

The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have been discussing the Letter to the Ephesians during the Sunday morning Forum Hour these past several weeks. Scholars have, over the course of the centuries, spent much time studying the contents of the letters written by Paul and the other leaders of the earliest Christian communities. By comparing and contrasting the narrative found in each, it becomes apparent that there is more at work here than meets the eye. There is more here than just the written word on the page. There must have been a process, now not entirely clear, that unfolded from the time of Jesus' earthly life to the written accounts about his ministry that we have in canonical form in the New Testament.

The revelation, for me, in these studies, is the realization that the earliest Christian communities were fluid and in a constant state of evolution and change. They were not the monolithic blocks of static faith that we often associate with the present Church. They were trying to figure out who they were and what they believed, all in the presence of the risen Christ and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They were often attacked for their beliefs and there was real risk when they gathered for worship. This is quite a contrast to what many of us experienced growing up. Indeed, sometimes you and I subconsciously translate the opening lyrics of Martin Luther's famous hymn from "A mighty fortress is our God" to "A mighty fortress is our Church". I trust that all of us understand that such a translation is problematic on several different levels.

It seems to me, and I've said this before, that we need to acknowledge and embrace the fact that the Church today is much more like those earliest Christian communities than was the Church of sixty years ago. The world is in great flux, the importance

of religion is being seriously questioned, and at times even disparaged. Frankly, even if we feel called to join a community of faith, we are just too darn busy to do so.

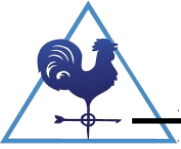
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Annual Meeting

October 21

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Mark your Calendars!
The Blessing of the Animals
 Sunday, October 7
 3:00pm
 Outdoor Chapel
 Please join us!
 Bring your furry (or not so furry) friends!



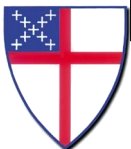
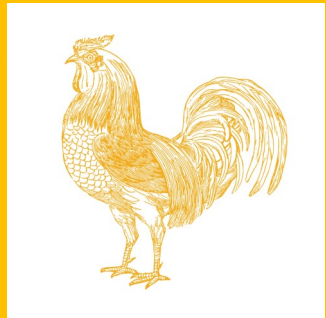


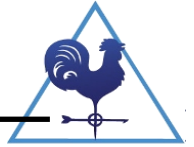




Calling All Volunteers

The Golden Rooster Thrift Shop needs shop volunteers for 3.5 hours on Saturday mornings from 8:45am-12:15pm. Volunteers welcome and assist customers, help sort donations, and organize the shop. It's fun! Volunteers are assigned to a team with four members each calendar year, so no one works alone. Teams are scheduled every six weeks. We also need weekly volunteers who have a truck or a trailer to take excess inventory to The Potter's House in The Plains or Goodwill and refuse to the dump on Saturday mornings.
 Call Betsy if you are interested: 540-592-3343.





Sounds unsettling, does it not? Nonetheless, I want you to know that, despite all the variables and unknowns, I believe that this is a very exciting time for the Church. With these variables come new and greater opportunities to be the Body of Christ serving and sharing in the world today. With the unknown comes the awareness that God, and God alone, is our mighty fortress, and that by faith, all obstacles are overcome and all challenges are met by God's grace and the love of Jesus Christ.

I hope that you are planning to attend the Annual Meeting on October 21st. This is our time to gather as a congregation to discuss these new possibilities and opportunities before

us. The coming season in the life of our congregation will be both challenging and exciting. By God's grace, you have an important part to play both in the present and the future life of this community. Your prayers leading up to that gathering, and your presence at the meeting, are very much requested.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



The Outreach Committee invites you to celebrate the tremendous volunteer efforts of four great Trinity Heroines. Please join us for a dinner honoring these great women in Cox Hall on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 p.m., so we can personally thank them for their many hours of dedication to Trinity outreach programs. This year's Trinity Heroines are:

**Robin Keys
Janie Banse
Ann MacLeod
LeighO Wood**

Please mark your calendars for this special tribute and look for additional information over the next few weeks.

**Debra Principi
Outreach Committee Chair**





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.

Barbara Augenblick



I moved to the area in 1978 with husband Mark and two children Amy and David (now thankfully adults). We started coming to Trinity at the invitation of Aileen DuPont, a neighbor. In the intervening years I have

served on Vestries. I became a member of the Mary Neville Guild, joined the Flower Guild, Altar Guild, learned to be a lay reader and chalice bearer. I was a small cog in the wheels of many stable tours, Christmas auctions, finance and stewardship committees, mission statements and building and grounds plans. I even did a stint as Senior Warden. I can offer some institutional memory - until I forget.

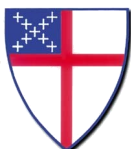
Paul Coyer

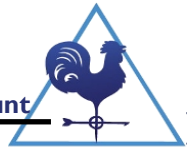


I am honored to be considered for election to the vestry. I am a historian of international relations and specialist in the role played by religion and culture in international affairs. I was baptized at the age of eight, have a degree from an Episcopal divinity school

(Yale), previously served on the vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church, New Haven, Connecticut, and have been active in leadership in other Anglican and Episcopal churches, including All Souls, Langham Place, London. I

have been active at Trinity since January 2008, have sung in the choir from that point until recently, and been active in numerous other ways including the annual Stable Tour, Adult Forum, a two year gig as the singer for our own in-house classic rock band, "Via Media", etc. My wife, Marjory, is a classical violinist from Venezuela, who has played violin in Trinity for services and special events for the past 15 years or so (and has hosted many Venezuelan-themed coffee hours!). Marjory and I were married at Trinity in August 2013, with the participation of many Trinity members, and we have long considered our Trinity family an important part of our lives. I hope to be able to contribute in substantive ways as our congregation moves into this next phase of our lives together and our ministry to the broader community.





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.

Joe Fluet



With the upcoming loss of both Rob, our Rector, and Jane, our Parish Administrator, we are entering an important transition time in the life of our congregation. It is a time when our Vestry will benefit from members with experience in church work, Vestry

operations, and Diocesan interaction. With this in mind, I have decided to once again stand for Vestry. I have been active in church work for more than 40 years; I served on Trinity's vestry a few years ago; and, I served as Senior and Junior Warden in my previous parish during similar transition periods. I have also chaired several Rector Search Committees. I understand that serving on a Vestry is an honor, but not an honorary position. I hope I can help.

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.

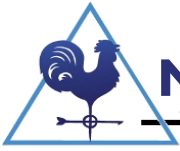
After my wife's death in 2007, I began to spend more time with my daughters' families in Takoma Park and New York, occasionally flying to New York in my single-engine Cessna. I continued to practice law, but on a part-time basis. For example, I acted as special counsel for Overseas Private Investment 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 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.

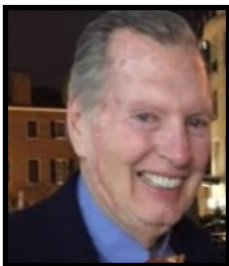
Peter Hitchen



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.

Joe Markus

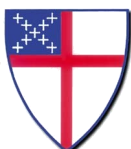


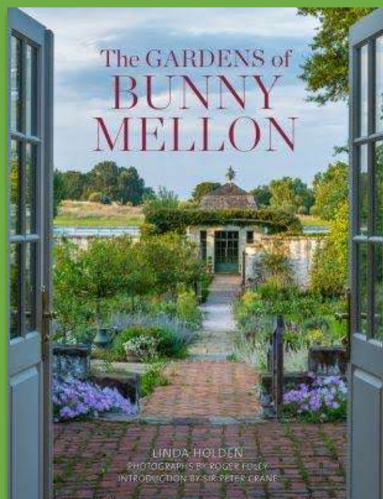
Joe Markus has been a member of Trinity Church for over 30 years. He is married to Sandra Markus with whom he resides on Trappe Road in Upperville VA. He has three daughters and four grandchildren. His daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Jason, have

recently been attending Trinity with their three children. Joe has a varied business background which he has used previously, serving for 2+ years as chair of Trinity's Finance Committee.

Make Sure to Join Us for our Annual Meeting and Vestry Election
October 21st

Immediately following the one worship service that will take place that morning at 9:30am





A Celebration of Beauty

Trinity Episcopal Arts Weekend

Upperville, VA

Friday October 26th through Sunday October 28th, 2018

A weekend of Visual Arts, Film, & Music to celebrate the release of the new book

The Gardens of Bunny Mellon

The Gardens of Bunny Mellon is a lavishly illustrated book that features the public and private gardens that Mrs. Mellon designed, including Trinity Episcopal Church, by author Linda Holden, published by Vendome Press. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase throughout the weekend with a generous portion of the proceeds to benefit the ongoing maintenance and preservation of the Church.

Opening Reception Friday, October 26th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Holy Stories: Image and Word

An exhibition of Collage and Sculpture, October 26-28 by artists Sandra Bowden and Karen Swenholt. Art is available for purchase in addition to a book signing of "The Gardens of Bunny Mellon." Donations welcomed.



Compline Service Friday, October 26th, 8:00 PM

A meditation on the Psalms featuring choral and organ music with a display of an ancient Book of Hours. Donations welcomed.

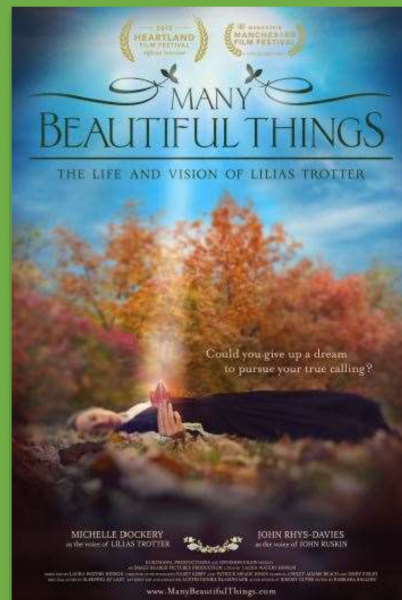


Artists Luncheon & Church Tour Saturday, October 27th 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Artists gathering and luncheon followed by tour of Trinity Church's Sanctuary hosted by artists and friends of Trinity and the Bridge at Glymfeather Hallows Artist Group. This will be a time to welcome new area artists and to share with others the rich tapestry of visual artists in the area. A special welcome and thank you to the new artists in residence and ongoing outreach at Oak Spring Foundation here in the area. Book signing of *The Gardens of Bunny Mellon* will be available. Space is limited. Contact Jessica Van Heim Diday for reservations: jvanheimdiday@gmail.com

Screening of "Many Beautiful Things" Saturday, October 27th 7:00 PM

A documentary film by award winning Laura Waters Hinson and Executive Producer Hisao Kurosawa (Dreams, Ran). A film about Lilius Trotter, 19th century botanical and landscape artist who was John Ruskin's protégé and one of the world's greatest female artists that was almost lost in history. A story of the struggle over creativity and calling featuring the voices of Michelle Dockery (*Downton Abbey*) and John Rhys-Davies (*Lord of the Rings, Indiana Jones*). Donations encouraged.



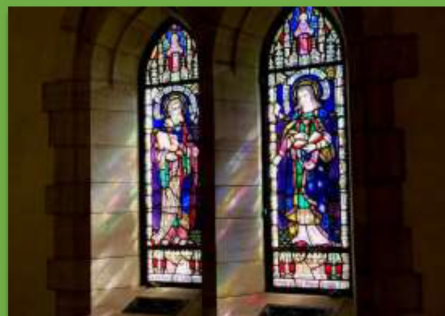
Sunday, October 28th

8:00 AM Worship Service

9:00 AM Book signing of *The Gardens of Bunny Mellon* available at Cox Hall during coffee hour.

10:30 AM Worship Service

12:00 PM Book signing of *The Gardens of Bunny Mellon* available at Cox Hall during coffee hour.



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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 listed below or by doing absolutely nothing!

Sign-up in Cox Hall or contact Marguerite Sweeny:
703-431-9962, margueritesw@gmail.com

**SATURDAY 4:30PM SERVICE
AT THE SHRINE**



Hiking

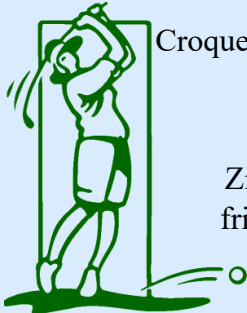
Choose easy or more strenuous paths
Walk the labyrinth or hike the Stations of the Cross.

AND AT THE END OF THE DAY...

Camp Fire with s'mores!
Ice Cream Social!

Games

Croquet, tennis, horseshoes.



Bryce Mountain

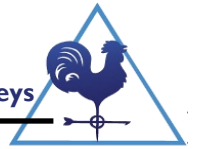
Zip line, 9/18 holes of golf,
frisbee golf, miniature golf,



Cost:

\$76/night - \$152/weekend double occupancy (meals included)
\$100/night - \$200/weekend single occupancy (meals included)
\$30/night - \$60/weekend kids 4-12 (meals included)





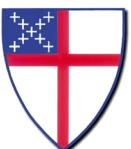
Over 360 guests were fed.

Our final 2018 SOME mission is Nov. 15, when we cook, and Nov. 16 when we serve.

This is typically one of our most popular as it takes place the week before Thanksgiving. Space is at a premium so interested parties should reach out to Ann as soon as possible to save a slot in the kitchen and/or on the bus as both are filling up fast.

Many thanks go out to our September cooks: Holly Bimba, Stephanie Knapp, Lynn Wiley, Harriett Condon and Ann Marie Colandrea

As well as our September servers: Josephina Hooker, Jim Gemmer, Mark Thompson, Robin Keys, Gina Hammond, Mary and John MacDonnell, Wendy Gloriso and Ann MacLeod





One of the catch phrases I often use both verbally and in print is that “Trinity Church has a long history of excellent music”. As I enter my 20th year as Trinity’s music director and my 28th year on the staff, I am reminded that my seemingly lengthy tenure here is really not that unusual. My dear friend and colleague, Betsy Crenshaw has been here a year and a half longer than I have. And before the two of us were Mary Holsinger and Jim Laster, each of whom began work here in the early 1970’s and served Trinity Church for similarly long periods of time. Mary was the Parish Administrator and Jim the Organist/Choirmaster when Betsy and I started, and we overlapped with both of them for several years.

Dr. James Laster came to Winchester and began work on the faculty of Shenandoah Conservatory and Trinity Church in 1973. He retired from Trinity in 1999 and from the college in 2000. Dr. Laster is an accomplished organist, choral conductor, author, and composer. Throughout his 25 years at Trinity he built and maintained a reputation for excellent music which we still benefit from today.

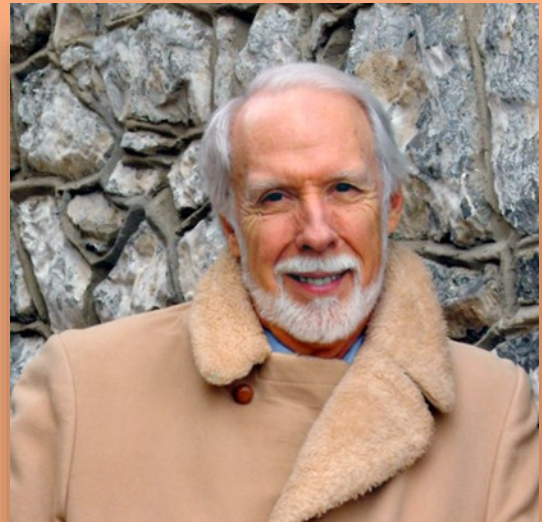
After almost 20 years of active retirement in the Winchester area, Jim and his wife, Madlon, are moving to Delaware to be near their son and grandchildren. As a parting gesture and in recognition of his significant contributions to the artistic life of this community, the Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a concert of Dr. Laster’s compositions, many of which were written for or at Trinity Church, on Sunday, October 21 at 4:00, at First Baptist Church in Winchester. Our own Richard McPherson will be providing much of the organ accompaniment and the combined choir will include members of the Arts Chorale of Winchester, and the Cantus Singers from Shenandoah Conservatory.

During this time of transition, as Trinity Church continues to grow and move forward, it is important to remember those who came before us and on who’s work our successes are built. We are grateful for the many years of service Jim Laster dedicated to our church and hope that many of you might pay tribute to him by attending this wonderful concert.

Christian

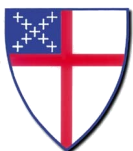
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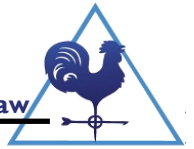
The Music of James Laster
 Sunday, October 21
 4pm
 First Baptist Church, Winchester



Join us as we bid a fond adieu to Jim and his wife, Madlon, before their move to Delaware.

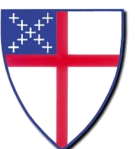
This concert will be open to the public
 As part of First Baptist’s Music on the Corner Series, admission is by donation
 Invite your friends!





	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Altar Guild	Nov. 4-Nov. 21: Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Martha Williamson, Barbara Riddleberger Nov. 25-Nov. 28: Jolly deGive, Natalie Epstein, Patty Jarvis			
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Mary MacDonnell Alex Coolidge Mark Thompson Jeanne Hayduk Josephina Hooker	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson Holly Bimba 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
Memorial Flowers				
8:00 am Service Holy Eucharist Rite I				
	8:00am	8:00 am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Lewis Martin	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall
Lector	Cheri Martin	Walta Warren	Greg Ellison	Jeff Millington
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison
Healing Ministry	Cheri Martin Walta Warren			
Coffee Hour	Carol Miller	The Keys		
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
Chalice	Ken Knapp Ed Moore	Randy Mullett Janie Banse	Arch Randolph Henry Long	Sheryl Mazzatenta Pamela Wynfield
Lector	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Gray Coyner Sheryl Mazzatenta	Richard Myers Randy Mullett	John MacDonnell Samantha Whitesides
Ushers	The Benefield Family	Anne Coyner Ken Knapp	Pamela Wynfield Jim Hoecker Barbara Augenblick	Stanley Dees Chip Chapman BunnyShick
Healing Ministers	Ginny Fluet Jerry Eisley	Stephanie Knapp Melissa Neal	Samantha Whitesides Sheryl Mazzatenta	Ginny Fluet Michael Scholes
Ambassadors	Jessica Diday	Carolyn Smith	Sandy Diday	Steve Billingsley
Coffee Hour			The Appenzellers' Kyle Crosen Jason Labrador	

**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

- 10/7: Vestry Candidate Forum @ 9:30am
- 10/7: Blessing of the Animals @ 3:00pm
- 10/8: Church Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 10/8: Parish Life Meeting in Cox Hall @ 6:00pm
- 10/12-10/14: Shrine Mont Parish Retreat
- 10/15: Monthly Vestry Meeting in Cox Hall @ 6:30pm
- 10/20: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study in Cox Hall @ 8:00am
- 10/20: Blessing of the Hounds @ 9:00am
- 10/21: Annual Meeting in Cox Hall immediately following the 9:30am worship service
- 10/26-10/28: Trinity Episcopal Arts Weekend

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