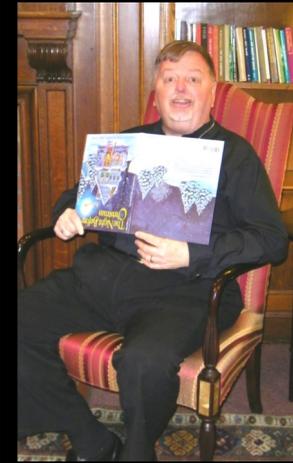
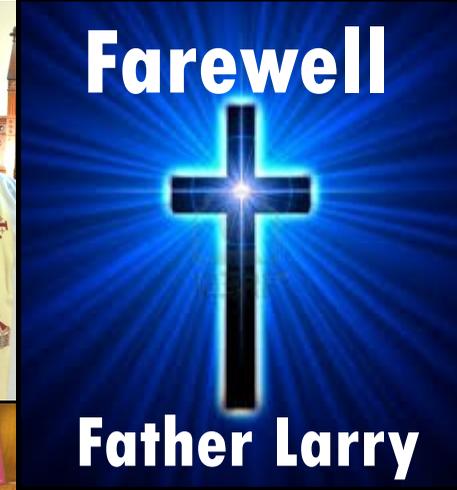
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Padre's Ponderings



The **Padre's Ponderings** is coming to an end, and unless it is embraced by the new Rector, it will fade away as being a part of the history of this great place called Trinity Church-Parkersburg. In the 172 years of existence, Rectors have come and gone, Interim clergy have come and gone and yet the Holy Spirit continues to lead the faithful forward to provide the love of Christ to all who enter its doors or exist in the surrounding community.

Worship of the Divine continues on a weekly basis whether there is clergy present or not. Ministry for the people within the pews and the ones outside the doors continues and does not wither on the vine. God has called this place into being and sustains it to be a light for all to see or experience.

In a few weeks, another page of history will be turned and a new page will be presented to be filled with the continued presence of the living God. For the last 10-1/2 years I have been privileged to coordinate that history that has been recorded, always praying that the congregation will continue to fill the pages for years to come with their new leadership.

My ponderings this month are about what I have been privileged to experience as I have pastorally cared for Trinity and its people. Forgive me for sounding boastful but what is written here is a witness of the work of the Holy Spirit at Trinity.



We have moved to a "Hands on Approach" when it comes to Outreach. To add to the existing Food Closet and Annual Book Sale, we saw the creation of the Monday Feeding program, the involvement with Old Man Rivers in the distribution of food to the homeless, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, and the Snack Sack ministry to McKinley School. We have adopted the Monthly Outreach Project envelopes earmarking funds collected for local, diocesan and world outreach activities. We formed a Relay For Life Team to show the community our support to fight Cancer.



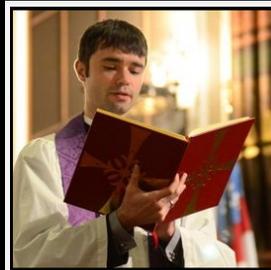
When it came to Education, we provided Sunday School and a Youth Group for the children of Trinity as well as sponsoring several years of Vacation Bible School held both in the summer and at Thanksgiving break time. We had quarterly youth day events that included education as well as recreation and always included an arm of Outreach beyond ourselves. And to include them in worship we trained them as acolytes and lectors. For several years we had a viable Adult Education class and continue to have a vibrant, healthy weekly Bible Study



In the Music Department we experienced the change of organists/ choir Directors to arriving at the place financially where we have a Choir Director and an Organist. We saw the development of the Music Scholars program and the presentation of some Choral Evensongs and special music presentations.



Within the congregation we have developed a Knitting Ministry for the creation of prayer shawls for the ill and infant items for newborns at the local hospital. For our education and fellowship, the annual Seder Meal was a prominent part of Holy Week and the women of Trinity had an opportunity to fellowship at the Advent Tea.



And we cannot forget the awesome experience we had with The Rev. Josh Saxe as our Curate. For the congregation, this was a huge step in faith as well as financially; yet it was what the Holy Spirit decided for us to do and experience. We were able to mentor him into his priesthood and experience the gift of seeing him grow and to be called as the Rector of St. James'-Lewisburg.



I am so thankful for that call in early July 2004 from Senior Warden Terry Cauthorn with the words:

"We are calling you to be the Rector of Trinity Church-Parkersburg."

I am thankful that the Holy Spirit nudged me to say "Yes."

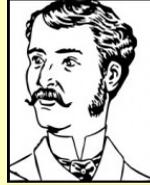
But now it is time to step back and see what God has for me in the days ahead. One thing I know is that I shall pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Church-Parkersburg daily and thank God for the privilege of being here, your priest and friend..

In Christ's Spirit,

Fr. Larry+



Have you ever wondered what goes on at the Men of Trinity meetings?



An insider's report from Paul Miller:

- Rev. Brownfield opened the meeting with a devotion. Brownfield also discussed a motto of sorts--"Service-Brotherhood"--and earlier men's groups (that are now defunct and were not nearly as energetic and exciting).
- Larry Nutter presented a rota for the summer lawn mowing followed by lots of excuses from the group. The rota has been developed and sent to those wonderful Christian men--saints really--who agreed to serve in this capacity.
- Also, May 9 was chosen as an 'outside' work day, even though Mother's day is the next day, so if your life has been h__l recently, here's your opportunity to at least make it to purgatory.
- Leadership of the group was discussed (again) and after a moment of embarrassed looks around the room, it looks like we're stuck with Brownfield--for a few months at least, to get things started.
- Jim Full discussed the opportunity of mowing vacant lots owned by Habitat which was followed by even more excuses from the group. It was decided that more information was needed, followed by a collective sigh of relief from the men.
- Larry Jackson wandered through a few times to escape the Daughters of the King meeting.
- Discussion centered around the need for a youth director (and it looks like our prayers have been answered!).
- Bernard Bookman agreed to organize some kind of fun outing to be revealed in the future.
- Paul Miller added witty but profoundly wise comments throughout the proceedings.
- Following the meeting, the men gorged themselves on refreshments that were supposed to be for the Daughters of the King women, but there was so much there, they never noticed.

All of this in one hour!

*Women of Trinity
You are cordially invited to attend
The Summer Luncheon
Of the Trinity Episcopal Church Women
Saturday, June 13, 2015*

*At
The Blennerhassett Hotel*

11:00 a.m.

Social time at 11:00 with Luncheon at 11:30

*We will be joined by
a Trinity Gentleman of the past!!*

*All women of the church are invited to attend.
Do come!! You are important!! You are wanted!!*

*Your \$12 check to Paula Sellers by June 9
is your reservation.*

JUNE 2015

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00am - Feeding Program	2 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	3 7:30/12:10p-Eucharist 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	4 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Knitters, Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	5	6 8:30am-1st Saturday breakfast @ Churn, Belpre 8:00pm-AA
7 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School Graduate Sunday	8 11:00am - Feeding Program	9 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	10 7:30/12:10p-Eucharist 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	11 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	12 6:30pm-Supper Club @ Colombo's hosted by L & D Prather	13 11:00-ECW Luncheon-Blennerhassett Hotel 8:00pm-AA
14 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School Pentecost 3	15 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 7:00pm-Vestry	16 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	17 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	18 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	19	20 "Times" deadline Baptism 8:00pm-AA
21 Pentecost 4 ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:30AM-Holy Eucharist, Baptism Father Larry's last Sunday Discretionary Sunday, Father's Day	22 11:00am - Feeding Program	23 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	24 10:00am-Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet	25 10:00am-Bible Study, Book marking 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Zumba (T. Hall)	26	27 8:00pm-AA
28 8:00 am—Eucharist 10:15-Sunday School BirthDay Sunday	29 11:00am - Feeding Program	30 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast				

←————— **Fr. Larry away on retreat** —————→

BIRTHDAYS

1. Terry Shaw
2. Rae Oliphant
3. Julie Gyongyosi

4. Mike Matheny
6. John Bailey
9. Judson Currey
12. James Batten

13. Becky Roberts
16. Reed Belasco
Brent Francis
18. Herbert Palmer

20. Alexis Ullmann-Wright
21. Bev Reger
23. Betsy Curry
Elaine Dauphin

Harriett DeHoff
26. Abby Stanley
29. Henry Oliphant
30. Earl Westbrook

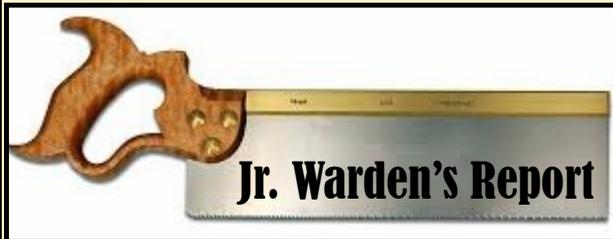
ANNIVERSARIES

3. Linda & Rod Ingraham
5. Monique & Michael Cameron
6. Kim & Blair Couch

Katie & Jason Perrine
9. Terry & Joe Handlan
12. Judy & Steve Stanley
16. Lindsey & Dan Monek
17. Lynne & Randy Francis

18. Diane & Michael Hensley
Kelli & Paul Marteney
Cathy & Bill Mildren
19. George & Harriett DeHoff
24. Barbara & Jim Full

25. Edith & Bob Newman
26. Jean & Fr. Larry Jackson
Paula & Roger Sellers



Jr. Warden's Report

It won't be long until work commences on the roofing project. According to the contractor, the shingle roof will be removed and replaced first, followed by replacement of the flat roof.

Speaking of leaky roofs, approximately two weeks ago, the fire inspector was doing a tour through the buildings and discovered leaks on the third floor of the office building. The roofing on the dormers on the south and east sides of the building had some rather large holes which allowed water to soak through the plaster, creating quite a mess. I was out of town and after calling Larry Tucker, he went up to the third floor to check the damage. Water was still leaking through the roofing during the time he was there and he was able to create a trough to catch the remaining drips. Fortunately, our roofing contractor came the next day and placed a temporary patch on the dormer roofs. Our contractor notified me recently that he had ordered a special material to permanently repair the problem areas when work begins on the other roofing.

As you may know or not know, we have entered into a contract to have the nave of the church painted. Plaster will be repaired and all of the areas will be skim coated with a material which will make the walls smooth again. The work is expected to commence in the latter part of August or early September and will require approximately three weeks to complete. It has been several years since the interior received a face lift.

On another matter, Bernard Bookman has checked out the wiring to the lighting in Trevor Chapel. It has been more than ten years since that area has been lit during services and just as long since the rose window and the stained glass panels have been lit at night. In his investigation, he found that all of the bulbs were burned out! Along with that, a few sockets were inoperable. The good news is that the two circuits operating those lights are still in working order. A new timer has been installed and a few lights have been replaced until permanent changes are made. We are going to install a new type of energy efficient fixture which will light up those areas for a fraction of the cost using just four lighting fixtures instead of twelve flood lights. Bernard has highly recommended these new fixtures because these lights, which are extremely bright, will allow us to once again light the chapel area during services and show off our beautiful stained glass at night. Last, but certainly not least, St. Anne's Guild has graciously committed \$1500 toward completing upgrades in the kitchen. Many thanks to Terry Cauthorn and Guild members for their generosity.

Dan Thomas
Jr. Warden

Trinity Outreach Programs

Monthly Outreach Envelopes

- June – Parkersburg Reading Camp
- July – Companion Diocese of Columbia
- August – Highland Education Project
- September – Trinity Food Closet
- October – Thanksgiving Outreach
- November – Christmas Outreach



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

Thank you to:

- Joan & Dennis Ramsay for setting up the tables every Sunday in preparation for the Monday meals
- Barbara & Charlie Allman for buying the placemats
- John Brownfield for the purchase of the smart stick
- To the 54 helpers for the month of April!

Connie Warren



Supper Club

This month's social event for adults will be held at Colombo's Restaurant on 7th Street on

June 12 @ 6:30. You will have the opportunity to place your order from the menu.

If you haven't participated in the Supper Club, please give it a try. These events offer an excellent opportunity to chat with old friends and meet new ones. Dress is casual and conversation is great.

If you would like to attend, please speak with hosts Lynn and Denny Prather or call the office so the restaurant will know how many to expect.

We hope to see you there!

Trinity by the numbers April

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00~10:30

Apr. 5: 27~150 (total 177)

Apr. 12: 18~90 (total 108)

Apr. 19: 21~70 (total 91)

Apr. 26: 18~70 (total 88)

Average April 2015-116

Average April 2014—134

Monday Feeding Program: 428 meals

Rector's Discretionary Fund:

Assistance with: Pharmacy—4, Utilities—1 Misc.—1, Church advertising—1, Donation to Peterkin

Crisis Intervention Assistance with: 7 electric bills, 3 gas bills, 3 water bills (all \$30 ea.)

Food closet: 8 families, for a total of 9 people

Notes from the Senior Warden

Father Jackson's retirement continues to be a point of focus. I'm sending a letter out to clarify and ask for support. By the time of this letter, I will have met with Fr. Jackson to start drafting our post retirement service coverage plans.



- On a positive note: The budget... we're in the black.
- We should begin to see the work on the roofs in the next 30 days.
- Painting is projected to start in September.
- Lights in Trevor Chapel are now working. New energy efficient lighting fixtures will be installed. This should provide better lighting at a lower cost.
- Dan will be asking for assistance moving pews and preparing for the scaffolding. This should be a two day project.
- Thank you to the St. Anne's Guild for the \$1500 donation to make repairs / updates to the kitchen.
- And, I'd like to recognize the Men's Group for their work day.
- Thanks, to the Relay for Life Team, for a job well done.
- Wi-Fi is working and came in under budget.
- Two weeks left in the Snack Sack Project; thanks to all the supporters.
- Outreach will be supporting the ARC camp with two breakfast meals.
- I encourage your support of the Nepal Earthquake Relief; we're just short of our \$1000 goal. We've got two Sundays left to make this goal.
- Two special 9:30 services and receptions are up-coming: May 31 and June 21. Please mark your calendars.

Michael Rauh, Senior Warden, May 18, 2015



LOSS and the GRIEVING PROCESS

Loss and **grief** are part of the **process of living** for all of us. It is sometimes felt by the **very young** as well as those of us in our **golden years**. We at Trinity have experienced losses this year and will face more losses and we all will grieve those losses in different ways.

These losses could be any one of the following: death of our priest, husband, father or other family member or friend; death of one of our patients; death of our horse, dog, cat or other pet; loss of a dear life-long friend who has moved away from the area; loss of a job; loss of one's previous physical or mental ability due to disease or the aging process; loss of a spouse due to divorce; temporary loss of our child who has gone off to college and so many other losses in our lives.

Trinity will soon be experiencing the loss of our rector of ten years, Father Larry and his wife Jean. They have been **integral parts** of our church family. Father Larry's retirement is a positive situation for he and Jean, a time to rest from schedules and time to visit more with family and friends. I imagine this is also a loss for them.

So how do we all **grieve** these losses? I have always followed The Nursing Theorist, Sister Callista Roy in my practice, especially with loss. Roy's Theory of Adaptation concerns **adaptive** and **maladaptive behaviors**. Life is a continual **ADAPTATION** to different life situations. **Adaptive** behaviors for the grieving process might be prayer, discussion, journaling and for a while maybe crying, anger, seclusion, sleeplessness, loss of appetite and so on. Some **maladaptive** behaviors might be use of alcohol, sleep deprivation, significant weight loss, incessant crying, uncontrollable anger.

We all have **feelings** during these times. Feelings are neither good nor bad. It is **healthy** or **adaptive** to realize these feelings. Sometimes we are angry with a person who has left us or even feel anger at God. God knows our feelings and remains with us supporting us through these difficult times. So be angry, cry, journal, discuss or do whatever is adaptive behavior for grieving **that works for you**.

If you get **STUCK** in the grieving process and find yourself using maladaptive/unhealthy behaviors please consider reaching out to a clergy member at Trinity, your healthcare provider or your parish nurse.

Loss and **grief** are part of the process of living. We all experience loss and grief, and hopefully we will all come out healthy in these processes.

Marion Culbertson RN, MSN, LEV
Parish Nurse



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A special day for Trinity's newest DOK member:



Olivia Parsons,
with daughter, Ellie Rose,
born May 10

Today I got what is possibly the best Mother's Day gift ever. I started my morning very stressed, without sight of the true meaning of this holiday, and I found myself just going through the motions. But God had other plans for me. Today I transitioned from a Junior Daughter of the King to a Senior Daughter of the King. I am the first woman in the diocese to make this transition. When I received my cross and became a member of the Saint Monica chapter, I felt as if a weight had been lifted from my life. He put a new light in my heart and a new bundle of joy in my arms. I am so thankful to have such a supportive family and church family. I would not have been able to get through today without the love from everybody and God to help guide me. I am so grateful to be able to call myself a Daughter of the King 

