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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I received a copy of an email several weeks ago. It was from a member of our congregation expressing her appreciation for the people, buildings, and grounds that comprise Trinity Church. She was particularly glad that her teenage children found peace, strength, love, and comfort in the midst of life's anxieties whenever they were on the campus.

I have been thinking a lot about that note as we prepare to enter into another program year here. While I know that the cares of the world are always with us, we are presently living in a moment of great anxiety. It seems to me that this anxiety is rooted in fear of our neighbors both near and far, a fear expressed in suspicion, doubt, anger, hatred, false pride, and poisonous partisanship.

I therefore have a simple recommendation to make. In the coming year, let's make Trinity an anxiety-free zone with God's help. You may remember that in a sermon some months ago I shared that, as disciples of Jesus, we are called always to hope and never to fear. That hope is grounded in God's perfect love, not just for some of us, but for each and every one of us. Furthermore, that love gives us the courage to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world while we incorporate this Good News in our community. Finally, in allowing Christ's love to cast out all fear within us, we are set free to really enjoy life as God intends and have fun while we're at it!

Yes, I know that we are human. I know that our natural inclination to self-absorption means that you and I will never be able to love perfectly. Nonetheless my friends, that is no excuse not to try to love one another as Christ loves us each and every day, not some of the time, but all of the time. To borrow from the lyrics of Hal David, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love." That is no mere sentiment. That is sublime and profound theology. That is the foundation on which our community, buildings, and grounds are built. It is the reason for the incarnation and the resurrection. It is our reason for being as well.

See you on Sunday.

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

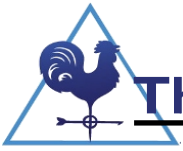


Sunday,
September 10

After the Worship
Services

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Thank You Trinity

By Rachel Rickenbaker

Dear People of Trinity Church,

It has been such a blessing to be with you for the time that I've had here at Trinity. It is always difficult to leave something behind, especially when good relationships have been built. I am grateful for you as a church, for loving, supporting, and encouraging me in the faith.



Many of you have asked where I will be going. I am going to serve as the assistant rector at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria, Virginia. It is a parish that sprung from the seminary, and I served there for two years as a seminarian. If you are ever in the Alexandria area, I would love to see you.

I will miss Trinity Church immensely, especially the community. I have said before that the church is neither a building nor an individual, but a community of those committed to following Jesus together. The Holy Spirit is certainly at work within this community, and I look forward to hearing of the many ways you all continue to learn and grow together in love of God and of neighbor. God has great things in store. In all things, never lose sight of the hope that is found in Jesus. I ask that you hold me in your prayers during this transition, and I will keep you in mine.

In Christ,

Rachel +



Mark Your Calendar

By Jane McGee

Children's Christian Education

- Children's Chapel—Starts September 10th
Children will follow the cross to the Chapel during the Gospel Hymn
- Sunday School—Starts September 17th
9:30am in the Cox Hall Basement
Grades Pre-K to 5th grade

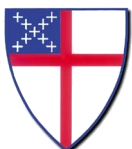


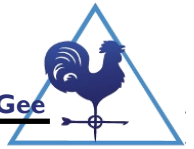
Annual Meeting and Vestry Election October 1st

- There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. on October 1st. The election of new vestry members and our annual meeting will immediately follow the service in Cox Hall. We do hope that you plan to attend.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE





Fall Start-up Activities Fair & BBQ September 10

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

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

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

Greetings!

By Jane McGee



I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming months. Transitions can always be a little difficult but I hope you will find comfort in knowing that Phil and I were able to spend almost a month together over the summer, which has helped immensely in making this change as seamless as possible. Should you need anything, please feel free to give me a call in the office or shoot me an email: jane@trinityuppper.org. A quick pop-in to say hello is always welcome to!

Jem Jane



Mike and Jane McGee on their recent honeymoon in June, 2016

Vestry Election Update

By Jim Gemmer

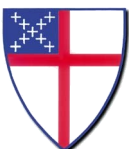


Dear Congregation,

We want to let you know that, after much prayer, Jerry Easley has decided that this is not his year to run for the Vestry. He is therefore withdrawing from the election. We are talking to several members about taking Jerry's place on the ballot. We will let you know when we know more. In the meantime, please continue to pray for our Annual Meeting and for all the Vestry candidates. Thank you.

Faithfully,

Jim Gemmer
Jim Gemmer
Sr. Warden





Who is Eligible to Serve on the Vestry?

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

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

So what does this mean in plain English?

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Sabine Bibb

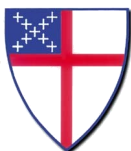


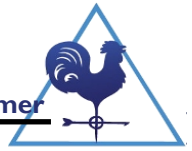
I am so honored to have the Vestry nominate me as a Vestry candidate this year. I would consider it a privilege to serve our congregation. Some quick basic facts about me! I am an Air Force brat and grew up mostly in Germany. I have been a resident of Loudoun County for 29 years. My husband Brett and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

Kathryn Gemmer



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





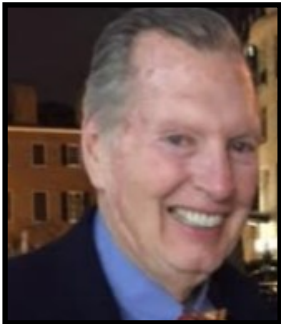
Johanna Jackson



I am Johanna Jackson and I would be honored to serve on the Trinity Vestry. My family and I began attending Trinity Episcopal in 2010, after moving back to the greater DC area following a seven-year stint in Southern California. We chose Trinity because of Rob's thoughtful sermons, the beautiful music, and warm congregation. My journey to the Episcopal Church began when I was a teenager growing up in Latin America in a US Foreign Service family. Bob and I were married in St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa, California. We christened all three of our children in the Washington, DC Diocese, and were active members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia, California. At Trinity I participate in Parish Life, am a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and really enjoyed our Trinity Tables group. The recent marriage of my son at Trinity, with some of our Trinity

friends joining friends from long ago, was a very great joy. My professional career has focused on supporting children with disabilities in their development. I currently manage Loudoun County's Early Intervention Program. My private obsession is gardening.

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 two children. Joe has a varied business background which he has used previously, serving for 2+ years as chair of Trinity's Finance Committee.

Melissa Neal



As a cradle Episcopalian, raised in Texas, I came to this area originally as a teenager for secondary school and then continued for college at Georgetown University. After graduating I was continually drawn back to this very special part of Virginia. It became clear that my heart is here and this is home. I have my own business as an interior decorator based in Middleburg. I officially joined Trinity in 2012 and have felt so much love and encouragement as I have become a part of this parish family. I have just completed 4 years of EFM through Sewanee and Emmanuel in Middleburg. It was not education for the ministry with a big M as they say, but education for ministry in your own personal way. Between EFM and my involvement at Trinity I feel I have truly come to understand what it means to be an active member of a church community. Trinity

has given me so much as I have served as a member of the Healing Ministry, the Flower Guild, and as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School, Blessing of the Animals, the Christmas Auction party and Stable Tour. The love, encouragement and dedication of our members has made an immense impact on my life. Vestry is one way I can serve, give back and utilize the strengths I have developed in my own business, through EFM and as a volunteer member at Trinity. I have had the opportunity to know parishioners from many other Episcopal parishes and it has helped remind me of the many different perspectives and approaches of different congregations. It has also solidified in me that I have found my home in Trinity, and I am so eager to contribute to this parish and congregation.





Who Can Serve on Vestry (Continued from Page 4)

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

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

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



Community School of the Piedmont News

By Martha Cotter

Community Music School of the Piedmont Honors its First Piano Teacher with Annual Scholarship

Community Music School of the Piedmont is pleased to announce the creation of the annual Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship. The scholarship honors the late Katherine Jameson, a well-known and much-loved musical educator in our community.

“Katherine was our first piano instructor at CMSP”, said Martha Cotter CMSP Executive Director. “She was devoted to music and to educating children about the power and joy of music. Katherine taught all ages, from early childhood through adult students. She covered the widest spectrum, from shy beginners to promising, motivated musicians. She met her students where they were and helped to launch their progress. Many of her former students have continued their musical studies and they credit Katherine with inspiring them to do so”.

CMSP now invites students with a dedicated interest in piano instruction to apply to receive the Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year. The scholarship, which is organized in partnership with Katherine’s family, will provide one student with piano instruction from the CMSP for one academic year.

Students between the ages of 10 and 18, regardless of previous piano instruction, are eligible. They must have demonstrated a passion and ability for music. The application consists of two things. First, submit a letter of recommendation from someone outside their family (ideally a music instructor) familiar with their musical interests. Second, write a 500-word essay on the role that music plays in their life and why they consider musical study to be an important and valuable undertaking. A successful essay will also demonstrate the student’s interest in studying the piano in particular.

The Scholarship Committee will accept applications from September 1 to September 30, 2017. A committee comprised of piano faculty and CMSP board members will review the applications and announce the winner by October 15, 2017. Lessons through the Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship will be available beginning the month of November.

Serving our community since 1994, CMSP is dedicated to providing high quality music instruction and performance opportunities to all members of our Piedmont community, offering private lessons and group classes on a wide variety of instruments.

To apply for the Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship please go to our website: piedmontmusic.org.



Thank You!

By Phil Mohr



As I prepare to leave Trinity for the next chapter in the journey the Lord has set before me, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the Trinity church family. Your warm welcome, and your supportive spirit made my time here a happy one. The clergy, lay leaders and staff of Trinity Church have been a joy to work with, and it is with a degree of sadness that I will be leaving you. I am convinced many of you have angel wings hidden in your closets at home. I am excited about the energy and enthusiasm surrounding the direction of the church, and I believe the Vestry is engaged in some very fruitful discussions about the future. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to be a part of it.



As you know, I have discerned a call to ordained ministry, and will begin my studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in the fall as I prepare for ordination as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. In the Methodist Church, the Deacon acts as a bridge between the church and the world, and my focus will be missionary work and ministry with the poor. I will also be working in a local Methodist church as the mission ministries coordinator.

I have found it a privilege to share in ministry with you, albeit for a much shorter time than any of us had anticipated. It is with sorrow and a grateful heart that I say goodbye.

In Christ,

So Others Might Eat (SOME) News

By Robin Keys



Please join us in Cox Hall Thursday, 14 September 2017 to prepare the rice casserole for our visit to SOME. We will gather about 7:30am to chop vegetables.

The next morning, Friday, 15 September 2017 we will depart the church parking lot at 8:30am sharp and travel to Washington, DC to serve our meal.

You may also participate by donating baked goods such as brownies, cupcakes, cookies or rolls and cornbread. Store-bought items are just as welcome as homemade. Please deliver to the kitchen by 8am Friday.

Ann MacLeod is our loyal organizer and you may reach her at 540-592-3313 if you would like a spot in the kitchen or a seat on the Trinity van.

Thank you for your continuing support of this 30-year program.



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.





With the departure of both our Parish Administrator and Assistant Rector just before the program year begins and while Rev. Banse is still away, it would seem, there is a bit of uncertainty in the air at Trinity this Fall. Perhaps it is just my longevity, but I'm really not too worried about it. When I started counting, I was surprised to see an interesting coincidence. Since I have been here I have seen five Assistant Rectors, five Christian Education Directors, five Parish Administrators, and five Rectors (counting interims) all come and go. Ok, actually not quite five Rectors since Rob is the fifth and he is thankfully still here. At any rate, with each and every departure we wonder what we are going to do now, but my observation is that we always end up just fine. In fact, there are three things that you can certainly count on regardless of the transition.

The first is that no matter what happens we will still have lovely and meaningful music. I am very pleased to say that almost all of our musicians are returning this year including our renowned organist Richard McPherson, our wonderful Intern Sarah Saul, and four of our five outstanding choir section leaders, Hannah Glass, Justin Price, Michael Forest, and Jason Labrador. New this year will be soprano. You probably are still stuck with me as well, the Lord willing and the creek don't rise. (Seriously, I live right next to a big creek). The second thing I am certain you can count on is that God loves you no matter what and the third thing is that anything not covered by music or God, Betsy can take care of until we get it figured out. And like unto these, a new thing I am just learning is that Jane McGee is very cool and is going to be a great Parish Administrator.

So, there you have it. Not much to worry about. Instead, please help us spread the word about our wonderful choirs here at Trinity which will be resuming over the next few weeks. Please consider joining a choir or recommending it to people you know. In this age of technology, there is still no better way to get people involved than word of mouth. So, if you know someone who likes to sing, no matter how great or small, tell them that Trinity Church is the place to be. We will welcome them with open arms, minds and hearts.

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Choirs begin

Adult Choir – Any and all adults

Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 (Choir Room, basement of Cox Hall)

Jr. Choir – Age 4 -2nd grade

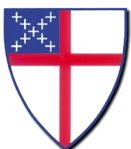
Wednesday, September 13 at 4:00 (Children's Choir Room, Basement of office building)

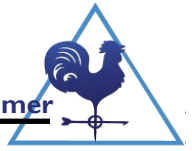
Choristers – Grades 3 and older

Wednesday, September 13 at 4:45 (Children's Choir Room, Basement of office building)

Handbell Choir – Adults

Tuesday, September 19 at 7:15 (Cox Hall)





Our Vestry last met on Wednesday, July 19th for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and available for your review. We did not have a regular meeting in August. However, we did have an unofficial meeting/discussion on August 9th to discuss plans for the fall and the upcoming annual meeting to be held on October 1st.

At the July meeting, we received the financial summary from our Treasurer. While our cash position was down slightly because of the normal summer deficit, it is still healthy. The revised 2017 budget was presented by our Treasurer, Carol, in her exceptionally skilled manner, at the July 23rd congregational meeting. If you were in attendance, you would have seen that we are performing well for this year, but we have identified some trends that are worth further review and that Vestry, in collaboration with the Finance committee, will be considering as we start to review the plans for our 2018 budget. It is certainly worth noting that we had another clean financial audit for 2016. Vestry accepted and approved the 2016 audit.

So by now you are probably aware of this, but for the record, Vestry did approve the use of monies from the music fund to allow the reparations of our beautiful organ to get started this summer. It is our intent to get the repairs completed before we kick off the fall season with our full choir and music programs. We also wanted to be sure we did not lose the availability of the highly skilled craftsman that are conducting the work. We hope that the donations to the Organ Fund will continue as we progress which will allow us to replenish the music funds. So please consider making a donation to this important effort.

You have probably noticed that there remains a fairly large hole in the ground behind Cox Hall. Vestry has approved the use of funds to replace the water supply lines the run from the sanctuary to most of the rest of the campus. There are several steps required in the process, but the end result will be a much safer, cleaner supply of water and lines that can be controlled at each building instead of at only one spot in the system. Unfortunately the repairs will cause a few deep digs in the Bishop's Garden. We will make the cosmetic repairs after the new pipes are in as quickly and efficiently as possible, in order that the lawn can be returned to normal.

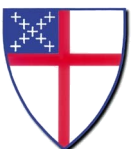
I want to be sure to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who have been keeping things going this summer. We had a great turnout for the Vestry sponsored picnic on the July 26th with many people helping out and bringing dishes to share. We had another successful year supporting the motorcycle rally on Aug 19th that supports Boulder Crest in Bluemont. Many of you contributed dozens of delicious cookies and pastries which the riders all enjoyed while taking a break from their ride. Many thanks to Gina Hammond for keeping the coffee hours supplied with goodies during the summer months. And thanks to all of you for pitching in wherever you have as I'm sure I missed something or someone that should have been recognized specifically.

I think that's all the space I'm allotted for this month. Please continue to keep Vestry's efforts in your prayers. We eagerly await Rob's return so we can discuss this summer's happenings and our plans for the fall. I'm sure we all look forward hearing of his travels and studies.

In faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Gemmer', is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Gemmer
Senior Warden





TRINITY SHRINE MONT RETREAT

October 13-15, 2017

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

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

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
AT THE SHRINE**

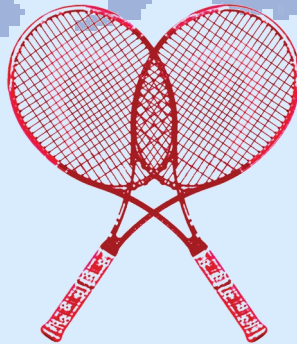


Hiking

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

Games

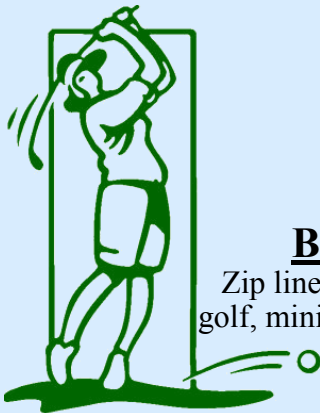
Croquet, tennis, horseshoes.



AND AT THE END OF THE DAY...

Camp Fire with s'mores!

Hay Ride (with no hay – allergies)



Bryce Mountain

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

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



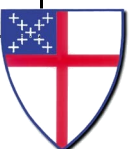
Serving in October

By Betsy Crenshaw



	October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Altar Guild	Barbara Augenblick Kim Hayden Becky Hoecker Debra Latiolais Ed Moore		Ellen Hall Holly Bimba Harriett Condon Celeste Wheelwright Martha Williamson Barbara Riddleberger		
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Arla Lewis Jeanne Hayduk Mary MacDonnell Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Linda Newton Jeanne Hayduk Jeannine Korte	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson	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 Joyce Brower Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart
Memorial Flowers Given By			Becky Hoecker	Henry Chapman	
9:30 a.m. Service		8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I			
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Annual Meeting	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall	Carol Miller
Lector		Kelly Johnson	Jolly DeGive	Jeff Millington	Greg Ellison
Ushers		Holly Bimba Chuck Bimba	Sarah Ellison Chuck Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington
Healing Ministry					
Coffee Hour					
9:30 a.m. Service		10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2			
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Lewis Martin Randy Mullett	Michael Main Janie Banse	Pamela Wynfield Gina Hammond	Ginny Fluet Sabine Bibb	Sheryl Mazzatenta Joe Fluet
Lectors	Cheri Martin Richard Myers	Page Gravely Randy Mullett	Sheryl Mazzatenta Joe Fluet	Margaret Hilliard Bucky Slater	Joe Markus John MacDonnell
Ushers	Benefield Family	Anne Coyner Pamela Wynfield	Bunny Shick Elizabeth Courts	Brett Bibb Barbara Augenblick	Ken Knapp Jim Hoecker
Healing Ministers					
Ambassadors	Pamela Wynfield	Steve Billingsley	Walt Hasser	Brett Bibb	Marguerite Sweeney
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.





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