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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends,

We celebrate the life of St. Francis on October 4th. His was a story of “from riches to rags”, not a career path much appreciated in our present day and age. Instead of following his father into the lucrative textile business, Francis’ encounters with the poor and the marginalized of his society led him to embrace “Lady Poverty”. He gave up all personal ambition and instead devoted his life entirely to living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He also wanted to rid himself of all distractions when it came to his relationship with God, so he literally gave all his material possessions away.



One of the aspects of his life that inspires us was his appreciation for the glory of God revealed in creation. Legend has it that he had the ability to speak to animals and was known to apologize to an ant when he realized that he was about to step on it. Many people keep a statue of Francis in their gardens as a reminder of his love of nature and it is for this reason we choose to hold our annual Blessing of the Animals on a Sunday closest to the 4th.

Many of us also resonate with the prayer attributed to Francis: “Lord, make us instruments of your peace” (Book of Common Prayer, page 833). I think that one of the deepest desires in our lives is for peace. We seek this peace in all manner of ways. Yet, the horror of Monday’s violence aimed at innocent people in Las Vegas, people gathered together seeking peace in their love of music, reminds us how elusive peace can be. That is why the prayer continues. In order to end hatred, that great obstacle to peace, those who long for peace must sow love. Those who understand that conflict destroys peace must proactively work for forgiveness and union. Those living in hopelessness and despair need faith and light in their lives. We must seek to restore these essential elements if a peaceful existence is to be theirs. Finally, and with the greatest humility, we must embrace the fact that, if we are to be instruments of God’s peace, we must honor and cherish others before we honor ourselves, even if we give our lives for the sake of others in the process.

The Book of Lesser Feasts and Fasts reminds us that, “Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired, but the least imitated.” There is a good reason for that. Bringing peace into the world does require the utmost humility, and again, that kind of humility is not greatly encouraged in our world today. As we here at Trinity continue to pray about how we might best act as “instruments of God’s peace” in our world, we would do well to embrace the example of Francis. The world needs more of his gentle spirit, now more than ever.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

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Shrine Mont Retreat

By Marguerite Sweeny

On October 13th, with the leaves turning their beautiful colors, members of Trinity church will be descending on Shrine Mont for our (hopefully) annual retreat. It will be a weekend of fellowship on the beautiful campus of the Episcopal diocesan conference and retreat center located in Orkney Springs, Virginia. Families and couples have already signed up for activities on the campus such as bike riding, touring Shrine Mont, tennis, and hiking. Others will be riding the chair lift at Bryce Mountain Resort, zip lining, playing golf, or for the younger crowd, miniature golf. With some couples, they simply want to relax in the many rocking chairs available and walk in the peaceful setting. Nighttime activities include our own private Eucharist service in the Shrine, which is the Cathedral Shrine of the



The Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration
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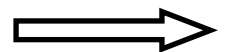
Transfiguration, the Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, finished with a campfire with s'mores and beautiful music led by Christian Myers and others. Last, but not least, is the fantastic food provided at Shrine Mont. When one mentions it, the response is always "And they have the best fried chicken!" By the time we leave on Sunday, we are relaxed and sated with the spirituality of Shrine Mont, ready to begin our week.



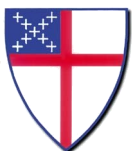
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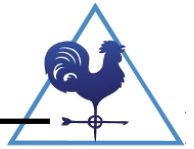
By Jim Gemmer

Our Vestry met on Wednesday, September 20th for its monthly meeting. As always, the minutes for the meeting will be filed and available for your review. As this was the last regular meeting for the "senior" Vestry class, we celebrated their dedicated service and we thanked them for their hard work and for the many hours of extra time spent at Trinity over the past three years. Our new Parish Administrator, Jane McGee, was in attendance, much to the pleasure of all. The Vestry gave Jane a seat and voice at the meeting which means she could contribute, but not vote. It is a tremendous help for her, and for those of us doing the follow up actions from the meeting, to be present and hear what was actually discussed. This level of coordination will help all of us communicate and engage more effectively.



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Our Treasurer, Carol Miller, presented the financial summary for the year. While our cash position was still down mostly due to the normal summer pledge payment slump, our year-to-date income was on budget and we anticipate our cash position will recover by year-end with continued pledge payments and our final endowment draw. We were told that the final tally for the Stable Tour was \$57,024- Bravo!! The Organ fund has received \$80,000 and continues to seek additional contributions. We continue to make significant progress in the quality of our music offerings through this effort. The better we are able to make these repairs now, the longer they will last into the future. Please consider a contribution.

Other business included updates to our new Vestry candidate list. We eagerly anticipate our annual meeting and the election of four new Vestry members. With the current list of candidates, the upcoming elections are sure to bring a highly talented team to join our important work. Vestry already has our first retreat scheduled for the last weekend in October (27/28) where we will continue working on the vision/planning effort that I've mentioned in earlier reports. We will be discussing many short and long term plans for Trinity at the retreat that will help us set the overall agenda for the new year. Please keep us in your prayers as we undertake this endeavor.

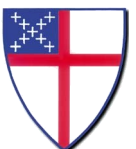
We discussed the previously approved distributions from Outreach in the wake of the two devastating hurricanes that hit Texas and Florida. In case you were not aware, Trinity provided \$5000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and another \$5000 to the Salvation Army. While that may be just a drop in the bucket, we are confident that both are good stewards of the monies they receive and will be using them to provide as much direct assistance as possible. Vestry also approved additional Outreach distributions to various worthy causes in our area. These will be detailed in the minutes.

Of course, we spent a fair amount of time preparing for the Annual meeting which is likely to have occurred before you read this. If that's the case, hopefully you were in attendance, were able to cast your vote for new Vestry and shared our enthusiasm for the coming year. We continue to thank you all for your prayers, support and assistance in our work.

Finally, this is the last Vestry note that I will write, at least for the near future. I am one of those "seniors" I mentioned in the opening paragraph so after the new Wardens are elected at the first meeting of the new Vestry in October, I'll be done. I have truly enjoyed my time on Vestry and I am grateful for the support that the whole congregation has provided to me and to all of Vestry. There are three people I wish to thank by name... Rob, our Rector, for his friendship and trust over the years; Ellen, who I was blessed to have as my Junior Warden and who has become my confidant and my friend; and my wife, Kat, who lovingly supported me, as she always does, and regularly served as my sounding board, coach and cheerleader all rolled up into one. Thanks to all of you.

In faith,

Jim Gemmer
Senior Warden





Just Like Home

A guest at Trinity's SOME luncheon service in September was overheard exclaiming, "This tastes just like home."

To hear that our meal is well received is music to our ears and one of the reasons we have carried on this Outreach program for 30 years.

Not only did we manage to feed over 400 men, women and children, we effectively transported about 650 apples to DC so that every diner had a take out fruit snack. A SOME worker also prepared a mound of "to go" bologna and cheese sandwiches to help satisfy evening hunger as breakfast and lunch are the only meals served there, albeit 365 days of the year.

The apples were kindly donated by the Oak Spring Garden Foundation of Upperville and parishioners Tom and Katherine Anderson. We are so appreciative of their generosity. Oak Spring provided Gala apples and the Andersons donated the Red Delicious variety. Several of our volunteers sampled both and found them very tasty.

Tommy Breeden ably loaded the 650 apples as well as all our cases of fish, 8 rice casseroles, desserts, slaw, green beans and cornbread into the van with ease. We still had room for our loyal crew of: Ann MacLeod, Deon Bezaguet, Claude Prozinski, Jim Gemmer, Ken Knapp, Gina Hammond, Carol Miller, Mary MacDonnell and Robin Keys. Maggie New met us in town and joined in serving our guests.

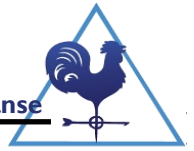
The previous day, we had a small but highly skilled group in the kitchen chopping vegetables for our rice casserole. Among those attending: Holly Bimba, Ellen Hall, Kit Hemion, Robin Keys and Ann Macleod.

Our final SOME service for 2017 will be held November 16, when we cook and November 17, when we serve. Please try and join us as we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving.



Outreach Committee Report

By Janie Banse



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.' ... Matthew 25:40

Members of the Outreach Committee invite you to join them in making a personal donation to help our brothers and sisters on the devastated island of Puerto Rico. Due to our response to the overwhelming crises that already occurred in Florida and Texas, the Outreach Committee decided to make personal donations to aid Puerto Rico. After some investigation of organizations sending aid to Puerto Rico, we suggest that you donate directly to one of them if you feel so called. The Outreach Committee members made a donation directly to United for Puerto Rico, which was initiated by the First Lady of Puerto Rico and has the support of many corporations and prominent aid groups. Other options are listed below. Should you wish to donate by check, please make your check payable to Trinity Episcopal Church and mark "Puerto Rico" on the memo line. You may place your check in the collection plate on Sunday, or leave it with the church office.

United For Puerto Rico <http://unidosporpuertorico.com/en/>

Global Giving <https://www.globalgiving.org/>

The Salvation Army <http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/hurricanes2017>

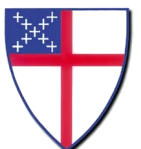
The American Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief/hurricane-maria-relief-information#International-Response>

Thank you for considering this request.

The Outreach Committee



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I've never been to Wittenburg nor seen the church there, but I've always imagined that it's door must be very similar to ours with it's arched top and heavy timbers bound together with iron straps and hand cut nails. I have also, on a few occasions when I disagreed with church policy, imagined nailing my own set of theses to the door as a German monk did exactly 500 years ago this month. While I would be hard pressed to come up with more than just a few insignificant ones, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenburg church in October of 1517 and set in motion the most significant event in the history of the Christian Church outside of the life of Jesus and the conversion of Constantine.

With a little help from John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and Johannes Gutenberg, Luther's Reformation transformed both the Christian faith and Western culture leading to the development of the Protestant church, the English Reformation, the Counter Reformation, and the 30 Years War. Luther's initial gripe was with the Catholic doctrine of the merits of the saints and the selling of indulgences where the pope essentially offered credits for heaven in exchange for money to help build St. Peter's Basilica. Luther believed that salvation could only come by grace through faith in God and that scripture was the ultimate religious authority rather than the Pope.

The effect of the Reformation on western music was trans-formative as well. The Protestant doctrine made worship more participatory and accessible to the average person in many ways including the translation of both the Gospel and the language of the service to the vernacular. While Calvin and some of the other reformers wanted to reign in the role of music in the church, Luther believed that music was the greatest gift from God after only religion itself. He wanted the congregation to be able to participate and not just listen to the beautiful polyphony of the choir, and so he applied sacred texts to simple unison tunes including well known secular ones that the people could easily sing. The classic example of this is Martin Luther's great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" set to the tune of a common German drinking song. These chorale tunes were then harmonized by composers such as J.S. Bach and hymn singing as we know it today was born.

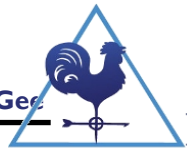
My observation over the years is that Episcopalians, somewhere in between Catholics and Protestants, are not quite sure what to make of the Reformation. While Lutherans, Presbyterians, and other Protestants see it as the birth of their denominations, for the Anglican tradition, of which we are a part, it is not quite so clear. Although the less than noble genesis of the Anglican Church was born out of Henry the VIII's lust and desire for a male heir, the influence of the Reformation on the development of the Anglican Church is still enormously significant. Signs of this can be seen in both word and song. If you are in doubt, take a stroll up the aisle to see the image of Martin Luther carved into our pulpit and browse the index of the hymnal to see the multitude of hymn tunes with German names. And finally, on Sunday, October 29, Reformation Day, remember, as you walk through those heavy oaken doors, the 95 theses that started it all exactly 500 years ago.

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Blessing of the Animals

By Jane McGee



Don't forget to bring your friend—furry or otherwise—to this year's Blessing of the Animals!

October 8th @ 4pm
Outdoor Chapel

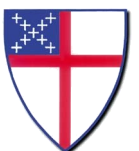


Fall Coffee Hours

By Gina Hammond



It is once again time for families to sign up to do coffee hours. These do not have to be elaborate affairs. All summer long parishioners enjoyed doughnut holes, coffee cakes, fruit danishes, cookies, fresh fruit and juices along with their coffee. You do not have to set up the coffee urns; they will be already to plug in on Sunday Morning. Join with some friends and be our coffee hour hosts. Thank You.

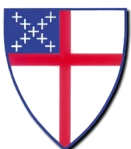




Sounds of Summer down by the Creek at Trinity!

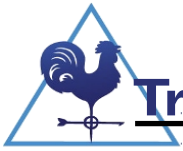
On a perfect summer Saturday morning some CMSP students participated in a Junior Ensemble creating joyful sounds by the creek with baby harps and xylophones. The children performed a musical interpretation of the Japanese folktale of the Peach Boy, Momotaro.

Thanks so much Trinity for sharing your wonderful space with us!



Outdoor Chapel Picnic—September 27, 2017

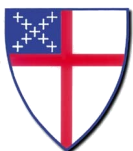




In order for the Christmas Auction to be a success, we will need everyone's participation. We need you to bring treasured items, any time between now and November 22, to be sold at the Auction on December 1 and 3. You may bring them directly to Betsy or to the Stable Tour office, or you may call Ellen Hall or Nicky Perry and we can arrange to have the items picked up.

The lovely items that you do donate will be sold at the Preview Party on December 1 and again on December 3, between services. It is only after the 10:30 service that the Live Auction of special gifts will take place.

Please remember that the Christmas Auction is a fundraiser and not a bargain sale. We ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be, both in terms of the treasures you donate and the gifts you decide to purchase. Again, the success of this event depends on you and we trust that the results will celebrate your generosity.



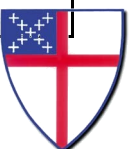
Serving in November

By Betsy Crenshaw



	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Altar Guild	Ellen Hall Holly Bimba Celeste Wheelwright Martha Williamson Barbara Riddleberger		Jolly deGive Natalie Epstein Patty Jarvis	
Flower Guild	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hillard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser	Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Nancy Phenicie Melissa Neal Ann Coles Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin	Carolyn Smith Arla Lewis Jeanne Hayduk Mary MacDonnell Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Linda Newton Jeannine Korte	Ann Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson
Memorial Flowers Given By		Sarah Ellison Sheryl Mazzatenta	Helen Wiley Carol Miller	
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1				
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Lewis Martin	Beth Lamond	Jeff Millington	Ellen Hall
Lector	Cheri Martin	Jolly deGive	Carol Miller	Kelly Johnson
Ushers	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly Bimba Chuck Bimba	Sarah Ellison Chuck Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Carole Stadfield			
Coffee Hour				
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Augenblick Ed Moore	Johanna Jackson Arch Randolph	Ken Knapp Randy Mullett	Michael Main Janie Banse
Lectors	Arch Randolph Stephanie Reynolds	Michael Main Samantha Whitesides	Ginny Fluet Carolyn Smith	Gray Coyner Hank Long
Ushers	Stanley Dees Chip Chapman Ray Ewing	Louise Crane Carey Crane Ken Knapp	The Benefield Family	Pamela Wynfield Ann Coyner Elizabeth Courts
Healing Ministers	Stephanie Knapp Samantha Whitesides	Melissa Neal Jerry Easley	Joe Fluet Stephanie Knapp	Michael Scholes Ginny Fluet
Ambassadors	Jessica Diday	Ed Moore	Pamela Wynfield	Kyle Crosen
Coffee Hour	Outreach Committee			Kansteiner

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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October Highlights

- 10/1: Annual Meeting & Vestry Election
- 10/4: Bible Study Resumes
- 10/8: Adult Forum with Maher Gabra
- 10/8: Blessing of the Animals
- 10/9: Church Office Closed
- 10/13-10/15: Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont
- 10/21: Blessing of the Hounds
- 10/27-10/28: Vestry Retreat



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