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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends,

There is much to look forward to in the month of November according to the church calendar.

On the first Sunday of the month, November 5th, we will celebrate the feast of All Saints. This is one of the seven principal feasts each year. (The other six are Christmas Day, The Epiphany, Easter Day, Ascension Day, The Day of Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.) One of my favorite moments in our Eucharistic Prayer is this: "Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name." This is a powerful declaration of our hope in the resurrection, that even though they have died, through Christ all those saints live and continue to join with us in sacred worship. It is our custom to remember those who have been buried from Trinity by name over the past year and by the lighting of candles. We will also light a candle celebrating the lives of all those whom we have loved in this lifetime who now stand in the presence of the living God.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on November 23rd this year. It is one of those special days each year when we make that great effort to gather with family and friends in order to truly remember the greatest gift that we share with one another, the gift of life. I want to gently remind you that the real import of this holiday is to give thanks to the source and creator of all life, who is, God. In order to do this here in our community, we will gather together with our neighbors at the Upperville Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 22nd at 7:30pm. It is always a wonderful occasion and a moment during which we "count our blessings" for God's love so freely and infinitely shared with all.

The last Sunday of the month, November 26th, is known as "Christ the King" Sunday. It is the final Sunday of the church year, preceding the first Sunday in Advent. The focus is very much upon Jesus' promise that we have not seen the last of him, that he has "ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead." I take great comfort in knowing that, in this day and age when our mortal leadership seems to be struggling so, God's kingdom is even now present and God's Son already reigns.

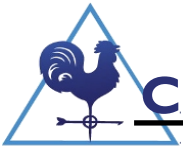


There is much to celebrate and I look forward to being with you on these great occasions. God's peace. I will see you in church.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

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Community Thanksgiving Service

Please Join Us

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 22 AT
7:30 PM**

**Upperville Baptist
Church**

9070 John S. Mosby
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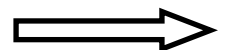
Vestry Notes

By Matt Blunt

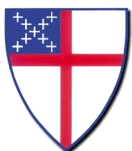
At the recent October meeting of Vestry we elected new officers and wardens. I am pleased to report that Jolly de Give continues to serve as Registrar and Carol Miller continues to serve as Treasurer. We are extremely fortunate that these two parishioners are willing to be of continued service to our church. I was elected to serve as Senior Warden and was willing to serve because I knew I could rely upon the able assistance of our re-elected Junior Warden Ellen Hall. Jim Gemmer provided extraordinary service to Trinity and leadership to Vestry over the course of his two years of service as Senior Warden. He certainly set a high bar but I will do my best.

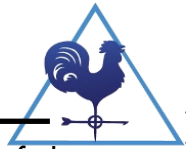
At the October meeting the Treasurer provided a financial report. We remain slightly ahead of budget for 2017 though the final months of the year are extremely important to Trinity. Both the Christmas auction and year end gifts to the church are vital.

You may have heard that recently Trinity decided to transition the endowment to the financial management of the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF). The Trustees of the Funds is a related organization of the



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Diocese of Virginia and provides its services to Episcopal churches and entities in all three of the dioceses within Virginia. Overseen by an elected board of trustees, TOTF currently serves nearly 150 churches and organizations with the management of almost \$140 million in assets. The Trustees will manage our endowment in trust for us and Trinity will retain the same legal control over the endowment that it has today. Vestry and appropriate committees will continue to monitor the endowment's performance. This was a significant decision and one that was undertaken after a great deal of due diligence and consideration by both the Endowment Committee and the Finance Committee. The chief executive officer of the Trustees of the Funds, Mike Kerr, will be at Trinity at 9:30 on December 10, 2017 to make a presentation and answer any questions you may have. I urge you to attend. It remains important that we continue to increase the size of our endowment for the long term maintenance of our campus and the fulfillment of our mission.

In the coming weeks we will prepare our budget for 2018. Jim Hoecker's excellent message on stewardship was a great reminder of our obligation to be good stewards of God's blessings. He also did a great job pointing out how important it is to Vestry to have a record of pledges so that we can appropriately plan for 2018 and craft a budget that allows for Trinity to fulfill its mission.

As we finish 2017 and head into 2018, I hope you will feel free to reach out to any member of Vestry if you have thoughts or concerns. November and December will be busy months at Trinity!

In faith,

Matt Blunt
Senior Warden



Your 2018 Vestry, pictured from left to right, top to bottom: Mark Thompson, Sanford Diday, Ellen Hall, Debra Latiolais, Johanna Jackson, Melissa Neal, Kathryn Gemmer, Martha Williamson, Jim Hoecker and Matt Blunt (not pictured: Troye Plaskitt and Kevin Fox).





All Saints Sunday



All Saints Sunday is just around the corner on November 5. On All Saints Sunday we remember all those who went on to glory in the past year. During worship, we will have a special time of remembrance for those whose funerals we observed here at Trinity this past year.

Join us for this celebration of life and the life to come!



Stewardship Report

By Jim Hoecker

Whose Money is It Anyway? An Appeal to Stewardship

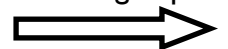
The following is a transcript of the homily that was given by Jim Hoecker during the 8:00am and 10:30am services on Sunday, October 22, 2017:

It is a privilege to give the lay sermon today on behalf of the Vestry and your fellow parishioners. My mother, who would have preferred I join the ministry instead of studying the law, is probably looking down with skepticism as I attempt to achieve some measure of redemption.

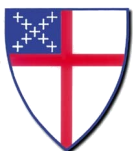
After reviewing my paean to Christian charity this morning, my lovely wife Becky told me that if she were suddenly taken critically ill and had but one hour left in this world, she would want to spend those last precious moments listening to me talk about stewardship. That's because "it would seem like an eternity."

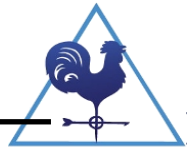
In the end, eternity is our business here at Trinity but I speak to you today with the utmost humility about something closer to home. As I prepared this week, I was haunted by a challenging question: What do we owe God? Whose money is it anyway?

What is Stewardship all about? Is it merely an obligation? Paying a debt? Is it a sacrificial offering, the more it hurts the better? Or is it just being an example for others? I doubt there's a single p a t answer to those questions but I'm certainly not the first to ask them.



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The best definition of stewardship I have found says that a steward is a manager who administers that which belongs to someone else. A steward has a duty to oversee the assets, finances, relationships that rightly belong to another. In that sense, it is not an overstatement to say we are stewards of the lives we are given, stewards of this church, the outdoor chapel, stewards of the environment, and stewards of our worldly possessions back home. They all belong to God and they're on loan to us.

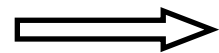
How do we repay that loan? Perhaps by growing in our spiritual lives, which means growing in our lives as stewards of Trinity Church, which is one of God's many gifts.

In my letter to the parish last week, I explained the Church's needs in pretty frank terms. To conduct all its ministries and activities and continue as a vital part of the community, Trinity's budget is over \$1 million annually. However, in 2017, pledges covered slightly over 50% of that. In fact, we fell well short of some basic operating expenses. But, I hasten to add that we should celebrate that generosity and commitment, because with a little sweat and ingenuity from you and scores of your fellow Episcopalians as well as some special gifts, we closed the gap. We began work on our organ, uncovered and began addressing some challenging plumbing and electrical problems, and responded in real time to the disastrous hurricanes that hit the country.

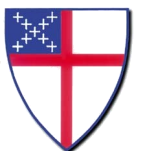
Nevertheless, pledging remains central to our fiscal well-being. Our pledge goal this year is a modest one in light of our total needs -- \$675,000. That's a good deal more (about \$100,000) than we collected last year. I urge you to meditate positively on those numbers but also to remember that even if Trinity's budget were fully funded through some miraculous intervention, you would each still be called upon to pledge and to participate fully as a steward of Trinity Church.

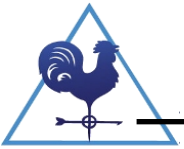
Now I admit, the value I may assign to Trinity Church in Upperville Virginia, financially and otherwise, may be different than how other parishioners see it. We are each finding redemption and purpose here in various ways. For me, one of the bright spots of serving on your Vestry the past year has been our efforts to ask very basic questions about Trinity: what is the purpose of this institution and what are all the things that it does, and should do, for us and the community? We drew on a book called *The Purpose-Driven Church*, which among other things explains that any single church can play a variety of roles in the lives of its congregation. The Vestry has been considering what this means for our future work to sustain and improve Trinity. Let me explain these different perceptions of the Church's meaning for its congregants, as the author sees them --

1. A church can be primarily about winning souls. In a "Soul-winning church," words like witnessing, evangelical, or salvation are most important themes.
2. If the Church is about "Experiencing God," words like praise, prayer, spirit, worship come to mind.
3. A Church can be seen as a "Family reunion" with a focus on fellowship. Words like belonging, caring, and relationships are most meaningful – not to mention potluck.
4. Churches can be "Classrooms" where preaching, Bible study, doctrine, and childrens' education are the currency of conversation and work.
5. Finally, Church can be the outward manifestation of "social conscience". Sharing, service, outreach, taking a stand – all those are important missions within that view of its value.



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It seems to me that Trinity is (and needs to be) all those things, even if one or two characteristics are especially meaningful for your relationship to Trinity. No matter how you might see this building, this service, or Trinity's mission, I hope it is speaking to you. I hope you understand how important you are to it and that you are its principal hope and sustaining foundation.

There is a story about the Dean of St. Patrick's in Dublin, Jonathan Swift, the Eighteenth Century divine known for his sharp tongue. He was once reprimanded for an exhaustingly long sermon on charity. Determined to make the next one terse, he quoted Proverbs 19: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (The modern translation is "Whomever is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full.") You have heard the terms of the loan," Swift continued, "and if you like the security, put down your money." His parishioners responded to "repayment in full" as you might expect.

Likewise, Jesus promises to repay us yet again – in ways that surpass all other gifts and perhaps all understanding. That is his eternal promise – long sermon or short, good homily or bad. He offers security for the loan he provides – the loan of life, of nature, of our society, our children, our possessions, our sustenance and wealth (no matter how meager), even our planet. In other words, he owns all of these things already and we are therefore His stewards here on earth.

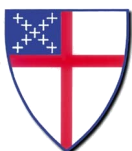
Again, how do we repay that loan? I hope that one important part of that repayment involves your strong support for Trinity. It is an integral part of your Christian life. It is not dues to cover the price of admission. It is not a burden to be endured. And, in truth, the amount of that repayment is not as important as the gift's relationship to the giver's heart and his or her desire and ability to give.

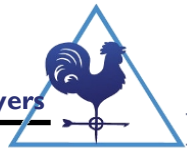
In the next two weeks, you will hear more from Trinity and Father Banse about stewardship. We ask that you bring your 2018 pledge card to church with you on November 5, and that you place it worshipfully in the plate. It will make you feel good. After all, even the money you give joyfully to Trinity is something God has entrusted to your care for the purpose of your wise investment. You may, of course, pledge anytime, including today. I am simply saying that a pledge made now and a pledge thereafter kept will also give your Vestry the opportunity to plan wisely for next year and the challenges and uncertainties it will bring.

After his father died, Joe Scarborough (former Congressman and TV host) turned to his friend Zbigniew Brzezinski for guidance and support. Brzezinski was a much older man and also a former public official. "I explained to him," said Scarborough, "that I was overwhelmed – I had become the parent to 4 children and seemingly a parent to everyone else around me, including my elderly mother. At home and at work, it felt like the burden of everyone else's well-being was being placed squarely on my shoulders." In sympathetic response to Scarborough's plight, Brzezinski responded cheerfully, with a twinkle in his eye— "I know. Isn't it great to be trusted by God with such tremendous responsibility?"

That, my friends, is the real spirit of stewardship. Lord, open our hearts to the spirit of giving and to accepting tremendous responsibility.

Amen





Once upon a time there were ten virgins (yes, it was a long time ago). Five of them were wise and five were foolish. When they went to meet the bridegroom for the big wedding banquet, the wise virgins took flasks of oil to refill their lamps. The foolish did not. When the bridegroom was delayed the ten virgins fell asleep waiting. At midnight there came a shout that the bridegroom was on his way so they awoke in the dark and trimmed their lamps at which point the foolish asked the wise for some of their extra oil. The wise said no and sent them off to the Palestinian Southern States to get more. While they were gone, the bridegroom arrived and took the five wise virgins to the wedding banquet while the foolish ones missed out. And so it is with the coming of the Kingdom of God. Wake up and be ready or you will miss out.

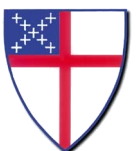


This famous parable, another eschatological allegory, is appointed for one of the last Sundays in year A of the three year lectionary and this year falls on Sunday Nov. 12. Our music that morning will follow this theme using the great German hymn “Wachet Auf” (Sleepers Wake). Often called “the King of Chorales”, both words and hymntune were written by the German pastor Philipp Nicolai around 1597 in Unna, Westphalia using the parable of the wise and foolish virgins as its foundation. More than a hundred years later, the ever energetic J.S. Bach, who wrote sacred cantatas for every Sunday of the three year lectionary and then some, composed his cantata 140 for the 27th Sunday after the Trinity using the Wachet Auf Chorale as its theme. It is Bach’s harmonization of the tune that we will sing from our hymnal and the choir will sing a movement from the cantata at the Offertory. In a somewhat more indirect reference to this theme, the Handbell Choir will play during communion a piece based on Westminster Quarters which is the tune clocks play indicating it is time to Wachet Auf (Wake Up)!

It should also be noted that reading the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in church does not happen very often. This parable is only in Matthew and only in year A of the lectionary which means it only comes up every three years at best. Further, the 27th Sunday after the Trinity does not happen every year A, but only when Easter comes early enough to allow that many Sundays after Trinity Sunday which moves with Easter. It is believed that Bach performed his Wachet Auf Cantata only once, in part because of how rarely the appointed Sunday comes up. And yet, Bach composed what many musicians and scholars believe is one of his finest cantatas for this infrequent occasion. I like to think it is because this famously devout musician well understood the lesson of this special parable that is applicable to so many parts of our lives. From the Boy Scout motto to birth control to the coming of the Kingdom of God: always be prepared, for you never know when the time will come. Don’t be caught sleeping. Wachet Auf!

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
Worship Fair
and
Thank You Luncheon
Saturday, November 18, 2017
10:30 am—2 pm**

**Flower Guild
10:30 am—11 am**

**Altar Guild
11 am—11:30 am**

**Ushers
11:30 am— Noon**

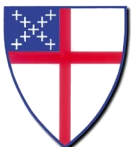
**Lunch
Noon—1 pm**

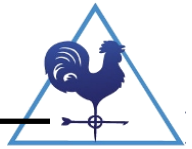
**Lay Readers
1:00 pm—1:30 pm**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers
1:30 pm—2 pm**



All members of the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Lay Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are invited to gather for instructional refreshment of their duties and a Thank You luncheon for your dedicated service. Persons interested in serving in one of these capacities are also invited to attend to learn more about how they can participate in these service ministries. Please call Betsy in the church office (540-592-3343) if you are participating and will be attending the luncheon.





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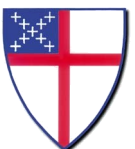
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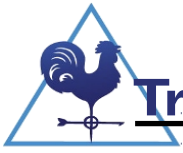


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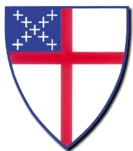
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Auction Pop-up Shop!
December 1&3
Hope to see you there!***



Serving in December

By Betsy Crenshaw



	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Altar Guild		Jolly deGive Natalie Epstein Patty Jarvis		4:00PM G&J Hammond 8:00PM G&J Hammond Candles: Team 4 (11:00PM: Team 5)	G&J Hammond
Flower Guild	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Eliot	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	All Teams	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser
Memorial Flowers	Dan Haney	Andrew Motion			

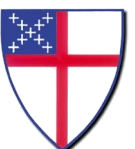
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Chalice	Carol Miller	Walta Warren	Beth Lamond	Ellen Hall	Jeff Millington
Lector	Beth Lamond	Greg Ellison	Walta Warren	Jeff Millington	Kelly Johnson
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly Bimba Chuck Bimba	Sarah Ellison Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Walta Warren				
Coffee Hour					Ann Macleod

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

Chalice	Pamela Wynfield Gina Hammond	Ginny Fluet Sabine Bibb	Barbara Augenblick Sheryl Mazzatenta		Ed Moore Johanna Jackson
Lectors	Barbara Augenblick Ray Ewing	Becky Hoecker Sandra Markus	Stephanie Knapp Richard Myers		Page Gravely Randy Mullett
Ushers	Jim Gemmer Bunny Shick Jim Hoecker	Ken Knapp Brett Bibb Barbara Augenblick	Elizabeth Courts Chip Chapman Ray Ewing		Stanley Dees Louise Crane Carey Crane
Healing Ministers	Melissa Neal Joe Fluet	Melissa Neal Stephanie Knapp	Ginny Fluet Jerry Easley		Joe Fluet Jerry Easley
Ambassadors					
Coffee Hour	PCCC		Bibb, Benefield, Crosen, Labrador		

	Dec. 24, 4:00PM	Dec. 24, 8:00PM	Dec. 24, 11:00PM	Dec. 25, 10:30AM
Chalice	TBA	Pamela Wynfield Beth Lamond	Sabine Bibb Carol Miller	Lewis Martin
Lector	TBA	Stephanie Knapp Grey Coyner	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Cheri Martin
Ushers	TBA	Ken Knapp Barbara Augenblick Henry Chapman Ray Ewing	Brett, Spencer & Jordan Bibb	





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Don't forget!

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