



# Genesis

*A Message of New Life from Trinity Episcopal Church*

January 2014

**Dear Friends,**

I want to begin this letter by expressing my gratitude. Christmas is always a glorious celebration here at Trinity. There are many who contribute to make this so, and you know who you are. From Altar and Flower Guild members to lectors, acolytes, choristers, and all in between, your dedication is complete. For each of you, I thank God. I especially want to recognize the hard working and talented members of our staff. Beth, Christian, Betsy, John, Richard, Tommy, and Angela put in a whole lot of hard work and effort in order to make these seasons of Advent and Christmas as wonderful as they are. On behalf of the congregation, I thank you.

At the same time, you will want to join me in thanking Pamela Wynfield and her committee for conducting a fantastic Christmas Auction under trying circumstances in terms of the weather. The last I heard, over \$37,000.00 has been raised in support of the mission and ministries of our congregation. Well done!

As we enter into a New Year, I recommend that we adopt resolutions that will keep us mindful of all of God's many blessings, thereby fostering a constant spirit of gratitude in our hearts and minds. Consider keeping the Daily Offices of

Morning, Noontime, and Evening Prayer as found in our Book of Common Prayer. There are simplified versions intended for individuals and families beginning on page 136. I commend them to you.



Click on the image to download the pdf file, "Read the Bible in a Year" plan from The Center for Biblical Studies. This document along with The Book of Common Prayer are available on our website: [www.trinityuppperville.org/Resources](http://www.trinityuppperville.org/Resources)

I would also like to declare this the year of taking the Bible ever more seriously here at Trinity. Pick up the Holy Scriptures and read. A chapter a day is a good way to get started. Some folks like to begin with Genesis and work all the way through the Book of Revelation. Others enjoy moving around the sacred library. Whatever works best for you is the best way to proceed. As always, I would recommend that you purchase a good study Bible like "The New Oxford Annotated Bible". The introductions and footnotes are most helpful. If you have any questions along the journey,

please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email.

Finally, I want to share with you one of my big "thanksgivings" for 2014. In April, I will be running the Boston Marathon in support of the Melanoma Foundation of New England. Many of you are aware that I am a survivor of that insidious disease. Many of you also know that my brother was caught in the second bomb blast at last year's marathon. He is doing very well and I thought that this would be an appropriate way to give thanks on both accounts.

Obviously, fundraising is an important part of this commitment. I do NOT want any of you to feel pressured to do so, but if you would like, I invite you to visit the website, [www.crowdrise.com](http://www.crowdrise.com) Use the search engine at the website to find "Rob Banse". That should take you to a list that includes a link to my page on the MFNE site. If you would like more information about sending a check, please let me know.

There are many ways to practice the art and discipline of thanking God. I encourage you to explore as many as possible in the coming year.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse

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*January Calendar, Insert*

### Altar Flowers Available Dates for 2014

Feb. 23  
March 2  
June 8, 15, 22  
July 13, 27  
Aug. 3, 10  
Sept. 7, 14



Please contact the church office at 540-592-3343 if you would like to have flowers placed in celebration of, honor of or in memory of your loved ones.



Pomegranates shown at each side of our doors.

**Our Buildings and Grounds:**

Excerpt from the booklet by George H. Glaysher, 1973

A pomegranate is worked in iron at each side of the great front door (see detail pictured on right). The pomegranate is a symbol of royalty and as such is frequently accepted as a symbol of Christ. The pointed terminal is treated as a heraldic crown. When designed bursting, its seeds showing, (similar to an open tomb) it symbolizes the Resurrection. It was frequently used as a decorative device for powdering backgrounds by glass-painters in the 14<sup>th</sup> century and later in simulation of

Italian brocades. In such use, however, a globe with the sign of the cross appeared inside the pomegranate, indicating that the gospel of Jesus Christ would spread throughout the whole world. #8

#8 The wooden entrance door from the covered walk is of particular interest, as it came from the second Trinity Church near this site. According to Jane K.L. Miller of the National Cathedral, some of the ironwork on this door was created by Mr. Samuel Yellin (1926-1940),

a noted blacksmith, who also created much of the ironwork in the National Cathedral.



Worship with us each Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

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10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

**We've Come Full Circle**

John Knouse, Director of Family Ministries

In some ways, life is a lot like a merry-go-round or like the photo, a carousel. Much like anything that goes round and round and around again, there is much predictability. The photo to the left makes me smirk and think about how goofy youth in the church can be, but it also, upon further study has taught me a few things.

About a month after this photo was taken, I took my daughter (Ruth) to the same mall and let her ride that same carousel. Ruth, scared at first, was laughing hysterically by the time the ride had ended. You see, first she lost sight of my wife and me, which, as you can imagine, is a pretty scary thought for an almost two-year-old. Then, just as quickly as she lost sight of us, she came right back around.

What I took from Ruth's behavior is this; each morning that we wake up, there are things we know are going to happen, and things that we don't, but none-the-less, we need to get on that carousel and go 'round. Sometimes the things that are the most simple, the things that are totally, 100% predictable are things that give us the most joy. We might lose sight of those who are precious to us, our moms, dads, church family, and close friends, but they'll always be there for us when we come back around.

Our yearly circle has come to an end, we've come back around, 2014 is upon us, and all I can say is, WOW! As we start this year, I ask you to join us for youth activities, (Next Youth Group January 5th 12:00pm) Our Trinity Afterschool Program, (resumes on January 8th at

4:00pm) and, of course, Worship. (Every Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am) Have a fantastic start to the new year, and I'll hope to see you soon.

**Confirmation Class:**  
Sundays January 5th—  
March 30th @ 9:30am in  
Cox Hall

**Adult Fellowship:**  
January 14th 6:30pm (at  
Emmanuel Delaplane)

**Ski Trip:**  
January 31<sup>st</sup>—February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Youth Service:**  
February 9<sup>th</sup> at the  
10:30am service



**Vestry Notes**

Gina Hammond, Senior Warden

The Vestry held its December meeting on December 16, 2013. The Rector gave an opening prayer. Joe Fluet gave a meditation from the Biblical Christmas Story. He also shared the content of one of the best Christmas sermons he had heard, a story about a lost seaman.

The minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved, as amended, to correct spelling errors. These are posted in Cox Hall.

Treasurer Charles Ince gave a review of the profit and loss statement for November 2013 and answered questions. It appears that income and expenses will both come in under budget, based on current projections. However, income from December is very difficult to predict. The Vestry should not depend on a large carryover into 2014.

**New Business Items included:**

- Draft 2014 Budget - A revised draft budget for 2014 was presented. It is a deficit budget with projected expenses exceeding projected income by \$35,344.60. It includes a \$30,000 surplus from 2013, primarily coming from proceeds of the Christmas Auction. The Vestry approved the draft budget, recognizing that final numbers for stewardship and income will not be available until the January meeting.
- Outreach Grants - The Outreach Committee presented its recommendations for using the remaining funds in the 2013 outreach budget, as well as

two requests which will come from the 2014 budget. The following grants were approved (e-readers can click on images at right to view organization's website):

- Healing Haitian Angels - \$6,000
- A Place to Be - \$1,500
- Fauquier Family Shelter Services - \$1,300
- ESL - \$4,800 (from 2014 funds)
- Churches of Upperville - \$1,500 (from 2014 funds)
- Preparation of Letter of Appreciation – The Rector announced that Karen and Ed Hauswald will be moving to Born, Oregon in early January 2014. The Vestry is preparing a Letter of Appreciation to be given to them on January 5, 2014, their last Sunday.

**There was no old business to discuss.**

**Committee reports were received.**

- Stewardship Committee - Gina Hammond reported that Trinity has received 138 commitment cards totaling \$499,246. This is well on the way to our goals of 200 or more commitment cards totaling \$600,000 or more. Reminder letters have been sent to those persons who gave in 2013 and have not yet responded.
- Christmas Auction – Pamela Wynfield reported that preliminary figures indicate that the auction will likely yield at least \$30,000. There are still several items available for

sale. Calls have been made to those winning bidders who have not yet picked up their merchandise.

**Other committee reports were accepted as submitted.**

**Wardens' Reports**

- Jolly de Give, Junior Warden, had been out of town for most of the last month. She did circulate the Money Counting Assignment sheet for Vestry Volunteers.
- Gina Hammond, Senior Warden gave the following report:
  - Thank You's were extended to: John Knouse, Christian Myers, Brittany Myers and Meralyn Autry for their support to the Children's Wednesday Afternoon Program – More Volunteers are needed in the Kitchen for this program; to the Knapps for their Barn and for the Youth Group who learned the hard way about the perils of float making; for Christian Myers and the Handbell Choir who represented us well at the community Thanksgiving service; to Dorothy Gow and the many parishioners who supported the Toys for Tots Program; to the Master Singers of Virginia and the Trinity readers for a beautiful services of Lessons and Carols; and to Pamela Wynfield, Betsy Crenshaw, Cindy Thompson and the many volunteers who helped prepare and manage our Christmas Auction.



**Outreach funds for \$6000 approved**



**A Place to Be funded by Outreach, \$1500**

*Outreach funds were also approved for*  
 2014  
 ESL \$4800  
 The Churches of Upperville \$1500



**Fauquier Family Shelter funded by Outreach, \$1300**

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*The next scheduled  
Vestry meeting is  
January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*

- A Safety Inspection was conducted by Doug Thomas, Safety Officer for the Diocese. Major concerns were extension cords which might cause tripping; not easily identifiable Fire Extinguishers; possible need for more smoke alarms in the church basement; and lack of emergency lighting and exit signs. We are awaiting a written report from Mr. Thomas.
- The Rector's Review – Jolly and Gina have begun the process of giving the Rector his annual review. At their initial meeting, fruitful discussions were held. The Vestry was invited to provide additional input. Another meeting will be held with the Rector before the next Vestry meeting. Rob's goals for 2014 will be a major item for the January Vestry Meeting.

**Rector's Report** – Rob reiterated the Thank You's given by the Senior Warden. He also spoke about the current Advent activities and shared plans for the Christmas Season.

The meeting concluded with a final prayer. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

### *How You Can Help:*

- ♦ *Join our volunteers  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in  
Cox Hall to help  
prepare the meal.*
- ♦ *Drive to D.C. with our  
volunteers on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>,  
they meet in the  
church lot at 8:30 a.m.  
(call Robin Keys to  
reserve a place in our  
van).*
- ♦ *Bake cookies, breads,  
or muffins and leave  
in Cox Hall by Jan.  
16<sup>th</sup> clearly marked for  
S.O.M.E.*

### **S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)—Their History & Mission**

In 1970, Father Horace McKenna, S.J. and an interfaith group of priests, ministers, and lay persons founded So Others Might Eat to help feed the city's destitute citizens. The first meals were served out of the basement of St. Aloysius Church on North Capitol Street.

After several years, however, S.O.M.E. founders saw needs beyond what the small soup kitchen could provide and began delivering additional services to support and nourish the neediest of our residents. Over the years, the mission of the organization broadened significantly.

In the 1970's, S.O.M.E. started offering hot nutritional meals, launched a substance abuse program, and began a program for the homebound elderly. In the 1980's, S.O.M.E. opened its Medical Clinic and also

began helping the homeless find jobs. In 1989, S.O.M.E. created its first affordable housing program for homeless single adults. In the late 1990's, more housing was opened and a job training program was launched.

In recent years, S.O.M.E. has opened a number of affordable, dignified residences for homeless families and single adults throughout the DC metro area.

Still, SOME is best known for food; and, indeed, more than 1,000 meals are served each day in our dining room. Today, S.O.M.E. offers comprehensive programs that meet a full spectrum of needs while giving a sense of dignity to the poor and homeless of the District of Columbia.

#### **Mission of S.O.M.E.**

S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital. We meet the immediate daily needs of the people we serve with food, clothing, and health care. We help break the cycle of homelessness by offering services, such as affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment, and counseling, to the poor, the elderly and individuals with mental illness. Each day, S.O.M.E. is restoring hope and dignity one person at a time. We invite you to join us.



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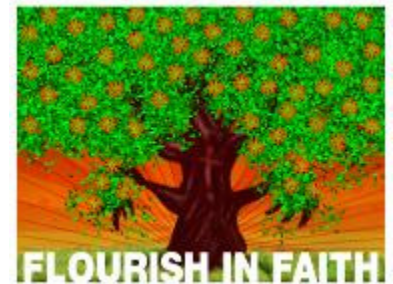
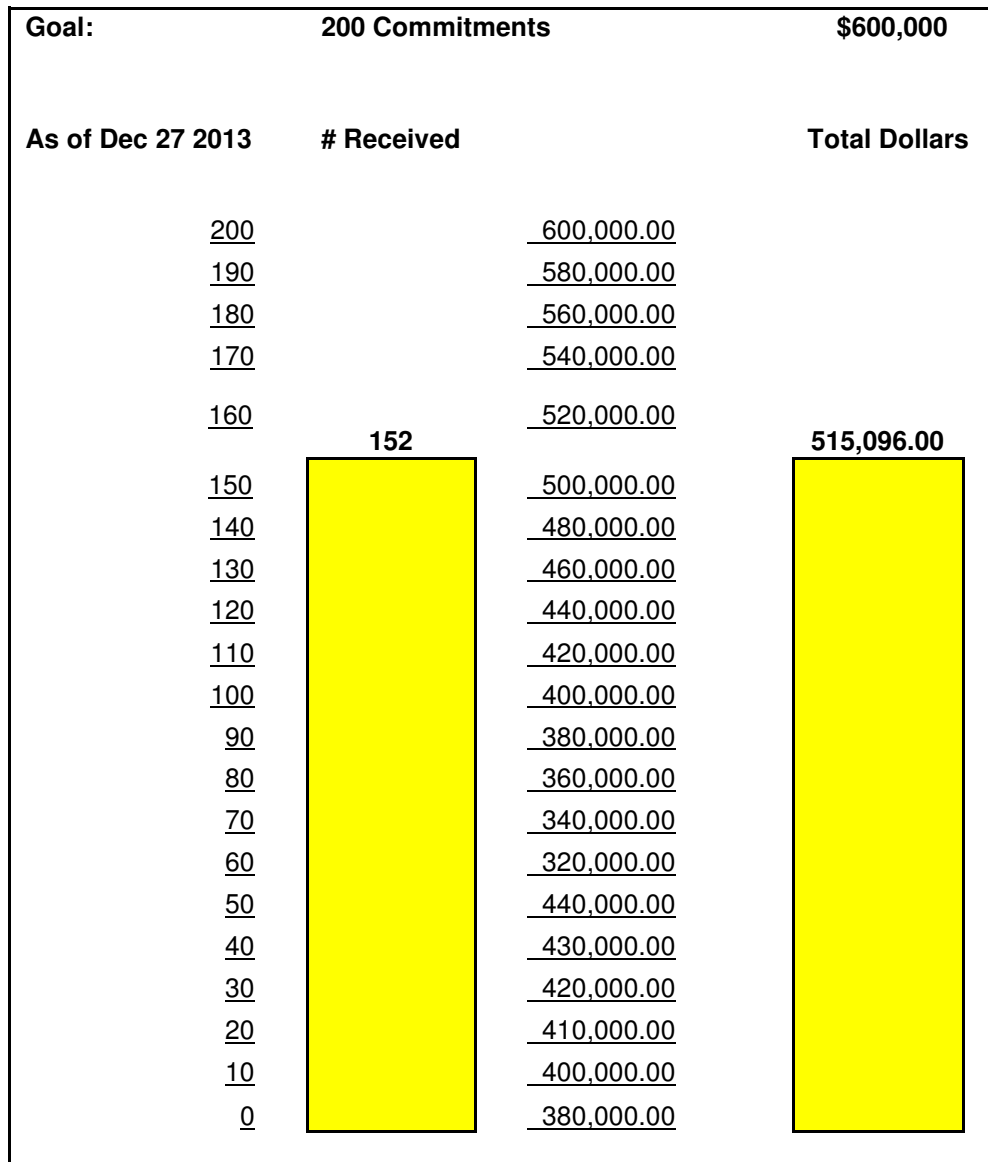
# Serving in February



<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jan. 2-Feb 5: Team 1—Walta Warren, Shannon Stimson, Elizabeth Courts Feb. 6-Feb 19: Team 2—Barbara Augenblick, Debra Latiolais, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore Feb 22-Mar. 5: Team 3—Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, Kaye Nazarian, Jim Hammond			
	<b>February 2</b> <b>The Presentation of Our Lord</b> <b>Jesus Christ in the Temple</b>	<b>February 9</b> <b>5th Sunday after the</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>February 16</b> <b>6th Sunday after the</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>February 24</b> <b>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Carolyn Smith Nenie Schara Mary MacDonnell Katherine Anderson Patty Jarvis Johanna Jackson	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Cindy Mullett Betty Long Becky Hoecker Sally Fletcher	Valerie Dove Bailey Davis Kelly Johnson Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Telle Zeiler Lynn Wiley	Neil Peddicord Mark Thompson Jason Labrador Kyle Crosen
<b>Memorial Flowers</b>	Miss Charlotte Haxall Noland	Suzanne & John Martin	Susannah Randolph	
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Malachi 3:1—4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14—18 Luke 2:22—40	Isaiah 58:1—12 Psalm 112:1—10 1 Corinthians 2:1—16 Matthew 5:13—20	Deuteronomy 30:15—20 Psalm 119:1—8 1 Corinthians 3:1—9 Matthew 5:21—37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48
<b>8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>				
<b>LEM</b>	Beth Lamond	Lewis Martin	Ellen Hall	Harriett Condon
<b>Lector</b>	Hank Long	Cheri Martin	Walta Warren	Jim Whitner
<b>Ushers</b>	Sarah & Greg Ellison	Beth & Wayne Gibbens	Nicky Perry	Debbie Gerbich Pam Covington
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				
<b>10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>				
<b>LEM</b>	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp	Carol Miller George Autry	Neil Peddicord Sabine Bibb	Ed Moore Ginny Fluet
<b>Lector</b>	Susan Goettl Page Gravely	Charles Moore Peyton Vogel Grayson Alto Laura Starrett	Martha Chapman Bill Easton	Jolly de Give Randy Mullett
<b>Ushers</b>	Stanley Dees Alex & Walter Woodson	Pamela Wynfield Ken Knapp Elizabeth Courts	David Hartley Chip Chapman Jolly de Give	Elle, Tre & Chuck Benefield
<b>Healing Ministry</b>	Elizabeth Norman Stephanie Knapp	Joe Fluet Margot Blattmann	Clyde Lamond Elizabeth Gore	Melissa Neal Amanda Sprenger
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Aksenia Krupenko Michael Scholes			
<b>If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone with whom to trade. Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.</b>				

**And We Give Thanks**

As we complete this holy Christmas season, we continue to be mindful of the many blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon each of us. Your Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that 152 individuals/families have submitted their commitment cards for fiscal year 2014, representing \$515,096 in expected gifts. We are nearing our goals to receive at least 200 cards totaling \$600,000 or more, as the accompanying chart shows.



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In thanksgiving for your support,

Your Stewardship Committee  
Gina Hammond, Joe Fluet and Nicky Perry

### Healing Prayer Ministry

Do you know....

...that you can come to the Healing Ministry Prayer Group?

You are welcome to join us on Monday afternoons at 2:30 in the nursery if you have an emotional, spiritual or physical problem or concern that you would like us to pray about with you. You are welcome even if

you'd just like to join in a time of prayer.

...that the Prayer Group is available for individual appointments?

We would be glad to have a prayer team meet with you in private to pray over any emotional, spiritual or physical problem or concern

...that the Prayer Group delivers?

If you are sick, in the hospital or are unable to get out, we'd be glad to send a prayer team to pray with you.

...no problem is too small or too large for prayer!

Call Ginny Fluet: 540-869-0858 for more information



*Join us on Mondays  
at 2:30 p.m. in the  
Nursery*

## Trinity Art Show—Calling all Artists!

Please have artwork at the church by

February 12, 2014

Show opens February 14, 2014, 5p—8p

Work will be displayed through Feb. 16th.

### A Study in Humility

Christian Myers, Director of Music Ministries

If you came to the Family Service on Christmas Eve, you were witness to a church full of joyful children infused with the excitement of the season of giving. If you came to the Festival Service at 8:00, you took part in the pageantry and celebration of the newborn King. But, it was the faithful few who stayed up well into the night who experienced that which I believe is most true to the spirit of Christmas. With the lights dimmed and the pure tone of a cappella voices and gentle strings, we

tried to recreate the feeling of that first Christmas Eve when the Son of God came to us in the form of a little baby. The birth of our Lord and Savior is a study in humility. Jesus was born, not in a castle or temple but a lowly manger. He came, not as a great king but as the Prince of Peace, away from the crowds on that silent night with only a few animals there to behold the wonder. Who could have known that this was the beginning of the light that would fill the world.

Toward the end of the service, well after midnight, Michael Forest sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". The words alone take us back to the humility of the holy night, but it is Michael's incredibly skillful interpretation infused with his own sense of humility that leaves us hanging on his every note and fills us all with the true meaning of Christmas. May we all remember the humble beginning as we continue the rest of the journey with Jesus.



#### "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

*Sweet little Jesus boy,  
they made you be born in a manger  
Sweet little holy child,  
we didn't know who you were  
Didn't know you'd come to save us lord  
To take our sins away,  
our eyes were blind  
We could not see,  
we didn't know who you were.*

*You have shown us how we are trying  
Master you have shown us how,  
even when you were dying  
It just seems like we can't do right  
Look how we treated you,  
but please sir forgive us lord  
We didn't know it was you  
Sweet little Jesus boy, born long ago  
Sweet little holy child  
And we didn't know who you were.*

## Trinity Episcopal Church

The Diocese of Virginia

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