

The Trinity Times

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The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church is to seek and share the love of God made known through Jesus Christ with all people through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

JAN 2016

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2016

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A Word From Your Priest



By the time you receive this I should be your full time Priest in Charge. I am very grateful that you have accepted me in this calling. I look forward to working with all of you in one way or the other to further God's work here at Trinity. I believe God has great things planned for Trinity and I am asking you to come and be a part of it!

As a reminder we spoke about the expectations that the Bishop has for a Priest. They are as follows:

Love your congregation and
allow them to love you.

Visit the sick and homebound.

Preach the Gospel.

Lead a worship service that brings
us all closer to heaven.

I am committed to living in to these standards. But as I also indicated to you, these same guidelines can apply to a congregation as well. So these are going to be the pillars that drive our activities here at Trinity.

I would like to add a fifth and that is

Outreach to our community.

I firmly believe it is important that we take the Church outside of these walls and share God's love and Gospel message with others. So when questions, concerns, or opportunities arise, we are going to ask ourselves how it will further one of our 5 pillars.

So in the coming weeks, as I work with the Vestry, you will hear more about projects and initiatives that are designed to further God's work here at Trinity. And I welcome your feedback and involvement where you feel you are being led to participate. This is our Church and our mission. Things will take time and we will need to be patient. But we will begin and move forward as the Holy Spirit leads us.

In closing, remember the quote from the Presiding Bishop:

*"God is not finished with this Church.
God has work for us to do.
Jesus has shown us the way,
and we are the Jesus Movement!"*

Father Paul

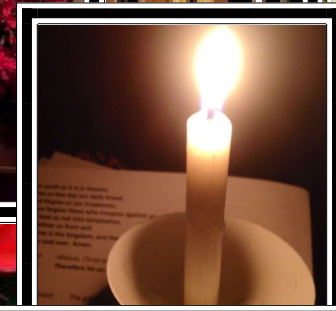
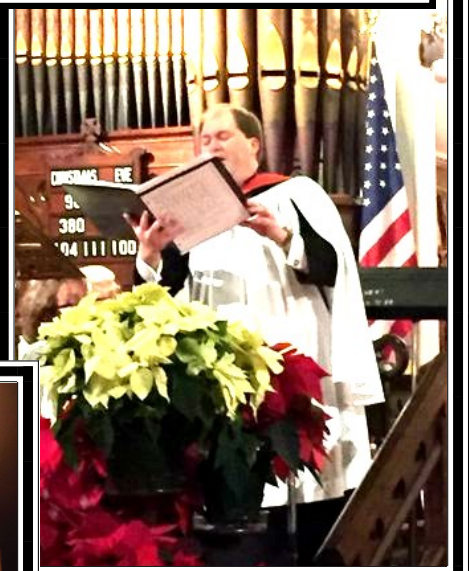
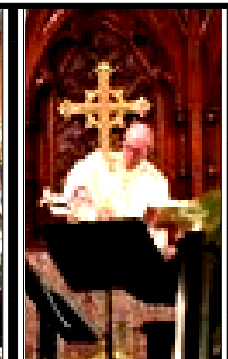
The Greening of the Church December 20



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE



CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS



JANUARY 2016

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Office closed</i>	2
3 Christmas 2 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh., Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist	4 11:00am - Feeding Program <i>Office closed</i>	5 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	6 11:00am-Food Closet	7 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet, Knitters	8	9 8:00pm-AA
10 Epiphany 1 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh., Adult Ed. Services in Trinity Hall 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist 11:45-Annual Meeting	11 11:00am - Feeding Program	12 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	13 11:00am-Food Closet	14 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	15 6:30pm—Supper Club@ home of Tom & Julie Gyongyosi	16 11:30am-ECW Luncheon @ Country Club 8:00pm-AA
17 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh., Adult Ed. <i>Discretionary Sunday</i>	18 <i>Office closed</i> 11:00am - Feeding Program	19 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	20 11:00am-Food Closet <i>"Times" deadline</i>	21 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	22	23 8:00pm-AA
24 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15-Choir Reh., Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist	25 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 6:30pm-Vestry	26 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast	27 11:00am-Food Closet	28 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	29	30 8:00pm-AA
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BIRTHDAYS

2. Gloria Thacker
3. Charlotte Bee

7. Mickenzie Westfall
14. David Westfall
16. Katie Stanley

18. Dr. John N. Ralsten
21. Peter Quackenbush
25. Steve Reger

27. Barbara Bailey
31. Monique Cameron

ANNIVERSARIES

1. Robin & Sheldon Hinkley
22. Susan & Butch Shock

24. Linda & Bob Brantner



Joy and I would like to offer our heart felt thanks to all our Trinity family for all their support this year. You have wrapped your arms around us and sheltered us with your love. We pray you will have a very merry Christmas and many blessings in the coming years. God is so good.

John Brownfield



New Parish Directory

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Did you cancel your land line this year?
Has your address changed?
Do you now want us to list your cell number(s)?
The office personnel are planning to print a 2016 edition of our Parish Directory and we're asking **please** check those things now, rather than after the directory is printed.



Supper Club

This month's social event for adults will be held Friday, January 15 at 6:30pm at the home of Tom and Julie Gyongyosi. Please call ahead and let the hosts know what you'll be bringing and then just enjoy the evening with your Trinity friends.



The Flower Chart for 2016 has been posted on the bulletin board in Trinity Hall. The two vases of altar flowers cost \$50 total, which can be shared with another person, if desired. Please fill out the form and indicate whether you are giving the flowers in memorial or thanksgiving. Thank you for making our service more beautiful!

Welcome the newly baptized



**Elizabeth
Grace
Monek**
*Baptized Sunday,
December 27*

Daughter of Lindsey and Dan Monek (and sister of William)

In consultation with Father Art, as of January 1, 2016 we will no longer list him as a staff member here at Trinity. I wanted to let you all know that this is being done out of respect for his retirement. Father Art has been a wonderful resource during our time of transition. Further, we hope to continue to ask him to serve from time to time when I am away if his schedule allows. But for now we wish him and Linda the best as they enjoy their well-deserved retirement. And we will simply look forward to them worshipping here with us.

Fr. Paul

Trinity by the numbers November

Sunday worship attendance:
8:00~10:30

Nov. 1: 24~53 (total 77)

Nov. 8: 25~62~ (total 87)

Nov. 15: 12~79 (total 91)

Nov. 22: 18~90 (total 108)

Nov. 29: 20~75 (total 95)

Average Nov. 2015—92

Average Nov. 2014—92

Food closet: 18 adults, 2 children 5

Thanksgiving families

Crisis Intervention Assistance with :
6 electric bills, 3 gas bills , 4 water bills
(all \$30 ea.)

Special Offerings: Christmas fami-
lies-\$2921; Monday Feeding-\$380;
Music Scholars-\$1160; Food Closet
-\$190; United Thank Offering-\$232



ECW Winter Luncheon
Saturday, January 16
The Parkersburg Country Club
Social Time at 11:30 with Luncheon at Noon

All Women of the Church are Invited

*Learn about Burkina,
 a School in Africa that Happened
 Because of a Christmas Shoebox
 A Wonderful and Inspiring Story*

*Your check for \$12 to Paula Sellers
 is your reservation*



Thank you to Trinity for hosting our Smoot Youth Vocal Ensembles Christmas Concert December 12. We especially appreciate that you were able and willing to clear out the painters' scaffolding and supplies to make room for our audience.

A major thank you to Dan and Marjorie Thomas who cleaned and dusted the entire sanctuary so it would be ready for the concert.

*Barbara Full &
 Felice Jorgeson*



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

For November 2015, it was a five week month for our Monday Feeding Program and we served 673 people with an average of 9 helpers a week. Monday of Thanksgiving week, Olivia and Carty Ramsay and their friends came in and helped serve that day to our biggest crowd—173 people! The young people were a tremendous help! The children from Sunday School decorated the place mats and Linda Tucker gave us her turkey napkins, so everything looked very festive. Thank you one and all! A big thank you to Charlie and Barbara Allman for supplying us with the place mats each time we are in need.

- Liz, your rolls were lovely (she cooked 150 for us for Thanksgiving dinner)
- Jean and Father Larry, your brownies are a big hit—thank you!
- Pam, sincere thanks from Jim and me for helping us cook each week, getting the meals ready for Mondays. We will miss you!
- Vint and Betty Rathbone, we really appreciate all the support you give to the soup kitchen. Thank you both!

Connie Warren, Chairman



The painting continued through December with scaffolding erected during the Trevor Chapel phase of the project. The next phase involves the altar area and will make it necessary for us to **relocate our Sunday morning services to Trinity Hall on January 10.**



Notes from the Senior Warden

In just a few weeks (10 January 2016), we'll be holding our Annual Meeting in Trinity Hall. For the Annual Meeting, there will be services at 8:00 and 10:30. The meeting will begin shortly after the completion of the 10:30 service. Both services will be held in Trinity Hall, to allow the painters time to finish painting the church.

It's hard to believe it's been a year, and we've accomplished so much. I'd like to thank everyone who has made those accomplishments possible. Additionally, I want to give a special shout out to Dan Thomas, our Junior Warden, for his energy tackling numerous projects throughout 2015.

As 2015 closes out, I'm more excited about 2016. The budget presented is a balanced budget, with no deficit funding. And after much discussion, the 2016 Budget was approved by the Vestry. I'd like to thank the Budget Committee and Paul Miller for all their efforts.

But, more than a balanced budget... It's time to get back to the **business of our church**. Christian Education, In-Reach / Out-Reach and the mission of the church. I'm confident with Father Paul's energy, the support of the Vestry, and the work of all of us, we're in a great position. I challenge each of us to find a ministry, committee, or project and jump in.

I'd like to give an additional Thank-you to Father Art & Father Gene for their service during this time of transition.

See you at the Annual Meeting.

Michael Rauh
Senior Warden



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

By Marion Culbertson

“**SMILE AWHILE**” is a group of volunteers who present shows to nursing home residents every Monday between 2-3pm in Broward County in South Florida. Your parish nurse is a member of the “**SMILE AWHILE**” team.AND so, what does this have to do with parishioners of Trinity in Parkersburg, WV? Smiling is healthy for the person giving and receiving a smile. Smiling can give a boost to our emotional health.

We sing, “*When you're smiling, when you're smiling the whole world smiles with you.*”

The faces of residents in the audience of the nursing homes, sometimes are sad. They doze off and some are very curious about what will take place. They see strangers in black sparkling outfits march before them. But, as these elderly folk listen to the music, watch the tap dancers and look at the funny outfits of some of the entertainers, they smile. Their smiles and happy faces are priceless.

I invite all Trinitarians: youth, teens, adults and we elderly to smile more this week. You will be **blessed** by the results of smiling. As Mother Teresa, who soon will be canonized a saint, stated,

*“Every time you smile at someone, it is an **action of love**, a **gift to that person**, a **beautiful thing**”.*

*On a personal note, I send a big **smile** especially to Reed, Mary & Dick, John & Joy, George & Harriet, Carma, Fr Larry, Bob, Julie, Lynette, Ellsmore, Herbert & Sue, Dianna & Joe, John, Zane, Lynne, Allan, Bob & Linda and Susie.*

This is a picture from our Smile Awhile show. From the musical SOUTH PACIFIC our one & only Honey Bun! I hope she makes you all smile.

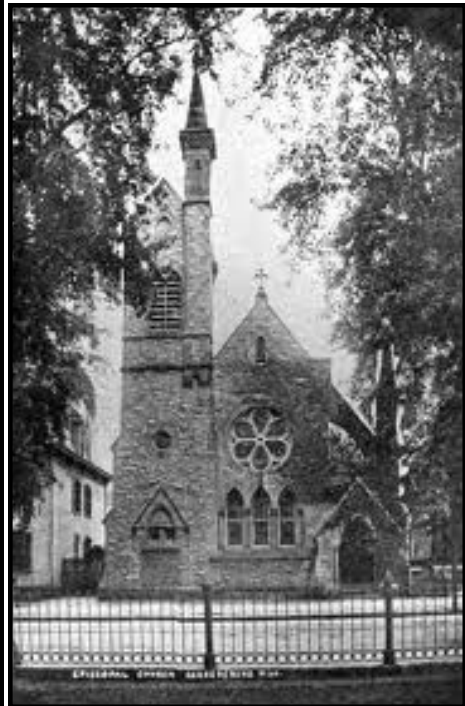


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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JAN. 10

Come and be a part of Trinity's future while honoring our past. Vote to elect new Vestry members, hear reports of 2015, discuss our 2016 budget, bring any thoughts, questions, comments, concerns and praise to this important yearly assembly. All parishioners are invited, so come to Trinity Hall for coffee hour after the 10:30 service and stay to support and be involved in the policies and procedures of our church.