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*The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church:
We exist to love God and our neighbors!*

More Blessing of the Animals photos inside



A Word from Your Priest

Since, once again we are trying to make things work in less than “normal” circumstance, I thought I would give you an update on our church activities:

Our collections for the Fall Outreach are going well and I anticipate having more than enough money to provide for the same number of families (8) as we did last year with full Thanksgiving dinners. In November we will also collect money for the Christmas Outreach. We also will be working on our Brown Bag Ministry for our food pantry partner Thrive and the Personal Packets Ministry we do with Good Shepherd Church. Trinitarians have always been so generous this time of year.

Our three services continue, although the numbers are probably 50% of normal attendance. Before the Covid numbers went up we were close to 80%. Our Saturday service is still well attended, and we are enjoying the fine music directed by our Director of Music Ministry, Marie Mallory, and accompanied by Lori Clark and Mark Miller on guitar and Bob Harris joins them on vocals.

We also continue to offer our Sunday Services. Our 8:00 am Rite I service is in-person and our 10:30 Rite II service with music is in-person and broadcast on Facebook Live. Our Wednesday prayer bead service and Healing Eucharist is in-person as well.

Our DRE, Justin Warren has been very busy with the youth. I am sure he will tell you more, but I just want to say he has all

three age groups up and participating on Sundays via Zoom. We are very grateful for Justin’s efforts. Please support him and this ministry.

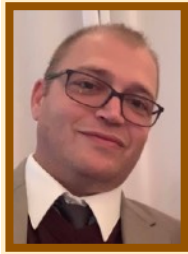


S p e c i a l thanks to Stephanie Yates and her crew that distributed the fall FISH packets in October to our youth who signed up. You may recall this began as our 2020 curbside VBS project and has continued since then. This has been very well received by our kids and their parents and grandparents.

Finally, we are busy preparing for our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 7. We are planning for an in-person meeting in the Nave at 11:30, but if you would like to participate by Zoom, please contact the office so we can plan accordingly. It may be different than prior years, but we hope to vote on the business of the Parish and provide you a complete and exciting picture of Trinity in 2021 and our future to come.

We are the Church, and it is up to us to define the “new normal” and how we will worship God and fully participate in the life of the Church and its Sacraments. Let’s be creative and look for ways to be involved with what God is doing here at Trinity, and as always, include a friend.

God bless you one and all, Father Paul



Fall Event: Sweetapple Farm

I wanted to take the time to thank all of you for making the autumn church event a special one. It was wonderful to see so many new faces and old friends. Stephanie Yates and her team of Fish Kit volunteers are also deserving of thanks for the wonderful harvest themed lessons, crafts, snacks, and souvenirs. If you have not picked up your kit at this time, please stop by the church office to pick it up. I also wanted to thank the anonymous donor who graciously gifted the money to cover a good portion of the Sweetapple Farm event.

The Lord blessed us with enough lulls in the rain to enjoy the activities, and enough scattered showers to spend a little time together in the barn. I am thankful for all who joined us. We had plenty of food, despite the hot dogs lost in the fire, and lots of fun. I didn’t capture everyone on camera, but the pictures I took, and received from others, were able to catch some great moments. Sweetapple Farm was very gracious for our support, despite the rain, and hopes we will return. I believe everyone had a great time. Details for the upcoming Christmas event will be coming soon. Please watch the bulletin and other church media for news. We hope to see you there. Thank you and God bless!

Justin Warren, Director of Religious Education



Thrive Brown Bag Collection

the following items are needed:

- healthy box cereal
- soup (no tomato or vegetable)
- Saltines
- Canned mandarin oranges & pineapple
- Salt & Pepper
- Gravy
- Cooking oil & spray
- Shelf stable milk
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- All purpose cleaner
- Quart or sandwich Zip-loc baggies

We will accept brown bags, plastic bags, or checks

Trinity History Book

The Trinity history book is in its final editing and layout stage and will soon go to press. It will be a handsome, hardcover, 500-page volume with over 300 illustrations, some in color. The vestry has arranged for every pledging household in the parish to receive a book as a gift, and donors of tributes will also receive a gift volume.

Any parishioner or friend of Trinity who wishes to purchase an additional book or books as gift(s) for relatives must let the parish administrator, Julie Rathbone, know by Monday, November 8. 304-422-3362 or julier@Trinity-Church.Org At press time we must let the printer know how many books to print and bind. The cost will be \$30 a volume. Postage & handling for books sent to out-of-town parish friends will cost approximately \$6.00 -\$7.00 each.

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NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ALL SAINTS' DAY 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry	2 10:00 am-12:00 pm — Clergy Bible Study 6:00 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Beads via Zoom 6:00 pm — Blenn. Stamp Soc.	3 11:45 am — Prayer Bead Ministry 12:15 — HE & Healing	4 10:00 am — Bible Study (Zoom) 11:00 am — Knitters in Trinity Hall (if Covid numbers permit)	5	6 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA
7 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 8:00 am — Euch., Rite I 9:00 am — Elem. Zoom 10:30 am — Eucharist, Rite II, (FB live & in-person) 11:30 am — Annual Meeting (Nave, Zoom) 3:00 pm — Jr. High Zoom 6:00 pm — Teens Zoom	8 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry	9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm — Clergy Bible Study (Conf. Rm) 6:00 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Beads via Zoom	10 11:45 am — Prayer Bead Ministry 12:15 — HE & Healing	11 10:00 am — Bible Study (Zoom) Veterans Day Office closed	12	13 9:00 am-12:30 pm — DOK Quiet Morning & Lunch (if Covid numbers permit) 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA
14 PENTECOST 25 8:00 am — Euch., Rite I 9:00 am — Elem. Zoom 10:30 am — Eucharist, Rite II, (FB live & in-person) 3:00 pm — Jr. High Zoom 6:00 pm — Teens Zoom	15 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry 6:00 pm — Trustees/Vestry (Zoom)	16 10:00 am - 12:00 pm — Clergy Bible Study (Conf. Rm) 6:00 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Beads via Zoom	17 11:45 am — Prayer Bead Ministry 12:15 — HE & Healing	18 10:00 am — Bible Study (Zoom) 6:00 pm — Blenn. Stamp Soc.	19	20 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA Trinity Times Deadline
21 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRIST THE KING BROWN BAG/HARVEST SUNDAY 8:00 am — Euch., Rite I 9:00 am — Elem. Zoom 10:30 am — Eucharist, Rite II, (FB live & in-person) 3:00 pm — Jr. High Zoom 6:00 pm — Teens Zoom	22 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry - - - Fr. Paul Vacation 11/22 — 11/30 - - -	23 10:00 am - 12:00 pm — Clergy Bible Study (Conf. Rm) 6:00 pm — Bible Study & Prayer Beads via Zoom	24	25 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	26 Office closed	27 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA
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- - - Fr. Paul Vacation 11/22 — 11/30 - - -						

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Blessing of the Animals





Highlights from October Vestry meeting

- The Treasurer reviewed the 2022 budget and noted the two significant increases in expenses are the purchase of a new telephone system and budgeting for more activities and programs for Christian Education. The DRE has asked for funds for quarterly church events, the upgrading of the youth curriculum, the rental of a regular activity space (gymnasium) for the youth, and for continuing education opportunities.
- The Jr. Warden reported that the railing leading into the front office was repaired, Tri-State worked on the base of the bell tower to stop the leaking and replaced some loose shingles on the Trinity Hall roof, and Traditional Painters caulked and repainted the Trinity Hall windows along the alley and Fifth Street. He is continuing to evaluate the quotes on the new telephone system.
- The DRE reported that the three Sunday school classes with the elementary, Junior High, and Senior High children continue to be held via Zoom. He is also planning an in-person youth activity for December.
- Under old business, the Annual Meeting on November 7th was discussed. In-person attendance is recommended but Zoom will be available if requested. Linda Bennett reported that eight families have been identified to receive the Thanksgiving outreach.
- Under new business, the 2022 revised budget was passed by unanimous vote.
- The Priest's report included discussion about the fourth step in the Bishop's letter on racism – "focus on exploring the impact of racial divide in your local community so that more people can identify the inherent bias that results in unfair and harmful relationships." Several Vestry members spoke about their experiences in high school, college, the military, and at work with dealing with racial divisions and perceptions. Two books were recommended – "Red, White, and Black: Rescuing American History from Revisionists and Race Hustlers" by Robert L. Woodson and "Come a Stranger" by Cynthia Voigt.

Submitted by Julie Rathbone, Registrar



Personal Care Packages

Good Shepherd's "Adopt-a-Family" program provides Christmas presents, school supplies, food, and clothing to needy families in the area. Each year, Trinity helps by supply-

ing personal care packages for each family. These include soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, and shampoo. To eliminate waste and to provide for the needs of each individual family member, this year there will be an attempt to personalize the care packages for each family as to ages and genders. You can help either by contributing items from the list above (choosing family-sized packages where appropriate) and bringing them to the church, or by contributing money earmarked for this cause.



Monday Feeding Ministry

Autumn is here and harvest time is upon us. In August we served 342 meals at a cost of \$1.53 each. In September we served 299 meals at a cost of \$1.84 each. These costs do include go boxes, utensils, napkins, etc.

As the temperatures begin to drop, we are asking for any scarves, gloves, mittens, or hats you may not need that we could give out on Mondays to help keep people warm. These can be dropped off at the church office.

November is a month of Thanksgiving. We remember to be thankful each day for the many blessings each of us has received during this past year.

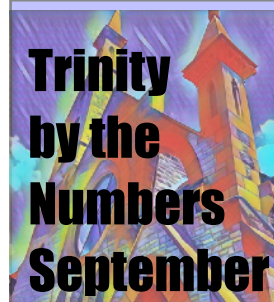
We are so thankful for so much and for so many. For each of you for your faithful support, for our faithful volunteers and bakers, and for all who have donated to his ministry. We are thankful Jen is back with us and Madison and Katharine are doing better. Our continued prayers for Chuck Guyer and all those on the prayer list. Again our heart-felt thanks for each of you.

God's blessings always. Michelle and Steve Turner

For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me! Matthew 25:35



This month we are beginning the collecting of funds for Christmas Outreach. Linda Bennett has agreed to help identify families in need. We ask our parishioners to consider donating to help provide several families with items to make a meaningful Christmas — food for their Christmas dinner and possibly a few small gifts and toys for the children. If you attend the in-person services you will notice envelopes available for your donations. Otherwise, you can send in your donation by your usual method, mailing or electronically. Thank you for your generosity and Christmas spirit!



Weekend Worship Attend.:

5:30/8:00/10:30 in-person/FBlive
Sept. 4,5: 13/10/21/22 (66)
Sept. 11,12: 12/11/23/19 (65)
Sept. 18,19: 13/10/25/20 (68)
Sept. 25,26: 14/11/26/20 (71)

Prayer Beads: 3,3,5,5
 Wednesday Healing Service: 4,4,5,6
 Community Resources/Thrive partnership: Number served-15;
 Utility assistance-21 families

Voluntary But Not Optional

Every year Trinity asks its members to pledge their support to the mission of the church. A positive response to this request is voluntary on the part of the membership but it is not optional if the church is to survive and thrive.


When members of our church sign and submit their pledge of support, we believe that they are making a statement that they are committed to support the work of the church and that Trinity is doing the will of the Lord.

The church leadership believes this and that is why 100% of the vestry and the trustees have already given positive responses to this request. As they craft the 2022 budget for the church, it is essential for the vestry to forecast giving. We hope and have faith that Trinitarians can once again demonstrate their generosity and respond favorably.

Last year's response to our pledge request was extremely encouraging in spite of the fact that the pandemic had presented so many challenges to the church's various ministries. Accommodations had to be made in all areas of church life. Extra cleaning and disinfecting took place in all of the facilities of the church. Worship services and meetings were limited in number. Services, Bible studies, and education classes were conducted via "Zoom". The Monday feeding program became a takeout program. Visitations were restricted. The list of challenges could go on and on.

A COLLECT FOR STEWARDSHIP
 Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you, our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of materialism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. **And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

transforming generosity



Transforming Generosity -- 2022 Pledge


Helping Trinity in this grace of giving for 2022, I/we pledge AN ANNUAL GIFT of \$ _____.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge (CIRCLE ONE) weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please provide me with weekly envelopes for my pledge.
 I would like to receive my Quarterly Statement of giving by email.
 Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.



Please detach and return this form to Trinity in the enclosed envelope.

Annual/Weekly Income Transformed By Percentages Into Weekly Proportional Giving									
Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%
\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$61	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$26	\$21
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$68	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$80	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$48	\$38
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$139	\$121	\$104	\$87
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$317	\$254	\$212	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$404	\$323	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$162	\$135

We really appreciated and can only thank God's grace that, in such a year as was 2020, the number of Trinitarians who pledged last year was up (as was the dollar amount) from those pledging in 2019. Moreover we thank the membership for keeping up with their pledges in 2021. Our cup runneth over. *We can't thank our fellow members enough for this generous response!*



2021 has not been much easier on the congregation than 2020, but we hope and pray we have turned a corner.

The current members of Trinity are heirs to a great tradition and are committed to being good stewards of that tradition. With the continuing generosity of our members the leadership has been able to continually upgrade our facilities and programs. In no area is this commitment more evident than in the church's decision to employ a full time director of religious education and to equip him with all the tools he needs to fulfill his purpose. These decisions are only made possible by the faith and confidence that pledging members have given to the leadership!

Those who attend the annual meeting at Trinity on November 7, will receive Trinity's annual report which includes year to date financial statements as well as the proposed budget for 2022. We believe that it provides details of a growing and vibrant church. Regular members who cannot attend the annual meeting will receive the report by mail. Attached to the reports will be the 2022 pledge form. Once again we hope that you will handle these forms with care and prayer and respond generously.

If you receive the Trinity Times but are not planning to attend the annual meeting or are not a regular member but would like to receive a report/pledge request, please give the church office a call (304-422-3362) and Julie Rathbone will be happy to put you on the mailing list. Perhaps you will consider becoming more involved with the church by making a pledge to support Trinity. We know that your generosity will be transforming for you and for Trinity!

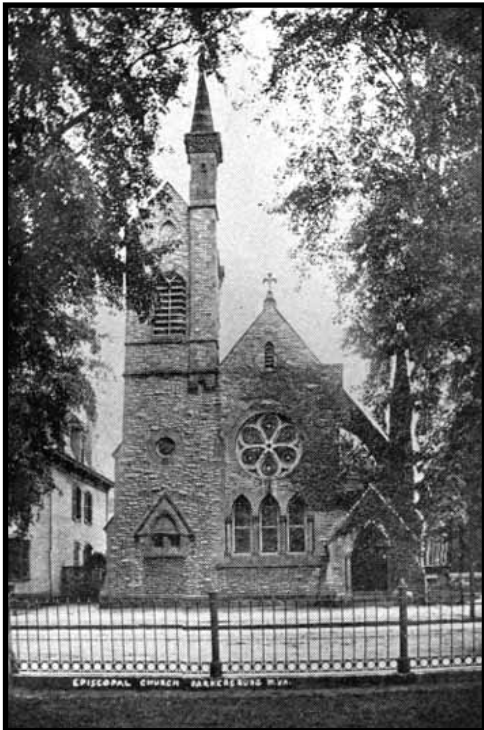
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2021 Annual Meeting, November 7

The annual meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30 service in the Nave. We will present the budget and other reports and elect Vestry members, Trustees, and Convention Delegates. A quorum is needed for this process. In-person attendance is encouraged but if you need to attend via Zoom, please call the office so we can send you a ballot and give you the Zoom link.

The Vestry nominees are: Susie Fitcher, Tom Gyongyosi, and Scott Ramsay

The Trustee nominees are: Chad Mildren and Frank Northrup

The Convention Delegate nominees are: Paul Miller, Dennis Ramsay, and Justin Warren