

The Trinity Times

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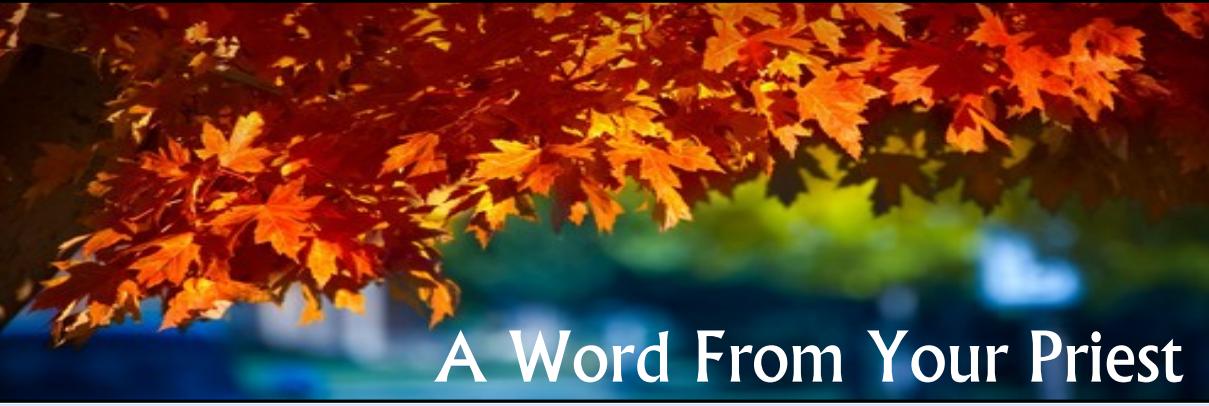
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A Word From Your Priest

Fall is in the air and here are some things I want you to know about which are going on here at Trinity.

Remember, as of October 2, 2016, Sunday School has moved back to 9:15 a.m. This is something I have thought and prayed about for a long time and is being done in consultation with our DRE and the Vestry. I am convinced that it the best thing for our youth and our church. I hope all of the families can support this change. Of course, there is also Adult Education going on at the same time, so I hope parents will join us. Also, if there is a desire to have a “coffee talk” time during Sunday School, I would be willing to consider that as well. We could purchase a Keurig or Cappuccino machine and offer a coffee shop setting during the Sunday School time. I would love to have a Barista volunteer to run this shop. Please let me know if you have an interest in this.

I am pleased to report that our Family Movie night has been growing. Rob Parrish and Tiffany Deem have volunteered to take over this event, and just in time! We had over 60 people in September. About a third to half of the attendees was from Trinity, about a third from our Monday Feeding Program friends and the rest were other guests. We blew through the pizzas and had more delivered. We even ran out of popcorn! But these are good problems to have. I have to tell you the new TV and sound system were critical to the success of the event. Just ask Dianna Quick. She sat as far back as anyone could and she could see and hear the movie. If you haven't been to a movie yet, you had better come see what you are missing! We are even thinking about having a double feature in December. It will be a classic version of *A Christmas Carol* in Trinity Hall and a kid's version in the Conference room. Watch for more news to come.

I want to introduce to you our new Stewardship Co-Chairs for this year. They are Scott Ramsay and Rob Parrish. They will be helping lead Trinity through the Stewardship process which, of course, also drives the budget process for the next year. The pledges are what allow us to budget for the expenses and programs of the Church. I am sure they will have a lot to tell you about in the coming weeks.

Supper Club — The Friday, September 16, 2016, Supper Club was held in Trinity Hall and Denise, the chef from Highmark, demonstrated making an Alfredo sauce and then proceeded to make each person a made-to-order pasta dish. A good time was had by all. There were a lot of positive comments about having Supper Club in Trinity Hall and since we are having trouble getting people signed up for the traditional Supper Club, we have decided that for the months that no one signs up to host Supper Club in their home, we will have a covered dish Supper Club in Trinity Hall. We also want to encourage families to attend these covered dish dinners and if you let Tiffany or me know in advance, we can work on entertainment for the kids. Please share with me your ideas or comments about our Supper Club.

The Book Sale is going to have some additional activity this year designed to bring more attention to our Church. Ideas such as:

- A booklet handed out during the sale that provides information about the sale and our church
- Allan is going to play music in the Church for about an hour during the afternoons
- We are going to offer guided tours of the church
- We are going to offer an Evening Prayer service and possibly a noon day prayer in Trinity Hall.

We will need some volunteer help. Please watch for more information in this regard, but it is all very exciting!

Before I sign off, I just want to offer a sincere and humble thank you to all of you who contributed to our Organ Repair Fund drive. I also want to thank our organist, Allan Zipf who took the week off from his job to be here the whole time to facilitate the work. They began at 9:00 am on Monday, September 12, 2016 (working almost 12 hours that first day) and finished a day early. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise the entire amount necessary and a little extra. The extra will be deposited into the Organ Maintenance Fund which is used for the routine annual maintenance needed for the organ. I personally, and on behalf of the whole church, thank you all for being a part of the worship here at Trinity.

We have a lot of exciting things happening. Please, come and be a part of what God is doing here at Trinity, and as always, bring a friend.

God bless you one and all,
Father Paul



Trinity's New Conducting Team

Following the departure of former Choirmaster Dr. Dan Monek, the temporary solution to fill the position involves four conductors sharing the responsibilities. Each conductor will be in charge of a 3 to 4 week block of time, selecting anthems, conducting rehearsals, and leading the choir at the 10:30 service. All are current or former members of Trinity with many years of choral experience.



Barbara Full is a member of Trinity's Vestry and Choir and is editor of *The Trinity Times*. She retired in 2010 from Neale School in Vienna, where she taught for 36 years, conducting the choirs and directing countless theatrical productions. She directs The Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus and is active at The Actors Guild of Parkersburg.



Cathy Martin is a cradle Episcopalian, having grown up at Trinity. She had many years of conducting experience in the Charleston area before returning to Wood County, teaching at Blennerhassett Jr. High before transferring to Parkersburg High School, directing the A Cappella Choir from 1997 through 2004. She formerly was choir director/organist at Good Shepherd Episcopal and is now directing The Smoot Theatre Girls Ensemble.



Dr. Raymond Lowther currently lives in Charleston WV, where he is Arts Coordinator for the WV Dept. of Education. He is active at St. John's Episcopal Church where he is a Vestry member, Layreader, and is co-conductor of the Handbell Choir. Formerly from Belpre OH, Raymond was very active in the local music scene, including directing the Parkersburg Choral Society. He was Trinity's Choirmaster in 1979 and 1989-1991.



Dan Thomas is well known at Trinity as a Vestry member, Layreader and as our current Junior Warden, taking on countless projects, helping to maintain and improve our buildings. In his previous life he was a respected music educator, teaching vocal music at Parkersburg South High School for 28 years, was the founder of the PSHS Madrigals, and was previously Trinity's Choirmaster.



We are excited to begin having Sunday School October 2nd, from 9:15 to 10:15. All children will then attend church with their families. A nursery is available for ages 5 and under after the children's minute at the beginning of the service.

The younger class will be primarily made up of elementary aged children, but ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome. This class will focus on learning about the gospel and applying it to everyday life. Rob Parrish and Tiffany Deem will lead this group and will meet upstairs, next door to where the original Sunday School was held.

The older class will be made up of 6th through 12th grade. Liz Ramsay will lead this group and they will meet upstairs in the original Sunday School classroom. Students will be engaged in an active "hands-on" curriculum and also explore foundational questions of faith.

The Adult Ed class will continue meeting in the conference room.

OCTOBER 2016

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00am-1st Sat. breakfast @ Redwood, Belpre; 11:00am-book sorting 8:00pm-AA
2 Pentecost 20 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15—Adult Ed., Sunday School, Choir Reh.	3 10:30-Eucharist 12:00pm—Blessing of the Animals 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet 1:30pm-calendar mtg. Conf. rm	4 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	5 10:00am-book sorting 11:00am-ECW, Food Closet 12:15-Holy Euch. & Healing 5:00pm-book sorting 7:30pm-Choir rehearsal	6 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Knitters, Food Closet.	7	8 2:00pm-LaVerne Marshall Memorial Service, reception @Blennerhassett Hotel 8:00pm-AA
9 Pentecost 21 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15—Adult Ed., Sunday School, Choir Reh. CPC Sunday (Church Periodical Club)	10 10:30-Eucharist 1:30pm-Confirmation Class 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet Office closed—Columbus Day	11 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 5:00pm-book sorting	12 10:00am-book sorting 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10-Holy Euch.& Healing 5:30pm-Actors Guild-conf. rm.	13 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	14 4:00pm-wedding rehearsal	15 9:00am— book sorting 3:00pm—Wedding 8:00pm-AA
16 Pentecost 22 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15—Adult Ed., Sunday School, Choir Reh. Discretionary Sunday, UTO Ingathering	17 10:30-Eucharist 1:30pm—Confirmation Class 5:45pm-Movie Night 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet 6:00pm-Finance 6:30pm-Vestry	18 8:00am-Men of Trin. Breakfast 5:00pm-book sorting	19 10:00am-book sorting 11:00am-Food Closet 12:10-Holy Euch.& Healing 5:00pm-book sorting	20 "Times" deadline 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	21 6:30pm—Supper Club @Austyn's, hosted by Edith & Bob Newman	22 8:00pm-AA
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30 Pentecost 24 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:15—Adult Ed., Sunday School, Choir Reh.	31 10:30-Eucharist 1:30pm-Confirmation Class 11:00am - Feeding Program, Clothes Closet	← Begin book sale set-up →				

BIRTHDAYS

3. Rod Ingraham
4. Sue Palmer
6. Olivia Parsons

7. Michael Cameron
Abbey Justice
Michael Shaw
11. Cathy Mildren

13. Carma Guertin
16. George DeHoff
Amelia Hess
Betsy Murray

Nicholas Wright
17. B.J. Hess
Paul Miller
18. Dennis Ramsay

22. Nick Gyongyosi
Ellsmore Northrup
25. Becky Alkire
Joe Shaw

26. John B. Ralsten
29. Bella Marteney
31. Hannah Adkins
Marjorie Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

7. Beverly & Steve Reger
9. Joy & John Brownfield
17. Terry & Joe Shaw

28. Pat & Earl Westbrook

End of Summer Pool Party

Aug. 28, Parkersburg Country Club



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Confirmation Class and Inquirer's Class

Classes will begin Sunday, October 9 at 1:30, 90 minute classes for 6 weeks.

1. Oct. 9—Intro & Bible History 101
 2. Oct. 16—History of the Episcopal Church
 3. Oct. 23—Polity & Structure of the Episcopal Church
 4. Oct. 30—Catechism from the BCP
 5. Nov. 6—BCP and services
 6. Nov. 13—Wrap-up
- (Confirmation Service will be Nov. 20)

Episcopal Church Women Fall Meeting

Wednesday, October 5 at 11:00, Trinity Hall

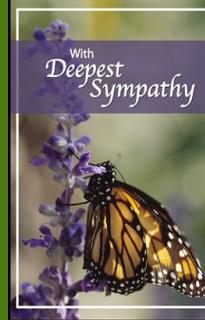
Bring a sack lunch. Desserts and drinks will be provided. The group will enjoy lunch together and then attend the noon services at the church. We will then have a sticker party (come see what that is all about!!).



MONDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

Soup Kitchen report for August 2016: 659 Meals Served, 61 volunteer Helpers; 131 avg meals per week, 12 avg helpers per week, \$1.35 avg cost per plate

"Hope everyone is enjoying the new kitchen floor. Our sincere thanks to Rob Parrish and his men for a wonderful job on the floor. Thank you Dan Thomas for all you have done and are doing for our lovely church. If any of you have any suggestions for the kitchen, please let us know, as no one is in complete charge of the kitchen and we want everyone who used it to be happy with the lay out. We would like to thank Pam, Lynn, Joan Dennis, Chuck, Jim, Connie and Stephanie Yates for all the hard work of putting the Kitchen back together after the floor was done. Lynn, it is great having you volunteer with us." Chuck Guyer



With
Deepest
Sympathy

The Parish Family of Trinity Church extends its deepest sympathy and prayers to:

- ~ Bob Brantner, daughters Amber and Shannon and their families, in the recent death of longtime parishioner Linda Brantner, who died September 3 in Maryville, Tenn.
- ~ Lisa Harper and John Marshall on the death of their mother, longtime Trinitarian LaVerne Marshall, Sept. 5 in Georgia, whose memorial service is planned Oct. 8 at 2:00pm at Trinity.
- ~ Bill and Barbara Bailey and family on the death of Bill's brother Jack Bailey who died Aug. 12 in North Carolina.
- ~ Rest eternal grant to Linda, LaVerne, and Jack, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



From Marion Culbertson (on Sept. 13):

Charlie is still very weak after several complications postoperatively, which included a stroke, diminishing his vision. I am healing very well after my total hip replacement surgery. To our fellow Trinitarians: Charlie and I thank you all for your many prayers, well wishes, cards, flowers dinners, chauffeur service, and th gift of communion and pastoral visits (pictured left w/Fr. Paul).



Words for contemplation from the Trinity Stewardship Team

A Stewardship Prayer

*Gracious God,
Abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. We are grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service. Help us now and always to offer freely and joyously to you, O God, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.*

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rev. Bill Hibbert St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Rapid City, South Dakota

Book Sale is Almost Here!



Our 68th Annual Used Book Sale is only weeks away and from the quantity of books already on hand, it should be another success. Everyone will be needed to be sure it runs smoothly. Parishioners will be called to volunteer their time, as we will need help with set up, clean up and manning the check-out tables. Please be generous with your time. Every cent earned goes for something good at Trinity or in the community. Needed now are bags, both paper and plastic, standard size only.

Also, we're counting on you for your yummy donations to the "Food for Thought" table. Please bring your baked goods, soup, candy, meat loaves, 'dips', cheese balls or whatever you choose as early as possible Monday morning, Nov.7. Someone will be in the

Memorial Room from 8:00 am to receive them. The fresher the better! And, we love to receive additional items on Tuesday and Wednesday, as we are typically sold out by that time, but our customers still want to buy. If this is inconvenient, please bring your donation Sunday morning, Nov. 6, between 9:00 and noon. You are requested to mark on it "Food for Thought". Please indicate a suggested price for your donation and wrap attractively. Candy and cookies are best presented in small packages.

Trinity by the numbers August

Sunday worship attendance:

8:00-10:30

Aug. 7: 11~85 (total 96)

Aug. 14: 17~58 (total 75)

Aug. 21: 20~57 (total 77)

Aug. 28: 25~50 (total 75)

Average August 2016—81

Average August 2015—86

Food closet: 20 families

Clothes Closet: 52 individuals

Crisis Intervention:

Assistance with 9 electric bills,

5 water bills (all \$30 ea.)

Aug. Outreach (Highland Educational Project) \$236



Jr. Warden's Report

It has been a couple of months since I have communicated via the "Times" so, here goes. This past month, a new floor was installed in the kitchen of Trinity Hall. Volunteers showed up to help move dishes and some cabinets. A short time later, Rob Parrish's crew came into the kitchen. I really wasn't expecting to see them because of the hectic schedule they keep, but as luck would have it, they were able to help us with this project. Because of the nature of how the tiles snaps together, we ended up taking out ALL the cabinets with exception of the sink as well as the stove and refrigerator. It wasn't long before half the floor was in place and by 3pm, the floor was complete. I am extremely grateful to Rob and his crew of men who did such a great job of putting the kitchen cabinets back in place following the installation of the floor. The second "crew" who did a fantastic job were the folks who came the next day to clean up and re-load the cabinets. Many thanks for a job well done and a special thank you to Rob for his hands-on leadership.

You may have noticed a change in the back of the church near Trevor Chapel. The baptismal font has been moved to the front of the nave on the right below the priest's lectern. A new holy water vessel has been mounted on the wall to the left of Trevor. The crosses and the candles are now mounted to right of Trevor close to the main doors.

In case I failed to mention this in the past, we now have a new air conditioner in the Sunday School Room on the second floor of the education building. This unit is also capable of producing heat as well. I am grateful to those who contributed to this effort. Speaking of air conditioning, since becoming Jr. Warden, near every HVAC unit in the church has needed attention.....I'm starting to worry!!!!!!!!!!!!!! In the last couple of weeks, the AC unit in the conference room went on the fritz closely followed by the unit in the office complex. Fortunately, both units were successfully repaired and everyone is "cool" again.

Before I close, a big thank you to those who have done such a great job keeping the lawn mowed. As always, this building complex, like all of us, is a work in progress.

Dan Thomas, Junior Warden



Vestry Highlights for September

- The Vestry is working with Bishop Klusmeyer to transition Fr. Hicks from Priest in Charge to Rector.
- Our interim Choir Directors are Barbara Full, Cathy Martin, Dan Thomas, and Raymond Lowther.

The Vestry approved budgeting funds for the purchase of choral music.

- Donations for cleaning the organ exceeded the goal! The Vestry approved adding the overage to the organ maintenance fund.
- Ideas for renovation projects for Trinity Hall were discussed. A committee will be formed for planning the work, and will report to the Vestry.

Carol Payne, Registrar

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 2, 12:00pm

Plans are underway to once again offer an opportunity to bring your animals to church for the annual Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday October 2, 2016. The blessings will be included in the 8:00 service and immediately following the 10:30 service. The Blessing following the 10:30 service will be outside in front of the church (weather permitting) and the public is invited. Bringing your pet to the latter blessing is strongly encouraged so we will have a good turnout. If your pet is well-trained (especially potty!!), is on a leash and is well-behaved, bring him or her to church that day. Humans are also welcome!