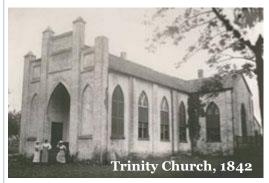
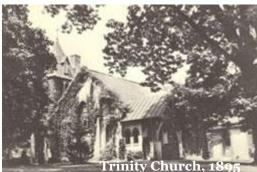
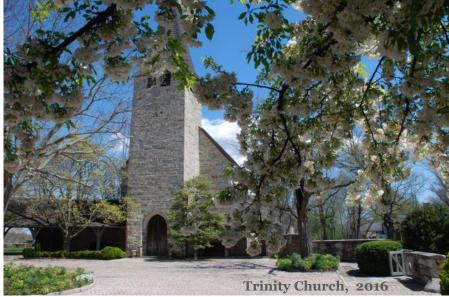


Genesis







Our 174th Summer of Service

SUMMER VESTRY ISSUE

DEAR FRIENDS,

I am enjoying some time of renewal with prayer, study and hiking. I hope you are finding time for some of the same.

Please read this Genesis carefully, for in it you will find the biographies for those willing to stand for election to the Vestry in October. Please keep the candidates and the ongoing work of the Vestry in your prayers.

See you soon and God's peace to you all.

Faithfully in Christ,



The Rev. Rob Banse

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mt. Pisgah BC Women's Bible Study, July 16th @ Trinity Church (Cox Hall). Breakfast & lunch provided
- Picnic & Evening Prayer July 26th @ 6pm
- Vestry Retreat August 28th from 12:30-4pm
- Youth go to DC United Game, Sep. 24th

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA



2014-2015 Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry

With this issue of "Genesis", we will be announcing the candidates for the upcoming Vestry election so let us take the opportunity to examine the meaning of Vestry and how it works within the Episcopal Church in America.

Merriam – Webster Online defines vestry as a small room in the church where the priest dresses, synonymous with sacristy. However, this source further points out that unique to the Episcopal Church in America, vestry can also mean the elective group of members, who along with the rector, administer the affairs of the Parish church.

This work may be best summarized in a quote from John Maury Allin, Presiding Bishop (1974 – 1985):

"As the management team of the parish, the vestry is responsible not only for an accountability to the congregation, but also for providing strong, creative leadership as it works with the

clergy to set the tone and direction of parish life. Open, frank communication among parishioners, vestry and rector will promote mutual confidence and point the way toward the positive action so vital to the well-being of a strong parish."

For more information, please feel free to consult:

http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/vestry

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/past-presiding-bishops

The Forward in "A Vestry Member's Guide" by Van S. Bowen (1983)

VESTRY ELECTION FAQ'S

Can I vote by proxy?

No: "The Voting shall be by ballot in person and unless otherwise provided by the meeting, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. There shall be no voting by proxy." ~ **Diocesan Canon** 11.5

Who is eligible to vote?

"All adult communicants in good standing, registered in the particular Church in which they offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Vestry members." ~**Diocesan Canon 11.5**

What exactly does Canon 11.5 mean?

Adults are anyone age 16 & older. Communicant in good standing means that for the previous year you have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. ~Constitution & Canon I.17.3 To be registered means that your baptism date is recorded in the Parish Register.

What do I do if I don't see my name on the voting roster? (this will be posted in Cox Hall in September)

If your name is NOT listed and you think it should be, please contact the church office by phone 540-592-3343 or e-mail Betsy Crenshaw at <u>betsy@trinityupperville.org</u>.

REFLECTIONS FROM A VESTRY MEMBER



Kathy and Bob Appenzeller

As a relative newcomer to Trinity (2010, in preparation for my daughter's wedding) and not particularly inclined to attend church from my misspent youth, it is both amazing and telling that I ended up serving on the vestry for the past three years. "Amazing" in that I finally found my spirituality through a few life experiences that didn't impact me severely and "Telling" in that only the align-

ment of the community and ministries as found at Trinity could have made my decision to serve and commit. We are truly a unique and interesting house of worship that is worthy of preservation and nurturing. I had been involved in the Outreach ministry since 2011 and continued to chair the committee up until this year when an energetic new vestry member graciously accepted the post. Outreach is a "good news" ministry and, with Trinity's support, never fails in its mission to spread the Love of Christ far and wide.

My vestry experience ranged from euphoric to exasperating, often within the same meeting. Our class had a few weighty issues to address (Inclusion, Stewardship, etc.) and there was a certain amount of pain involved in converging on a way forward. Sometimes our great ideas were overruled and sometimes there were compromises that had to be adopted in order that forward movement toward goals set earlier could eventually be met. Our vestry certainly wasn't of one mind, but with the leadership of the Rector and Wardens, and mutual respect for each other, we accomplished quite a bit. The results are fairly obvious as Trinity is a growing church today. I personally love a challenge, and vestry has offered up as many as I could take on.

My crystal ball is not reliable, but Trinity will certainly face the continuing need for stewardship and financial support which will not be easy in the socio-economic climate today. Making Trinity a fit for youth and young families as a

destination church will be a challenge and will require some creativity on the part of that ministry. With the goal of welcoming new members and fully receiving them into the family, I am confident that Trinity's future is secure for many years to come. We may have to seek economical alternatives to some of the building repairs as opposed to maintaining the Cadillac fixtures and components of the original campus structures and Gulick House will continue to be a topic of discussion whether rented or made into consultant office space.

As to advice for the incoming vestry, three pieces come to mind. First, support our Rector and Assistant Rector. We can hash out all our misgivings and desires at the meetings, but at the end of the day, it's the Rector's call. It's up to us to support leadership and take the message out to the parishioners. Secondly, and this was something I had to learn first-hand, the corporate culture is not a good fit for Trinity as it is a church that has a proud history over many years. Present as if you were talking to family as opposed to a board of directors, and keep it simple so that everyone retains the central message. As a church of diversified occupations and cultures, the message needs to be crystal clear to everyone and I urge you to avoid the temptation to apply the typical communications employed by civil Servants.

Finally, and most important of all, be there. Do whatever you can with your busy, hectic schedule to make the vestry meetings, show up at the events, and participate in the Stable Tour and Christmas Auction. If you head a committee – get personally involved and show vestry support with your presence. Not that I have made every meeting or event, but it was on my calendar and I made every effort. Being there is absolutely essential to making your vestry class of 2019 the best of the best.

I wish you a wonderful experience and God's peace.

Bob Appenzeller Vestry Class of 2016

SO WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE ON THE VESTRY?

According to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia Canon 11, section 4:

Only Lay persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing of the church, as defined in General Convention Canon 1.17., shall be eligible for election as Vestry members of such church. However, regardless of eligibility of a person for election, no person shall be elected at a duly convened congregational meeting to consecutive full terms on a congregation's Vestry or Vestry Committee.

Vestry Nominees For the Class of 2019

Our Annual Meeting & Election will be held October 2, 2016.



There will be one service at 9:30 a.m.

Scott Abeel





As I enter the nave of our grand church and see many familiar and some unfamiliar faces, I cannot help but reflect upon the strong presence of fellowship within Trinity Church's religious community. During my travels, I have attended many services as a visitor at Episcopalian and the services of other denominations. Nowhere have I found a strong and caring community such as the one found at our church. This feeling has not dissipated since I began attending Trinity Episcopal Church 27 years ago and was present when my fellow Trinity parishioners witnessed my commitment to our faith during my baptism and confirmation as an adult. It is my belief that an individual's chief purpose is to contribute to the greater good of those around them and that this is most effectively accomplished on the community level. My service to the church community and the community at large consists of volunteering for Stable Tour in various capacities, substitute teaching at one of our local schools, and serving on the board of an educational outreach association. I also fill my schedule with raising three wonderful young men

and writing historical non-fiction. Should I be elected to Trinity's Vestry, I shall endeavor, with God's help, to continue strengthening our unique community and help guide it into the future. I humbly thank you for this opportunity to serve our church and our community.

Lori Connelly-De Franco

I was raised in Minnesota and attended Arizona State University where I obtained a degree in Political Science. I have been an Episcopalian for over five years and have been attending Trinity for over a year and a half. I have participated in several activities here at Trinity. I worked with several Vestry members this past December in setting up the 2015 Christmas Auction, a huge job that I found very rewarding. For this year's Stable Tour I organized and managed the Country Fair to make it a fun event for vendors as well as visitors. I especially enjoy hosting the Coffee Hour and meeting other church members. I also love volunteering in the community for Habitat for Humanity and for Purcellville's holiday parades and events.



Sanford Diday



My wife (Jessica) and I have attended Trinity since 2013. Each service and every coffee hour is filled with introductions to people whom we now consider to be family. We felt this sense of family in the congregation immediately and agreed to cancel our wedding in Florida so we could council with Reverend Banse and celebrate our union at Trinity. We are blessed to experience the faith and inclusion found in Trinity's church community. As we look to the future, we are excited by the same sense of love, faith, grace, and respect we find in Trinity's leadership; all of which guide our personal relationship with God and our Christian development. Together, my wife and I participate in the Stable Tour, Trinity Tables, Christian Education, and The Thrift Shop. My wife also serves on the Flower Guild. Professionally, I am the Chief Strategy Officer of JrPixels, where I package and bring to market technology driven companies. Generally, we solve business problems by staying true to modern business fundamentals, e.g. financials, design, development, branding, and sales and marketing. This experience brings to the Vestry a deep sense of what it means to build thriving and engaged communities, along with the practical execution experience and leadership needed to set and meet stated end-

points and strategic goals. As a family, Jessica and I enthusiastically support our church family

and friends as well as the vision, mission, and goals of the larger Episcopal Church community.



James "Jim Hoecker



I am honored to stand for the Vestry of Trinity Church. During the past decade, by attending services, being an usher, and helping with the Stable Tour, I have come to know the many kind and highly motivated individuals in the Trinity community who serve and support their fellow citizens in so many extraordinary ways. If I can help in a small way to provide the practical and Christian governance that Trinity deserves, I would be pleased to serve. Rebecca and I have resided in northern Virginia our whole married life. Trinity Church has been our spiritual home for most of that time, and one of our granddaughters was baptized here in 2003. I have lived in the Washington DC area since 1979 and worked inside and outside government. During the Clinton Administration, I chaired an independent federal regulatory commission. I later served on utility boards of directors. In private law practice, I represent clients in energy-related matters and find time to serve on the Board of a non-profit publisher of literary fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. My first career was as a college professor of history in Michigan and Kentucky, however. I am a native of northern Wisconsin, a gardener, sometime artist, terrible golfer, and avid fisherman.

Joe Marcus

Joe Markus has been a member of Trinity Church for over 30 years. He is married to Sandra Markus with whom he resides on Trappe Road in Upperville VA. He has three daughters and four grandchildren. His daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Jason, have recently been attending Trinity with their two children. Joe has a varied business background which he has used previously, serving for 2+ years as chair of Trinity's Finance Committee.



Bruce Smart



As I think about the future of our society, I am concerned that too few of us are reaching out to groups that differ from us, to find ways in which all Americans can come together to make our world a better and more loving place. I have fewer days left than most, but have been blessed with a wide experience in the big world. Edie and I have been married 66 years, during which we have made a home in 8 different American communities. We have worked as private citizens and as a government diplomat with many countries, among them Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the UK, France, Germany, the Benelux nations, Sweden, Finland, Russia, India, South Africa, Japan, China, and South Korea. Our subjects have included education, the environment, international trade, finance and business, cultural differences, and military matters. The people we have met – from high rank to modest citizens – convince us that we are all much the same under the skin – decent, loving and concerned about the future. I would hope to bring some of this experience to Trinity's young people, and to reach out to various neighboring communities in our region with whom we can join forces to create a better world for our descendants.

Elizabeth Troye Plaskitt

I grew up across from the church in the 1960's, before moving out to the farm in Delaplane. I was a member of the children's choir till I was 17. We sang every Sunday and as children, we sat where the chancel choir now sits. As children, we also had two amazing and inspiring Choir masters, Mr. Motley and Mrs. Barney. We put on many concerts, which were wonderful productions. One year, we sang Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Coat. We had many large scale Christmas pageants at the church, which I was a member of till the age of 17. My grandfather was Senior Warden for many years. My cousin Rev. Burwell was the Rector at the church. Also my late uncle, The Rev. Guthrie Brown was a substitute minister for the church. I have seen this church go through many metamorphoses in its time. I have also been involved with the stable tour when I was much younger and we still had stud farms on the tour- Newstead, Rokeby, Oakley. I attended and graduated from the Hill School, The Madeira School and The University of Virginia. I ran my own business in Middleburg from the years of 2007 to 2012.



Martha Williamson



My name is Martha Williamson. I have been Episcopalian throughout my life, finding Trinity to be an incredible stronghold in my beliefs and spiritual connection, not only for myself, but my family. My husband, Brandt, and I were married on a snowy February 8th back in 1997 at Trinity. We, and our 3 children, have lived in Delaplane for 13+ yrs. I currently serve on Parish Life and the Altar Guild. Our son, Briggs, is a member of the youth choir, acolytes, and enjoys participating in many youth activities at Trinity. I cherish our parish, our outreach, and the strength our church has within our community. Given the opportunity to serve on the vestry, would allow me to further my support of our wonderful church and parish.

REMINDER FOR S.O.M.E

SOME Cooks

July 14, 2016

7:30 am

Cox Hall

Please come help chop and cook!



SOME Servers

July 15, 2016

8:30am

Trinity Church Parking Lot

Join us as we travel to D.C. to serve food!

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

Our Vestry met on Wednesday, Jun 15" for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and will be available for your review.

We were happy to welcome Rachel to the first of many Vestry meetings that she will attend as an ordained leader. She opened our meeting with prayer. I think she was prepared to do this, but it was a good thing that she was since Rob got stuck behind some loose cows on Rokeby Rd. coming to the meeting and was running late!

Financial reports were first on the agenda. We are still looking good with year to date pledge payments remaining ahead of budget. Thanks to all of you for your faithful dedication to this. We are still finalizing the Stable Tour finances, but we are confident that the ending income will be slightly higher than \$50,000. The tremendous effort put forth by our Chair, Gina Hammond, and all of the people who assisted her and all of our volunteers is heartwarming. Trinity is able to support many great causes with all of the money raised from Stable Tour going to Outreach and we are already starting to plan for next year's Tour.

Finance Committee presented a revised 2016 budget with several modifications. To start, we adjusted our pledge payment income down from our goal of \$570,000 to the actual \$553,000. Fortunately we were able to partially offset that with increases in prior year pledges received, additional wedding income and anticipated Gulick House rental income. We are hoping to have a renter in the house not later than October. After some small adjustments to expense lines, we end up with a \$28 positive variance or basically a balanced budget. The complete adjusted budget will be available for anybody to receive. It will also be part of the minutes from the June Vestry meeting which are normally posted in Cox Hall for all to see.

Finally on finances, Vestry approved the opening of an account for the handling of the Assistant Rector's discretionary fund. We are proud to report that the plate offerings received on Rachel's first Sunday with us were a bit over \$2500 and will be deposited in her discretionary fund. Thanks again to all for that show of support!

Outreach committee reports that they continue to keep us on track to support the local, regional and international causes that have been through their vetting process. Vestry approved their recommendation for an additional distribution of \$7,800 to support

Seven Loaves, Helping Haitian Angels and Fauquier Free Clinic. With a remaining balance of \$4,200, they are considering ways to raise more funds so stand by for news of events!

B+G's report included recommendations to re-roof Gulick House and additional stained glass window repairs in the Sanctuary. Both expenses were approved. B+G also reported issues with the water supply to the Cottage House (next to Keith House). The issue is under review for a potential resolution. Additional work recently completed or underway includes Peard House and Cox Hall exterior painting, and interior wall repair, exterior power washing and front porch repairs at Gulick House. In case you're not in the habit of doing so, we encourage you to take a walk around the campus to see the work being done. We are so blessed to have this place to care for and call our own.

As I mentioned last month, Vestry held a mini retreat on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12th at PCCC. The children provided each of us with a pack of cookies and a card of thanks for all that we do for the Center. Discussion from the retreat led to two actions to be approved at our regular meeting. First, we approved the Stewardship proposal presented by Chair, Dan Murphy. The goal of the plan is to create a sustained program that celebrates the true meaning of Stewardship. You will hear more about this in the near future. Second, we approved a proposal from Rising Moon Creatives for the redesign of our Trinity website and for development and management of our social media. This effort will support two of our 2016 Vestry goals-Shepherding and improving our use of current technology. As such, the oversite of the contract with Rising Moon will be in the hands of Pamela Wynfield and Marguerite Sweeny since they are also leading our Shepherding plan. I'm sure we'll be seeing more on this too as the effort develops.

Ok- is that enough? Please let any of us know if you have questions. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

In faith,

Jim Gemmer Senior Warden

FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Dear People of Trinity,

I want to thank you for a great first month at Trinity. It has been a busy month, in which I have spent much time going out and meeting with families and individuals, from kids and teens to the young-at-heart. It has been great to hear the voices of people from different generations—I believe we have so much to learn from one another!

If you missed this past Sunday's service, our Epistle was Paul's letter the Galatians, Chapter 5, talking about the fruits of the Spirit. In my sermon, I invited everyone to choose one of the fruits and to focus on it for the week ahead, to find tangible ways to live it out. I hope if you have not yet had the chance to take this opportunity, you will consider taking on one word for a week. Sometimes the Christian life can be overwhelming with all the things we are asked to live out, but if we take one of the fruits, like joy or gentleness, and focus on it, even for a week, we can grow deeper in our relationship with God and each other.

The fruits of the Spirit are those things that help strengthen us for the journey ahead and help us to grow deeper in faith. As many of you who are tending or have tended a garden know, it is hard for fruit to be grown without hard work, commitment, and genuine care. I think growing a garden is a great metaphor for our Christian life. The seeds must be planted, and those seeds are planted through our hearing, reading, and reflecting on the Scriptures and through sharing our Christian faith with those we meet.

Then the seeds must be watered. We need continual watering, by being with our church community, through taking part in various ministries, and in daily communication with God. Sometimes weeds spring up, those things that threaten our faith and prevent us from continuing to learn and grow. Our tightly packed schedules and daily busyness and noise are just some of the weeds that can hold us back, preventing the fruits of the Spirit from springing forth. It takes determination to pull back the weeds and create space for God to work through us.

I hope that this summer can be a time for you to nurture your faith in various ways. Make some time for a morning walk and talk with God, or take the time to read something that feeds your soul. I am currently working my way through the Episcopal Church's Bible Challenge, and though I sometimes miss a day or two, I find that when I do make the time to read in my day, it is nourishing, and I always see something new. Allow God to refresh you this summer for the exciting and challenging work ahead at Trinity come this fall. Please keep in your prayers the possibilities for a new ministry to which God may be calling you. There are endless opportunities here at Trinity, and I see tremendous potential for us to join God in His work.

God's peace,

The Rev. Deacon Rachel Rickenbaker

Shout-out to Youth! Are You up for a soccer match?

We will be "kicking" off our fall Youth Group program with a DC United Game!

We will be going to the stadium on their **Faith Night**, **September 24**, **2016**. Before the game begins, we will get to hear from some of the players about how their faith impacts their game. Then, we will sit back and watch DC United match up against Orlando City.

It will be a great night, for parents and youth, to hang out, hear from the players, eat some good stadium food, meet some new friends, and enjoy a soccer match together.

More details are to come, but mark your calendars for September 24th! Feel free to invite a friend!

SERVING IN AUGUST

	August 7 12 Pentecost	August 14 13 Pentecost	August 21 14 Pentecost	August 28 15 Pentecost
Flower Guild	Jimmy Hatcher Elizabeth Gore Dorothy Gow Ruth Ripley Barbara Sharp	Carolyn Smith Arla Lewis Mary MacDonnell Gretchen Zeltner Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell	Valeria Dove Bailey Davis Beth Gibbins Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley
Memorial Flowers		Linda Newton In Celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Carole & Jim Bubb	Patricia Thompson	Telle Zeiler Edward B. Burwell Mary S. Burwell Lucy G. Keith Isham Keith
Lectionary Readings	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
	8:	00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucha	rist Rite I	
LEM	Ellen Hall	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren	Carol Miller
Lector	Cindy Thompson	Walta Warren	Jeff Millington	Beth Lamond
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Holly and Chuck Bimb
Healing Ministry				
Coffee Hour				Ellison
	10	0:30 a.m. Service Holy Eucha	rist Rite II	
LEM	Ed Moore Johanna Jackson	Randy Mullett Sabine Bibb	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Arch Randolph Sheryl Mazzatenta
Lectors	Hank Long Page Gravely	Richard Myers Arch Randolph	Randy Mullett Jill Vogel	Jolly de Give Kaye Nazarian
Ushers	Anne Coyner Stanley Dees Jim Hoecker	Bunny Schick Brett Bibb Kaye Nazarian	Pamela Wynfield Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	David Hartley Mac Hartley Chip Chapman
Healing Ministry				
Coffee Hour			Bibb Latiolais	

PARISH COOKOUTS AND EVENING PRAYER



A special thank you to

the families who have volunteered to care for the trees at the Outdoor Sanctuary this summer:

Appenzeller
Banse
Eliot
Fluet
Gemmer
Gibbens
Hall
Hoecker
Jackson
Knapp
Moore

Thank you for your support and dedication!

Thanks to everyone who participated in making our first Cookout and Evening Prayer a success!

Please join us for our next cookout at the Outdoor Sanctuary on

July 26, 2016 6pm

Please bring a side or salad to share!

In case of rain, we will eat in Cox Hall and hold the Evening Prayer service in the Sanctuary.





















INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT MINISTRY FOR TRINITY

At the quarterly Congregational Update Meeting in May, Marguerite Sweeney and I presented ideas we gleaned from the Invite, Welcome, Connect (IWC) conference



we attended in April (<u>invitewelcomeconnect.org</u>). What is IWC about and why do we need it?

*Invite, a.k.a, Personal Invitation and Invitation through Social Media. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Matthew 28: 19. Invitation is not only about inviting people into a relationship with you and others in your congregation, but more importantly it is about inviting them into a relationship with God through Jesus.

*Welcome, a.k.a, The Ministry of Hospitality. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7. Welcoming the stranger is welcoming Jesus, who modeled a new way of seeing the other—the way of love, compassion, and forgiveness. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place through getting to know each other.

*Connect, a.k.a, Assimilation and Building Relationships. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. Romans 12:4-6. Connection is giving meaning to membership and discovering people's gifts. Connection helps the newcomer answer these questions: Where do I fit in? Is there room for me relationally? Does this church need me? Can I find a place to belong and serve? Am I safe here? This summer we will be working on several ideas to further this ministry.

Invite: We are working with Rising Moon Creatives company to ensure our website is user friendly, our social media platforms are connected to each other, provide user-friendly interfaces, and present a cohesive, informative and welcoming interface for visitors and members.

What can YOU do to ensure our invitation process is as successful as possible?

"Like" our Facebook page and hit the "share" button on our posts. www.facebook.com/Trinity-Episcopal-Church-135872289888425/

Tell us what you think of the changes that will be occurring in the coming months, especially for our web site www.trinityupperville.org.

Invite someone to church!

Welcome: We are revamping our administrative processes for getting to know visitors and how they get to know us. We'll have more information later in the summer.

What can YOU do to ensure our welcoming process is as warm as possible?

If you have the gift of hospitality and have never met a stranger, consider becoming an "Ambassador" of our church who will greet newcomers and visitors and make them feel welcome. We'll have more information about this role later this summer and will be asking the congregation to seriously consider becoming part of this ministry.

When you see newcomers at church events and services, introduce yourself and ask the person to tell you about themselves. For example: What brought them to Trinity? Are they new to the area?

Connect: We want to find ways to connect congregation members with each other. We want to be more intentional about providing opportunities for people to interact in small groups. For example, some of us ladies are interested in setting up a group for women over 40 who will explore spiritual journeys through reading selected texts, discussion and sharing of insights and experiences. If you are interested in this, please let me or Penelope Yungblut know.

What can YOU do to enrich your feeling of connection with members of our parish community?

Ask yourself what your particular gifts are and then ask how you can use them to participate in ongoing activities in guilds and committees.

Consider becoming a Shepherd who keeps watch over members and ensures they are included especially when they are unable to come to church events. More to follow about this as the summer progresses. Consider starting your own group of like-minded members. The possibilities are endless! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Service:

Laundry Love: http://laundrylove.org/voices
Naucratius: www.naucratius.org

Your own idea

Education:

Alpha: http://alpha.org/about

Financial Literacy: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home

Cursillo Weekends: http://episcopalcursilloministry.org/index.htm
EfM: Education for Ministry http://efm.sewanee.edu. You don't have to start one because there is a local group already. The next

class starts in September. Please call Gina Hammond to sign up.

Your own idea

Social:

Meet Up: www.meetup.com/topics/episcopalian/

A Moveable Feast: www.amovablefeast.org/2014/06/why-a-movable-feast/

Wine Study and Bible Tasting Building and Walking a Labyrinth Your own idea

By. Pamela Wynfield

MUSIC NOTES

Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu used it to describe their newly democratic post-apartheid nation. Various groups from Apple to the LGBT community have adopted it as a symbol. Leprechauns hid their pots of gold there, and God sent one to Noah as a sign of his promise to never again drown the entire world. Not a bad record for a meteorological phenomenon caused by the reflection, refraction, and dispersion of light through droplets of water.

This past winter, Brittany and I sold our home on the Shenandoah River and bought an historic, just barely livable house, further up the watershed, on beautiful Cedar Creek



near Middletown, Va. We moved with two feet of snow still on the ground from the big storm, and spent the nooks and crannies of our busy schedules getting settled and fixing up the house and

property. Though not even close to finished, by June we were ready to start showing it off and hosted parties for the church's choirs.

At the Bell Choir party, we celebrated Anne Lackman's amazing tenure with the group as she retired after 25 years of ringing bells at Trinity Church. Three nights later Chancel Choir gathered for dinner enjoying the view from the porch until being hit by one of the more severe of this seasons many storms. With 30 some people inside, the rain fell and the wind blew, but all stayed safe and dry as the old house, that has stood through 250 years of the elements, continued its reign.

As folks were leaving, the skies began to clear and an amazing double rainbow was revealed. After several months of

cleaning, cutting, carrying, and painting, the church had come to our new old house making it truly feel like home, and along with it came the symbol of God's promise that the creek won't rise too much.



Christian

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kingdom." ~Genesis 9:13-15

A FAREWELL TO OUR MUSIC INTERN



At the 10:30am service on June 26, 2016 we bid farewell to Matthew Booth after a year of service to Trinity Church as the Music Intern. Matthew has been under the direction of our Director of Music Ministries, Christian Myers, and has served in a variety of capacities during his year here at Trinity. In addition to his clerical duties and participating weekly in the Chancel Choir as a member of the bass section, Matthew has worked with the Children's Choir as an accompanist and director, assisted with directing the Chancel Choir, conducted the choir in collaboration with visiting artists and groups like the Cathedral Brass, and also worked in the capacity of accompanist and soloist for an array of events like the recent funeral of Richard Irish. He also organized and performed all of the special music for his final service on June 26th, which featured flute soloist (and his replacement intern for the 2016-2017 season), Sarah Saul. We appreciate Mat-

thew's dedication to Trinity Church this past year and thank him for his patience, kindness, and willingness to serve us and our greater community. We wish you all the best, Matthew, as you continue in your future endeavors.

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Summer Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed the following days:

July 4th

August 1st

August 8th

August 15th

August 22nd

August 29th

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