



On February 10th we will offer the Ash Wednesday liturgy and thus mark the beginning of Lent. Again, these forty days are an invitation to enter into a deeper relationship with God by way of "self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." (BCP, p.265)

I have discovered over the years that Lent is not a favorite season for many of us. It does not seem to include the gentle love we associate with Christmas nor the tumultuous joy of Easter. Instead, the season seems to focus on sin and death, two themes we would, understandably, prefer to avoid.

But I think that view is too one-sided. Yes, we are reminded that we are mortal and that this is the time to live these days as God intends. Yes, we are called to look deep within and ask for forgiveness for those actions and attitudes that corrupt and diminish our true nature in Christ. However, both of these themes are ultimately about freedom. They are about the grace experienced in reconciliation and the hope found in discipleship, a hope that leads to eternal life.

Lent, then, is much more about discovering what it means to be loved by God rather than it is about guilt and deathly obsession. That discovery is made when you and I choose to intentionally spend quality time in God's presence and thus learn to act according to God's ways.

In order to create this divine space in our lives, we will add some opportunities for prayer and study to our calendar here at Trinity. Please be on the look out for e-blasts and other announcements in order to learn more about them. Again, Lent is much more about intentionality when it comes to our relationship with God in Christ than it is about existential doom and gloom. I therefore invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, a season fully lived in the presence of the God who first loved us.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb. 9th at 6:30pm in Cox Hall
- Ash Wednesday Services, Feb. 10th at 12pm & 7pm
- Lenten Program & Supper Feb. 24th, March 2nd & 9th. Supper begins at 6:30 pm followed by the program from 7-8pm.



Prayer Vigil will begin
 March 24th at 10p and end
 March 25th at 10a (sign-up sheets will be posted Feb.
 14th)

2016 HUNT COUNTRY STABLE TOUR NEWS

This is an important time of preparation for the 57th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour. We are working hard to finalize the farms and attractions to entice our guests to join us the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, 2016. The Stable Tour is our major fundraiser each year. All proceeds from this event are dedicated to Outreach efforts. The more profit we make, the more impact we can have in helping and serving others in need.

Did you know that in 2015, our expenses were over \$17,000 for the tour? While ads sold for the Program Booklet help cover some of these costs, we also need underwriters for other expenses. If we could cover these costs, we would strengthen our ability to expand our outreach. Below you will find a list of underwriting opportunities. If you or your businesses are able to address one of these needs, please contact Gina Hammond, 2016 Hunt Country Stable Tour Chair, at 540-665-5744 (home) or leave a message at the church (540-592-3343). Thank you for your help!

Opportunity	Cost	
Media Advertising – Newspapers, radio, etc.	\$5000	
Pre-Tour Multi-fold brochure	\$1250	
Police Traffic Direction	\$900	
Porta Potties	\$1600	
Postage	\$500	
Program Booklet Art Work	\$1500	
Signs for Roadside	\$1200	



ADULT FORUM

Upcoming Adult Forums - Sunday Mornings 9:30 am - 10:15 am

Please join us as we enter into the church liturgical season of Lent. Our speakers will share some of their passions which help them to study and reflect on this holy time.

Feb. 7 - Music of the Church - Lent The Rev. Jim Hammond

Trinity Church enjoys a superb music program which reflects the rich tradition of English Church Music, much of which is composed particularly for worship during the various seasons of the church year. From settings of the Psalms and magnificent hymns, through anthems and motets, to cantatas and oratorios, authors and composers of sacred music are inspired by God to produce glorious accompaniment for worship. On the Last Sunday of Epiphany, the eve of Lent, Jim Hammond will lead us in an exploration of music designed to be performed during this important season of penitence. The relatively recent improvements to the sound system of Cox Hall will enable us to appreciate more fully wondrous performances of world class choirs.

Feb. 14 – Entering into Lent – The Rev. Rob Banse
On the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday, Rob will share his
thoughts on the Lenten Season, including ideas for study and
reflection.

Feb. 21 - TBD

Feb. 28 - The Right Rev. Graham Kings

Trinity will once again welcome Bishop Graham Kings, who in July 2015 became Mission Theologian in the Anglican Communion. This innovative post was created by the partnership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Church Mission Society and Durham University. He is based in London with frequent visits to Durham. In this role he will research, stimulate, connect and publish works of theology in the Anglican Communion, with particular focus on insights from Africa, Asia and Latin America, in their ecumenical contexts. Bishop Kings was an observer at the recent gathering of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and will be available to talk with us about this event and his activities as Mission Theologian.

VESTRY REPORT

Our Vestry met on Wednesday, January 20th for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and available for your review.

We received the Treasurer's reports which included the status of finances for 2015. Pending final closing numbers, I'm happy to report that we ended the year with a net income of \$29,000. Our pledge collection rate for 2015 was 100.2%. Thanks to all of you for your dedication to Trinity! We also approved the 2016 budget. We will review the budget at our Congregational update next Sunday, January 31st during Forum at 9:30 a.m. in Cox Hall. We hope to see you all there. Thanks to a generous gift of \$25,000 received in January, our 2016 budget is balanced with a net income of \$400.

Vestry spent a good deal of time at the meeting discussing our goals and objectives for Trinity in 2016. We will also be presenting these to the congregation at the update meeting on the 31st. We have established goals that will guide our decisions as we contemplate actions concerning the future of Trinity. We prayerfully seek to enrich our Faith, Place, and Mission by increasing our Outreach and our Inreach efforts. Additionally, we will be seeking your assistance and participation as we work on enhancing the way we invite, welcome and connect with visitors to Trinity. You may have noticed that we've seen a lot of new faces at Trinity recently and we want to encourage all newcomers to return and hopefully join us as members.

We received the initial report concerning the conditional assessment of Trinity's facilities. While the 91 page report is somewhat daunting, the report provides a structured roadmap as we consider necessary repairs and maintenance to our beautiful campus. To get the process started, Vestry approved several recommendations from Buildings and Grounds. These include some needed cosmetic repairs

to Cox Hall and the replacement of the exterior protective coverings on the stained glass windows on the north side of the sanctuary. The coverings on the south side were replaced earlier and it's now time to do the rest.

We heard from the Stable Tour committee which continues to move forward with their planning. They have approved the design for this year's poster and they have a growing list of farms that we will offer to our participants. We hope that you will join us for this year's Tour as a Steward, a volunteer, an observer or all of the above! This is an important undertaking in the life of Trinity that will require as many of us who are able to pitch in to help make is a success.

Finally, as I write this note, we just experienced Snowmageddon 2016! At our house, we got 34" of snow and while Saturday night and Sunday morning presented lovely demonstrations of God's beauty, it also caused us to have to cancel services and created many challenges for the upcoming week. I hope that you were all able to dig out safely and perhaps check on your neighbors. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

Yours in faith,

Jim Gemmer Senior Warden



- * Feb. 10th—Ash Wednesday
 12p Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
 7p Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
- * Youth Confirmation Classes Feb. 14th, 21st, 28th; Mar. 6th, 13th from 12:15p—1:15p
- * Lenten Program—Wednesday Feb. 24th, March 2nd & 9th, supper at 6:30p and program from 7-8p.
- * Mar. 20th—Palm Sunday
- * Holy Week Noon Services, Mar. 21st, 22nd, 23rd
- * Maundy Thursday, Mar. 24th
 6:30 p Supper in Cox Hall,
 7:30p Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the altar.
- * The Prayer Vigil will begin Mar. 24th at 10p through 10a on Mar. 25th.
- * Good Friday, Mar. 25th— Noon Holy Eucharist from the reserved sacrament.



SERVING IN MARCH

Altar Guild	February 4—March 9: Team 5: Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Harriett Condon, Celeste Wheelwright, Briggs Williamson, Martha Williamson March 10—March 19: Team 2: Barbara Augenblick, Kim Hayden, Becky Hoecker, Debra Latiolais, Ed Moore March 20—March 27: All Teams March 28—April 27: Team 2: Barbara Augenblick, Kim Hayden, Becky Hoecker, Debra Latiolais, Ed Moore				
	March 6 4 Lent	March 13 5 Lent	March 20 Palm Sunday	March 27 Easter Day	
Flower Guild	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland	Jimmy Hatcher Gay Estin Elizabeth Gore Dorothy Gow Ruth Ripley Barbara Sharp	Carolyn Smith Cathy Boswell Arla Lewis Mary MacDonnell Gretchen Zeltner	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Betty Long Cindy Mullett	
Memorial Flowers			Palms	Easter Flower Dedications	
Lectionary	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56	Acts 10:34-53 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12	
	8:00 a.m	n. Service: Holy Eucharis	t Rite I	I.	
LEM:	Carol Miller	Beth Lamond	Lewis Martin	Ellen Hall	
Lector	Beth Lamond	Greg Ellison	Cheri Martin	Walta Warren	
Ushers	Walta Warren Jeff Millington	Debbie Gerbich Barbara DuPont	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Holly & Chuck Bimba	
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond				
Coffee Hour				Congregation	
I0:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II					
LEM	Kaye Nazarian Sheryl Mazzatenta	Sabine Bibb Michael Main	Randy Mullett Gina Hammond	Pamela Wynfield Debra Latiolais	
Lector	Gray Coyner Samantha Whitesides	Stephanie Knapp Stephanie Reynolds	Jolly de Give Kaye Nazarian	Jim Gemmer Joe Fluet	
Ushers	Barbara Augenblick Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Jim Hoecker Brett Bibb Kaye Nazarian	Pamela Wynfield Anne Coyner Bunny Shick	Ken Knapp David & Mac Hartley Henry Chapman	
Healing Ministry	Ginny & Joe Fluet	Joe Fluet Michael Scholes	Melissa Neal Elizabeth Gore		
Coffee Hour			Benefield & Bibb Families	Congregation	
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 21 (Monday—12p): Joe Fluet, Chalice March 22 (Tuesday—12p): Carol Miller, Chalice March 23 (Wednesday—12p): Lewis Martin, Chalice

March 24 (Maundy Thursday—7:30p): Ginny Fluet, Chalice; Jolly de Give, Lector; Ken Knapp, Usher

March 25 (Good Friday—12p): Walta Warren, Chalice; Barbara Augenblick, Lector

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church - Upperville, VA

The church interior - South Transept

Too often, we attend Trinity but don't have the time to really look around at this magnificent building. The next few articles will describe some special places in the church interior. The most thorough descriptions are in the book about Trinity by George Glaysher, available at the church office for a nominal fee.

"The South Transept holds two stained glass windows representing the Church and the people. The first pictures an old man holding an open bound Bible. The second pictures a woman also holding an open bound Bible. The figures are richly dressed, surrounded by dark blue glass with ornamental pillars and angles. The open book has been used throughout history to signify learning, teaching, and writing. Separate leaves (codices) bound together came into use in the fourth century. Medieval symbolism saw mystery in a closed book, impenetrable secrecy in a sealed

book, dissemination of truth by text and doctrine in an open book. The windows are dedicated to the Mann family (1880 – 1919) and were originally set in the second Trinity Church near this site.

The elliptical window, east of the South Transept, made of many different shades of green, is unique in style and a great favorite. It is a symbol in itself, nearly circular; it has no beginning and no ending, symbolic of God's love."

FOOTNOTE: "The window described above was a temporary one which was replaced on December 1, 2003 by a beautiful stained glass window depicting an oak tree with a profound dedication by the benefactors of Trinity Church, Paul and Rachel Mellon. The window was designed by Rowan LeCompte, designer of 45 windows at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The installation was by Dieter Goldkuhle of Reston, Virginia, whose work is also greatly recognized at the National Cathedral."

S.O.M.E. JANUARY

A steady flow of guests enjoyed our Friday lunch at SOME in January. All told, close to 400 were fed a hearty meal of fish, rice casserole, green beans, coleslaw, milk and an array of mouthwatering desserts and breads, including homemade cinnamon rolls.

Thankfully, all the ovens were operable and we were advised a new industrial cook stove is on its way to the O Street kitchen. We were welcomed by the customary staff and left to our own devices to cook and get our offerings on the serving tables with time to spare.

Ken Knapp again demonstrated his prowess preparing the battered fish, with an able assist from Jim Gemmer and John MacDonnell. Len Shapiro manned the green beans while Bob Appenzeller and Mark Thompson switched it up with Bob on the dishes and Mark both in the kitchen and on the serving line handing out plates alongside Ann MacLeod.

Gina Hammond, Carol Miller, Mary MacDonnell and Jolly de Give delicately prepared the bread and dessert trays and Robin Keys generally drifted from post to post greeting the patrons.

One guest was celebrating a birthday while others expressed optimism over the next season for the Washington Redskins. There was little talk of politics, though a gentleman sported an Obama cap. Most were well-fortified cloth-

ing wise for the winter temperatures, thanks to supplies from SOME's clothing closet across the street. Thankfully, there were no children dining with us, and a smaller than average percentage of women due to the temporary closing of the ladies dining room. That facility is being used to arrange donated toiletries and gifts from the busy holiday season. Now that Christmas 2015 is behind us, SOME leaders expressed hope that many upcoming vacancies in the volunteer schedule will continue to be filled in 2016.

Trinity Church will cook and serve five more times in 2016 for our 29th year of this ministry. Consider joining us in support, either in the local kitchen or D.C. dining room or with the donation of always appreciated baked goods.

Cooking Dates	Serving Dates		
March 17	March 18		
May 19	May 20		
July 14	July 15		
September 15	September 16		
November 17	November 17 November 18		

Also helping prepare this meal were the following Cox Hall kitchen volunteers: Sarah Sisk, Robin Keys, Ann MacLeod, Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Stephanie Knapp, Nicky Perry, and Jolly de Give.

American Boychoir

Fernando Malvar-Ruiz, Litton-Lodal Music Director

On Tour ★ How Can I Keep From Singing



Trinity Episcopal Church

Saturday, March 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Suggested donation \$20.00





AMERICAN BOYCHOIR CONCERT

The American Boychoir has a longstanding connection with Trinity Church. In 1950 the Boychoir bought Albemarle, in Princeton, NJ, to be their new campus. The estate had been built by Rachel Mellon's father, Gerard Lambert, in 1917 and was Mrs. Mellon's childhood home. She continued to live on the grounds for a few years after the Boychoir moved there and became a long time benefactor of the choir. In 1999 the Boychoir sang for Paul Mellon's Memorial Service at the National Gallery of Art and then, in 2014, drove all night from New York, where they were filming a movie, to sing for Mrs. Mellon's Funeral Service here at Trinity.

Last year on a cold snowy night in February the American Boychoir gave a full concert here which was very well attended despite the weather. Sadly, our own membership was not well represented and many missed what those who did come felt was one of the most beautiful performances they had ever heard.

This year we have another chance. The American Boychoir is without question the finest boychoir in the country and easily on par with the best boychoirs in the world. Please plan to attend this very special event in the life of Trinity Church on Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Christian

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." ~Hebrews 13:2

THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

Each year, Trinity sponsors at least one fabulous concert. Looking over past years, we have welcomed various choirs from Westminster Choir College, Elizabeth von Trapp, and others. It continues to be Trinity's policy to offer these concerts without charging an admission fee or selling tickets, but relying on a free-will offering so that all wishing to attend might do so.

This year Trinity will once again host the American Boychoir from Princeton, New Jersey. (Please see Christian's article for more information) Unlike the students from Westminster Choir College, these students are much younger – most of them in $5^{th}-8^{th}$ grade. Because of their special gift of singing, the boys attend a special school that enables them to keep up with their studies while they maintain a rigorous, year-round concert schedule.

They are polite, fun, talented, and joyful. They are 24 in

number, and will require housing for two nights: Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5. If you would be willing to provide housing and some refreshments for two or more of these boys, please contact Stephanie Knapp to offer your hospitality. (540) 592-3333 or <u>Cabage@aol.com</u> (The boys will be housed in pairs, but you may certainly volunteer to house more than one pair — the more the merrier!)

Feedback from Trinity host families who have provided housing in the past has been glowing. Please consider opening your home to these young boys. You will be exercising the ministry of hospitality, and making an essential contribution to the success of Trinity's music ministry. Thank you!

-Stephanie Knapp

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.



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