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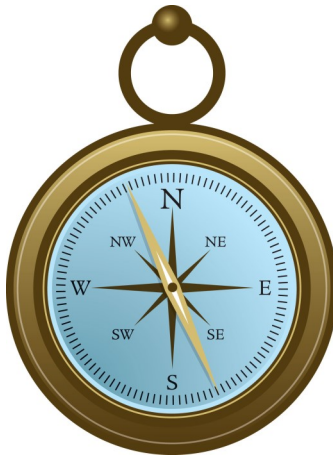
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The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.

My Dear Friends,

I am going to assume that most of you have heard that I have decided to retire as Rector of Trinity Church at the end of this year. This decision is the result of a great deal of prayer and reflection over the last six months about the life and direction of our community and my own pilgrimage and vocation. What I have come to hear from the Holy Spirit in the midst of this conversation with God is, quite simply put, that it is time for a change in ordained leadership here at Trinity and a call personally to explore new opportunities for ministry both within and outside of the Church. Please be assured that there are no hidden agendas! It has been a tremendous blessing serving as Rector for the last eleven years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the ministry and love you, the people of this congregation. The author of Ecclesiastes once wrote, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Well, God is calling to a close one season in the life of Trinity. Now, it is time for all of us to prayerfully prepare for the time that lies ahead.



While I cannot presently report the precise details of the upcoming transition, I can share with you some of the likely phases. In the coming four months, I will work with the Vestry, Staff, and other leaders of the congregation as we carefully review all of our current policies, procedures, and guidelines, as well as making sure that the information in our database about our membership is accurate. At the same time, the Vestry will begin the search for an Interim Rector, a priest who will provide spiritual, liturgical, and administrative leadership between the time of my departure and

the arrival of my successor. My hope for you is that person will be in place by the end of January.

With the Interim in place, the search for the next Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia will begin in earnest. The time frame varies from congregation to congregation, but on average this process takes about eighteen months to two years. The Vestry will have oversight but they cannot do all the work themselves. Each of you will need to step up and take an active part in this search. You may be asked to participate in the life

and work of a particular committee. You certainly will be asked to share your thoughts and hopes as to the mission and ministry of Trinity and what spiritual gifts, skills, and talents you believe would most benefit the congregation as embodied in the new Rector. Above all, you will be asked to pray daily for one another, for this incredibly important season in our community's life, and for those who God is calling to consider joining you in ministry. Let me be very clear. We cannot expect the best possible outcome to this search unless we bring the very best of ourselves faithfully to God and to this work that God now calls us.

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Stewardship Report

By Jim Hoecker

The Stewardship Committee, refreshed and re-inspired by summer vacations, will meet in early September (TBD) to consider new and innovative approaches to ensuring that Trinity's financial future is secure and to broadening our pledge base. Trinity members who wish to participate in this critical work should contact Jim Hoecker at 202-549-0584 or james.hoecker@huschblackwell.com We will also reconvene this Autumn with Julie Simonton, Director of Congregational Development and Stewardship at the Diocese of Virginia, for additional discussions about strategies for growing and strengthening our community.

Jim Hoecker
Stewardship Chair, 2018

Did you know that August is 'National Make-a-Will' month?

Although having a valid will is one of the best ways to ensure that your end-of-life wishes will be fulfilled, only about 50% of Americans have an up-to-date written will. It's always best to use a qualified attorney to set up your estate plans, but before you meet with your lawyer, Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) and Trinity Church have several resources to help you prepare for writing or updating your will. For example, you will find helpful ECF's [Planning for the End of Life](#) in either English or Spanish. You can also view a helpful [webinar](#) on the same topic. Please keep Trinity and our community in your thoughts as you make estate plans. Thanks!



Reintroducing Trinity Tables

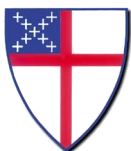
By Betsy Crenshaw

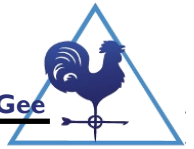
Parish Life is once again starting up Trinity Tables. Trinity Tables are small groups of 8-10 adults sharing simple meals and fellowship. The intention is to have fun and provide an opportunity for us to meet parishioners we may not know and /or to become better acquainted. Each group meets about once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation in the homes of the members. Soon there will be a sign up sheet in Cox Hall. So, if you are

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

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.



Mark Your Calendars! September 9 is the Activity Fair

Come one – come all!

Stay for a delicious BBQ lunch, prepared by our own Tommy Breeden, with sides lovingly prepared by our own amazing Parish Life Committee. Join in the conversation and see what volunteer opportunities Trinity has to offer throughout the year. See you there!!



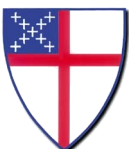
The Rector's Pen (cont'd.)

There will be much more to discuss in the coming months. Again, I do not like saying goodbye and will not do so until we get into December and the holy season of Advent. In the meantime, please know that Janie and I plan on staying in the community after I step down. While I will not be able to participate in the life and worship of Trinity Church in any fashion after retiring, certainly not during the search process and perhaps beyond, we will look forward to visiting with you as friends and neighbors around the region. You will also be in

my thoughts and prayers daily throughout the remainder of my life. May God's peace be always with you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse





Who is Eligible to Serve on the Vestry?

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

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

So what does this mean in plain English?

"Confirmed Adult Communicant in good standing" means the following:

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

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

Louise Crane



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

Flower Guild, worked with Christian Services Center preparing and cooking meals for the less fortunate, helped

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

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

Hurst Groves



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

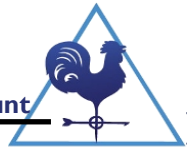
the company and became the director of a new energy policy center at Columbia University. I commuted weekly to New York from Washington and Middleburg for the

next six years.

After my wife's death in 2007, I began to spend more time with my daughters' families in Takoma Park and New York, occasionally flying to New York in my single-engine Cessna. I continued to practice law, but on a part-time basis. For example, I acted as special counsel for Overseas Private Investment Corporation on a project supported by the Skoll Foundation to provide laptop computers to school children in the West Bank of Palestine.

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

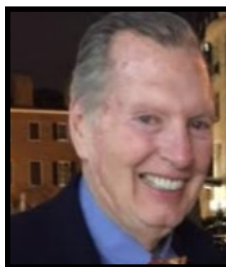
Peter Hitchen



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

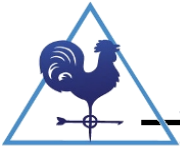


Joe Markus has been a member of Trinity Church for over 30 years. He is married to Sandra Markus with whom he resides on Trappe Road in Upperville VA. He has three daughters and four grandchildren. His daughter, Stacy, and her husband, Jason, have recently been attending Trinity with

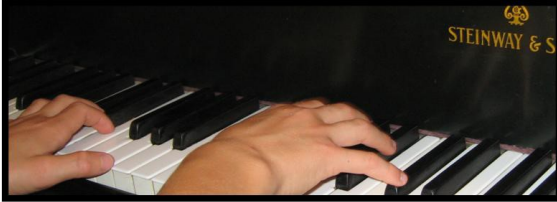
their three children. Joe has a varied business background which he has used previously, serving for 2+ years as chair of Trinity's Finance Committee.

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





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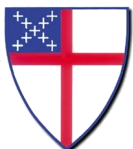


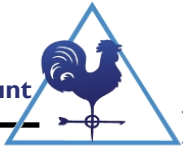
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I hope that you and your family have had a refreshing summer. As it neared its end we received important news for our church from our Rector.

While we are saddened by Rob's announced departure we know that he has sought God's guidance as to what is best for Trinity and his own ministry.

Rob Banse has been a source of strength for Trinity for more than eleven years and the congregation has benefited immeasurably from his steady leadership. He has challenged us to live out the Gospel in word and deed. Trinity like all communities of faith has its challenges but remains a vibrant church committed to displaying the love of Christ to one another and to our broader community.

Times of transition always require us to rely on our faith and this will be no exception. Vestry will be meeting very soon to discuss our path forward. We have been in touch with the Diocese to acquire their guidance and assistance and will meet with a representative of the Diocese at our next meeting.

We continue to be thankful for Rob and his compassionate and strong ministry to Trinity over the past eleven years and wish God's continued blessing on Rob and his Family as he continues to serve Christ.

Regards,


Matt Blunt

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars!
Fall Picnic at the Outdoor Sanctuary
Sponsored by the Vestry
September 11th, 5:30pm



Live Music from:
birddog
OPEN AIR

We hope you'll join us for a potluck dinner, with an evening prayer to follow. All are encouraged to bring a side dish of your choosing.
See you there!





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

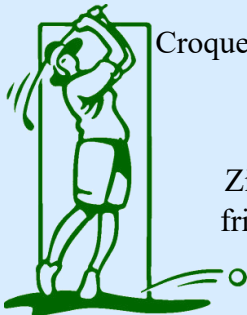
Choose easy or more strenuous paths
Walk the labyrinth or hike the Stations of the Cross.

AND AT THE END OF THE DAY...

Camp Fire with s'mores!
Ice Cream Social!

Games

Croquet, tennis, horseshoes.



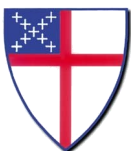
Bryce Mountain

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)





It's been eleven years since Rev. Rob Banse made his way to Trinity Church and in that time, he has been my supportive supervisor, cheerful colleague, trusted pastor, and dear friend. I will miss him greatly. Rob's steady temperament and calm demeanor were just what this congregation and staff needed after a very divisive period and difficult transition in the life of this church. His sincerity and integrity helped restore faith in the clergy for me, as I'm sure it did for many others. Since that time, I have had the privilege of working with Rob as he has pastored this community with great love and sensitivity. For eleven years he has baptized us, married and buried us, celebrated countless worship services, led bible studies and other spiritual programs, and counseled us all, including me personally, in times of sadness and joy. He has always been supportive and appreciative of music and served as frequent soloist for the 8:00 service.

While we will all miss Rob's loving presence in our lives, I know that he has made the decision to leave with the same deep thoughtfulness that he has given to all his work here and completely trust that he has made a wise choice. We will all look forward to celebrating his ministry over the coming months and wish him the very best in his next endeavors.

In that spirit, we will do our best to continue God's work here in Upperville as we begin yet another season of ministry at Trinity Church. We will kick things off with the annual Activities Fair on Sunday, Sept. 9, and various choir rehearsals will begin in the following weeks. I hope you might all take the opportunity to encourage people to join one of our choirs as we prepare to have our upcoming transition accompanied by music that is both beautiful and spiritually uplifting.

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Fall Music Dates

Adult Choir
Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:00pm
Choir Room

Jr. Choir
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4:00pm
Children's Choir Room

Choristers
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4:45pm
Children's Choir Room

Handbell Choir
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 5:00pm
Cox Hall

Activities Fair
Sunday, Sept. 9
Full choir resumes for 10:30 service

Commissioning of choirs and other ministries
Sunday, Sept. 30, 10:30 service



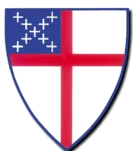


Serving in September

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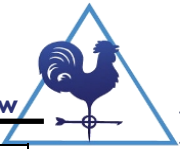
	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Altar Guild	Sept. 2 & 9: Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, John Greely, Jim Hammond Sept. 16-30: Barbara Augenblick, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore, Jessica Diday				
Flower Guild	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser Rebecca Schaefer	Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Melissa Neal Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin	Carolyn Smith Mary MacDonnell Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Jeanne Hayduk Josefina Hooker	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson Alex Coolidge	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Elliot
Memorial Flowers					
8:00 am Service Holy Eucharist Rite I					
Chalice	Jeff Millington	Cheri Martin	Ellen Hall	Walta Warren	Carol Miller
Lector	Walta Warren	Lewis Martin	Greg Ellison	Jolly deGive	Jeff Millington
Ushers	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Jimmy Hatcher	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Cheri Martin				
Coffee Hour	Perry/Warren		Outreach Committee		
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2					
Chalice	Maichael Main Gina Hammond	Barbara Augenblick Ginny Fluet	Ken Knapp Johanna Jackson	Ed Moore Henry Long	Randy Mullett Janie Banse
Lector	Margaret Hilliard Becky Hoecker	Sandra Markus Gray Coyner	Page Gravely Carolyn Smith	Stephanie Knapp Bucky Slater	Barbara Augenblick Henry Long
Ushers	Chip Chapman Bunny Shick	Walt Hasser Louise Crane Carey Crane	Ray Ewing Penelope Yungblut	Anne Coyner Jim Gemmer	Benefield Family
Healing Ministry	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Melissa Neal Samantha Whitesides	Michael Scholes Jerry Easley	Joe Fluet Sheryl Mazzatenta	Stephanie Knapp Melissa Neal
Ambassadors	Steve Billingsley	Walt Hasser	Ed Moore	Marguerite Sweeny	Kyle Crosen
Coffee Hour		Activities Fair Parish Life	Outreach Committee		

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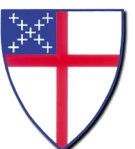
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	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28
Altar Guild	Oct. 7 & 14: Barbara Augenblick, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore, Jessica Diday Oct. 21 & 28: Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Martha Williamson, Barbara Riddleberger			
Flower Guild	Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood Sheila Harrell	Gina Hammond Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	June Hambrick Jessica Diday Margaret Hilliard Jason Labrador Janet Noland Marissa Hasser Rebecca Schaefer	Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Melissa Neal Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin
Memorial Flowers				
8:00 am Service Holy Eucharist Rite I				
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Chalice	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren		Carol Miller
Lector	Carol Miller	Lewis Martin		Jolly deGive
Ushers	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison		Nicky Perry Walta Warren
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Walta Warren			
Coffee Hour				
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2				
			One Service @ 9:30am	
Chalice	Arch Randolph Sheryl Mazzatenta	Ginny Fluet Pamela Wynfield	Ellen Hall Michael Main	Barbara Augenblick Gina Hammond
Lector	Ginny Fluet Penelope Yungblut	Joe Markus Arch Randolph	Kelly Johnson Stephanie Reynolds	John MacDonnell Michael Main
Ushers	Pamela Wynfield Jim Hoecker Barbara Augenblick	Stanley Dees Henry Chapman Bunny Shick	Louise Crane Carey Crane Jim Gemmer	Walt Hasser Ray Ewing Penelope Yungblut
Healing Ministry	Ginny Fluet Michael Scholes	Jerry Eisley Samantha Whitesides	Stephanie Knapp Sheryl Mazzatenta	Joe Fluet Michael Scholes
Ambassadors	Jessica Diday	Carolyn Smith	Sandy Diday	Steve Billingsley
Coffee Hour			Annual Meeting Parish Life	

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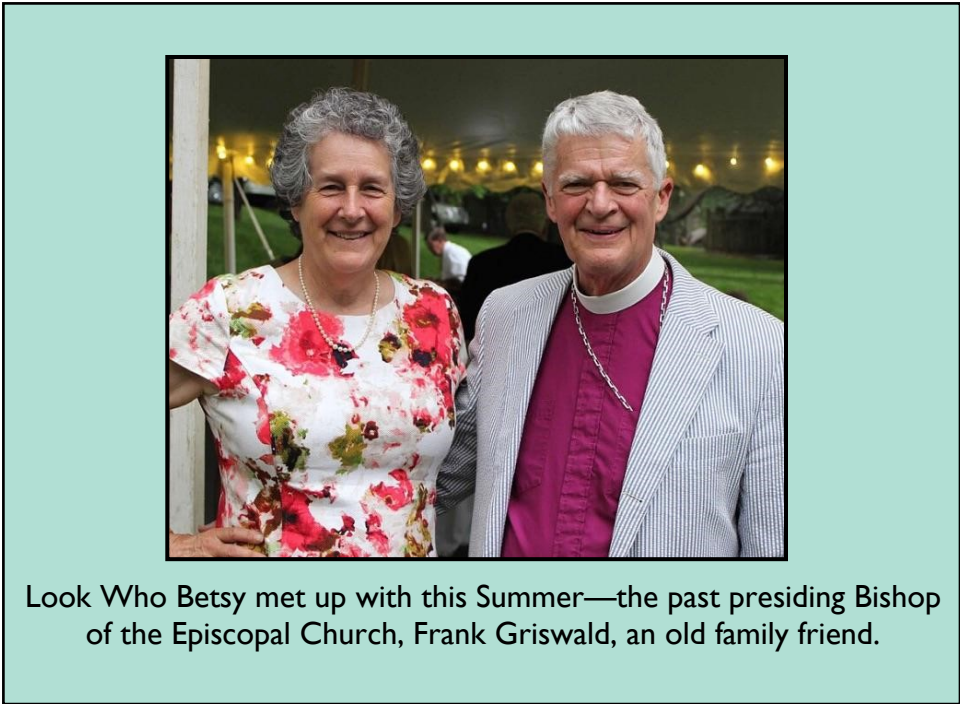
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Look Who Betsy met up with this Summer—the past presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Frank Griswald, an old family friend.



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