



Genesis

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year according to the Christian calendar. Welcome to the holy season of Advent. There are four Sundays in this season, each leading us closer to the great celebration of Christmas. It is also a time during which we are to pay particular attention to Christ's promise that he will return at an unexpected moment. One of the great spiritual disciplines encouraged in the life of every Christian is to live in readiness. Thus, Advent is a season of expectation marked by individual and communal acts befitting such preparation.

These preparatory acts include slowing down, waiting patiently, and living each day hopefully. Frankly, none of these practices are much honored in our world today. The lead-up to Christmas tends to be both frenetic and stressful. Waiting patiently for God is replaced by a seemingly unquenchable desire for instant gratification through material possessions wrapped in ribbon and foil. Furthermore, the fears and concerns we have about what is going on in our world today tend to overwhelm whatever hope we hold for Christ's coming again. There is so much noise, worry, and distraction. It makes standing still and looking up into the night sky for that one bright sign of "God with us" almost impossible. That is the reason why we need this season of Advent all the more.



I have a suggestion. Make a commitment this Advent to intentionally spend time with the parents of Jesus prior to December 24th. Include Mary and Joseph in your holiday plans. Read with care the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke's gospels. Reflect on their lives and what their responses to Gabriel teach us about slowing down for God's sake, living both with patience and in hope of the infinite love and mercy made incarnate in that manger in Bethlehem. Discuss the stories of Mary and Joseph with your family and friends. Pray about what sort of revelation this might be. Think about what it means to respond, "Here I am" when God comes calling.

It seems to me that this is probably the best way to prepare, with expectation and joy, for Christmas Day.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



Christmas Eve

- 4p Family Holy Eucharist
- 8p Festival Holy Eucharist
- 11p Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

- 10:30a Holy Eucharist Rite I

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 4th from 5-7 pm Christmas Auction Preview Party
- Dec. 6th Christmas Auction 12-3 pm
- Dec. 13th, 10:30a Service with the Trinity Choristers
- Dec. 13 at 5 pm Lessons & Carols with The Master Singers of Virginia
- Dec. 18th, 7:30p—"Messiah" with Winchester Musica Viva
- Dec. 20th at the 10:30 am service-Christmas Pageant
- Jan. 6th at 7:30p—Epiphany Service

VESTRY NOTES

Our Vestry met on Wednesday, November 18th for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and available for your review.

We received the Treasurer's reports which were basically the same as what Carol presented at the congregational meetings on Sunday, November 18th. Several recommendations from the Finance committee were received and approved. These are recorded in the minutes. Discussion followed regarding Trinity's 2016 budget and the status of our Stewardship Service Giving. The Finance committee will present a provisional 2016 budget to Vestry at the December meeting.

The meeting continued with all committee reports. To note a few highlights:

- Vestry approved the recommendation from Buildings/ Grounds Chairman to obtain a quote for a Facility Condition Assessment (FCA). If the FCA is approved for purchase, it will provide a detailed report to aid our current and future decisions regarding cost and scheduling of repairs and maintenance for our beautiful campus.
- Outreach will be making distributions to the Kamba Foundation, By His Wounds Ministry and the Winchester Food Bank.
- Music Ministry has a full plate of events through the Holiday season. They have made a particular effort to expand the Children's Choir which was clearly evident in their bright voices on Youth Sunday.

- Parish Life asks to be notified of any In-reach Ministry needs for Trinity members. Please let any Vestry member know if you are aware of these needs.
- Thrift Shop continues to be a blessing to our congregation and community through expanded sales using the funds to support a variety of missions.

Thanks to the leadership of Pamela Wynfield and the support of many new and former volunteers, the 2015 Trinity Christmas Auction is going to be a wonderful event! Please join us for the preview party on Friday December 4th and again for the live auction on Sunday, December 6th.

Stable Tour planning is well underway. If you can help with this important event that supports Trinity's Mission efforts, please let us know. This year's tour will be led by Gina Hammond who has an enthusiastic support group including several of our former Stable Tour leaders.

Your Vestry is committed to developing ideas and actions that will enhance the Faith, Place and Mission of Trinity Upperville. As we continue this journey, please let us know where you want to be included.

Yours in faith,
Jim Gemmer, *Senior Warden*



Christmas Flowers

Order Christmas flowers to be placed in the church in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Christmas.

Please enclose your contribution with this form (*for checks, be sure to write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line*).

Complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Tues.

December 15th.

Christmas Flowers Order Form (please print clearly)

Given in memory of:

Given in honor/thanksgiving:

Your Name(s):

Phone:

S.O.M.E. AWESOME FOOD!

Trinity Church closed out the 28th year of participation in the SOME program with grace and prayerful thanks, serving just over 400 guests at the November meal.

Traffic, oven and other woes could not deter the group of seasoned volunteers from rallying to the cause and offering a generous plate of fish, rice casserole and the standard accompaniments, including homemade desserts and bread.

We are most appreciative of your support for this long standing program and look forward to hopefully continuing in 2016 for year 29 with our first meal beginning on Thursday, January 14 in Cox Hall and food service at SOME on Friday, January 15, 2016. Please consider joining us on this important mission. Details about the 2016 schedule will follow in the next few weeks, pending Outreach approval.

Among those in the kitchen chopping vegetables and cooking the rice were: Sarah Sisk, Robin Keys, Ellen Hall, Edie Smart, Kit Hemion, Jane Kates, Beth Lamond, Holly Bimba, Stephanie Knapp, and Ann MacLeod.

The DC crew included: Robin Keys, Carol Miller, Gina Hammond, Henry Chapman, Margaret New, Jim Gemmer, Ken Knapp, Ann MacLeod, Mary & John MacDonnell.

In a review of the 2015 expenses, Trinity Church successfully fed over 2000 guests at SOME during the course of the year, and perhaps many more staff. The average cost of each meal was just over \$2.00 per person, including milk. None of these savings would be possible without your generous contributions of mouthwatering desserts and breads. We are able to enjoy great savings in our food purchases as a result. Ours remains a unique and generous meal at SOME and we enjoy the distinction of being honored by the SOME staff as the group serving the best plate.



Meal served on Nov. 20, 2015

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” ~Isaiah 9:1-5

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA

For our December issue, it is fitting to finish the buildings currently on the Trinity property. The stone Boiler Building is just behind and to the west of Cox Hall. This building houses two boilers supplying heat to the Church, Cox Hall and the Nursery. On the east side is a small storage area for hand garden equipment. Beside this area is an obsolete bathroom now used for storage. To the west of this building is a wooden frame shed housing the larger lawn equipment.

The last building is the gazebo in the middle of the south parking lot. In the summer, it is not unusual to see someone standing or sitting in the shade of this building, resting before continuing their journey.

Next month, we will look at some of the other little known facts about Trinity.

~Gray Coyner

Pictured at right, the gazebo and below is the boiler building.

Photo illustrations by Holly Bimba





Christmas Auction!

Join us in Cox Hall for the Preview Party

Friday, December 4th from 5—7 p.m.

The auction will take place on Sunday, December 6th from 12—3 p.m.

There are many great items available! There is something for everyone. Get your Christmas shopping done early and help a great cause at the same time.

All proceeds go towards the ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church.



Vacation at Orchard House, Tenants Harbor, Maine

Spend one week at Orchard House, July, August, or September 2016. A seashore cottage located half way between Tenants Harbor and Port Clyde, Maine. Accommodations include a living room with fireplace, kitchenette, two bedrooms, two baths, and a loft suitable for children using available mattresses and sleeping bags. Home overlooks Turkey Cove in Tenants Harbor, Maine. Available at a mutually agreeable date.

Donated by Bruce & Edie Smart

NYC Getaway to West 57th Street by Hilton Club

Located in the heart of New York City within walking distance of Carnegie Hall, Broadway Theatre District, Central Park, Times Square, the Museum of Modern Art, and more! Stay three nights in a one bedroom condo between 6th and 7th Ave. Alternate Hilton Club on top floors of 6th Ave. location. Must reserve at least 4 weeks ahead. No black-out dates. Transportation not included, AMTRAK recommended to New York's Penn Station. *Donated by Bob & Kathy Appenzeller.*



Shenandoah River Canoe Trip for 12

Spend a day on the Shenandoah River canoeing! Friends, families or couples can explore the beautiful Shenandoah River with Greg Ellison of Swift Shoal Excursions canoeing, fishing and enjoying a picnic lunch. Bring your pole and fishing license and plan on a wonderful day between May and September 2016.

Donated by Greg & Sarah Ellison, Swift Shoal Excursions



Dinner for four at Palio Steak & Seafood Restaurant Leesburg, Virginia

Includes champagne to start; a special, 3-course menu with specially-selected red and white wines from the region around Sienna, Italy (*home of Il Palio, the annual equestrian competition honoring the Madonna of Provenzano*); and a personal welcome by Palio's owner, Michael O'Connor, and/or the restaurant's new Executive Chef, Ian Dieter (*schedules permitting*).

Donated by Palio



Three Fox Vineyards VIP Wine Tasting

The original Virginia home of Sangiovese, for up to six people includes tasting of TFV wines and T-J sparkling chardonnay, nibbles, souvenir logo wine glasses, discount of 15% on all wine purchased that day.

Donated by Three Fox Vineyards.



Little River Inn in Aldie

Enjoy a one night stay in a room with a private bath in the Main House and a full breakfast the next morning.

Donated by Mary Ann and Tucker Withers



Champagne Hot Air Balloon Flight for Two www.balloonsunlimited.com

Donated by Patty and Jim Jarvis



The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys thru December 13th, Please leave your donations in the box located Cox Hall.

Thank you for making Christmas special for a child!

SERVING IN JANUARY

Altar Guild: Dec. 31—Feb. 3: Team 1: Walta Warren, Elizabeth Courts, Bunny Shick, Shannon Stimson					
	January 3 2 Christmas	January 11 Baptism of the Lord	January 17 2 Epiphany	January 24 3 Epiphany	January 31 4 Epiphany
Flower Guild	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Betty Long Cindy Mullett	Valerie Dove Bailey Davis Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Telle Zeiler	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry Leigh O Wood	Gina Hammond Joyce Brower Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	June Hambrick Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Jessica Diday
Memorial Flowers	Frederick L. Spencer, Jr.	Janet & William Tayloe, William Bladen Tayloe	Celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing In Memory of William "Tommy" S. Stokes, III		
Lectionary Readings	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i> <i>Psalms 84</i> <i>Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a</i> <i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>Acts 8:14-17</i> <i>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</i>	<i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> <i>Psalms 36:5-10</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:1-11</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i>	<i>Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10</i> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31a</i> <i>Luke 4:14-21</i>	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>Psalms 71:1-6</i> <i>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</i> <i>Luke 4:21-30</i>
Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 AM					
LEM	Lewis Martin	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall	Beth Lamond	Carol Miller
Lector	Cheri Martin	Jeff Millington	Beth Lamond	Walta Warren	Greg Ellison
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Barbara du Pont	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Holly & Chuck Bimba	Sarah & Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren
Healing Ministry	Cheri Martin Clyde Lamond				
Coffee Hour					
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 AM					
LEM	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp	Ed Moore Sheryl Mazzatenta	Sabine Bibb Pamela Wynfield	Gina Hammond Debra Latiolais	Randy Mullett Michael Main
Lector	Carolyn Smith Becky Hoecker	Barbara Augenblick Susan Goettl	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Michael Main Bucky Slater	Kelly Johnson Margaret Hilliard
Ushers	Susan Grayson Stanley Dees Jolly de Give	Tre, Elle, Ri & Chuck Benefield	Ken Knapp Bunny Shick Brett Bibb	Pamela Wynfield Elizabeth Courts Anne Coyner	David & Mac Hartley Henry Chapman
Healing Ministry	Stephanie Knapp Ginny Fluet	Melissa Neal Joe Fluet	Ginny Fluet Michael Scholes	Elizabeth Gore Stephanie Knapp	Joe Fluet Melissa Neal
Coffee Hour					

January 6—Epiphany 7:30 p.m.



Lectionary Readings	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
LEM	Pamela Wynfield
Lector	Stephanie Knapp
Ushers	Ken Knapp

NEW BEGINNINGS

At its core, the season of Advent is about beginnings. The term itself, from the Latin, means arrival or coming. In the Christian Church it is the beginning of the liturgical year and celebrates the time of preparation for the coming of the birth of Christ, the greatest of all beginnings. The church recognizes Advent in many meaningful ways but perhaps none are more wonderful than in the faces of the children who represent a never ending beginning.

This past summer was something of an ending in our children's programs as John Knouse, our much loved Director of Family Ministries, departed Trinity for new opportunities in the greener pastures to our south. While we miss John greatly and are pleased to hear of his many successes in Warrenton, every ending creates a new beginning.

It didn't look that way at first as we began the fall with no sign of a replacement for John, but things changed quickly. Gina Hammond took up the slack in Children's Chapel, implementing a new Sunday school component to this highly successful program. Lillian Griber continued her amazing work giving Trinity the largest compliment of devoted acolytes one could imagine for a church this size, and The Reverend Banse along with his wife

Janie began work themselves on continuing the Youth Groups.

Our children's choirs participation also suffered as their rehearsals had been a part of the Trinity After School Program which was discontinued in John's absence. On the first day of rehearsals in September we had one child. The solution to this came in the form of Lillian Griber. As though she didn't already have her hands full, she agreed to help with the Choristers and began to work the same kind of recruiting magic she has done with the acolytes. The next week there were two, and then four, then eight, and by October we had one of the largest groups of choristers we have had in years. It has truly been a joy to behold as they have grown in number, skill, and devotion.

The choristers will be singing on the second Sunday of Advent, again for the Christmas Pageant on the fourth Sunday of Advent, and then will be the primary choir for the Family Service at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve. You can see the joy in their faces and certainly hear it in their voices. It is the sound of angels, a new beginning, preparing the way of the Lord. It is the sound of Advent and the voice of the future of the church.

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December Music Events & Services

Dec. 13th, 10:30a Service with the Trinity Choristers

Dec. 13th, 5 p—"Lessons & Carols" with The Master Singers of Virginia

Dec. 18th, 7:30p—"Messiah" with Winchester Musica Viva

Dec. 20th, 10:30a Service—Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24th, 4p—Family Eucharist with the Trinity Choristers

Dec. 24th 8p—Festival Eucharist with the Chancel Choir, Soloist, and Strings

Dec. 24th 11p—Candlelight Eucharist with a cappella music



Forum Dec 13: Anne Konur from Windswept Academy Mission in South Dakota: Challenges and Blessings of the Lakota peoples.

Coming in Spring 2016: Jerry Eisley, "Exploring Sacred Space: Art and Mindfulness"

We will explore the following questions:

1. What is Sacred Space as seen by our culture and through the lens of faith.?
2. What relationship does the Sacred have to daily life and human need?
3. How does mindfulness bring us into an encounter with beauty and truth?

In addition to these questions there will be an overall introduction to various forms of art that touch on the Sacred and some outstanding artists' work done by artists of faith.

About Jerry Eisley: Founder and director of Foxhall Gallery 1976-2011 in NW Washington, DC; founder and director of Washington Arts Group 1978-present; Currently director and owner Eisley Fine Art LLC since 2012

Come participate in Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. with The Master Singers of Virginia!

The Master Singers of Virginia is a select, auditioned, volunteer ensemble, comprised of 28 singers.



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“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” ~ Luke 2:10-11

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