

# GENESIS



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## The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Easter is "an annual Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, held on the first Sunday after the date of the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21."

The Catechism of our Book of Common Prayer asks the question, "What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?" The answer given is "By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life."

On the day itself, we pray, "O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

All of this is well and good, theologically and liturgically correct. But, of course, the above does not come even close to expressing the ineffable joy offered to us by God in this holy season. From the kindling of the paschal fire in the predawn hours to the final shouts of "Alleluia", we are embraced by the realization given through faith that the stone has been rolled away and the tomb stands empty. No longer is death our final destination. Yes, we are mortal. But by Christ, and in Christ, and through Christ, we too will experience death, not as the end, but as a gate that opens into larger life.

In the meantime, we live as an Easter people. Even in the midst of all that is diminished and corrupted in this present age, we live according to God's great promise revealed in His Son. Even as the world obsesses over all the bad news, we proclaim the Gospel: In the darkness, there is light. In the despair, there is hope. In the anger, discrimination, and hatred, there is love and that love will never fail or be overcome. Why? Jesus Christ lives. Christ lives here in our world. Christ lives within each one of us. Christ is now the way, the truth, and life. And when the moment is right, Christ will come again.

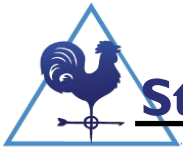
Eternal life burst out of the tomb in the resurrected life of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day. Every day now holds the Gospel's promise. That is a promise well worth celebrating, my sisters and brothers. I look forward to celebrating this new reality with you in the weeks ahead. Welcome, Easter!

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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# Stable Tour Update

By Kat Gemmer

The Stable Tour is well on its way to a successful 2018! The Farms and Events are set. Please check out our website for details about the fun filled Memorial Day Weekend and mark your calendars for May 26 and 27.

Our next task is to fill all of the farms with volunteers to oversee the grounds and activities. All head stewards have been selected and Jim Gemmer and Dorothy Gow will soon be contacting congregational members about farm slots. We are also taking advertisers for our booklet, so if you know of any businesses that might be interested contact Marilyn Bigelow (marylinbigelow@gmail.com) or Kat Gemmer (gemmerkathryn@gmail.com). The church office is also able to answer any questions.



Donations continue to come in, but we still need your gifts. Please consider giving to this cause that uses all of the net proceeds to fund Outreach here at Trinity. I appreciate all of the support that each of you gives to the tour; it is such a blessing to be able to work for such an amazing tradition!

In Christ  
Kat



# Vestry Notes

By Matt Blunt

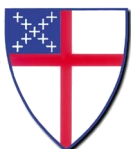


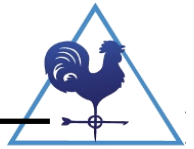
As always, Easter was a great day of celebration and worship at Trinity. In fact, the entire Holy Week was a moving period of reflection and meditation on Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Now we turn to the task of living as redeemed people who serve God, one another and men and women in this community and beyond.

With that in mind, I would urge you to consider supporting one of Trinity's most important events of the year. The Hunt Country Stable Tour is the primary source of our outreach funding. It is what allows us to serve the people of Upperville, the surrounding area and men and women in crisis all around the world. The Tour can also attract those who are looking for a place to worship and have fellowship with other believers to Trinity. Stable Tour Chair Kat Gemmer and her committee have put together a wonderful itinerary. I would urge you to support the Stable Tour and the outreach work of Trinity.

Regards,

Matt Blunt





**St Peter's Episcopal Church, Purcellville, VA, is the site of the next  
See Jesus Workshop.**

**We would love to have you join us.**

**April 27 – 28, 2018**

To register or for more information visit:

[www.seejesus.net/events](http://www.seejesus.net/events)

or call 215-721-3113

The **See Jesus Workshop** (formerly Small Group Leader Training) is designed to transform small group ministry and renew your love for Jesus by training you to lead interactive Bible studies.

- **Friday Evening, April 27, 2018 (7:00 – 9:00)**
- **Saturday, April 28, 2018 (8:30 – 3:15)**

***Trainees must register by Thursday April 19, 2018.***

People may register as participants and not lead a lesson. Participants are encouraged to interact in the group.

**Cost** – includes continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday

\$29.00 Trainees

\$19.00 Participants

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## Stewardship Update

By Jim Hoecker

April is the month of renewal and hope. We begin it by pausing to honor the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord. As part of that Celebration, your Stewardship Committee wishes to report that 2018 pledges now total \$588,367.00. This meets our most ambitious expectations and we thank the 156 pledging parishioners for their historic commitment. The best news is that we have yet to hear from some of our 2017 pledgers. If they could simply renew at last year's level, we would conclude this pledge season with over \$620,000, which would advance our goal of strengthening Trinity Church's financial position and set the stage for meeting the major financial obligations facing the congregation down the road.

In my last letter sent directly to many of our Genesis readers from whom we have not heard this year, we asked that you please complete a short survey so that, pledging aside, the Church and Father Banse can better understand whether you think the Church is doing all it can to help and serve you and the Lord. We ask again, *please respond* so that Trinity can remain your "home" during this year of change and uncertainty.

Many blessings of the Easter season,

  
Jim Hoecker  
2018 Stewardship Chair



## Upcoming Youth Activities

By Kevin Fox

We will have youth evenings at the church the second Wednesday of every month (grades 3-12), starting April 11 with a Pizza night from 5:30-7 PM, followed by activities. Please invite your friends; you don't have to belong to Trinity to participate! We will also discuss the schedule of coming events, including:

- Youth Sunday
- Canoe Trip
- Stable Tour Volunteer Project
- Pool Party
- Movie Night
- Annual Youth Project
- Outreach activity

Please RSVP for April 11 to Kevin Fox @ [kfox@myviablevision.com](mailto:kfox@myviablevision.com).

We have a remarkable group of energetic, talented and creative youth at Trinity, and we are excited to provide opportunities for them to shine, to build new friendships and to contribute to the life of the church. We need your ideas and energy at Trinity, so please come and bring your friends, for fun and fellowship.





It was a full dining room two times over as Trinity Church fed a bevy of hungry diners at SOME in Washington, DC, in March. Short on staff and the usual bounty of local college-age volunteers, we hustled to keep the paper plates flowing. Without a volunteer to man the automatic dishwasher, the standard hard plastic serving ware was removed. Only one side of the serving station was manned. Jim Gemmer however stepped up to handle the heavy duty washing of pots and pans in the kitchen.

Most of the remaining kitchen duties including but not limited to fish, green bean and rice casserole preparation, were handled ably by Ken Knapp and John MacDonnell joined by Len Shapiro, with a small assist from Robin Keys. Portioning the vast array of desserts and bread were newcomer Josefina Hooker,

whom we welcomed with open arms, Mary MacDonnell, Gina Hammond and Ann MacLeod. Gina baked a generous portion of green cookies honoring Saint Patrick, the "Apostle of Ireland." Josefina donated a large number of Girl Scout cookies and Mary made some mouth watering Irish soda bread for the occasion. Service was halted briefly when one of the guests had a medical emergency outside the entrance. An ambulance was quickly dispatched and soon we were back in business. It was believed that the guest



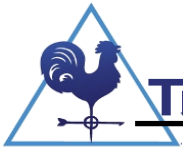
Our March SOME servers, pictured from left to right: Josephina Hooker, Gina Hammond, Len Shapiro, Ann MacLeod, Mary MacDonnel, Jim Gemmer, John Macdonnel and Ken Knapp.

possibly overdosed on "Spice" or K2 synthetic marijuana. A member of the SOME security team reported that the use of this drug in the metropolitan area has skyrocketed and that unfortunately medical intervention is often required.

We were mindful during our service of the significant impact former Outreach leader the late Debbie Gale had on our program. She was right there in the kitchen with us for many, many years as well as on the van to DC. We will forever miss her warm spirit and welcoming nature. Debbie embodied what the SOME program is all about serving everyone with dignity and respect. We will return to DC to serve on May 18, with cooking scheduled the previous day May 17 in Cox Hall. Please consider joining us. A sign-up sheet is available in Cox Hall or you are encouraged to contact Ann MacLeod to confirm your participation.







# Trinity Choristers Camp

By T. Christian Myers & Martha Williamson

Youth in 3rd-8th grade are welcome to join us for a week-long immersion in music, making friends, and many wonderful summer activities!

## MUSIC-

Singers will learn the basics of pitch, rhythm, and vocal technique as they prepare both standard repertoire and classical vocal music, suitable for treble voices. Rehearsals each day will be led by Christian Myers, Director of Music, and Sarah Kitts, music intern.

## FUN ACTIVITIES-

Chorister Camp will be a week full of fun! Choristers will have many exciting activities planned each day outside of daily rehearsals, to include swimming, drone day, outdoor sports, and games the youth will love to ensure a memorable camp experience.

## CONCERT-

The week finishes with a public performance in the church at 6pm on Friday, June 22, followed by a wonderful reception for all who attend this very special concert.

## SCHEDULE-

June 18th-22nd, 2018

-Campers should arrive between 8:30-9am each day. Pick-up is between 5-5:30pm, Monday-Thursday, and on Friday pick-up will follow the reception.

-Parents are invited to stay and observe our opening welcome and warm-ups on the first morning of camp.

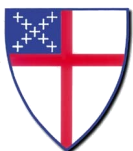
-Lunch will be provided on the first day of camp and dinner will be provided on the last day of camp.

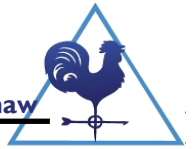
Snacks will be provided each day. Campers should bring a packed lunch and water bottle Tuesday through Friday.

Registration will be available on the “Children and Youth” page of our website ([trinityupperville.org/eyc](http://trinityupperville.org/eyc)), starting on April 9!



Gina





	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, John Greely, Jim Hammond, Nancy Phenicie			
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Eliot	Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood Sheila Harrell	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser Rebecca Schaefer
<b>Memorial Flowers</b>		Faith, Paul & Nancy Davies	Robert Trautman & Virginia Bissell Bronkie William Hollyday & Emma Latané Hammond	
<b>8:00 am Service Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>				
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Chalice</b>	Lewis Martin	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Cheri Martin	Carol Miller	Greg Ellison	Kelly Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly and Chuck Bimba
<b>Healing Ministry</b>	Clyde Lamond Cheri Martin			
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Wiley/Miller	Keys	Gina Hammond	Stable Tour
<b>10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>				
<b>Chalice</b>	Barbara Augenblick Pamela Wynfield	Johanna Jackson Gina Hammond	Arch Randolph Ginny Fluet	Sheryl Mazzatenta Michael Main
<b>Lector</b>	Ginny Fluet Sandra Markus	Becky Hoecker Ray Ewing	Stephanie Knapp Barbara Augenblick	Page Gravely Bucky Slater
<b>Ushers</b>	Stanley Dees Ray Ewing Bunny Shick	Pamela Wynfield Ken Knapp Jim Gemmer	Louise Crane Carey Crane Jim Hoecker	The Benefield Family
<b>Healing Ministers</b>	Joe Fluet Michael Scholes	Samantha Whitesides Ginny Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Jerry Eisley	
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Carolyn Smith	Robbie Moore	Sandy Diday	Steve Billingsley
<b>Coffee Hour</b>			Gina Hammond	Stable Tour





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