



Genesis

*“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”
~Psalm 46:10*

DEAR FRIENDS,

I have been thinking a great deal about Jim Hammond’s invitation to each of us on the first Sunday in Lent. He called us to listen intently for the pulse of this holy season. In his words, we are to engage in a continuous rhythm of first listening for God’s still small voice and then responding in prayer, a pattern to be repeated over and over again during these forty days. It is through this discipline that God’s will for us is revealed, and it is in that revelation that our hearts and minds, thoughts and actions, are prepared for the great celebration of Easter.

As I have sought to engage in this practice, I have heard several key themes and phrases. Chief among them has been the word, “responsibility.” Webster’s New World Dictionary includes the following in its definition; “answerable, accountable, a thing or a person that one is responsible for...” Of course, the root of the word is “response,” that is, a reply or reaction to another when called.

I was not clear at first as to why I was hearing this message so often repeated as I listened. Then, we heard this past Sunday’s Gospel reading from the eighth chapter of Mark. It was about the cross, both the cross of Jesus, and subsequently, the cross Christ entrusts to each one of us. Now, like many, I prefer Christianity without the cross, a Gospel that focuses on only the grace of God while setting the difficult parts aside, the blessed assurance without any real effort on my part. But the reality is that there is no Christian faith without the cross. Jesus knew this then and we need to now it now. The cross represents the moment at which God and creation were fully reconciled, and it is to that cross that you and I continue to be responsible.

So what does that cross look like for each one of us individually? What does it look like for us as a community of faith? Well, that takes us back to Jim’s invitation to spend this season in a constant and repeated pattern of listening for God and responding in prayer. As we do so, the crosses we are to bear, both individually and collectively, will become clear and their weight evident. Of course, even as we seek clarity about these things during Lent, the question remains: once clear, will we be responsible for these crosses that we are to bear?

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Supper/Lenten Program Mar. 4th @ 6:30 p.m. in Cox Hall.
- Sign up for the Prayer Vigil! Details on pg. 5
- Turn you clock ahead one hour on March 7th as you head to bed!
- March 20th at 6p.m. Piedmont Child Care Spaghetti Dinner! Details on pg. 2

VESTRY REPORT

After a delay caused by the weather, the vestry met on Tuesday, February 24th, for its monthly meeting with the Rector presiding. Gina Hammond, Junior Warden, opened the meeting with a prayer that was followed by the Vestry's recitation of the Lord's prayer. Jim Gemmer offered the monthly Bible study on Christian leadership using Ephesians 3:7-9 as his text.

The minutes from the January vestry meeting were approved and are available in Cox Hall for parishioners to read.

The treasurer reported on the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets. It is the first month of the new budget year and the amounts reflect an expected balance. The Finance Committee made no report as they did not meet in January but will meet March 4th to discuss additions to the budget. All other committee reports were presented on paper to give the vestry time to discuss new business.

The vestry discussed its recent retreat goals and objectives. They revisited the discussion on the need for an Assistant Rector. It was agreed that the Rector is currently doing the work of two people; that an Assistant Rector can assist in liturgical services, pastoral care; new program development reaching out to youth and adults; administrative duties; as well as other duties to be determined by the Rector. New demands are appearing as the needs of the church change with its congregation. As Rob has stated both in church and in meetings, Trinity Church is no longer just a neighborhood church, it is a destination church. Members come from miles away to attend Trinity: from Alexandria, Arlington, South Riding and Haymarket to the west; Purcellville, Winchester and other areas to the north and east, to name a few. New

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programs and efforts will be necessary to reach the congregation and to meet the needs and challenges of our changing congregation.

The vestry unanimously approved a resolution giving the Rector authority to call for an Assistant Rector. The ad hoc staffing committee will work with Rob to create a position description as soon as possible and pursue the search through the Diocese.

The Parochial Report to the Diocese prepared by the Parish Administrator was presented and approved. The report can be viewed on our website.

The Wardens thanked all Trinity staff for their reliability and constancy during the terrible winter weather. Particular thanks went to Tommy Breeden for his early morning hours snow removal to ensure the driveway and courtyard were as safe as he could possibly make them for Sunday morning services; the Trinity Men for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; and Ellen Hall and Walta Warren for coordinating the Palm Burning Ceremony.

The Rector closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next vestry meeting will be March 16 at 6:00 p.m.



Burning of Palms at our Outdoor Sanctuary



**Spaghetti Supper Fund
Raiser for The Piedmont
Child Care Center**

Friday evening, March
20th, 6:00PM - 8:00PM at
Trinity Church, Cox Hall

Sponsored by Piedmont
Parents Association
Tickets are \$7.00/adult
\$5.00/Children 2-12
Under 2 are free

Raffle tickets are on sale
at the Center. Raffle is for
a big basket of lottery
tickets.

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA

The small stone building next to the southeast corner of the original church parcel is known as the “smallest library in the nation”. This building was constructed in 1804 and served as the office of Dr. T. W. Smith, the first medical practitioner serving the Upperville area. After 1845, the building was used for a variety of purposes until 1927, when a group of dedicated readers established the Upperville Library. For many years, this group operated a lending library open at least one day a week.

Trinity owns the building but the Upperville Library continues to be interested in its preservation and maintaining the building. They no longer operate as a lending library due to the growth of digital books and the availability of other public libraries in the general area. Access to the building is available by calling the Church office for an appointment.

~Gray Coyner



"Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord."

~Psalm 36:5-6

SHROVE PANCAKES

The Lenten Season kicked off with the annual Shrove Pancake Supper on a frigid, snowy evening, February 17th. The men of Trinity showed off their cooking skills with delicious pancakes, sausage, and spiced apples. Parish Life added a festive look with Mardi Gras decorations.



SOME SERVES NEXT IN MARCH

Join us in Cox Hall
7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19th to prepare the meal.
We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Friday, March 20th to serve the meal in D.C.

Your donations of cookies, breads, corn muffins, and brownies are always gratefully devoured! Please leave your donation in Cox Hall (*clearly marked for SOME*) by Thursday, March 19th.





SERVING IN APRIL

Altar Guild	March 19-April 22: Team 2: Barbara Augenblick, Debra Latiolais, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore April 23-May 27: Team 3: Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, Kaye Nazarian, Jim Hammond			
	April 5 Easter Day	April 12 2 Easter	April 19 3 Easter	April 26 5 Lent
Flower Guild	Valerie Dove Bailey Davis, Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley, Telle Zeiler	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Linda Dodderidge Sarah Ellison, Nicky Perry Cindy Thompson LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Abigail Brower Joyce Brower Pat Sharp Edie Smart	Kaye Nazarian Margaret Hilliard June Hambrick
Memorial Flowers	Special Insert		Captain Peter Griber	
Lectionary	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-38	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I				
LEM:	Cheri Martin	Ellen Hall	Dan Haney	Walta Warren
Lector	Lewis Martin	Walta Warren	Cindy Thompson	Beth Lamond
Ushers	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Beth & Wayne Gibbens	Debbie Gerbich Barbara DuPont	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher
Healing Ministry				
Coffee Hour	Congregation			
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II				
LEM	Ginny Fluet Barbara Augenblick	Gina Hammond Ken Knapp	Michael Main Janie Banse	Ed Moore Kaye Nazarian
Lector	Richard Myers Joe Fluet	Becky Hoecker Bill Easton	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Ginny Fluet Susan Goettl
Ushers	Pamela Wynfield Ken Knapp Elizabeth Courts	Jim Hoecker Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Anne Coyner David Hartley Mac Hartley	Ri, Elle & Chuck Benefield
Healing Ministry		Melissa Neal Ginny Fluet	Joe Fluet Elizabeth Norman	Michael Scholes Stephanie Knapp
Coffee Hour	Congregation		Healing Ministry	Outreach
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.				

Holy Week

March 30: Joe Fluet, Chalice

March 31, Kaye Nazarian, Chalice

April 1, Lewis Martin, Chalice

April 2, Ginny Fluet, Chalice; Jolly de Give, Lector; Ken Knapp, Usher

April 3: Walta Warren, Chalice; Barbara Augenblick, Lector

THE STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

As we conclude our focus on the “Stewardship of Creation”, we’d like to share portions of an article by David Rhoads, entitled “The Stewardship of Creation, A Theological Reflection”. Dr. Rhoads is Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The full article may be found at <http://www.webofcreation.org/archive-of-resources/505-stewardship-of-creation>. Please also join us for the adult forum on Sunday, March 8, to hear Warren Beeton on Climate Change - Stewardship of God’s Creation: What is Climate Change? The Science behind it. Stewardship of God’s Planet.

Dr. Rhoads writes, “Steward is a biblical term that refers to a manager who is responsible for the goods and property of another. A steward is not therefore an owner, but one who has a responsibility to an owner to treat property with care and respect. Stewardship is a term that refers to the responsibility of a steward to manage wisely. Stewardship has come to be used in the Christian community in a broader sense for our responsibility to manage wisely the goods and property that are in our possession. The assumption is that we do not really possess or own anything. Rather, the world, including us, belongs to God. Therefore, we are not owners but stewards of all that comes into our arena of responsibility— income, assets, property, goods, time, talents, and our very selves. Religious stewardship is management as **sacred trust**.

The Bible is a good place to find guidance. The concept of environmental stewardship originates with the first of the creation stories, in which God gives humans dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the animals of the land (Gen 1:1–2:4). What we now know is that the Hebrew word for dominion does not mean “to dominate” or “to exploit.” Rather, it means “to take responsibility for.” In this first creation story, human beings were created last, not as the so-called “crown of creation,” but in order to exercise responsibility for the well-being of the garden Earth. Therefore, being stewards of creation is foundational to what it means to be human. Caring for creation is not an add-on, not a sideline, not related just to part of our calling. It represents our proper human relationship to Earth.

The second creation story goes even further in clarifying the

concept of environmental stewardship (Gen 2:5-15). In this story, God put Adam and Eve in the garden in order “to till and to keep” the land. However, the words translated as “till” and “keep” may be misleading. The Hebrew word for “till” is a word used to depict the service that a slave gives to a master. And the Hebrew word for “keep” means to preserve for future generations. Hence, the mandate “to serve and to preserve” the land places human beings not in a hierarchical position over creation but in a position of service to it. “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all” (Mark 9:35). Care for creation is to be exercised not to serve our own wants and desires but to serve the best interests and well-being of all Earth-community together, including ourselves.

The biblical writers invite us to delight in creation, for delight is the right basis for our use of it. We will preserve that in which we delight! And we are called to love creation. We will care for that which we love! There is a concept of environmental tithing that is relevant to our vocation as stewards of creation. Most people are familiar with the biblical concept of tithing, the giving of a “tenth.” This tenth is given back to God as a symbol that the whole belongs to God. We can also apply the tithe to the stewardship of our personal resources of Earth. Can we reduce our electrical use by ten percent? Can we reduce the gas for heating by ten percent? Can we reduce the water we use by ten percent? Can we eat ten percent less food that comes from a distance? Tithing is just a beginning as we contemplate all we can do on a daily basis at home, at work, and in society to foster and maintain a sustainable world.

Making these choices as God’s Earth-keepers may involve sacrifice on our part. In doing these things as part of our spiritual discipline, we exercise our vocation as stewards of creation not out of fear, guilt, shame, outrage, or despair. Rather, what makes this journey sacred is that we act with a gratitude nourished by the fountain of God’s grace, an inexhaustible source of “living water” that will sustain us for a lifetime of loving creation, and that will enable us to be stewards of creation with hope and joy!”

Faithfully,
Gina Hammond, *Stewardship Committee Chair*

WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING THE LENTEN SEASON?

Supper & Lenten Study: March 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 29th : Services @ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Noon Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: March 30th, 31st, April 1st

Maundy Thursday: April 2nd: 6 p.m. Agapé Supper, 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Stripping of the Altar

Prayer Vigil (*sign-up sheets are posted in Cox Hall*): 10 p.m. April 2nd—10 a.m. April 3rd

Good Friday: Noon Holy Eucharist, April 3rd.



2015 Spring-Summer Multi-Parish Youth Events

- March 7th or 14th (depending on weather): Stations of the Cross @ Shrine Mont. Cost is \$10 to help cover lunch. Leaving Emmanuel at 8:00am and will return by 2:30pm. 6th-12th Grade
- April 24th: 30 Hour Famine at Trinity Church. Cost is \$10 and box of brownie, cake or cookie mix. Some may bring some cupcake cups or eggs. Meet @ Trinity at 6:00pm Start fasting after lunch at school. Finish at 6:00pm Saturday. 6th-12th Grade
- May 9th: D.C. Trip- Museum Trip and Nationals vs The Atlanta Braves! Game is at 4:05pm. Cost is \$50 per person, covers lunch, game ticket, museum visit, Cathedral and dinner. Parents, please send some spending cash for souvenirs. Leaving Emmanuel @ 9:00am 6th-12th Grade
- June 20th-26th: Summer Mission Trip to Philadelphia. Meet at Trinity Church at 10:00am on the 20th. We will have a brief opening session, lunch, and then hit the road for Philadelphia on the Greyhound Bus. Cost is \$450 per person and includes lodging, meals and mission throughout the week. 9th-12th Grade
- August Event-TBD- River Tubing Trip 9th-12th Grade. All Senior High Youth are invited to join us for a day float down the Shenandoah River. Cost, dates and further info will be available at a later date.

SNOWY SNOWY SUNDAY



On Sunday, February 22nd following a snow/ice storm, Ann MacLeod walked to church, aided by a single ski pole. She was given a ride for the very last part of the journey by Carol Miller.

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Tommy Breeden for his work in clearing our walkways and parking lot.



“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another”. ~John 13:34

ADULT FORUM HOUR

Please join us on Sunday morning at 9:30AM in Cox Hall for the Trinity Adult Forum. These informative programs are a great way to explore, share and broaden your knowledge. Do you have an idea for a topic? Please let a member of the Adult Christian Education committee know. We look forward to seeing you!

Jim Gemmer, ACE Chairman jimgem@gmail.com

- ⇒ March 1—Jonathan Catherwood – **Hebrews – The Many Roles of Christ (3 of 3)**: The book of Hebrews is unique in the New Testament, in that the author is unknown and it is neither a letter to an early church (the majority of Paul’s letters) nor a pastoral letter or a revelation. It appears to really be a sermon in written form, and provides a unique and compelling view of Christ in the context of Jewish history and theology, wrapping its theological purpose in a tone of wonderful warmth and encouragement. We plan to examine Christ the priest, the king and sacrificial offering.
- ⇒ March 8—Warren Beeton—**Climate Change – Stewardship of God’s Creation**: What is Climate Change? The Science behind it. Stewardship of God’s Planet.
- ⇒ March 15—Bill Howard – Executive Director of **The Downstream Project**, a local nonprofit dedicated to conservation communications and founded by George Ohrstrom II, will share a short video entitled Farmers to the Bay, a recent story completed for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The 9-minute film captures farmers from the Shenandoah Valley as they are hosted for a weekend of crabbing and oystering on Tangier Island—a chance to walk a mile in a waterman’s shoes. Compassion is at the heart of this initiative to help address a political problem: helping farmers from the valley understand threats to the Bay and creating a non-confrontational environment for sharing common values and concerns.

THE AMERICAN BOY CHOIR

It was the coldest night of the year with the temperature dropping to below zero. Yet, that evening, the church was filled with the sound of the purest voices you could ever imagine. The 28 fourth through eighth grade boys of The American Boychoir presented a concert program that warmed the hearts of all who braved the bitter cold to be there. It was truly a special evening filled with beautiful music and meaningful connections. The Boychoir's longtime campus had been the childhood home of Mrs. Bunny Lambert Mellon who was a great benefactor of the school and all involved knew how significant it was for them to perform in the church she built for the first time since singing for her funeral service. The program began with the boys slowly processing while singing a medieval chant which was the perfect compliment to a building created in a medieval style when the singing heard in the church would have been the same clear tones of the boy sopranos. What followed was an incredible variety of music from across the centuries and around the world, all performed to perfection by choristers who have dedicated their young lives to this endeavor. The only disappointment was there were not more people to hear it. The small handful of our own church members were far outnumbered by those who traveled much longer distances to experience this truly world class event.

Many thanks are in order for all those who worked so hard to make this magical evening possible. Stephanie Knapp coordinated all the host families which included Jolly de Give, Alix Coolidge, Joan Eliot, Susan Grayson, Stephanie Bates, Linda Newton, Sharon and Bill Clinton, Margaret Hilliard, Anne and Gray Coyner, Martha Williamson, and of course, Stephanie Knapp. Meralyn and George Autry prepared dinner for the



boys with help from Marguerite Sweeny, Karen Ewbank, Joyce and Al Brower, and Brittany Myers. Samantha Whitesides handled advertising and as always, the whole church staff helped in various ways to make the evening a success.

We hope to have this amazing group of boys back again next year. Perhaps when it is a bit warmer. When you hear about this next year, don't miss the incredible opportunity to experience The American Boychoir singing in a church that was built for their voices right here in your own little village.

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Music, Music, Music!!! At Trinity Episcopal Church!!!

The Community Music School of the Piedmont is pleased to announce that private music instruction for students is available at Trinity!

CMSP has teachers for violin, piano, sax, flute, clarinet, voice, music therapy, organ, guitar, cello, and other instruments.

For more information
call 540-592-3040
or email: piedmontmusic@aol.com
Please visit our website:
piedmontmusic.org



Come join the fun! CMSP's Spring session of Music Together begins Thursday, April 9 at 11:00 am at Trinity Episcopal Church

Music Together is a wonderful early childhood music class for infants, toddlers, parents, and caregivers. The 10 week session consists of 45 minute classes which include an artistically conceived flow of songs and movement. Great music and fun activities help children develop rhythm and tonal skills.

Siblings are free! For more info or to register please call:
540.592.3040 or email:
piedmontmusic@aol.com



HOLY WEEK & EASTER DAY SERVICES

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Diocese of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston,
Bishop of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr.,
Assistant Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff,
Bishop Suffragan

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr., *Rector*
Christian Myers, *Director of Music Ministry*
Richard McPherson, *Organist*
Beth A. Rogers, *Parish Administrator*
Betsy Crenshaw, *Administrative Assistant*
John Knouse, *Director of Family Ministries*
Angela Lake; Laure Carter, *Housekeeping*
Tommy Breeden, *Sexton*

Officers & Vestry

Becky Hoecker, *Senior Warden*
Gina Hammond, *Junior Warden*
Charles Ince, *Treasurer*
Mark Thompson, *Registrar*
Class of 2015
C. Greg Ellison, John Johnson
Becky Hoecker, Gina Hammond
Class of 2016
Bob Appenzeller, Joe Fluet
Marguerite Sweeny, Pamela Wynfield
Class of 2017
Barbara Conner, Susan Grayson
Jim Gemmer, Dan Murphy

Mon., March 30; Tues., March 31; Wed., April 1

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 2—Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Agapé Supper

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 3—Good Friday

12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

7:30p "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Haydn

Sunday, April 5—Easter Day

6:15 am Community Sunrise Service

(Outdoor Chapel at Trinity Church)

8:00 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

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