

GENESIS



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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I want to begin this letter by expressing my gratitude. Christmas is always a glorious celebration here at Trinity. There are many who help to make this so, and you know who you are. From Altar and Flower Guild members to lectors, acolytes, choristers, musicians, chalice bearers ushers, and all in between, your dedication is a blessing to all who gathered here for worship. For each of you, I thank God. I especially want to recognize the hard working and talented members of our staff. Jane, Betsy, Christian, Richard, Tommy, and Angela put in a whole lot of hard work and effort in order to make these seasons of Advent and Christmas as wonderful as they are. On behalf of the congregation, I thank you.

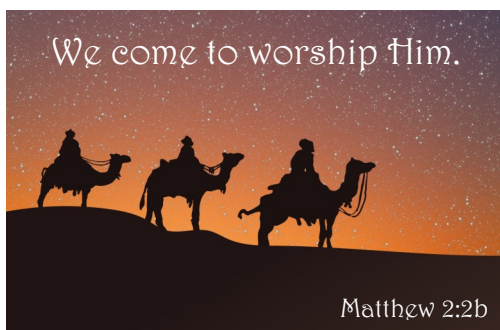
At the same time, please join me in thanking Ellen Hall, Nicky Perry, and the members of their committee for conducting a fantastic Christmas Auction. The last I heard, over \$60,000.00 has been raised in support of the mission and ministries of our congregation. Well done!

We will soon enter in to the season of Epiphany. On Saturday, January 6th, which is the Feast of the Epiphany, we will celebrate the arrival of the Magi from the east at the manger side. Like those wandering kings, we will spend the coming weeks contemplating the meaning of the birth of this child in terms of the way we understand the meaning and purpose of our own lives. This begins with the humble acknowledgement that we brought nothing with us when we were born into this world and we will take nothing with us when we depart. Ours is a transitory life, and as a result, our time is not about ownership but rather about stewardship. We are called to spend our days honoring and caring for the world that God has created and all that inhabit the same. The litmus test for every generation is, did we leave the world in better shape for the generations to come or did we plunder it for our own short-term self-interests? Like the Magi, we are called to bring our gifts of time, talent, and material resources and offer our service to God in thanksgiving for this newborn king. That service is stewardship. Epiphany is the season that brings us this realization.

In order to truly understand the spirit of life-long stewardship, I recommend that we adopt resolutions for the New Year that will keep us mindful of all of God's many blessings, thereby fostering a constant spirit of gratitude in our hearts and minds. For example, consider keeping the Daily Offices of Morning, Noontime, and Evening Prayer as found in our Book of Common Prayer. There are simplified versions intended for individuals and families beginning on page 136. I commend them to you.

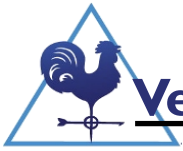
Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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As always, the Christmas season was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship at Trinity. The Christmas Eve and Christmas services were wonderful reminders of the true meaning of the celebration. The Incarnation is a wonderful moment of hope as God redeems his people!

One of the highlights of the season was the Christmas auction. It was a tremendous success. It was an essential aspect of Trinity's successful completion of its 2017 on budget. So special thanks to Nicky Perry, Ellen Hall and others who work so hard to make it such a great event.

Vestry has approved the provisional budget for the coming year and will be sharing it with the congregation at the congregational meeting on January 28, at 9:30am. While Trinity is grateful for its many blessings, the budget continues to be a challenge. The costs of maintaining our beautiful campus and the need for more robust youth and Christian education programs will require more pledges than we have received to date.

Our budget is balanced but there is more we can do if we are going to successfully meet the needs of our congregation and our community. I urge you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018 and if you have not yet pledged, I urge you to do so soon so Vestry can make the most of your faithful giving through a well executed budget.

Vestry continues to focus on how we can enhance the visitor experience at Trinity. In the near future Visitor Parking signs will be erected near the church. While this may sometimes be an inconvenience for regular attendees, Vestry has decided this is an important part of our efforts to welcome those who visit our church in search of fellowship, meaning and God.

Regards,

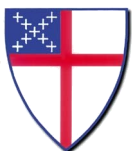
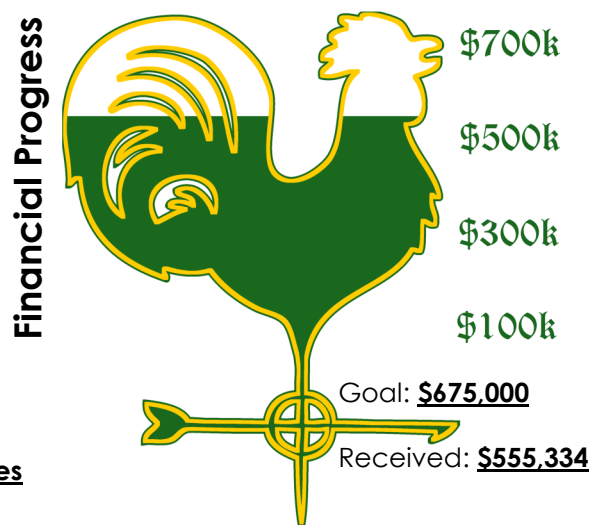
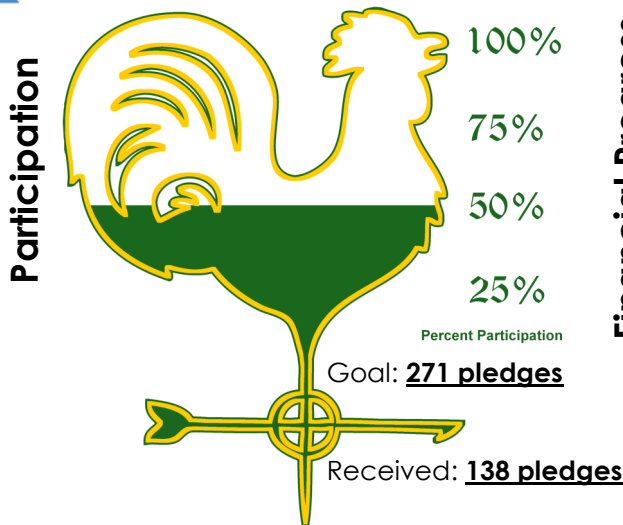
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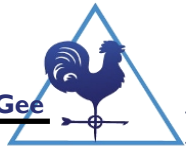
Vestry Planning Retreat

Vestry members: Save the date!
Our next planning retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 27
in Cox Hall, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



2018 Stewardship Progress





The church offices are undertaking a bit of “spring cleaning” when it comes to our money-handling procedures.

As of January 1st, all reimbursement requests will need to come directly from the chairs of each individual guild. This means that before you run to the store to buy supplies that you believe are needed for a particular guild, you will need to first get the chairperson’s approval. This is done in order to create an extra layer of transparency in the way we manage our finances, as well as help each chairperson keep track of his/her guild’s budget. Therefore, when you fill out our check request form for reimbursement for buying supplies, you will need to confirm in writing on the form that this transaction has been approved by the appropriate chair.

Lastly, just a friendly reminder that all check request forms need to be submitted to the Parish Administrator for final approval. We hope you will understand the need to practice our due diligence in this aspect of our operations. Thanks all!

Warmly,

Jane



Staff Thank You

By Church Staff



The church staff would like to thank the Vestry and the congregation for all of the love and support you expressed to us during the Christmas season.

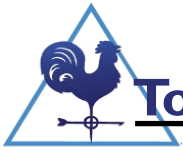
From the Christmas bonuses given to us by the Vestry, to the many gifts and sweets showered upon us by the congregation (most of which we will carry with us on our waists for the months to come), we are grateful for your love and friendship.

It is our privilege to serve the Lord in this place, and with God’s people. We wish you all a blessed new year!



Overflowing With Thanks





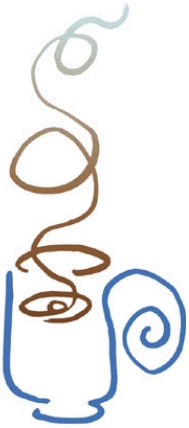
Toys for Tots

By Dorothy Gow

Thanks to all who generously gave to Toys For Tots this Christmas Season!
Your care for these forgotten children is heartwarming!



Coffee Hour



It's time to sign up for the next round of coffee fellowships! You may sign up on the board in Cox Hall.

There are still many openings in the new year.

You can sign up as an individual or as part of a team! We hope you will participate in this important community activity.



Flowers

By June Hambrick

On Sunday mornings we decorate the church with beautiful flowers, given to the glory of God.

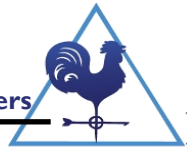
Often families and individuals choose to donate the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary or a special day.

The cost is \$135. Please contact Betsy in the church office (540-592-3343 or betsy@trinityuppperville.org) if you would like to donate flowers.

Currently the following dates are available in 2018:

- January 21
- February 11, 18 and 25
- March 4, 11 and 18
- April 8 and 22
- May 6 and 27
- June 10 and 17
- July 8 and 29
- August 12
- September 16 and 30
- October 7 and 28
- November 4 and 25
- December 16, 23 and 30





Each year we see it at the Christmas Pageant hanging from a glorified fishing pole with a crew of 4-foot-tall kings following it down the aisle. Twelve days later it takes its place in the pulpit as the central symbol of Epiphany. Ours is a little bit raggedy but the star is much more than just the guiding light of the monarchs of Lilliput, it is a symbol of the Son of God.

Jesus is the Light of the World, bringing light to the darkness, showing us the way to our God who we have not understood without him. The Old Testament records centuries of the tribes of Israel fumbling with God. The many books often describe a God in the only terms their primitive culture could understand; one of many rules and judgment, and belonging only to them. They were people who walked in darkness. The birth of Jesus changed all of that. God came to us in human form and dwelt among us to bring us enlightenment; to show us that he is a loving God of all creation and that his is the way of peace.

It is easy and safe to cling to the darkness and tempting to believe that its ways are righteous. The loving path of Jesus can seem counterintuitive at times. Part of why the church exists is to remind us of the way of Light. In this Epiphany season the music of the church will be filled with symbols of the Light of Christ. I hope that they may be a reminder and source of inspiration. As Jesus is shown to the Gentiles our God is recognized as universal. In this light our divisions seem petty. Let us choose love over hate, peace over war, unity over division, and light over darkness. God has sent his Son to all of us. Both great and small, no matter how tall, he will show us the way.

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January is a great time to join a choir. We start all new music after Christmas and will welcome any new members.

Family Music Classes for
Children Ages Birth–Kindergarten

*Music and Movement for
You and Your Child*

Session begins January 19th at 10:00 am!

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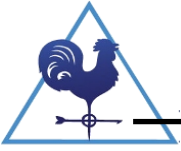


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Candlelight Concert Fundraiser

Sunday, February 18, 2018

5:30 pm

Celebrate Chopin with

Brian Ganz

The Ballroom at Barton Oaks

2750 Landmark School Road

The Plains, Va.

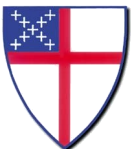
The Community Music School of the Piedmont cordially invites you to join us for our 11th annual Candlelight Concert Fundraiser: an all-Chopin program by renowned pianist and Chopin specialist, **Brian Ganz**. *DMV Classical* raves, "His Chopin always blends the wisdom of age with the enthusiasm of youth, and he tells you from the stage what parts of the music strike sparks in him, so you can appreciate them too." Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy Chopin gems in the intimacy of the ballroom at Barton Oaks!

CMSP's Candlelight Concert is the sole annual fundraiser for the school and benefits our scholarship fund and other programs.

Tickets are \$125 and may be purchased by calling 540-592-3040 or visiting <https://piedmontmusic.ticketleap.com/>.

Doors open at 5:00.

Seating is limited; purchase tickets early!



Serving in February

By Betsy Crenshaw



	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 28
Altar Guild	Ellen Hall Holly Bimba Martha Williamson Barbara Riddleberger		Walta Warren Elizabeth Courts Bunny Shick Shannon Stimson	
Flower Guild	Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser	Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Nancy Phenicie Melissa Neal Ann Coles Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin
Memorial Flowers				
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1				
Chalice	Lewis Martin	Jeff Millington	Carol Miller	Walta Warren
Lector	Cheri Martin	Greg Ellison	Jeff Millington	Kelly Johnson
Ushers	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Jolly deGive
Healing Ministry	Walta Warren Cheri Martin			
Coffee Hour				
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
Chalice	Johanna Jackson Barbara Augenblick	Ken Knapp Ginny Fluet	Randy Mullett Arch Randolph	Michael Main Janie Banse
Lector	Gray Coyner Samantha Whitesides	Hank Long Carolyn Smith	Ginny Fluet Ray Ewing	Sandra Markus Becky Hoecker
Ushers	Stanley Dees Ken Knapp Ray Ewing	Pamela Wynfield Elizabeth Courts Chip Chapman	The Benefield Family	Louise Crane Carey Crane Bunny Shick Jim Hoecker
Healing Ministers	Ginny Fluet Carole Stadfield	Melissa Neal Samantha Whitesides	Joe Fluet Michael Scholes	Jerry Easley Stephanie Knapp
Ambassadors	Jessica Diday	Kyle Crosen	Carolyn Smith	Robbie Moore
Coffee Hour		Gina Hammond		

**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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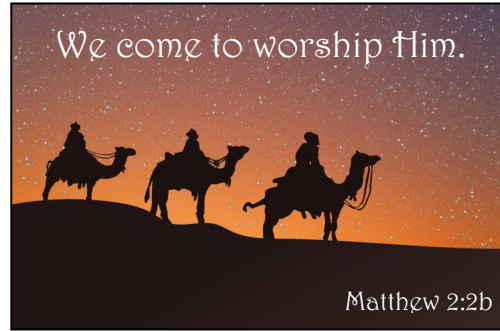
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Kevin Fox, Kathryn Gemmer
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Epiphany

Saturday, January 6, 2018

6:00 PM Dinner

(This is a free catered dinner. All are welcome!)

7:00 PM Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

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