

GENESIS



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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

My Sisters and Brothers,

We have reached the midpoint of the Epiphany season. The Gospel passages we have heard thus far this season have focused on the beginning of Jesus' ministry. They have included the moment of his baptism, the calling of the first disciples, and a record of his first teaching in what we have come to call the Sermon on the Mount. Clearly, there is a progression here, a progression we must "inwardly digest" if we are to take our faith seriously, for it is God's desire that it will be the progression of our lives as well.

First, baptism is the moment of initiation. It is not a family tradition to be honored for the sake of our grandparents. It is not spiritual life insurance just in case all this talk about God happens to be true. It is instead the beginning of a whole new way of life, just as it was for Jesus. In baptism, we are set free from sin and death for a real purpose: to live as God calls us to live.

Secondly, from the very beginning, Christianity is a faith built upon community. Before all the doctrine and dogma and theological debate, there was and is relationship. Read the Gospels. The first thing Jesus does is call those earliest disciples. Were they perfect? No. Are we perfect? No. Has the Church ever been perfect? No. But to take our faith seriously is to realize, accept, and believe that, for better or for worse, in good times and in difficult times, we are all in this together. When Jesus summarized the Law, he said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment". He then added, "And the second is like unto it: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'" Community and faith go hand in hand. Indeed, if I understand Jesus correctly, there cannot truly be one without the other.

Finally, there is the ethical, moral, and spiritual teaching of Jesus as represented in his sermon on that mountainside. When we hear these words, we're not supposed to think to ourselves, "Well, that was lovely", and then set them aside. Jesus means what he says. Blessed are the poor. Blessed are those who mourn. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. Again, these are not pious sentiments. Nor are they goals that we struggle to achieve. When we make our faith in Christ the foundation of our lives, the beatitudes become our very way of being. They come to us naturally.

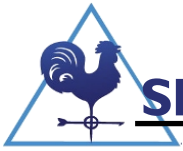
I close with an invitation to you in this Epiphany season to ponder anew the meaning of God's mercy. As you are well aware, there is a lively debate going on, both within the Church and in the world, about what mercy is and to whom it is that we are to show mercy, or in other words, who are our neighbors. I think Matthew 25:31-46 is a particularly important passage at this point in time. If you would like to discuss, please let me know.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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Shrove Tuesday

By Jane McGee

Join us on:

Tuesday, February 13

for our annual Shrove Tuesday celebration. The men of the church will be cooking us a pancake dinner.

The dinner will run from:

5:30-7:30 PM

This is a free dinner. All are welcome!
(Decorations and set-up by the Parish Life Committee)



Join Us for Our Lenten Series

By Gina Hammond

Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time?



Starting on Wednesday, February 21, our rector, Rob Banse, will lead us in a five-week Lenten journey through prayer and reflection on The Gospel According to John. A light dinner of soup and salad will be served starting at 6:30 pm with the teaching session going from 7-8 pm. People may stay for the Service of Compline following the teaching session.

Classes will be held February 21 and 28, and March 14, 21 and 28. Please note, there will be no session on March 7.

This Lenten study is from the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) and is sponsored by Virginia Theological Seminary.



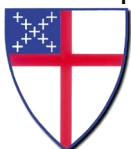
Vestry Notes

By Matt Blunt

I do want to offer a word of thanks to Martha Williamson and the members of the Parish Life Committee for the wonderful Epiphany supper. It was a lovely evening of fellowship and worship. One of the central stories of the Epiphany season is the visit of the Magi to Jesus and the Holy Family. For many, their visit symbolizes the revelation of Christ to all nations. When visitors from near and far come to Trinity we want to make them feel that Christ has been revealed through our worship and hospitality. That is why Vestry continues to focus on how we can enhance the visitor experience at Trinity. Most important is a warm greeting for visitors or even members one may not know at church or coffee hour. As always, the Christmas and Epiphany seasons have inspired many to visit our church to worship. We want to do all we can to make visitors feel welcome and get them involved in the life of our church.

Regards,

Matt Blunt



Ash Wednesday

By Jane McGee



Wednesday, February 14, 2018 marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection and introspection in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday we will have 2 services, one at noon and one at 7:00 PM. We encourage everyone to participate.



The services will include both the Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. During the imposition of ashes, the rector will take ashes (from the burning of the previous year's Palm Sunday palms) and will make the mark of the cross on each congregant's forehead. The imposition of ashes is a reminder of our mortality, and our total reliance on God.

"For dust you are, and to dust you shall return" - Genesis 3:19

59th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour

By Kat Gemmer



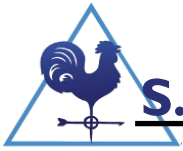
Hold your horses! You cannot really believe that it is already approaching the 59th time that our Hunt Country Upperville parish has hosted what is affectionately called the 'Stable Tour' for yet another year?!

It looks to be a fabulous tour with farms and promotional materials already in the works! The big tally-ho meeting was held in the Peard House meeting room on February 1, 2018 from 5:00-6:30pm. Our agenda included setting the tour timelines, sub committees, and task lists for the count down to Memorial Day weekend. If you love the Lord, Outreach, and/or our Hunt Countryside and would like to learn more about this busy but fun time in our church events calendar, feel free to give me (Kat Gemmer) a call or shoot me an email. (423) 612-0033 gemmerkathryn@gmail.com. I'd love to hear from you!



Hunt Country STABLE TOUR





An experienced crew of SOME cooks made the trip to Washington DC in January under mild weather conditions, successfully preparing lunch for about 350 guests at 71 O Street, NW.

We entered a darkened facility fearing that the electricity was not operating only to learn that a new television system had just been installed in the dining room for viewing special programming. A movie was being previewed for some of the remaining breakfast patrons. The system will be put to the test on cold and hot days when venturing out on the street and into the elements poses a challenge, allowing diners to linger.

Ken Knapp again manned the ovens and cooked eight cases of breaded Pollock to a delectable finish. Len Shapiro was at the bean stand. Ann MacLeod not only helped hand out plates but she assisted in preparing the rice casserole for the ovens too. Jolly de Give, Gina Hammond and Margaret New worked along the serving line to place each sweet and savory item in a serving cup. Robin Keys also assisted with the efforts.

This was our first outreach effort of our 31st year of this ministry at SOME and as Ann commented, most of the long time staff and diners are well familiar with our bountiful, well executed meal. They also recognize our faces if not our names and have generally learned where Upperville, VA is located. Ann's hat emblazoned with the words, "Upperville Mall" generated much interest.

Harriet Condon prepared a large tray of outstanding cornbread and many other parishioners contributed brownies, cookies, pastries and cakes. We are grateful for the generous support of our congregation.



Cooking in Cox Hall the previous day were: Ann MacLeod, Kit Hemion, Bob Eliot,, Ellen Hall, Richard Taylor, Jolly deGive, Stephanie Knapp, Edie Smart and Nicky Perry. We finished early thanks to Bob's crack of dawn appearance.

In March, we will be cooking in Cox Hall on Thursday, the 15th at 7:30am and serving on Friday, March 16, departing at 8:30am. Please consider joining us. Contact Ann MacLeod for more information at 592-3313 or use the sign-up sheet on the Cox Hall bulletin board to assure your spot.

January SOME Cooks

- Kit Hemion
- Ann MacLeod
- Ellen Hall
- Bob Eliot
- Richard Taylor
- Jolly deGive
- Stephanie Knapp
- Edie Smart
- Nicky Perry

January SOME Serves

- Robin Keys
- Lenny Schapiro
- Jolly deGive
- Gina Hammond
- Ken Knapp
- Margaret New



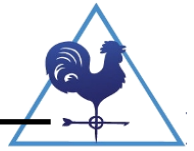


Photo by Jay Mallin

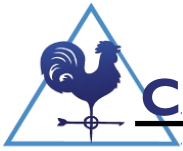
CELEBRATE CHOPIN WITH

BRIAN GANZ

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm
The Ballroom at Barton Oaks
2750 Landmark School Road
The Plains, Virginia

11th Annual Candlelight Concert Fundraiser
The Community Music School of the Piedmont
Tickets \$125. For tickets and info: piedmontmusic.org or 540.592.3040





What is it...worship or concert?

What are its origins?

The Anglican Office of Evensong, as established in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, resulted from the fusing together of elements from the Roman Offices of Vespers and Compline. Evensong, a liturgical pattern of psalms followed by lessons and canticles, always includes choral settings of the Magnificat, a hymn of praise expressing the joy and thanksgiving of The Virgin Mary following her Annunciation; and the Song of Simeon, a salutation of God's promise of salvation as found in The New Testament. In addition



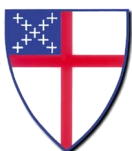
to the singing of the established psalms and canticles, hymns and anthems are normally included in Evensong services today.

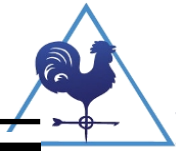
“Evensong comes from a time when the arts were understood as a gift from God, meant to lead people into a deeper understanding and love of God. We moderns perceive a distinction between worship and performance that would not be audible to Evensong's first hearers; for them, to listen to sacred music was itself an act of meditative devotion. Can you adjust your ears accordingly?

Evensong was peace and solace. These people worked hard. From Water-Pic to John Deere, the machines that make our life easier were missing. Evensong at the end of the workday must have been a blessed rest to them. They didn't have our expectation that the whole congregation should participate in the liturgy, sitting quietly for half an hour or so felt good. Can you put aside your labors and be at rest with Evensong?

Evensong was delight. Sixteenth century Anglicans did not own CD players— understandably, since electricity had not yet been domesticated. They did not have the option of staying home and listening to sacred music in their own cottage, or even watching 60 Minutes. Evensong was an experience of special, extraordinary richness, a musical message about a beautiful, orderly transcendent reality that underlies the human experience of risk, pain, and need. Can you, through sacred rest, encounter this beauty and order?

Finally, Evensong was an experience of unity. Modern Christians live out their faith in differing traditions of interpretation and practice, but in earlier times all the Christian people of a nation generally belonged to one church. The concept of “denomination” was unknown. Anybody and everybody in a community might show up at Evensong. They still do!” -- (copyright Pamela Grenfell Smith, 1998)





Choral Evensong

for the close of Epiphanytide

Singers of the Arts Chorale of Winchester

Vocal Consort

Michael Main, Artistic Director

Richard McPherson, Organist

Sunday, February 11th, 4:30pm



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Upperville, Virginia

Organ Prelude:

Fugue in E-Flat, BWV 552 ("St. Anne") - Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude on "Ubi caritas et amor" - Gerald Near

Pièce Héroïque - César Franck

Postlude for the Office of Compline - Jehan Alain

Service Music:

Psalm Setting - Parratt

Magnificat/Nunc dimittis (Collegium Regale) - Howells

O Nata LUX - Lauridsen

Evening Hymn - Gardiner

Preces/Responses - Radcliffe

Loose offering designated to the ongoing tonal restoration of
Trinity's 56 rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ

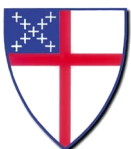
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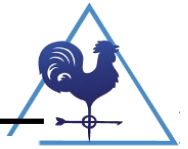




February generally signals the conclusion, or a serious winding down, of Trinity's annual "campaign" for pledge commitments that will see our Church through the year. Two observations. First, I am pleased to inform our parishioners that we have received 146 pledges, totaling \$577,667. This includes 21 new pledges (families who did not pledge last year) and 33 others that increased their pledge from last year! We clearly have a solid core of Trinity members and disciples. For that I thank you most sincerely. Second, I regret that we have a number of families that pledged in 2017 but from whom we have not received a 2018 pledge. I am confident that, circumstances permitting, we will be hearing from you soon. To those parishioners and to the much larger number of members with connections to Trinity who have not contributed to our mission and activities in recent times, remember that a pledge in any amount, large or small, will signal to the Church that you are still part of our community and a disciple of the Lord. Because we want to know more about the perspectives and circumstances of those we lost touch with during the last pledge year, and to be of service to you any way we can, we will be in touch through the mails with a brief questionnaire. Father Banse and the Vestry are here for you if you wish to talk further about your relationship to Trinity Church.

In sum, even as traditional pledge season is concluding, it is readily apparent that Trinity Church has financial needs that we must seek to meet in other ways. Last Sunday, the congregation heard an impressive presentation about our finances from our Treasurer Carol Miller. The news is very positive. However, like many churches and other institutions, Trinity Church must work and innovate to meet its obligations and the needs of its parishioners and missions. In that light, we cannot confine our offerings of support or discipleship to one part of the year or our planning efforts to any single year. Trinity depends on your faithful participation and support in all seasons.





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2018 Service Giving

Please return this form to:
The Treasurer, Trinity Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 127, Upperville, Virginia 20185

In thanksgiving to God and in support of the ministry of Trinity Church

I/we _____

Commit \$ _____ Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

for a grand total of \$ _____ for fiscal year 2018.

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Telephone _____ Email _____

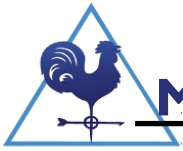
Signature _____

Please furnish giving envelopes

I/we wish to donate electronically Please call Jane McGee at the church office if you wish to set up a direct debit (ACH) or credit card payment

It's not too late to make your pledge for 2018
Your continued support is truly appreciated.





For high school and college singers, Spring break often means going on a choir tour. I remember many years in my youth being jealous of my friends at the beach while I endured endless hours in a smelly bus, multitudes of meals of frozen lasagna in often smelly church basements, and restless nights on host family fold out sofas with, you guessed it, a smelly roommate. Mixed in there somewhere however, were many wonderful experiences. For a budding church musician, visiting a different church every evening for weeks on end was incredibly valuable, and getting to know host families was often extremely rewarding. Being on the other end of the choir tour spectrum gives me the privilege of providing this same opportunity for today's students and hopefully making it smell a little better for them.

On Monday, March 12 at 7:00 pm, the Schola Cantorum from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ will give a concert here as part of their Spring tour. In addition to being my alma mater, Westminster is home to some of the finest choirs in the country so this should be a superb program.

Hosting these student choirs is a wonderfully collaborative ministry for us to be involved in. We help provide an invaluable experience for the students and support them in their studies and in return they give us a beautiful musical experience which I hope you will all plan to attend. By getting further involved, we have the chance to get to know these students and share in their stories and they in ours. We are responsible for keeping the 70 Westminster students over Monday night so I hope many of you will consider signing up to give a group of students a comfortable bed for the night in your sweet smelling homes. I will be airing out the church basement and hope to provide this wonderful choir with a truly fragrant experience at Trinity Church. Sorry, I can't do anything about the buses or roommates.

**Yes! I want to help host students from Westminster Choir College!
How can I help? What are my next steps?**

We are so glad you asked those questions!

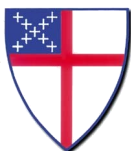
Please contact Marguerite Sweeny 703-431-9962 / margueritesw@gmail.com, or Betsy Crenshaw 592-3343 / Betsy@TrinityUpperville.org to volunteer.

Let us know a few things:

How many students would you be willing to host?
Would you prefer to house men or women?
(Students are college sophomores).
Do you have dogs or cats? (A few students have allergies).

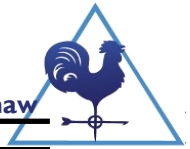
The date: Monday, March 12, pick up after concert and return to church the next morning having been fed breakfast.
Details will be provided closer to concert time.
Thank you in advance!

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels, unaware." ~Hebrews 13:2.



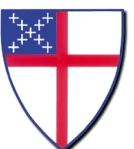
Serving in March

By Betsy Crenshaw



	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Altar Guild	Ellen Hall Holly Bimba Martha Williamson Barbara Riddleberger			
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Mary MacDonnell Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Jeanne Hyduk Josephina Hooker	Ann Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson Alex Woodson	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Eliot	Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood Sheila Harrell
Memorial Flowers Given By				
8:00 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1				
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Lewis Martin	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller	Jeff Millington
Lector	Cheri Martin	Carol Miller	Greg Ellison	Jolly deGive
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison
Healing Ministry	Cheri Martin	/	/	/
Coffee Hour				
10:30 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Moore Sheryl Mazzatenta	Ken Knapp Randy Mullett	Sabine Bibb Pamela Wynfield	Barbara Augenblick Gina Hammond
Lector	Stephanie Knapp Barbara Augenblick	Page Gravely Bucky Slater	Richard Myers Sheryl Mazzatenta	Michael Main Randy Mullett
Ushers	Anne Coyner Jim Gemmer Elizabeth Courts	Pamela Wynfield Chip Chapman Barbara Augenblick	Brett Bibb Walt Hasser Jim Hoecker	The Benefield Family
Healing Ministers	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Carole Stadfield	Jerry Eisley Samantha Whitesides	Michael Scholes Melissa Neal
Ambassadors				
Coffee Hour				Pat Sharp Jeannine Korte

**If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone to trade with.
Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.**





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Johanna Jackson, Melissa Neal

Lenten Calendar

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018

Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

12 Noon

7pm

Lenten Program

"Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

February 21, 28; March 14, 21, 28

6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Teaching

8:00pm Compline

Schola Cantorum

Westminster Choir College

March 12, 2018



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