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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

I want to make you aware of a very important gathering in the life of our Episcopal Church. General Convention meets every three years to consider resolutions and make important decisions on behalf of our denomination. The convention is comprised of two houses. The House of Bishops is, as the name suggests, comprised of all the bishops of our church. The House of Deputies includes four clergy and four laypeople from every diocese of the Episcopal Church.

This year's gathering begins July 5th in Austin, Texas. I commend to you a website entitled "Center Aisle". The Diocese of Virginia created this site several conventions ago. It is an excellent source of information as to what is going on at the meeting. It offers these reports in the spirit of the

"Via Media", that is, "the middle way", the vantage point from which the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion have historically sought to understand both theology and the life/practice of our tradition. Please keep our bishops and delegates in your prayers as they gather for this very important moment of discernment.

May God watch over all of us during this summer season.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



Music Notes

By T. Christian Myers

Credo. In Latin it means, believe, and is commonly used to mean a statement of belief. The Credo is also the central (third of five) movement of the Latin Mass and in that form is what we know as the Nicene Creed. We say the creed, in English, every Sunday and while it is a very powerful part of the Eucharist Service, it can't compare to singing it in Latin.

First there is the language. Here is an excerpt in both English and Latin so you can decide for yourself.

God from God	Deum de Deo
Light from Light	Lumen de Lumine
True God from true God	Deum verum de Deo
vero	

Now really, which is the more inspiring, or even just fun to say. Add to this the emotion that music can bring to words and you have the perfect anthem for the day of the Bishop's visit and Confirmation.

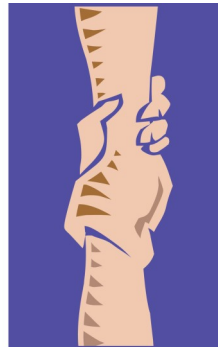
For this occasion, on Sunday, June 17, we sang the version of the Credo from the Mass in G by Franz Schubert which he composed in less than a week during 1815 when he was just 18 years old. The musical scholar can find examples of inexperience in

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The Trinity Outreach Committee would like to thank Kat Gemmer and her amazing team of volunteers for creating an outstanding and highly successful 2018 Stable Tour! Because of their hard work and the generosity of those attending, the Outreach Committee will be dispersing \$50,000 this year! The committee will meet in September to review funding requests submitted in 2018 and will decide how best to utilize the funds. (The list of non-profits and suggested funding amounts will be submitted to the Vestry for final approval.)



Help for Those in Need

the non-profits; and, in many cases, volunteers directly with the organizations. These organizations not only benefit from needed funding – they also benefit from the love, compassion, skills and expertise of many Trinity volunteers.

Should you know of an organization in need of funding that you feel would benefit from Trinity’s Outreach program and would like to serve as the organization’s sponsor, please contact Debra Principi at 703-919-0182 or email debraprincipi@aol.com. Or, you may suggest the organization complete the PDF application on Trinity’s website at: <https://trinityupperville.org/outreach/>.

The Outreach Committee carefully reviews every submitted proposal; interviews (when possible) the executive directors and leaders of

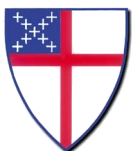


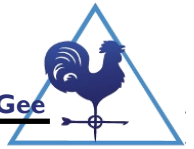
Reintroducing Trinity Tables



Parish Life is once again starting up Trinity Tables. Trinity Tables are small groups of 8-10 adults sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity for us to meet parishioners we may not know and /or to become better acquainted. Each group meets about once a month for a

simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of the members. Soon there will be a sign up sheet in Cox Hall. So, if you are interested, sign up. Then you will be assigned to a group. We will have a Kick-Off Potluck Dinner on Saturday, September 22 in the Parish Hall. You will have dinner with your group and then you can decide how often and where you will be meeting. This is a wonderful way to meet and get to know better your fellow parishioners. Any questions or comments? Call Betsy in the church office, 540 592-3343. It’s lots of fun!





Activities Fair September 9



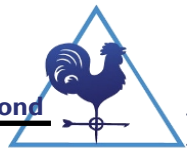
Mark your calendar for our 2018 Fall Start-up Activities Fair!

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.

Hope to see you there!

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), Jolly de Give (54-592-3889) or Gina Hammond (540-665-5744) or current student 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?

"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.

Louise Crane



I was so honored when asked to be a candidate for the Vestry of Trinity Church and thank those who proposed me for this position. I was confirmed into the Episcopal faith at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hattiesburg, MS in 1989. At Trinity, I served on many committees including, Parish Activity,

Altar Guild, later the Flower Guild, worked with

Christian Services Center preparing and cooking meals for the less fortunate, helped in the business office, the church school, and others. I first attended Trinity, Upperville, in 2012 when I visited the area. Since becoming a resident and marrying Carey, we have been faithful members worshipping here, as well as working on the Stable Tour, being ushers, and supporting all the fund raisers being held here at Trinity. I am also a member of Parish Life.

While Carey grew up in Trinity, even being an acolyte many years ago, I have only begun my journey into the depths of the Christian fellowship and spiritual healing found here. I pledge, if chosen to be on the Vestry, to continue my journey and to help others achieve this same feeling of spiritual peace.

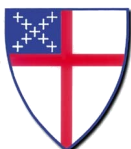
Hurst Groves



A native Hoosier, father (2 daughters), and grandfather (3 girls and a boy), I spent most of my career as a lawyer for Mobil Oil and its affiliates. I've lived in New York, Paris, Tokyo and Fairfax, and spent significant time in Latin America, the Middle East (almost a year in Qatar), Asia and Africa. In 2000, when Mobil

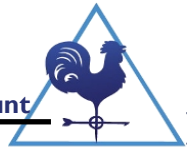
merged with Exxon, I retired from the company and became the director of a new energy policy center at Columbia University. I commuted weekly to New York from Washington and Middleburg for the next six years. After my wife's death in 2007, I began to spend more time with my daughters' families in Takoma Park and New York, occasionally flying to New York in my single-engine Cessna. I continued to practice law, but on a part-time basis. For example, I acted as special counsel for Overseas Private Investment Corporation on a project supported by the Skoll Foundation to provide laptop computers to school children in the West Bank of Palestine.

I've been an Episcopalian since 1968, when I joined Trinity



Meet the Vestry Candidates

By Matt Blunt



Church in Wall Street. I was invited to sing in Trinity's "family choir", then directed by Larry King. This was a wonderful experience, since Larry was not only a fine organist and choir director, but also a highly regarded composer. We often tried out music he had composed to see if it appealed to the congregation. I've also sung in the choirs at St. Alban's Tokyo and Emmanuel Middleburg. I have been a member of Emmanuel's Vestry and was its Senior Warden for two years, before moving (with my fiancée, Barbara Sharp) to Trinity about 5 years ago.

At Trinity, I've worked with the Finance and Outreach Committees, at the Stable Tour, and with Christian Myers

to raise funds to pay for tuning our historic Aeolian Skinner organ. If elected to the Vestry, I hope to strengthen the funding for Trinity's music program. Our organ will require a major refurbishing within the next 10-15 years that will substantially exceed the existing budget. Developing an endowment or other strategy to provide for these costs before they are upon us is important as we plan for the future of our beautiful church.

Jake Hambrick



I am honored to be nominated as a Vestry candidate. My family has been coming to Trinity since 2008. Many of my family members have played a role in facilitating church activities since. I have been away from the church for several years as I pursued an education in Texas, visiting several churches in my travels.

Upon my return to northern Virginia, I met my wife Ashley and we began to pursue a deeper relationship with the Lord. Ashley and I recently got married at Trinity and have enjoyed growing deeper in our faith as a couple while being supported by the church community and congregation. As we went through couple's counseling we enjoyed cultivating a relationship with Reverend Banse and appreciate his guidance. I am fond of Trinity for several reasons; the congregation, the ministry, and the architecture of the church. As a professional engineer, I would love to serve the Lord by helping to maintain our beautiful house of worship. I look forward to furthering my spiritual journey and will follow where the Lord leads me.

Peter Hitchen



I am delighted to be considered for the Vestry class of 2021. In 1997 I founded, and continue to own and operate, Tilton Enterprises which is an excavation company that specializes in equestrian projects, as well as BAC, a roll off and front load dumpster service that donates a portion of revenues to the

Childhood Cancer Charities. I graduated from the Hill School and Loudoun Valley High and received my Bachelor of Arts from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. In addition to my work, I enjoy serving as a licensed professional Mate and Captain on sport fishing boats in Bald Head, NC. I am devoted to the community and participate in local nonprofit organizations, including our beloved Trinity Church, as well as serving on the Board of Buchanan Hall. I live with my wife Melanie and daughters Madilyn and Elaina in Marshall, VA.





this work but they are far outweighed by Schubert's youthful romanticism which is both beautiful and expressive but also innocent and light. It is earnest in a way that later, dark and heavy romanticism could only reminisce about. The defining characteristic of Schubert's Credo is the juxtaposition of smooth drawn out vocal lines over a staccato walking bass line which never stops through the entire piece. Together it creates the sense of a relentless pilgrimage, a journey towards an unwavering faith.

It is a journey that our confirmands are just beginning and which we hope will be relentless and unwavering. And for the times when it is not? That is why we all recite the creed together, each and every Sunday, at the sacred hour, on the sacred day, in this sacred space.

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June 23 was Church Vitality & Stewardship Day in the Diocese of Virginia. On that day, the Diocese conducted a set of stewardship workshops designed to help Virginia congregations use "the gifts God gives us to do the work God calls us to do." Held at historic Aquia Church near Fredricksburg, the meeting was presided over by Bishop Shannon Johnston, and Bishops Susan Goff and Bob Ihloff and largely orchestrated by Julie Simonton, Director of Congregational Development and Stewardship for the Diocese. It was both an inspiring and useful exploration of the modern Church's role in society and the ways in which it can be more effective in serving the needs of parishioners while it is also securing its own financial and operational future. The information shared at Aquia about annual and proportional giving, bequests and related financial instruments, endowments, and the communications and other opportunities that technology affords us will benefit Trinity Church and help us leverage the skills of our own talented parishioners and the experiences of other churches to enable Trinity to attain new and higher goals and commitments.

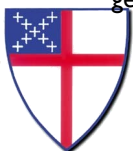
proposals for action that we will evaluate over the summer. Julie has assured us it will not be her last trip to Trinity. But, the job is now ours to undertake. We would absolutely WELCOME additional ideas from our Genesis readers – consider this YOUR invitation.

These two meetings have set the stage for future decisions about how to freshen up our annual giving requests, make planned giving easier, and improve the Church's long-term financial outlook in order to enhance outreach, music, congregational care, and to do God's work as He gives us to see it. The Diocese's annual motto – NOW into the World! – captures that spirit. As Bishop Goff told us in the context of "changing the verb" in pursuit of our mission in this time of change and uncertainty: focus on what there is to "gain" by change and innovation, not on what is "lost"; instead of asking people to "come" to church, be willing to "go" where the need is; instead of saying I "have" a church, "be" the church; instead of trying to "survive" be willing to let old ways "die" when the need to modernize our Church requires it -- while maintaining our commitment to Christ and each other, of course. That's both a challenging and an optimistic message. It's about everyone at Trinity being its steward.

Jim

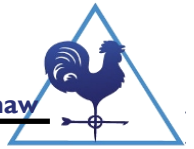
Jim Hoecker
Stewardship Chair 2018

Meanwhile, Trinity's Stewardship Committee has been active in reassessing what can be done to strengthen connections among the congregation and investigating how to strengthen Trinity's budget and provide the support that enables Trinity to care for and serve its members and the larger community. In that spirit, the Committee and the Vestry met in Cox Hall with Julie Simonton on June 11. It was clearly an eye-opening conversation that ranged over a number of important aspects of stewardship and how Trinity's message can be made more apparent and relevant to parishioners of all ages and to people in the region. The Cox Hall meeting generated new spirit and enthusiasm and a number of



Serving in August

By Betsy Crenshaw



	Date Aug 5	Date Aug 12	Date Aug 19	Date Aug 26
Altar Guild	Walta Warren Elizabeth Courts Bunny Shick Shannon Stimson		Gina Hammond Debbie Gerbich John Greely Jim Hammond Nancy Phenicie	
Flower Guild	Anne 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	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart
Memorial Flowers	Cecil Lepard III		Patricia Thompson	Edward Burwell, Mary S. Burwell, Lucy G. Keith, Isham Keith

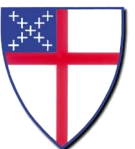
8:00 am Service Holy Eucharist Rite I

	8:00am	8:00 am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Jeff Millington	Ellen Hall	Walta Warren	Carol Miller
Lector	Walta Warren	Jeff Millington	Carol Miller	Kelly Johnson
Ushers	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry and Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	John Miller Robert Bonnie
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Walta Warren			
Coffee Hour				

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Chalice	Henry Long Johanna Jackson	Ed Moore Randy Mullett	Janie Banse Pamela Wynfield	Arch Randolph Sheryl Mazzatenta
Lector	Gray Coyner Michael Main	Samantha Whitesides Ray Ewing	Richard Myers Sheryl Mazzatenta	Randy Mullett Joe Fluet
Ushers	The Benefield Family	Louise Crane Carey Crane	Anne Coyner Jim Gemmer	Pamela Wynfield Jim Hoecker
Healing Ministers	Samantha Whitesides Jerry Eisley	Michael Scholes Jerry Eisley	Ginny Fluet Sheryl Mazzatenta	Joe Fluet Melissa Neal
Ambassadors	Ed Moore	Jessica Diday	Carolyn Smith	Sandy Diday
Coffee Hour				

**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.**





The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston,
Bishop of Virginia
The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff,
Bishop Suffragan
The Rt. Rev. Bob Ihloff
Assistant Bishop

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Tommy Breeden, *Sexton*
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Ellen Hall, Mark Thompson,
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TRINITY SHRINE MONT RETREAT

October 12-14, 2018

Enjoy the beauty of Shrine Mont while engaging in fellowship with Trinity members and their families!
Feel refreshed after participating in various activities, including games and hiking or by doing absolutely nothing!



Cost: \$86/night double occupancy (meals included)
\$115/night single occupancy (meals included)
Interested? Call Marguerite Sweeny for details:
703-431-9962

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