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





From the Search Committee:

Trinitarians,

Just wanted to let you know that your search committee has been active lately with weekly meetings. We met first with Chad Slater from the Diocesan office in Charleston, and followed that up with our first meeting a week later. We are presently in the process of developing a Parish profile, and are planning a parish-wide event on Sunday, April 30th. This is a fifth Sunday service, so we are hoping to have a good turnout after the church service. Our plan is to provide “stations” offering an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on a series of questions we are developing. I will keep you posted with updates, and ask that you keep our team and Trinity in your prayers.

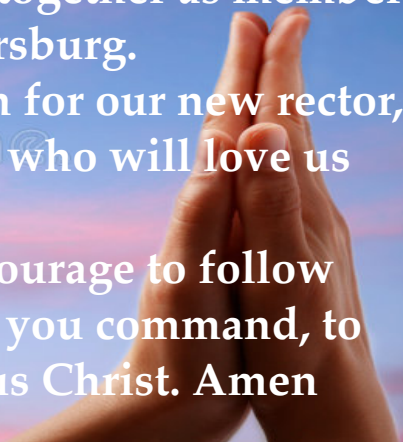
Yours in Christ,
Mark Miller

Prayer for the Rector Search

Almighty God, you have created each person with many and varied gifts and joined our lives together as members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Parkersburg.

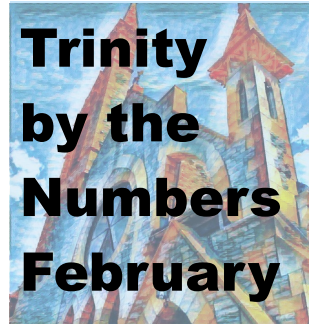
Look graciously upon us as we search for our new rector, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will love us and equip us for our ministries.

Give us minds to discern your will, courage to follow where you lead, and hearts to love as you command, to the glory of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen



Highlights from March Vestry meeting

- The Treasurer reviewed the February financial reports and reported that the church's financial position remains strong. He asked the Vestry to approve using our payroll service Paychex to help draft an employee handbook.
- The DRE reported that Bree Fleming and Roland Mezick will be offering an adult education class on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. The class will begin on April 16.
- Tim Northrup, the chairman of the Stewardship Committee, is looking for volunteers to join the committee.
- The Sr. Warden announced that the search/discernment committee has met several times. They plan to hold small group sessions after the Family One service on April 30 to solicit information for the parish profile.
- The Rev. Jordan Trumble will serve at both the Palm Sunday and Easter services in April. The Sr. Warden will try to find a priest to serve at our Family One Service on April 30.
- The Sr. Warden reviewed the building use agreement. This agreement needs to be filled out any time the building is being used for a non-church activity. *Julie Rathbone, Registrar*



**Trinity
by the
Numbers
February**

Weekend Worship Attend.:
5:30/8:00/10:30
Feb. 4,5: 17/16/30 (63)
Feb. 11,12: 13/13/38 (64)
Feb. 18,19: 22/10/48 (80)
Feb. 25,26: 15/10/42 (68)

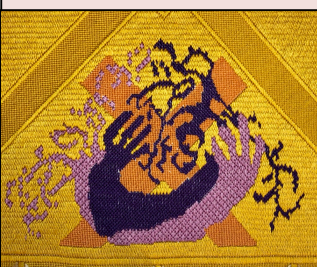
Ash Wed. 21/40 (61)
Wed. Healing: 18
Stations of the Cross: 18
Community Resources/Thrive:
Number served - 45;
Utility Assistance -15 families

Altar Kneelers

Our beautiful altar kneelers which were restored in 2019 thanks to the generosity of Trinity's ECW. Below is an explanation of their history, written several years ago by Barbara Allman.

The Trinity Altar Kneelers were designed and stitched in 1970 by parishioner Mary Jo Mullenix, with planning for the symbols guided by the rector at that time, the Rev. Griff Callahan and his wife Betty.

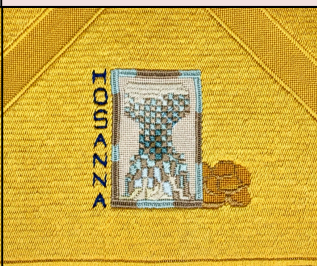
The basic design is the triangle – a symbol of the Trinity. Within each triangle is a symbol. Each cushion is divided into three triangle whose bases face the people as they kneel, and four triangles whose bases face the priest as the sacrament is administered. The triangles which face the people represent the concerns that we bring to the altar, reminding us that God accepts everything we offer Him, both joys and sorrows. The triangles whose bases face the priest contain symbols of the gifts we receive from God at Communion.



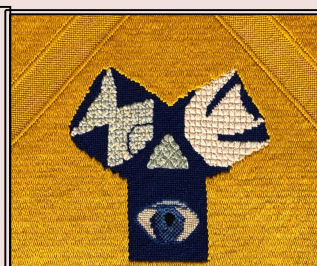
As you face the altar, the first symbol of our offering is an abstract design representing anxiety, tension, and conflict.



The second symbol, the earth as seen from space with a man wearing a space suit, is the technological world with its promises and problems.



The third design reminds us of the traditional offerings of TIME (an hourglass), TALENT (a banner reading "Hosanna"), and TREASURE (a stack of coins).



The first symbol on the epistle side suggests knowledge and learning and is represented by a version of the Pythagorean theorem: the three outer sections of the diagram showing the eye of God, a chalice, and a dove, indicating that God is wise in each of His three persons.



The middle design shows a city scene with tall buildings and many people, symbolizing our crowded world with multiplying relationships and chances for both good and evil choices.



The last is the interdependence of all peoples, represented by a circle of joined hands worked in several flesh tones.

Returning to the Gospel side, look at the symbols of the gifts we receive from God.



The first symbol seen is the compass rose, a medieval symbol the Virgin Mary, representing purity.



The second symbol is a man laying his hand on a beggar for healing.



The third design represents God's strength, symbolized by a lion crouching on a globe, which is surmounted by a cross.



The fourth is a crown of thorns, representing the redemptive power of Christ's suffering for us.



Back on the epistle side, the fifth symbol is Chi Rho, a monogram of Jesus, who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist.



The sixth is a phoenix rising from the ashes, symbolizing Resurrection.



The seventh is our charge to mission, showing three fish (we are fishers of men) with arrows pointing outward (into all the world).



Last is a lily, another symbol of Mary, representing the Incarnation.



The center cushion is also divided into three triangles. On the left is the Alpha and Omega, symbol of God; on the right, the holy Spirit's tongues of fire; in the center is the Agnus Dei, the lamb of God, carrying a banner with the uplifted cross of victory.

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am — Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am — Sunday Sch. 9:30 Choir Rhrl. 10:30 am — HE, Rite I 3:00-4:00 pm — Ang. Stu 5:30 — Movie Night + + +	3 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry + + + + + + + +	4 8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe 12:15 — Life Group 5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.) 6:00 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm) + + + + + HOLY WEEK + + + + + +	5 12:15 — HE & Healing, Adams Chapel 7:30 pm — Choir Rhrl. + + + + + +	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid) 12:15 — Ang. St.(Cnf. Rm) 7:00 pm — Maundy Thurs.Service , Good Sh., Vigil begins, Adams Chapel + + + + + +	7 GOOD FRIDAY Vigil continues Noon — Good Friday service + + + + + +	1 9:00 am — Work Day 10:00 am — Palm Crosses 5:30 pm — Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA 8 7:00 pm — Combined Great Vigil Service @ 1st Lutheran 7:00 pm — AA + + + + +
9 EASTER 8:00 am — Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 am — Sunday Sch. 9:30 Choir Rhrl. 10:30 am — HE, Rite II 3:00-4:00 pm — Anglican Studies + + + + + +	10 <i>Office Closed</i> 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry + + + + + +	11 8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe 12:15 — Life Group 5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.) 6:00 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm) + + + + + +	12 12:15 — HE & Healing + + + + + +	13 10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid) 11:00 am — Knitters 12:15 — Anglican Studies (Conf. Rm) + + + + + +	14 + + + + + +	15 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 6:30 pm — AA + + + + + +
16 EASTER 2 8:00 am — Morn. Prayer 9:00 am — Sunday Sch., Adult Ed. 9:30 am — Choir Rhrl. 10:30 am — Morn. Pr. 3:00-4:00 pm — Anglican Studies Discretionary Sunday + + + + + +	17 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry 5:45 pm — Finance Comm 6:30 pm — Vestry + + + + + +	18 8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe 12:15 — Life Group 5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.) 6:00 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm) + + + + + +	19 12:15 — HE & Healing + + + + + +	20 10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid) 12:15 — Anglican Studies (Conf. Rm) 6:00 pm — Blenn. Stamp Trinity Times Deadline + + + + + +	21 + + + + + +	22 11:00 am — Blenn. DAR, Conf. Rm. 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 6:30 pm — AA + + + + + +
23 EASTER 3 8:00 am — Morn. Prayer 9:00 am — Sunday Sch., Adult Ed. 9:30 am — Choir Rhrl. 10:30 am — Morn. Pr. 3:00-4:00 pm — Anglican Studies + + + + + +	24 11:00 am — Feeding Ministry + + + + + +	25 8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe 12:15 — Life Group 5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.) 6:00 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm) + + + + + +	26 12:15 — HE & Healing + + + + + +	27 10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid) 12:15 — Anglican Studies (Conf. Rm) + + + + + +	28 + + + + + +	29 5:30 pm — Saturday Evening Eucharist 7:00 pm — AA + + + + + +
30 EASTER 4 Fifth Sunday (Only one service) 9:00 am — S. Sch., A Ed. 9:30 am — Choir Rhrl. 10:30 am — Holy Euch. 11:30 am — Search Event 3:00-4:00 pm — Ang. Stu + + + + + +				BIRTHDAYS 1. Jennie Brannon 2. Julie Rathbone Jennifer Swisher 4. Barbara Full 5. Kate Yi 10. Cara Bowen Lydia Welling 12. Jesse Paul Thomas 13. Charles Yates 14. Dianna Quick 16. Pam Gordon 17. Will Couch Cathy Martin 18. Diane Hensley 20. Mary Bonnet Liz Ramsay 21. Gabriel Bookman 25. Debbie Poole 27. John Alkire Andy Thomas 28. Madison Brown 29. Nadia Yisa-Doko	ANNIVERSARIES 9. Beverly & Fr. Paul Hicks 19. Joan & Dennis Ramsay 29. Karen & Paul Miller	

WORK DAY

Saturday April 1,
9:00 am

Spring clean up:
weeding,
mulching,
trimming

Please bring
your favorite
gardening tools



Creating Palm Crosses



Workshop
Saturday,
April 1,
10:00 am
Conference
Room

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY

Palm Sunday:

April 2, 8:00 am and 10:30 am, April 1, 5:30 pm
Holy Eucharist w/Distribution of Palms

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist, 12:15 pm, Adams Chapel

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm, Combined service@Good Shepherd,
followed by the Vigil in Adams Chapel

Good Friday

Noon service w/Eucharist,
Community Stations will be at Trinity at approximately 1:30

Holy Saturday

7:00 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter,
Combined service with First Lutheran, 19th Street

Easter Sunday

8:00 am — Holy Eucharist
10:30 am — Festival Eucharist with Choir

Peterkin Camps 2023



**Forming God's people,
Caring for God's place,
Doing God's work.**

After many months of hard work and planning, the Peterkin Board is excited to welcome the Diocese and beyond to camp this summer! Keep reading for the camp schedule, registration forms, counselor and CIT applications, and volunteer staff interest forms. For more detailed camp descriptions, please click on the corresponding registration form.

2023 Peterkin Camp Schedule

June 11-17: Counselor Training

June 18-24: Senior Camp (entering 9th grade through graduated high school seniors)

June 25-July 1: Junior Camp (entering 4th-8th grades)

July 5-8: Alpha Camp (children and their grownups)

July 9-15: Family Camp (families of all types and ages)

July 16-22: Music, Art, Drama Camp (entering 4th-12th grades)

For information: <http://www.wvdiocese.org/>



At the present time, every member and leader of our church must recognize the importance of fulfilling their role to continue the operation of our church. One or two cannot meet every need and every function. It will "take a village" for us to keep our worship experiences meaningful. It takes everyone to attend, worshipping together. Remember, our stewardship is equally important.

Pray that God will watch over us and guide us during our journey.



Do Not Be Afraid



An Easter Reflection

At both ends of the Resurrection story as Matthew presents it for Easter Day, the words "Do not be afraid," are said. First, by the angel who meets Mary Magdalene and Mary at the tomb, and then by Jesus himself to the same women when he sends them off to tell the others that he has risen. The words are at the same time soothing and encouraging. At the tomb do not be afraid soothes people seeing something terrifying and unexpected. And then, at the sending-forth, do not be afraid to speak the truth, to go out into a hostile city.

In fact, the words "do not be afraid," or "do not fear" appear 365 times in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelations. Why do we need to hear this so often? Over the many times these encouraging words are written and read to us, the two most common reasons are the ones that appear in Matthew's Gospel on Easter Morning.

In the course of following Jesus, you will see many unexpected things. Lives transformed by prayer; communities changed by service; members reconciled by love. We will share our gifts with the church and see them translated into ministry that will impact our neighbors, heal the sick, lift up the needy, be companions to the lonely.

As we walk with Jesus we will encounter hostility where speaking truth will go against our culture. We will discover times in which we will be the only voice advocating, seeking justice, upholding our values.

And in these moments, we hear Jesus whisper behind us, "Do not be afraid." We who dare to believe that life can overcome death, and that light can outshine darkness, bring our Easter truth and joy into a world that needs to hear "be not afraid." | TENS.org



Questions for Reflection:

How have you been encouraged or transformed by someone's supportive words or love?

When you feel afraid, what are the tools you have to get through the moments of fear?



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Movie Night — Sunday, April 2 at 5:30 pm Pizza, other snacks provided

