

Genesis

A Message of New Life from Trinity Episcopal Church

December 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Welcome to the holy season of Advent. While there is always the temptation to jump directly to the Christmas celebration, a temptation that will be greatly encouraged by the world around us, you and I need to resist this with all the strength that God allows. Instead, these next four weeks are to be about preparing our hearts and minds, with lamps lit and work clothes on, for the coming of Christ. While tinsel, colored lights, and carols, prematurely displayed and played, may distract us, Advent is really about the hard work of Gospel urgency. Prayer, worship, study, and acts of love and compassion are the tools at hand.

I have been reading a wonderful meditation on Advent's meaning. Please allow me to share with you some of its passages:

"We miss the essence of Christmas unless we become, in the words of Eberhard Arnold, 'mindful of how Christ's birth took place.' Once we do, we will sense immediately that Advent marks something momentous: God's coming into our midst. That coming is not just something that happened in the past. It is a recurring possibility here and now. And thus Advent is not merely a commemorative event or an anniversary, but a yearly opportunity for us to consider the future, second Advent – the promised coming of God's kingdom on earth."



Furthermore, "The love that descended to Bethlehem is not the easy sympathy of an avuncular God, but a burning fire whose light chases away every shadow, floods every corner, and turns midnight into noon. This love reveals sin and overcomes it. It conquers darkness with such forcefulness and intensity that it scatters the proud, humbles the mighty, feeds the hungry, and sends the rich away empty-handed (Luke 1:51-53)."

Yes, Christmas is coming, and a great celebration it will be. In the meantime, are the eyes of our hearts open and are our lamps lit? Do we have our work clothes on for the sake of the Gospel? Because Advent reminds us that Christ is indeed coming again.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse

These passages are taken from, "Watch For The Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas," Plough Publishing House, pages xv and xvi.



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 16th, 12p.m.** Please bring your donations to Cox Hall and leave in the donation box.

Thank you for making Christmas special for a child!

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S.O.M.E.

Robin Keys

Blessed with an experienced and self-reliant crew of volunteers, Trinity Church pulled off an abundant lunch for 450 guests the week before Thanksgiving.

Arriving at SOME, we were surprised to learn that the kitchen was operating without any managers or support staff. Harried front office personnel and the dining room servers had been pitching in to get breakfast and lunch together for the last several days.

The Trinity team rose to the challenge, opening cans, seasoning fish, heating rice, flavoring beans, plating coleslaw, arranging baked goods, all in an Escoffier-like movement to get the line ready within a little over an hour for the first hungry and cold diners.

There are many to thank: Mark Thompson, driver and dish-washer; Ken Knapp and Jim Gemmer, fish and rice cooks extraordinaire; George Autry, who excels at any station; Carol Miller, Pamela Wynfield, Maggie New, and Gina Hammond, masters of the sweets and breads trays. Among many contributions, Gina lovingly prepared hand decorated turkey cookies. The guests were absolutely awed. Outreach leader

Bob Appenzeller produced the most delicious green beans flavored with onions. And of course, no SOME appearance would be complete without the venerable Ann MacLeod handing out the finished product to the diners in line.

Thanks to Mr. Appenzeller and the Trinity Outreach Committee, our SOME mission was bumped up a bit for this our final feeding in 2014. We were able to purchase great quantities of creamed corn, green beans, and yams to contribute to the Thanksgiving Day meal at SOME.

We were also able to purchase some other extras like fresh oranges, parchment paper, foil pans, artificial sweetener and a wealth of other supplies that will carry us through 2015. We hope to return to SOME on Friday January 16 to do it all over again, permanently adding coleslaw to complement our varied menu.

Joining us in the Cox Hall kitchen the day before were: Sara Sisk, Meralyn Autry, Edie Smart, Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Sharon Clinton, Stephanie Knapp, Pat Reilly, Jane deButts Kates, Harriett Condon, Nicky Perry, Robin Keys, and Ann MacLeod.

Please take a look at your calendars

for next year and make a note of our 2015 dates for prepping and serving, pending approval:

- ◆ January *15 and 16
- ◆ March *19 and 20
- ◆ May *14 and 15
- ◆ July *16 and 17
- ◆ September *17 and 18
- ◆ November *19 and 20

*As always, donations of cookies, cakes, muffins, breads, and brownies are always needed. Mark items for "SOME" and leave in Cox Hall on the designated date.



Sweet treats baked for the folks at SOME



These are "SOME" cooks! Thank you all.

Vestry Notes

Becky Hoecker, Senior Warden

The Vestry met on Wednesday, November 19th, for its monthly meeting. The Rector offered opening prayers, which were followed by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Becky Hoecker offered a Bible study on Psalm 121.

The Vestry approved the minutes of the October 15th meeting, which are now available on the bulletin board in Cox Hall.

John Johnson presented the Finance Committee report on the draft 2015 Budget for the Vestry to prayerfully consider over the next month. Expenses for staff were increased in accordance with Diocesan guidelines. Carryover numbers used in the 2014 budget were budgeted to zero. Rental income of the Gulick House was also budgeted at zero as it is now unoccupied. Other budgetary reductions were taken as well. As presented, there is an estimated deficit for 2015. However, John pointed out that this is a conservative estimate that will likely change in December as more pledges are received, and as we have end of the year report from the Treasurer.

The Vestry discussed the need for a permanent second housekeeper to work on a part-time basis. The Vestry agreed they would like to engage a second housekeeper on a permanent part-time basis, but made no decision pending the final review in December of the 2015 budget.

The Vestry then discussed its 2015 pledge to the Diocese of Virginia, which is due November 30th. The "Virginia Plan for Proportionate Giving" is the guide for giving to the Diocese. The plan provides each parish with a percentage giving range based on unrestricted income, calculated as a three-year average. The Vestry discussed its desire to increase our tithe to a full 10%, but with the realities of our budget, the Vestry voted to contribute \$69,190.00 for 2015, the same amount contributed to the Diocese in 2014 by Trinity. The percentage of giving remains essentially the same at 9%.

Charles Ince then presented the Treasurer's report. He reviewed the Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet and concluded with the hopeful statement that the year may end with a small surplus, which could offset the deficit somewhat.

The Vestry then discussed what to do with the Gulick House now that the tenants have moved, whether to rent again or considering other options. The Buildings committee will initiate a cost-benefit analysis to determine the best use of the property. In the meantime, the Vestry voted to offer the Gulick House for rent on a six-month option.

The Vestry also discussed the Campaign for Endowment Growth, what hopes it has for the Endowment, how the money could and should be used. A paper addressing these issues will be developed and distributed to the congregation in the next two to three months.

Gina Hammond gave a brief report on the Stewardship efforts thus far. As of the Vestry meeting, 92 pledges had been received, of which 85 were renewing and 7 were new pledges: A total of \$358,601 pledged. There are still 100 pledge units that have not been received.

In the Senior Warden's report, Becky Hoecker thanked the Vestry for their support and attendance at the four meetings held in the past four weeks as the Blessing and Witnessing of a Lifelong Covenant was discussed. She also thanked the Rob for his outstanding leadership as he worked toward understanding within the church.

In the Rector's report, Rob said it had been a month of many challenges and that much work remains to be done as the church works through the changes that are occurring. He emphasized his hope that all members of the church will come to the understanding that as a church we are diverse and able to accept our differences, because, as a church, we are brothers and sisters who love God and love each other. He said the church would continue to focus on its mission of prayer, outreach, and the hope of resurrection. Rob is planning an Advent program which will be announced soon.

Rob concluded the meeting with a final prayer.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014.

2015 Vestry Meeting Schedule

Wednesday January 21

Monday February 16
(Changed from Ash Wednesday)

Wednesday March 18

Wednesday April 15

Wednesday May 20

Wednesday June 17

Wednesday July 15

NO AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday September 16

Wednesday October 21

Wednesday November 18

Wednesday December 16



Christmas Auction!

Join us in Cox Hall for the preview party on Friday, December 5th from 5—7 p.m.

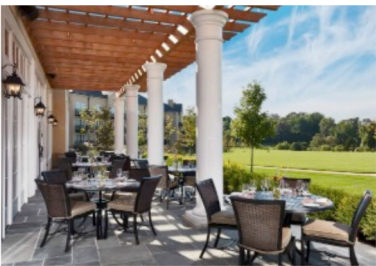
The auction will take place on Sunday, December 7th from 12—3 p.m.

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.

Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2

Do you have a special occasion coming up that you would like to make especially romantic or unique? Try a fun and exciting Hot Air Balloon Ride! You will be the envy of everyone on the ground as you gracefully soar and drift lazily above the beautiful Virginia countryside during one of the most peaceful experiences of a lifetime; enjoy champagne after a gentle landing. Value: \$500.

Donated by Patty and Jim Jarvis



Overnight Stay and Sunday Brunch for Two at Salamander Resort

Relax with friends and family in a gracious setting with panoramic views, enjoying Sunday Brunch at Harrimans. Served from 11 am to 2 pm. Value: \$595. *Donated by Salamander Resort*

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 2014. Value: \$800. *Donated by Greg & Sarah Ellison, Swift Shoal Excursions*





Vacation at Orchard House, Tenants Harbor, Maine

Spend one week at Orchard House, July, August, or September 2015. 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. Minimum: \$1,000. *Donated by Bruce & Edie Smart*



The Red Fox Inn and Tavern

One night stay at The Red Fox Inn and Tavern located in the heart of Middleburg and relax in one of our fifteen guest rooms. Thick cotton bathrobes, bedside sweets, the Washington Post and our Hunt Country Breakfast, are just a few of the extras that make an overnight visit to our romantic country inn so special. Valid Sunday—Thursday, excludes holidays and holiday weekends. Certain blackout dates and room assignments restrictions may apply. Value: \$225. *Donated by The Red Fox Inn and Tavern*



Hilton Club's West 57th Street, New York City

<http://www.west57thstreet.com/>

Get Away to West 57th Street by Hilton Club, a 4-star hotel, 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 Central Park! Stay up to three nights in one bedroom studio at W57th on 102W 57th ST NYC between 6th and 7th AVE. Must reserve at least 5 weeks ahead. No black-out dates. Owners Lounge available for breakfast and cocktail hour. Transportation and \$50 cleaning fee NOT included. Value: \$1,545. *Donated by Bob & Kathy Appenzeller*

Vacation Luxuriously in Palm Beach!

Enjoy a fabulous week in the heart of America's equestrian capital, Wellington, Florida, at the Palm Beach Polo Club in Wellington. Gorgeous home with house manager, 6,500 square feet, 5 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, pool, hot tub. Club has tennis courts, gym, additional pool. Not available between January 15 and March 31, or November 22—29. Value: \$6,000
Donated by Jill & Alex Vogel



Three Fox Vineyards VIP Wine Tasting For 6

Three Fox Vineyards sits on 50 rolling acres, reminiscent of Tuscany in the heart of Virginia's horse country. Includes: 2 souvenir glasses, one bottle of Alouette Cabernet France 2012, and a discount of 15% on wine purchases. Reservation must be made in advance. Redeem prior to December 7, 2015. Value: \$136.
Donated by Three Fox Vineyards

Barrel Oak Winery Tasting for 8

This deluxe wine tasting experience includes a full flight wine tasting at Barrel Oak Winery. Guests are invited to bring their own picnic to enjoy after the tasting and will receive Barrel Oak Winery souvenir glasses. The buyer of this item will be entitled to a \$60 BOW Buxx gift card redeemable for winery merchandise and services. Value: \$175. *Donated by Barrel Oak Winery*



Family Ministries

John Knouse, Directory of Family Ministries

Friends,

As I write this article, it is a few days before the Thanksgiving Holiday, and much preparation and work lie ahead in the office, and in my kitchen. But I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past program year, and all the fun that was had and the memories we've shared.

It has been an awesome year, and I can't believe how quickly another Advent and Christmas Season has approached us. From ski trips and roller coaster rides, to the 30 hour famine and a summer mission trip, we've had so many things to do, and so many more to anticipate.

Speaking of the word anticipate, I never thought that as I grew older that I would grow to anticipate Christmas more than I did as a child, but it has in fact happened. As I journeyed through Advent last year, and start the journey again this year, I can't help but feel overjoyed for the many blessings in my life.

As most of you know, one of the greatest gifts to us is our children and all the love, joy, and excitement they bring into our daily lives, especially around Christmas time. I just want each of you to know that I am abundantly blessed with not only a daughter of my own and a little boy who is on the way, but I am also blessed with the friendship, fellowship, and love of all of your children.

It's funny that each year a group of my friends and I, who are all youth workers as well, get together to chat and recap the year and share stories. I will never forget the time, a few years ago, that our waitress said that she overheard us talking about "our kids" and asked how many we had. Without any delay, our one friend responded, "about one-hundred", and the look on the poor woman's face was priceless. I tell you this because this Advent season I invite you and your family to join us in this journey that lies ahead. I want you to know that I ask and invite you into the events and happenings with a heart that is overjoyed by the presence of you and your children. You see, I will always see your children and your families as a part of my family, and

that is something to be truly thankful for. As we return from our Thanksgiving celebrations, here are a few things that will be happening in the month of December. Our T.A.P. Program will kick off its Advent-Focused program on December 3rd at 4:30pm, and will continue on the 10th and 17th, before taking a break for Christmas and the New Year.



The youth and children of the church are all invited to join us in riding on the Trinity church Float on December 6th for the Christmas in Middleburg celebration. For adults, the next Adult Fellowship meeting will be December 9th at 6:30pm in the parish hall of Emmanuel Delaplane. Also, the men of Trinity Church will be having their next breakfast on December 13th at 8:00am and it is not one to be missed; I heard there will be beignets!

I'm sure Christian Myers will share more about the Lessons and Carols, but it is an incredible event with readers from throughout the church including some of our congregation's youth.

Finally, we will celebrate our Christmas Pageant on the 21st at the 10:30am service and host a Youth and Family Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

I look forward to see you all very soon, and blessings in your holiday adventures.

Important Dates

Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 4:30 p.m.

T.A.P. Program
Meet in Cox Hall

Dec. 6th @ 11:30 a.m.

Middleburg Christmas Parade
Meet in the church parking lot

Dec. 9th @ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Fellowship
Meet in Parish Hall at Emmanuel
Delaplane

Dec. 13th @ 8:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast
Meet in Cox Hall

Dec. 20th @ 9:00 a.m.

Pageant Rehearsal

Dec. 21st @ 9:45 a.m.

Pageant Service
(service begins at 10:30 a.m.)
Meet in Cox Hall

Dec. 24th @ 4:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Eve &
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Matthew 25:35-40

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?”

And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”



The Trinity Church Thrift Shop is doing well under the new leadership of Cindy Thompson. We have a very dedicated crew of volunteers that come each and every Saturday morning to open the shop and sell the goods that have been donated. The Thrift Shop is so grateful to all the volunteer who come on their assigned Saturdays and to all who have donated their treasures throughout the year. We have helped countless members of our community, thanks to the funds generated from sales. As a Trinity employee who answers the phone when a request come in —it is so rewarding to be able to say “Yes!” to a request for assistance. I had an unique experience this past Saturday. I helped pack the Thanksgiving Baskets at the Upperville Baptist Church, then in turn, took one of the baskets to a very elderly couple in Willisville. I sat and chatted with them awhile and then they mentioned that their living room kerosene heater was running low. I relieved their anxiety by telling them that the Thrift Shop would have a kerosene delivery made this week. (After polling all the member of the Thrift Shop Board). Because of the shop and the inter-community connection, we were able o do a lot of good for these great folks. So Trinity parishioners, thanks for all you do on so many levels!

Betsy Crenshaw



Our Food Closet is now overflowing with food items to help our brothers and sisters in need. A huge thank you to all who donated food these last several weeks. Your generosity is much appreciated by all who visit the closet.

Beth Rogers, Parish Administrator



Altar Guild: Jan. 1—Feb. 4: Walta Warren, Shannon Stimson, Elizabeth Courts

	January 4 2 Christmas	January 6 Epiphany	January 11 Baptism of the Lord	January 18 2 Epiphany	January 25 3 Epiphany
Flower Guild	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Linda Dodderidge Sarah Ellison Nicky Perry Cindy Thompson LeighO Wood		Gina Hammond Abigale Brower Joyce Brower Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	Jimmy Hatcher Gay Estin Elizabeth Gore Dorothy Gow Ruth Ripley	Carolyn Smith Patty Jarvis Mary MacDonnell Nenie Schara
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	Captain Peter Griber
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 60:1-6</i> <i>Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14</i> <i>Ephesians 3:1-12</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-5</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>Acts 19:1-7</i> <i>Mark 1:4-11</i>	<i>1 Samuel 3:1-20</i> <i>Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17</i> <i>1 Corinthians 6:12-20</i> <i>John 1:43-51</i>	<i>Jonah 3:1-5, 10</i> <i>Psalms 62:6-14</i> <i>1 Corinthians 7:29-31</i> <i>Mark 1:14-20</i>
	Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 AM		Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8:00 AM		
LEM	Dan Haney		Walta Warren	Beth Lamond	Cheri Martin
Lector	Jim Whitner		Cindy Thompson	Carol Miller	Lewis Martin
Ushers	Holly & Chuck Bimba		Sarah & Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Pam Covington
Coffee Hour					
	Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II, 7 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 AM		
LEM	Sabine Bibb Debra Latiolais	Pamela Wynfield	Randy Mullett George Autry	Elizabeth Norman Bill Easton	Arch Randolph Pamela Wynfield
Lector	Ginny Fluet Susan Goettl	Stephanie Knapp	Joe Fluet Bill Easton	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Barbara Augenblick Jolly de Give
Ushers	Susan Grayson Stanley Dees Brett Bibb	Ken Knapp	Pamela Wynfield Elizabeth Courts Chip Chapman	Elle, Ri & Chuck Benefield	Ken Knapp Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing
Healing Ministry					
Coffee Hour					

Did You Know?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA



The Peard House (church office)

What was once the “Rectory” is now the “Peard House”...

The office building across the courtyard from the church entrance was part of the original campus design to be used as the “Rectory”. This really put the Rector and his family in the center of a “fishbowl” and there were many stories of visitors to the church walking into the house at all times of the day or night, thinking it was open to the public. These visits may have been during dinner or at bedtime and it was sometimes difficult to get visitors to leave.

The Reverend Richard Townsend Carroll Peard was Rector of Trinity from 1979 until his death in 1991. He was the last Rector to live in the Rectory or as it is now known, “The Peard House”. While historically

churches in Virginia had provided housing for their ministers, these individuals began to realize they could purchase their own residence and build equity in the real property while serving a particular church. It soon became the practice for churches to provide a monetary housing allowance for their ministers and most began arranging their own living arrangements.

Rev. Peard was much loved by the members of Trinity and by the greater Upperville/ Middleburg community. In May of 1992, the Vestry voted to relocate the church office to the Rectory and rename the building in memory of Rev. Peard.

~Gray Coyner

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 Monday,

December 15th.

Christmas Flowers



Christmas Flowers Order Form (please print clearly)

Given in memory of:

Given in honor/thanksgiving:

Your Name(s):

Phone:

Stewardship: Walking The Way

As we enter into this holiday season, let us be mindful of the many blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon each of us. Your Stewardship Committee is thankful for the 96 individuals/families who have submitted their commitment cards for fiscal year 2015. We know that you have given your decision careful thought as you make your spiritual journey with Christ.

At its December 17, 2014 meeting, the Vestry will complete drafting its 2015 Budget. We would like to be able to address all requests coming from our numerous committees as they will help to strengthen our mission and ministry here at Trinity Church. We currently have a shortfall of **~\$100,000**. If you have not already completed your commitment, please do so by this date. We also encourage everyone, as they attend holiday services, to make a special gift in thanksgiving for God's greatest gift, our Savior Jesus Christ.

With many blessings,

Your Stewardship Committee

Forms can be picked up at church, or downloaded from our website (e-readers can use the links provided below).

[Download Commitment Form](#)

[Download ACH/Credit Card Form](#)



As of
Nov 24 2014

Commitments
Received

Total Dollars
Received

200	\$ 600,000
195	\$ 590,000
190	\$ 580,000
185	\$ 570,000
180	\$ 560,000
175	\$ 550,000
170	\$ 540,000
165	\$ 530,000
160	\$ 520,000
155	\$ 510,000
150	\$ 500,000
145	\$ 490,000
140	\$ 480,000
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115	\$ 430,000
110	\$ 420,000
105	\$ 410,000
104	\$ 408,246
100	\$ 400,000
95	\$ 390,000
90	\$ 380,000
85	\$ 370,000
80	\$ 360,000
75	\$ 350,000
70	\$ 340,000
65	\$ 330,000
60	\$ 320,000
55	\$ 310,000
50	\$ 300,000

96

367,501

Messiah

While the secular world begins each new year on January 1st sitting on the sofa with a bag of chips, football, and a healthy hangover, the Christian liturgical calendar begins with a period of holy preparation during the season of Advent. In all three years of the lectionary cycle, the second Sunday of Advent focuses on the story of John the Baptist, but in year B the version of this story is particularly familiar, as the reading from Isaiah appointed for this day was used by George Frideric Handel for the beginning of his famous oratorio, *Messiah*. Following the opening Overture, the first sung movement is the tenor recitative "Comfort Ye", followed by the tenor aria "Every Valley", and then the chorus "And the Glory of the Lord" with the texts all straight from

the Isaiah lesson.

As this is year B and we have our very own world class, Metropolitan Opera Tenor in our choir, the choice of music for the second Sunday of Advent is undeniable. On Sunday Dec. 7, we will bring Isaiah's prophesy of John the Baptist to life with strings and organ as we present the opening sequence of Handel's *Messiah* as an extended Offertory Anthem featuring Michael Forest singing the two tenor solos and the full choir for the chorus.

Make sure to join us during Advent to usher in the new liturgical year as we "prepare the way of the Lord". While the church pews may not be as comfortable as your

sofa, and locusts and honey are a poor substitute for Doritos, I can certainly promise that, no matter what; your team will win. Perhaps you might postpone the hangover until January.

Christian

Lessons & Carols: The Master Singers of Virginia

The Master Singers of Virginia is a select, auditioned, volunteer ensemble, comprised of 28 singers. Now in its 20th season, the ensemble was founded by Dr. Erik Jones who still serves as the Artistic Director.

The mission of the Master Singers of Virginia is: to enrich, educate and entertain audiences by providing high quality artistic programs in Northern Virginia and beyond; to give residents of the region the opportunity to hear and perform beautiful and challenging choral music; to encourage youth to become involved in choral music; and to increase awareness of and support for the arts in Loudoun County and its environs.

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



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

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Tommy Breeden

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Becky Hoecker

Junior Warden

Gina Hammond

Treasurer

Charles Ince

Registrar

Mark Thompson

Class of 2015

C. Greg Ellison
John Johnson
Becky Hoecker
Gina Hammond

Class of 2016

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Class of 2017

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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

Articles for the January edition of "Genesis" are due December 18th

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Family Service with a children's homily, children's choir, and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

8:00 pm Festival Service with the full Trinity Choir, soloists, strings, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

11:00 pm Candlelight Service with a more quiet and contemplative liturgy, *a cappella* music and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.



Christmas Day

10:30 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist