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The Assistant Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker

Dear People of Trinity Church,

The weather is warming up, and the daylight hours are stretching later into the evening. While things slow down a bit for the summer, here at Trinity the Church is still active!

The Church is made up of people who take upon themselves a life of discipleship, of following Christ. Even amidst vacations and periods of rest (which we all need!), Christians are meant to exemplify their faith with their lives. It is, in fact, our very identity!

This summer provides some great opportunities for living into our Christian faith. One is that the relaxed pace of the summer provides opportunities to invite a friend or neighbor to church. Plan a Sunday morning around the worship service, followed by coffee hour, a walk around the grounds, and lunch with a friend. If you have not attended the more contemplative Wednesday noontime Eucharist, come check it out, and join the group for lunch afterward.

Another great opportunity is our summer picnics. We had our first one in June, and our second is on July 26. Bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy an evening of great food, wonderful conversation, and a beautiful setting, followed with a brief Evening Prayer service. It is a casual and relaxed event that provides a great opportunity for fellowship. Even if you don't bring a friend, come and get to know your fellow parishioners!

I extend the challenge I gave in one of my recent sermons to all of you. Make it a goal to say hello to someone you don't recognize every Sunday. We have so many people who come to the church and slip out unnoticed, and perhaps some people wish to go unnoticed; however, we will never know if there are those who slip by because no one took the time to speak to them. Even if you are travelling this summer, God provides countless opportunities to share His love with those you meet along the way. Live into those opportunities, and if you wish, share them with me. I love to hear about the ways the Church is living into the work of God in the world.

Finally, you will notice in this issue of the Genesis there are brief biographies of those running for Vestry in the fall. Please read and pray over these candidates this summer, as we look toward electing a new Vestry class made up of those passionate about the life and ministry of Trinity Church. Keep your Vestry members in prayer in their envisioning and decision-making, and ALWAYS feel free to talk with them about ideas and passions that are stirred within your hearts and minds. They are your representative body here at Trinity and are eager to hear your thoughts and ideas around the life of this church.

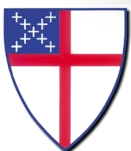
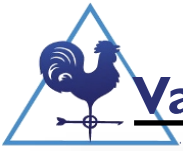
I hope your summer is restful and enjoyable, and remember that even in the summer, we all continue to be the Church!

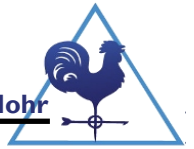
God's peace,

The Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker



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Fall Start-up Activities Fair & BBQ September 10

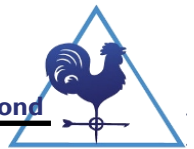
Mark your calendar for our 2017 Fall Start-up Activities Fair and BBQ!

Join us for worship as we celebrate the start of the new program year. All of our ministries will be on display. Our choirs and children's programs will be starting up again in the days to follow.

...And don't miss Tommy Breeden's pulled pork BBQ!!!

Education for Ministry Class

By Gina Hammond



Join Our EfM (Education for Ministry) Class: Want to dig deeper into the Christian faith, study the Bible with greater intellectual integrity, learn more about church history, theological ideas and, most importantly, connect your faith (and doubts) more strongly to your own life experiences? Then consider enrolling in Education for the Ministry – or “EfM”. EfM is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The class convenes once a week on Tuesdays from September through May for 3 hours (11:00AM—2:00PM) at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg and does require weekly personal study. Created by Sewanee Seminary and administered locally via the Diocese of Virginia, the tuition is \$375 per year and scholarships are available. You only need to commit to one year at a time. Feel free to contact Trinity EfM graduates Melissa Neal (540-255-8596), Joe Fluet (540-869-0858) or Gina Hammond (540-665-5744) or current students Jolly de Give (540-592-3889) and Laurie Volk (540-539-1734) for more information and their personal experiences with the program.

August Office Hours

Please note: During the month of August, the church office will be closed on Mondays. The office will be open Tuesday-Friday, 9:00AM—4:00 PM.

After Labor Day, our normal Monday-Friday hours will resume.





Who is Eligible to Serve on the Vestry?

According to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Canon 11, Section 4:

Only lay persons who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing of the church, as defined in General Convention Canon 1.17., shall be eligible for election as Vestry Members of such church. However, regardless of eligibility of a person for election, no person shall be elected at a duly convened congregational meeting to consecutive full terms on a congregation's Vestry or Vestry Committee.

So what does this mean in plain English?

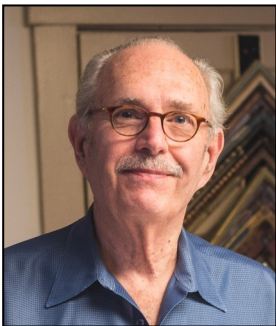
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Sabine Bibb

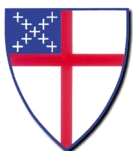


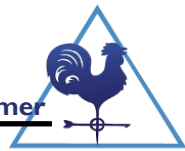
I am so honored to have the Vestry nominate me as a Vestry candidate this year. I would consider it a privilege to serve our congregation. Some quick basic facts about me! I am an Air Force brat and grew up mostly in Germany. I have been a resident of Loudoun County for 29 years. My husband Brett and I have been married for 29 years and we have twin boys. We have attended Trinity for 12 years. I attended George Mason University before starting my dual careers at Dulles Airport and a local newspaper. The past 25 years or so I have kept busy working, raising my two boys and breeding horses. I love going to college football games, attending many concerts and musical events and traveling. Initially we were drawn to Trinity by friends and the children's programs. Quite simply, our whole family enjoyed going to church! I have served as a Sunday school teacher when my children were younger and as a Lay Eucharist Minister for many years. I have also served on various committees including Stable Tour and the kitchen renovation. I enjoy working with Tommy! We love hosting coffee hour a few times a year with friends. The fellowship of coffee hour is instrumental in fostering the sense of community of our church. Given the opportunity to serve on the vestry I would look forward to supporting and serving our church family.

Jerry Easley



As many of you know I have gradually become a part of the Trinity family since the fall of 2011. My journey with Trinity began long before. From the late 70's until the first time I came to worship (at the encouragement of my small group at my former church) I have found a place of respect, compassion and familial love. On that fateful day (it was the annual meeting) God brought me to not only a Sacred Space but a Sacred community that seeks God's love and desires concrete ways to serve others in need. Among other things, I am a curator of Sacred Space. It was the Space at Trinity that first drew my wife and me seeking a deeper commitment to our Savior and a revelation of His Wisdom and holiness for His calling on our lives. A Sacred Space is only as Sacred as the heart's desire of community that inhabits that Space. For the past 40 years I have been committed to beauty and it's importance in changing lives. One of my growing burdens has been to engage the millennial generation in the mystery and deep transcendence of the liturgy of the historic and living Christian faith. My burden, for the unchurched to experience the love and presence of Christ through the family of Trinity, would be an important aspect of our future as well as the present. The history and presence of Trinity in the greater community can bring healing to the valley, especially the greater artistic community, among others. My gallery and business experience, as well as international outreach, may be helpful in imagining winsome programs (especially through the beauty of the outdoor chapel and sanctuary) which are rare assets that God has gifted for the further fulfillment of the great commission. I am excited to see His kingdom fulfilled.





Kathryn Gemmer



My role throughout my life has been to serve the Lord in whatever capacity he calls me to serve. I feel that my service through a role on Vestry would allow me to offer my vision of promoting God's word through a modernization of the way we approach education and messaging in a modern society. My professional work as Science Department Chair and teacher of science at Woodgrove High School in Purcellville allows me to combine my knowledge of youth and the way we approach communication with today's technology driven platforms in a very real context. I am a Navy wife of thirty plus years. I have taught high school science (biology, chemistry and physics) for twenty five years, as well as worked with the East Tennessee State University College Of Engineering and the Tennessee Board of Regents, consulting and researching the way we recruit and train young teachers for service in our public schools. At Trinity I am a dedicated member of our choir and I have taught several forum sessions for the Adult Christian Education Committee. I chaired the search for an administrative hire last year. I presently chair the Hunt Country Stable Tour.

Johanna Jackson



I am Johanna Jackson and I would be honored to serve on the Trinity Vestry. My family and I began attending Trinity Episcopal in 2010, after moving back to the greater DC area following a seven-year stint in Southern California. We chose Trinity because of Rob's thoughtful sermons, the beautiful music, and warm congregation. My journey to the Episcopal Church began when I was a teenager growing up in Latin America in a US Foreign Service family. Bob and I were married in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa, California. We christened all three of our children in the Washington, DC Diocese, and were active members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia, California. At Trinity I participate in Parish Life, am a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and really enjoyed our Trinity Tables group. The recent marriage of my son at Trinity, with some of our Trinity friends joining friends from long ago, was a very great joy. My professional career has focused on supporting children with disabilities in their development. I currently manage Loudoun County's Early Intervention Program. My private obsession is gardening.

Melissa Neal



As a cradle Episcopalian, raised in Texas, I came to this area originally as a teenager for secondary school and then continued for college at Georgetown University. After graduating I was continually drawn back to this very special part of Virginia. It became clear that my heart is here and this is home. I have my own business as an interior decorator based in Middleburg. I officially joined Trinity in 2012 and have felt so much love and encouragement as I have become a part of this parish family. I have just completed 4 years of EFM through Sewanee and Emmanuel in Middleburg. It was not education for the ministry with a big M as they say, but education for ministry in your own personal way. Between EFM and my involvement at Trinity I feel I have truly come to understand what it means to be an active member of a church community. Trinity has given me so much as I have served as a member of the Healing Ministry, the Flower Guild, and as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School, Blessing of the Animals, the Christmas Auction party and Stable Tour. The love, encouragement and dedication of our members has made an immense impact on my life. Vestry is one way I can serve, give back and utilize the strengths I have developed in my own business, through EFM and as a volunteer member at Trinity. I have had the opportunity to know parishioners from many other Episcopal parishes and it has helped remind me of the many different perspectives and approaches of different congregations. It has also solidified in me that I have found my home in Trinity, and I am so eager to contribute to this parish and congregation.





Who Can Serve on Vestry (Continued from Page 4)

“Confirmed Adult Communicant in good standing” means the following:

- You are age 16 or older.
- You have been baptized and confirmed in the church, and we have your baptism and confirmation duly recorded.
- You are active in worship, and have received communion at least 3 times this year.
- You have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God (meaning you are active and intentional about your participation in the life of the church and are known to the treasurer of the church).

Furthermore, this Canon states that you can only serve one consecutive full term (3 years) on the Vestry.



Community Music School

By Martha Cotter

Come enjoy a morning of musical fun-

CMSP's junior ensemble is forming!

With Ms. Eberle and Ms. Miho

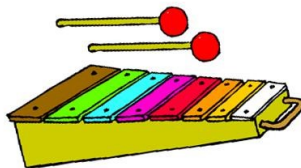
August 26 9:30-12

Drums, xylophones, and harps

will create joyful summer sounds!



Location: Trinity Episcopal Church
9110 John Mosby Hwy, Upperville
Cost: \$50



To register or for more info:
CMSP- 540-592-3040 or
piedmontmusic@aol.com

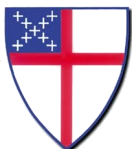


Summer Coffee Hours

By Rachel Rickenbaker

With the Summer season now upon us, we are trying a new system for the Sunday Morning Coffee Hours at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. This is to give a respite during these summer months from the congregation needing to provide refreshments every week. *Please know that if you are already signed up for coffee hour or wish to sign up during the summer, you are most welcome. On the days when no one has signed up, the church will purchase light refreshments as well as provide coffee, lemonade, and iced tea.

If you are able to help set out these items on a given Sunday and handle clean-up after the event, please contact Gina Hammond. This process will be in effect through Labor Day.



Picnic in Pictures

By Stephanie Knapp



So Others Might Eat (SOME) News

By Robin Keys



NEXT S.O.M.E. SCHEDULE

We will cook on Thursday, July 20 starting at 7:30 AM.
We will go to DC to serve on Friday, July 21. The van will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 AM.

This is our only summer visit and youth age 16 and over are encouraged to participate. Please contact Ann MacLeod at 592-3313 for more information.





Dear Rob,

Do you read this while you are on sabbatical? If so, know that we miss you!

Things are going well here. Rachel is handling your white collar duties with skill and grace beyond her years. It can't be easy stepping into this role so early in her ministry, but you wouldn't know it. Jim is adding his well seasoned brilliance on his occasional visits to the pulpit and attendance is up for the summer time so they must be doing something right. Phil is keeping us organized with his usual blend of thoroughness and humor, Tommy and Angela have everything looking spiffy inside and out, and of course we all know that Betsy could run the whole place by herself, if necessary.

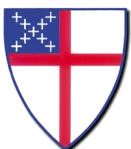
We celebrated our first "cat's away" Sunday with a visit from the Cathedral Brass on Trinity Sunday and followed that with a wildly successful Vacation Bible School, again thanks to Rachel's hard work and a team of wonderful volunteers. Now we are hopefully settling in to the quieter flow of the summer months and looking forward to some vacation time. I'm thinking next summer might be a good time for the rest of us to take a three month sabbatical.

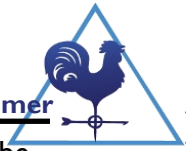
One of the signs of a good leader is to have that which they oversee be able to continue well without them. We are glad that you have this time to reflect and refresh and are pleased to report that your ministry here continues well in your absence. Even so, we look forward to your return.

Christian



Join us for a brief meeting to hear the mid-year status of our budget and finances, and to have an opportunity to ask questions.





Our Vestry met on Wednesday, June 21 for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and will be available for your review. Being the first of our meetings with Rob on sabbatical, we were happy to have Rachel with us as our spiritual leader in his stead.

As usual, financial reports were first on the agenda. We are still looking good with year to date pledge income remaining ahead of budget for the year. Thanks to all of you for your faithful dedication to keeping your pledge of support current. We are still finalizing the Stable Tour finances, but we are confident that with a current net income of \$59,232, the ending income will be well over our budgeted goal of \$50,000. The tremendous effort put forth by our Chair, Kat Gemmer, our faithful congregation, the generous farm owners and all of our volunteer friends and families is heartwarming. Trinity is able to support many great causes with all of the money raised from Stable Tour going to Outreach. We will soon start the planning for next year- the 59th in a row of successful Hunt Country Stable Tours.

Finance Committee presented a revised 2017 budget with several modifications. Vestry approved a budget with an operating deficit at the beginning of the year with the understanding that this would be resolved in the mid-year adjustment. The Finance Committee reviewed the 2017 Mid-Year Budget prepared by the Treasurer and recommended Vestry approve it. With the revised budget, we will end the year with a very small \$810 surplus, so the Treasurer and Finance Committee will continue to monitor income and expenses closely. The complete adjusted budget will be available as part of the minutes from the June Vestry meeting which are posted in Cox Hall for all to see. The budget will be presented for all interested at our July congregational meeting.

Outreach committee reports that they continue to keep us on track to support the local, regional and international causes that have been through their vetting process. Vestry approved the committee's recommendation for distributions to Piedmont Child Care Center, SOME, ESL, Churches of Upperville, Mobile Hope Loudon, and Kairos Ministry to name a few. The Committee will use remaining funds to provide support to organizations that make a meaningful and direct impact on our local community. Rather than just "sending a check", Outreach support will include an opportunity for volunteer support and participation by Trinity members. The Committee will also consider national and/or international organizations when we can directly see and measure the results of the donation. As we prepare for 2018, we will be looking at other significant outreach opportunities.

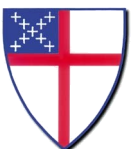
Our Building and Grounds (B&G) committee reported Repairs and Maintenance expenditures through June 16, 2017 were \$9,227.12 - mostly for badly needed Cox Hall kitchen electrical repairs. Recent Capital Expenditures included a new AC unit and installation for the Cottage next to Keith House. B&G expenditures through June 16, 2017 include the new lawn service contract that we paid in advance (for the year) to capture cost savings. Also of note, we changed garbage services to Valley Waste which significantly lowered our recurring costs while providing a measurable increase in customer service and reliability.

We are very pleased to report that we have an outstanding slate of candidates for the upcoming Vestry elections. Voting will take place at our annual meeting on October 1 - same as it did last year, so please plan on attending that meeting to cast your votes. The nominees are members in good standing who have all been active participants in the life and development of Trinity. I expect it won't be easy to choose only four.

Ok- I think that's it for now... Oops, wait- don't forget to come out to the **Vestry sponsored cookout on the July 26**... it will be another good time to be had by all!

Thank you for your prayers, participation and encouragement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Gemmer".





TRINITY SHRINE MONT RETREAT

October 13-15, 2017

Enjoy the beauty of Shrine Mont while engaging in fellowship with Trinity members and their families!

Feel refreshed after participating in various activities listed below or by doing absolutely nothing!

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
AT THE SHRINE**

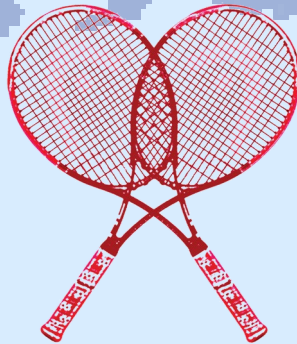


Hiking

Choose easy or more strenuous paths
Walk the labyrinth or hike the Stations of the Cross.

Games

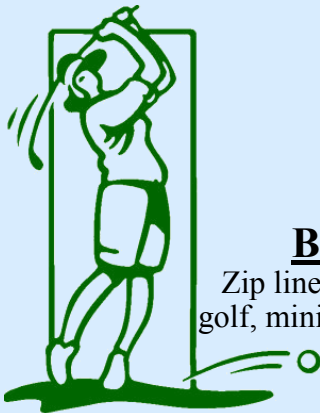
Croquet, tennis, horseshoes.



AND AT THE END OF THE DAY...

Camp Fire with s'mores!

Hay Ride (with no hay – allergies)



Bryce Mountain

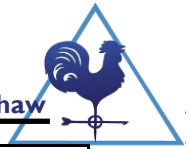
Zip line, 9/18 holes of golf, frisbee golf, miniature golf, mountain biking.

Cost: \$86/night double occupancy (meals included)
\$115/night single occupancy (meals included)



Serving in September

By Betsy Crenshaw



	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Altar Guild	Gina Hammond Debbie Gerbich John Greely Jim Hammond Hancy Phenicie		Barbara Augenblick Kym Hayden Becky Hoecker Debra Latiolais Ed Moore	
Flower Guild	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Joyce Brower 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 Given By	Adeline deButts	Lillian Griber		Cricket Bedford
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I				
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Lewis Martin	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller	Beth Lamond
Lector	Cheri Martin	Cindy Thompson	Walta Warren	Carol Miller
Ushers	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Holly and Chuck Bimba
Healing Ministry				
Coffee Hour		Cheri and Lewis Martin		
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Joe Fluet Ginny Fluet	Sheryl Mazzatenta Janie Banse	Johanna Jackson Arch Randolph	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp
Lectors	Ray Ewing Gray Coyner	Ginny Fluet Hank Long	Barbara Augenblick Sandra Markus	Stephanie Knapp Becky Hoecker
Ushers	Elizabeth Courts Bunny Shick	Ken Knapp Brett Bibb Barbara Augenblick	Chip Chapman Jim Hoecker	Stanley Dees Ray Ewing
Healing Ministers				
Ambassadors	Kyle Crosen	Pamela Wynfield	Robbie Moore	Sanford Diday
Coffee Hour		Parish Life		

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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Class of 2017

Barbara Conner, Susan Grayson
Jim Gemmer, Dan Murphy

Class of 2018

Ellen Hall, Mark Thompson,
Debra Latiolais, Matt Blunt

Class of 2019

Sanford Diday, Jim Hoecker,
Elisabeth Troye Plaskitt, Martha Williamson



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Church Directory



We will be printing a new church directory this summer. Please review your record in the current directory and let the office know of any changes to phone numbers, address, etc. We especially want to update cell phone numbers and email addresses, as these tend to change more frequently.



If you are not in the current directory and would like to be added, let us know that as well.

If you aren't sure, or don't have a directory, just contact the church office. We want everyone to be included, and all information to be correct.

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