

Genesis

A Message of New Life from Trinity Episcopal Church

February 2014

Dear Friends,

As reported this past Sunday morning, Barbara Augenblick and I have just returned from the Annual Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. It was one of the best councils I have ever attended over the years. We focused on some wonderful stories about new and exciting ministries taking place around the diocese in places where, only recently, these very same congregations had been struggling to even survive. It was, in a word, inspiring.

Now, I happen to believe that one of the primary experiences we are looking for when we come to church is inspiration. We want to know that God is with us. We want to participate in God's love, grace, and peace. Furthermore, we seek guidance and encouragement in living life the way we know, deep down, we are called to live, and seek strength to meet the challenges, trials, and tribulations that come our way.

We also know, deep down, that this is not something that we can do alone. Just as we need God, so we also need each other. It is not by accident that Jesus begins his ministry by calling others to come and join him. While I certainly have known moments of inspiration apart from community, I also know that the more numerous and most profound experiences have been with the church: in the beauty of the liturgy, in the conversations that take place with sisters and brothers in Christ, in the work we do together in making the love of God incarnate for the sake of others.

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the root meaning of the word, "inspire," comes from the Latin root meaning, "to breathe in the spirit of God." In other words, when we seek to live in the Holy Spirit, to breathe deeply the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, then we are oxygenated in such a way that we can do "infinitely more than we can ask or imagine" and know great joy in doing so. On the other hand, when we simply try to go it alone, without that inspiration, the air we take in gets stale pretty quickly and the experience of suffocation sets in. To put it simply, true inspiration requires a living relationship with God that is shared with others breathing in that same spirit. That's why our life together here at Trinity is so very important.

By the time the next Genesis appears, we will be at the doorstep of the season we call "Lent." I encourage you to be praying even now about what shape your Lenten journey will take this year, what you will do during those forty days that will inspire you in your relationship with God, and allows God to inspire you. In the meantime, may you and I continue to live together in the presence of the Holy Spirit, finding the abundant life Christ offers to those who learn to breathe deeply.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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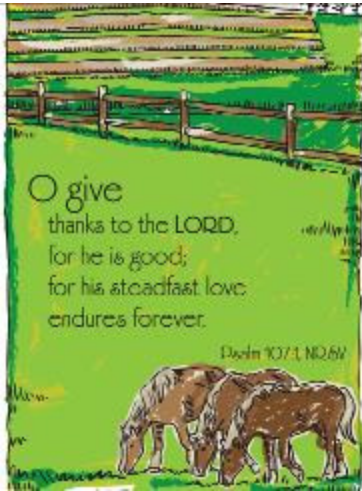
Feb. 23
March 2
June 8, 15, 22
July 13, 27
Aug. 3, 10
Sept. 7, 14



Please contact the church office: 540-592-3343 if you would like to have flowers placed in celebration of, honor of or in memory of your loved ones.

Vestry Notes

Gina Hammond, Senior Warden



Parish Retreat
Shrine Mont
June 27-29



Outdoor Chapel at Shrine Mont

The Vestry held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2014. The Rector began with opening prayers. Becky Hoecker shared a meditation with the group on "The Golden Rule".

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 Vestry meeting were approved as submitted. This document is available on the bulletin board in Cox Hall.

Treasurer Charles Ince gave a review of the unaudited profit and loss statement for 2013. Good management by the Staff and Committee Chairs was reflected in yearly expenses of \$901,187.55, well below the budgeted amount of \$933,384. The Rector and Vestry recognized with very thankful hearts the generosity of the church members. During December, 2013, pledge payments, plate offerings, special gifts and a successful Christmas Auction resulted in over \$132,000 of income received. The annual income for 2013 totaled \$989,857.60 thereby resulting in a net surplus of \$88,670.05. **WE ARE SO BLESSED!!!**

New Business Items included:

- A discussion of the Budget by Mission Category - The Rector began with an overview of the currently adopted draft 2014 budget. He reminded us that the budget is a "Statement of Faith". It serves as a mission statement of our church priorities. The five largest budget items are:
 1. Staff (Personnel)
 2. General Administration
 3. Buildings and Grounds
 4. Outreach
 5. Worship

For January, a more extended discussion was begun on the Staff category. The Rector is content with the structure of our staff. Trinity is blessed to have a dedicated group of individuals who perform their assignments very well. He reminded us that the staff is not the professional ministry of the church. They are simply enablers to us to assist us in doing the work of the church. They support our efforts to evangelize across our congregation and our community. The Vestry will continue to examine the other budget categories in future meetings to be sure their expenses support our priorities.

- In light of the generosity of our parishioners, there is now a surplus to be applied to the 2014 budget. The previously projected deficit of \$35,344.60 has been eliminated. All Vestry members were asked to review their current committee budgets and submit requests for changes to the Finance Committee. This committee will make recommendations at the February 2014 Vestry meeting for application of surplus funds and provide a revised 2014 budget.
- The Worship Committee brought forth a design for a votive candle stand to be placed in the Chapel. This idea has been contemplated for several years. A design has been prepared but the information provided was insufficient for Vestry action. The Worship committee will secured additional data to address the questions raised and bring a revised proposal for action.

If approved, the stand will be paid for from resources in the "Book of Remembrance".

- Richard McPherson has agreed to become our regular organist. A Letter of Agreement is being prepared.
- Bob Appenzeller gave a report of his recent visit to Haiti, and in particular, Helping Haitian Angels (HHA), the orphanage that some of our outreach funds support. There are plans for significant growth of the facilities for HHA. Bob is preparing a more extensive report to the Outreach Committee so that they may better understand this growth and how it may impact future resources we may give them.

There was no Old Business to present.

Committee reports were received as submitted. Additional comments follow:

- Stewardship Report – Gina Hammond reported that commitment cards continue to be received. As of January 14, 2014, 166 commitments have been recorded totaling \$547,266. We are well on our way toward receiving 200 commitments and achieving \$600,000 in 2014 income.
- Margaret Moore reviewed several plans of the Parish Life Committee to include:
 - Feb 14-16: Trinity Art Show
 - Mar 2 – Newcomers Coffee Hour
 - Mar 4 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 - Apr 20 – Easter Sunday Coffee Hour

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- Plans for the Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont are being made. We have secured the dates of June 27-29, 2014. Pamela Wynfield will be coordinating this event.
- Minutes of the Cemetery Committee were also received. Alex Woodson has been elected to the board for a term to end in 2016.

Gina Hammond gave the Wardens Report. She again extended thanks to Pamela Wynfield, Betsy Crenshaw, Cindy Thompson and the many volunteers for the very successful Christmas Auction. John Knouse and Betsy Crenshaw were thanked for the wonderful Christmas Pageant given by the youth. The Rec-

tor, the Worship Committee, and its many subcommittees also were thanked for the majestic Christmas and Epiphany services attended by over 800 individuals. Gina also reported that the results of the recent Safety Inspection conducted by the Diocese were received. Recommendations have been forwarded to the Worship and Buildings and Grounds Committees for appropriate action.

The meeting was concluded by the Rector. He gave a brief overview of the plans for the weekly Epiphany Wednesday Bible Study. The topic will be "The Development of Christian Beliefs". The discussion will center on the

origins of Christian belief. Where did the writings of the New Testament come from? How was it decided what books would be included in the Bible that we use? What were the origins of the creeds? Did all Christians hold the same views from the beginning or were there competing understandings of the Christ event? All are welcome to join in.

The meeting concluded with a final prayer. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

In Loving, We Are So Blessed

February is the month devoted to love. When we visit stores, they are often filled with heart-shaped boxes of candy, sentimental Valentine cards, and bouquets of flowers, often roses. We purchase these for those we love, as a reminder of their thoughtful words and deeds expressed throughout the year, and as a symbol of our devotion.

Stewardship is serving, helping, and giving, and love is the basis for stewardship. The first act of true stewardship is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (*Deuteronomy 6:5*). Jesus calls this the most important commandment. We are able to be good stewards, with acts of true devotion, when we have the love of the

Lord within us.

Your Stewardship Committee knows that you have this love. We know this by: Your Financial Support in December 2013: Your completion of your 2013 pledges, your additional plate offerings, and your outpouring of special gifts reflects God's love and your support of Trinity's mission activities. In December 2013 we received nearly \$94,000 which enabled us to meet all our commitments for 2013 and to provide a surplus to expand our work in 2014.

Your 2014 Commitments: To date we have received 167 commitment cards totaling \$549,266. Well on our way to 200 commitments totaling \$600,000, your generous giving will enable us to spread God's love throughout our

congregation, our local communities and the larger world.

Your ongoing gifts of time and talent: It is impossible to count the hours that were spent in preparing for, conducting, and attending the many services held during Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany, supporting our youth with programs on Sunday and Wednesday, preparing meals for S.O.M.E., supporting the Thrift Shop, etc. Sharing your time and talents enables God's love to be manifested to all those whom we touch and serve.

We are so blessed by your love. Thanks be to God.

Your Stewardship Committee,
Gina Hammond, Joe Fluet, and Nicky Perry

Trinity Art Show—Calling all Artists!
Please have artwork at the church by February 12th.
Show opens February 14th, 5p—8p
Work will be displayed through Feb. 16th.

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Food For February

John Knouse, Director of Family Ministries



When thinking back over the last month and what to write this article about, I couldn't help but see one similar characteristic among all the successful events that the previous month entailed; food. A necessity, a comfort, a blessing, an obsession, whatever you may choose to call it, our past month was full of food, and along with it came fellowship, friendship, and success. Each week, following our afterschool program, we host a meal for the children and their parents to offer not only convenience, but a time for growing in relationship with all who are present and in relationship with our church community. On the second Sunday in January, I took the young people of our church, 13 to be exact, out to lunch for "Youth Appreciation

Day"; the photo is shown below. A few weeks later, a men's breakfast filled the parish hall with 17 gentlemen looking not only for a meal and fellowship, but a better relationship and understanding of one another. Then came the ski trip where I learned that this fellowship and bonding occurred over a meal as simple as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, like them or not. In the midst of all of this month's activities, Parish Life hosted a wonderful Epiphany Party in which food was once again a centering factor. There is something that draws each one of us and some of our most intimate moments, as well as some of the finest moments in The Bible, that occur around a table. As Spanish novelist, poet, and playwright Miguel

de Cervantes once said "All sorrows are less with bread", and, in my opinion, even more so when we have bread and the company of one another. So I ask two things of you as we enter the month of February. One, recognize the importance and the symbolism of every meal and share the blessings you have with those around you. Two, consider joining us for one of the many events happening in the next month including: Trinity Afterschool Program each Wednesday in February at 4:00pm with a meal at 5:45pm, Young Adult Fellowship on Tuesday February 11th at 6:30 pm in the parish hall of Emmanuel Delaplaine, and last, but not least, our next Men's Breakfast February 15th at 8:00am.

Blessings,

S.O.M.E. Serves 450 Hungry Folks in D.C.

On January 16th our volunteers cooked a delicious meal and then served over 450 folks in DC!

This is our 27th year of participating in this outreach mission and it is going stronger than ever, thanks to the generosity and support of our parish. We had an excellent supply of baked goods and plenty of quality help both in Cox Hall to cook and joining us in Washington, D.C. Thanks to all.

Thank you Cooks!

Ann MacLeod
Robin Keys

Sara Sisk
Kit Hemion
Nicky Perry
Joan & Bob Eliot
Holly Bimba
Sally Fletcher
Edie Smart
Ellen Hall

Thank you Servers!

Bob Appenzeller
Robin Keys
Gina Hammond
Ken Knapp
Mark Thompson
Len Shapiro
Ann MacLeod
Steven & Austin Salley
John & Louisa Barker

How You Can Help:

- ◆ Join our volunteers March 20th at 7:30 a.m. in Cox Hall to help prepare the meal.
- ◆ Drive to D.C. with our volunteers on March 21st, they meet in the church lot at 8:30 a.m. (call Robin Keys to reserve a place in our van).
- ◆ Bake cookies, breads, or muffins and leave in Cox Hall by March 20th clearly marked for S.O.M.E.

Join us next time,
March 20th at
7:30 a.m. for cooking
in Cox Hall and
March 21st at
8:30 a.m.
Leaving the church
lot to serve in D.C.

Serving in March

Altar Guild	Feb 20-Mar. 5: Team 3—Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, Kaye Nazarian, Jim Hammond Mar. 6—Mar. 19: Team 4—Jolly de Give, Jim Gable, Patty Jarvis, Pamela Wynfield Mar. 20—April 2: Team5—Neil Peddicord, Harriett Condon, Ellen Hall, Bunny Shick				
	March 2 Last Epiphany	March 9 1st Sunday in Lent	March 16 2nd Sunday in Lent	March 23 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 30 4th Sunday in Lent
Flower Guild	Celeste Wheelwright Linda Dodderidge Sarah Ellison Cindy Thompson LeighO Wood Nicky Perry Stephanie Bates	Gina Hammond Maria Eldredge Edie Smart Isobel Ziluca Pat Sharp Jane Kates	Kaye Nazarian Sandra Markus Marcia Stine BethO'Quinn Margaret Hilliard June Hambrick	Jimmy Hatcher Gay Estin Ruth Ripley Elizabeth Gore Dorothy Gow	Carolyn Smith Nenie Schara Mary MacDonnell Katherine Anderson Patty Jarvis Johanna Jackson
Memorial Flowers					
Lectionary Readings	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I					
LEM	Hank Long	Dan Haney	Cheri Martin	Beth Lamond	Ellen Hall
Lector	Greg Ellison	Wayne Gibbens	Lewis Martin	Dan Haney	Andrew Motion
Ushers	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Holly & Chuck Bimba	Sarah & Greg Ellison	Beth & Wayne Gibbens	Nicky Perry
Coffee Hour					
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II		10:30 a.m. Service Holy Eucharist Rite I			
LEM	Pamela Wynfield Joe Fluet	Bill Easton Randy Mullett	Kaye Nazarian Arch Randolph	Sheryl Heckler Janie Banse	Gina Hammond Debra Latiolais
Lector	Ginny Fluet Margaret Hilliard	Jill Vogel Samantha Whitesides	Carol Miller Spencer Allen	Kelly Johnson Bucky Slater	Richard Myers Joe Markus
Ushers	Elizabeth Courts Alex & Walter Woodson	Pamela Wynfield Susan Grayson Bunny Shick	Brett Bibb Jolly de Give Barbara Augenblick	Stanley Dees Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Ken Knapp David Hartley Chip Chapman
Healing Ministry	Stephanie Knapp Margot Blattmann	Joe Fluet Elizabeth Gore	Clyde Lamond Elizabeth Gore	Ginny Fluet Melissa Neal	Amanda Sprenger Joe Fluet
Coffee Hour	Newcomers		Wynfield, Easton, and Higgins Families		
If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone with whom to trade. Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.					



Building & Grounds Committee Members

Greg Ellison, Chair

Jolly de Gíve, Jr. Warden

Joe Fluet

Jim Gemmer

George Autry

Did You Know?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA

One of the responsibilities of the Trinity Church Rector and Vestry is the care and maintenance of the 14 buildings that make up the church campus. Most church members are aware of the **Church, Cox Hall** and the **Peard House** as these are used for many church functions. Also on the original church parcel are the **Nursery, Boiler House** and a **storage building**. To the east of the church proper is the **Keith House** parcel which includes the **Main House**

(currently the Thrift Shop), and a **Brick Cottage, Utility Building, Barn, Library** and an historic brick **Out-house**. Across Rt. 50, we also have the **Gulick House** and the **Gazebo** in the south parking lot.

As you can imagine, it takes a large amount of money to maintain these buildings and grounds. All of these buildings are aging, and many of them have materials that were handcrafted and thus are expensive to repair. The

Vestry has asked the Buildings and Grounds Committee to develop a strategic plan for maintenance so that we can allocate the needed resources to keep all our buildings in good shape.

Speak to a member of the **Trinity Buildings and Grounds Committee** to get a current update of planned maintenance activities.

~Gray Coyner



Frozen in Time

As the sun shines down upon the crystalized snow
it depicts an eerie scene from long ago.

The picture of the cross is frozen in time,
a symbol of history's most infamous crime.

A crime that sacrificed a man who only knew good
and here he would die nailed to this wood.

Only the death of a savior could stand this test of time,
as mankind acknowledges Jesus Christ is truly divine.

Many winters since then have come and gone
and as many souls have been lost as have been won.

With the setting of the sun the shadow of the cross
will no longer be cast,
will this be reflective of
mankind's future as well as his past?

~Tommy Breeden

Thrift Shop

Ellen Hall, President of the Board

This February, The Thrift Shop Board of Directors, will be meeting to review the shop's activities over the last twelve months, to select new board members and to suggest ways that improvements can be made to insure a successful 2014.

What would be difficult to improve would be the marvelous generosity of our donors and the dedication of our volunteers. Without them, the Thrift Shop could not exist and certainly could

not achieve what it has in 2013. Here are the results of this generosity and dedication: \$31,482.90 was raised including putting \$7,455.50 in the Money Market account, with 99 checks written giving assistance to our neighbors totaling \$24,027.40

If you would like to join The Thrift Shop "Team" by volunteering, please give us a call. (Ellen Hall, 540 592-3919 or Betsy Crenshaw, 540 592-3343) If you would like to suggest how operations can

be improved, please let us know. This is a wonderful ministry, providing affordable clothing and short term financial assistance to those in need in our community. To be able to provide this is a blessing indeed.



The next Boutique Sale will be Memorial Day weekend, May 23th, 24th, 25th. Start checking your closets!!!

In Defense of Ordinary Time

Christian Myers, Director of Music Ministries

Tucked between the pageantry of Christmas and the fanfare of Easter is my favorite part of the liturgical year. Ordinary time begins on the Monday following the first Sunday after the Epiphany and runs through the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. It picks up again the day after Pentecost and continues until the first Sunday of Advent when the liturgical year starts over again.

The term, ordinary time, is derived from the Sundays being numbered as in "ordinal numbers" which are numbers in a series. While the name has nothing to do with being average or unexceptional, there is coincidentally some truth to that and for me is part of it's appeal. I often think that Jesus would be

appalled by all the fuss we make over the major Christian holidays such as Christmas where our grand celebrations can easily miss the point entirely of a humble and quiet birth in a lowly manger. However, the lessons during Ordinary Time focus on what I believe is the truly important part of the story; the life and teachings of Jesus. It is here we actually learn about the Kingdom of God through the parables and the Sermon on the Mount among others. Another plus for me is that the Gospel lessons during Ordinary Time focus on the synoptic Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, largely leaving out John who, just between you and me, I find to be a bit overly verbose and full of himself, but I'll save that for another article. Yet another bonus is the liturgical

color for Ordinary Time is Green, my favorite color.

During these winter months, as we get a break from the pressures of the exceptional, let us take a deep breath and make the most of Ordinary time. Feel the weekly rhythm of the lectionary without the distractions of the holidays. Study the lessons Jesus has given us about how to live our lives every ordinary day. For that is the beauty of Ordinary Time.

Christian



"Take a deep breath and make the most of Ordinary time."

Trinity Episcopal Church

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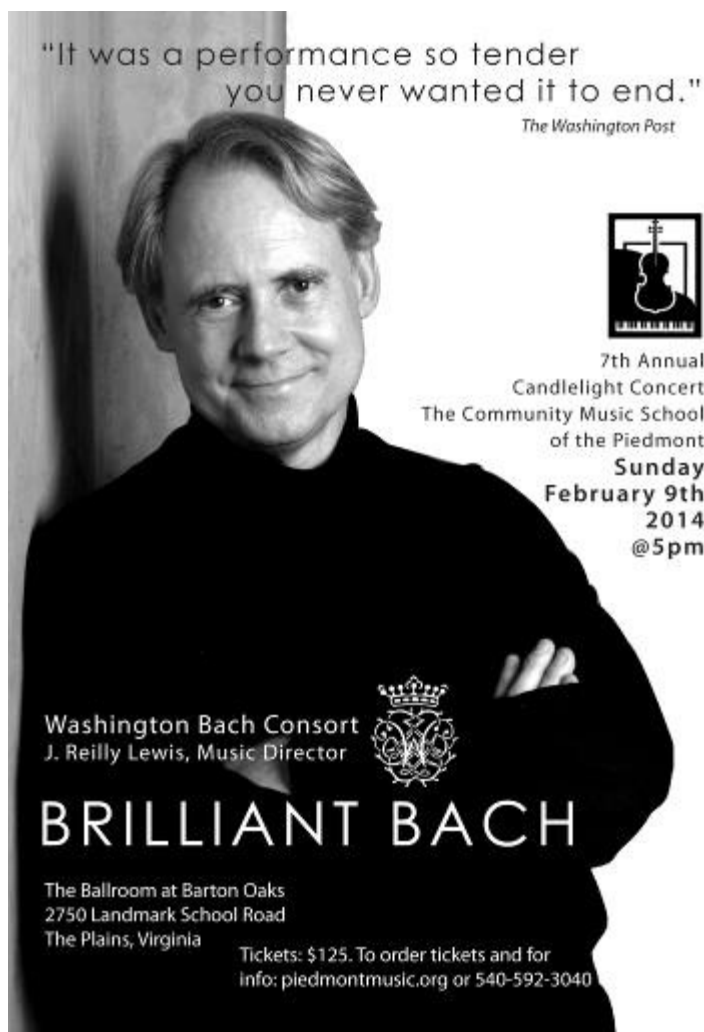

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**Articles for the March edition of "Genesis" are
due February 24th**

"It was a performance so tender
you never wanted it to end."
The Washington Post

7th Annual
Candlelight Concert
The Community Music School
of the Piedmont
**Sunday
February 9th
2014
@5pm**

Washington Bach Consort
J. Reilly Lewis, Music Director



BRILLIANT BACH

The Ballroom at Barton Oaks
2750 Landmark School Road
The Plains, Virginia

Tickets: \$125. To order tickets and for
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