



Genesis

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” ~Isaiah 60:1

DEAR FRIENDS,

January 1st is an important moment each and every year. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the year past and look forward to what now lies ahead. New Year’s resolutions have been set by many of us. January 1st represents the turning of the page and the possibility of new beginnings.

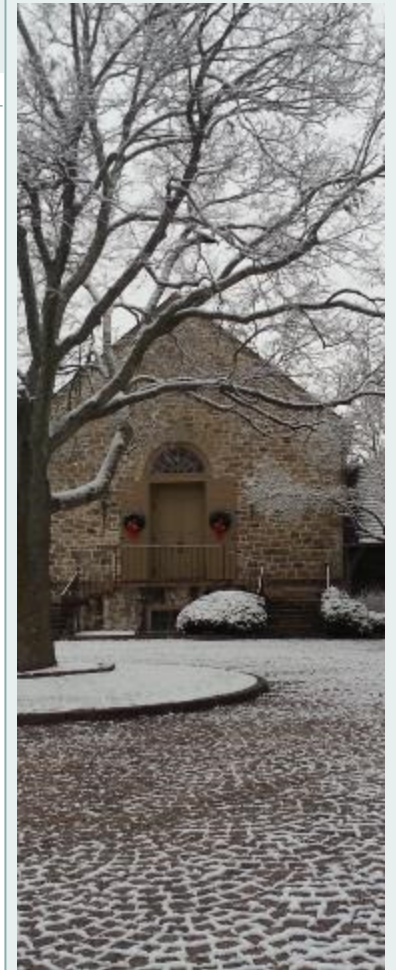
But will the coming year be any different than years past? Why should we expect that life for our communities, and for ourselves, might be filled more and more with love and grace and peace? These we long for but something always seems to get in the way. Why should we hope for something more this year?

Well, that hope is at the heart of the great feast that the Church celebrates every January 6th. I’m sure that you have seen the bumper sticker: “Wise men and women still seek him”. That is, of course, a reference to those magi who came from the east seeking a great king by starlight. January 6th is the feast of the Epiphany, the day on which we celebrate their arrival by the manger side. There, they find a baby with his mother and father. While it may not have been readily apparent in the moment, these wanderers from afar are standing in the presence of the great light that the prophet Isaiah had foreseen. The glory of God, embodied in flesh and blood, has entered into our world. The establishment of God’s kingdom here on earth has begun. From that moment on, each and every day of each and every year has held within it the very presence of God’s love incarnate in this child.

That’s why this year can be different. The peace of God is here, waiting to embrace us. The love of Christ is available and ready to be shared. What will it take to experience this in the coming year? Well, the more things change, the more they stay the same. It still takes a desire for that same wisdom that surpasses all human understanding that set those magi off on their journey thousands of years ago. If life is to be different and full of hope in 2015, then we must let go of our egos and biases and dedicate our lives to seeking this child, the Messiah, who is Christ the Lord. I look forward to being with you on the journey. May that star lead us in the coming months and may we be wise enough to want to follow it wherever it may lead.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Rob Banse



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Epiphany Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 6th, service at 7:15 p.m.
- SOME cooks on January 15th at 7:30 a.m. They serve on January 16th, leaving the church lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



In the pictures seen here, some of the young people of Trinity Church do their best to portray the images of the very first Christmas. Angels, inn-keepers, Mary and Joseph, remind us of all the excitement and wonder that filled the air on the night of our Savior's birth. Each year our young people deliver a truly marvelous performance and remind us of the true spirit of Christmas while providing entertainment for us all during the 10:30am service on the Fourth Sunday in Advent. A special thanks to all of this year's participants and volunteers!



"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." ~ Luke 2:10-11

The Outdoor Sanctuary wishes to acknowledge the following donors:

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.
 Mrs. Barbara duPont
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gibbens
 The Perennial Garden Club
 The Piedmont Garden Club
 The Fauquier/Loudoun Garden Club



The Rev. Banse with Warden's Tree in honor of Gina Hammond

OUTDOOR SANCTUARY GIFTS

The Outdoor Sanctuary received the gifts of trees and shrubs which were installed last month during a mild December. According to arborist Philip Klene of Shade Tree Farm, the conditions were perfect to receive these living gifts, planted in memory, honor, and thanksgiving of loved ones.



Dogwood trees being planted by hand



Mature Maple Tree being planted



Winterberries provide food for the birds



Sourwood tree for shade



Photo Illustration of the Nursery by Holly Bimba

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA

Buildings changes and uses...

In the “Did You Know?” article of February 2014, I mentioned the current Church is the third church on this site. The second church building was situated on a north/south axis with the main entrance facing Route 50 and the north end of the church was very near the base of the current Bell Tower. The Rectory was just to the east of that church between the church and the Keith House.

One building, still in use, that was physically moved is now called the Nursery. Originally, this building was near the southwestern corner of the original church lot very near Route 50. During construction of the current church and the parking lot, this building was moved to its present location just north of the Peard House. Here the building was renovated and became the residence for George and Connie Glaysher after he was hired as the Verger for Trinity. After George’s death, Connie moved into an apartment across the street and continued to give tours of the church until her health prevented her from doing so. The building was then used for the church offices and later two small offices were added to the west side to provide for increased staff needs. (Prior to this, the church office was in the basement of the parish hall, now Cox Hall.)

When the church offices moved to the Peard House in 1992, this building was used as meeting space until it was needed as supplemental space for the Piedmont Child Care Center. When the new Piedmont building was built across Route 50, this space became the church nursery and meeting space as it remains today.

~Gray Coyner

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES!

Bishop Johnston is scheduled to visit Trinity on April 12, 2015. If your youth would like to participate in the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact John Knouse: 540-592-3343 or email: john@trinityupperville.org

Confirmation Class Schedule

1st Session- Sunday January 11th
9:15am

2nd Session- Sunday January 18th
9:15am

3rd Session- Sunday January 25th
9:15am

**No Class Sunday February 1st-
Annual Ski Trip 6th-12th Grade**

4th Session- Sunday February 8th
9:15am

5th Session- Sunday February 15th
9:15am

6th Session- Sunday February 22nd
9:15am

7th Session- Sunday March 1st
9:15am

8th Session- Sunday March 8th
9:15am

9th Session- Sunday March 15th
9:15 am

10th Session- Sunday March 22nd
9:15am



SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Aitar Guild	Jan. 1-Feb 4: Team I—Walta Warren, Shannon Stimson, Elizabeth Courts Feb. 5-Feb 28: TBA			
	February 1 4 Epiphany	February 8 5 Epiphany	February 15 Last Epiphany	February 22 I Lent
Flower Guild	Carolyn Smith Patty Jarvis Mary MacDonnell Nenie Schara	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Betty Long Cindy Mullett	Valerie Dove Bailey Davis Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Telle Zeiler	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Linda Dodderidge Sarah Ellison Nicky Perry Cindy Thompson LeighO Wood
Memorial Flow- ers	Miss Charlotte Haxall Noland	Suzanne & John Martin	Susannah Randolph	/
Lectionary	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 I Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c I Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 I Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I				
LEM	Harriett Condon	Cheri Martin	Carol Miller	Ellen Hall
Lector	Beth Lamond	Lewis Martin	Walta Warren	Dan Haney
Ushers	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Holly & Chuck Bimba	Sarah & Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren
Healing Ministry	Cheri Martin Elizabeth Gore	/	/	/
Coffee Hour				
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II				
LEM	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp	Michael Main Janie Banse	Ed Moore Kaye Nazarian	Sheryl Heckler Ginny Fluet
Lector	Kelly Johnson Becky Hoecker	Stephanie Knapp Jill Vogel	Gray Coyner Samantha Whitesides	Richard Myers Kaye Nazarian
Ushers	Anne Coyner David Hartley Mac Hartley	Chip Chapman Jolly de Give Bunny Shick	Susan Grayson Stanley Dees Barbara Augenblick	Pamela Wynfield Elizabeth Courts Brett Bibb
Healing Ministry	Margot Blattmann Clyde Lamond	Melissa Neal Michael Scholes	Stephanie Knapp Margot Blattmann	Joe & Ginny Fluet
Coffee Hour				
<p>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.</p>				



Noticed something missing?
We need hosts for coffee hour!
Thank you to all who volunteer !



VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry met on Wednesday, December 17th, for its monthly meeting. The Rector offered the opening prayers that were followed by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Joe Fluet offered the monthly Bible study.

The minutes of the November 19th meeting were approved and are available on the bulletin board in Cox Hall.

Guy Dove gave the Vestry an overview on the Endowment Funds, particularly for the benefit of the new Vestry members. Guy explained the origin of the funds, the structure of the endowments funds accounts, how the accounts are managed, and answered many questions arising from his presentation. The Church is currently drawing 4.5% interest from the endowments funds for budget purposes. Guy will return to the Vestry in February to present the annual report on the Endowments Funds.

Charles Ince presented the Treasurer's report. As is done each month, he reviewed the Profit and Loss statement and the Balance Sheet. The Profit and Loss showed a negative \$25,478.77 to date. However, those numbers are expected to change when the final numbers for 2014 are available after the final pledge payments for the year have been received.

The Finance Committee Report followed with John Johnson presenting the proposed Budget for 2015. He explained the Finance Committee had discussed areas in the budget that might be cut in order to meet a balanced budget for next year. After much discussion, the committee agreed to present the proposed budget with a negative balance to the Vestry with the understanding that the balance will change when the pledges and gifts, as well as the outstanding pledge com-

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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 133 individuals/families have submitted their commitment cards for fiscal year 2015, representing \$465,151 in expected gifts. As in the past several years, we are seeking to receive at least 200 cards totaling \$600,000 or more, as the accompanying chart shows.

At its December 17, 2014 meeting, the Vestry accepted a draft 2015 Budget that shows a deficit of \$76,912. Achieving our goals will enable us to eliminate this deficit.

In thanksgiving for your support,

Gina Hammond, *Stewardship Chair*

Goal: As of 12/29/14	200 Commitments # Received	\$600,000 Total Dollars
200		\$ 600,000
195		\$ 590,000
190		\$ 580,000
185		\$ 570,000
180		\$ 560,000
175		\$ 550,000
170		\$ 540,000
165		\$ 530,000
160		\$ 520,000
155		\$ 510,000
150		\$ 500,000
145		\$ 490,000
140		\$ 480,000
135		\$ 470,000
133	133	\$ 465,151
130		\$ 460,000
125		\$ 450,000
120		\$ 440,000
115		\$ 430,000
110		\$ 420,000
105		\$ 410,000
100		\$ 400,000
95		\$ 390,000
90		\$ 380,000
85		\$ 370,000
80		\$ 360,000
75		\$ 350,000
70		\$ 340,000
65		\$ 330,000
60		\$ 320,000
55		\$ 310,000
50		\$ 300,000

VESTRY REPORT

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mitments for 2015 are factored in after they are received in December. The Vestry voted to adopt the proposed Budget for 2015.

The Buildings Committee Report was presented by Joe Fluet. He had worked with various contractors during the month to assess immediate repairs needed on Trinity's campus:

- (1) The restrooms in Cox Hall are in dire need of repair. The women's restroom needs new toilets and sinks which requires the tile and flooring to be removed and new pipes placed in the wall. If the walls are penetrated, that raises the question of also repairing the men's restroom on the other side of the wall.
- (2) The Keith House, which houses The Thrift Shop, has sustained significant water damage as the result of a radiator failure. All wall, floor and ceiling damage will be paid by our insurance company after we pay the \$500 deductible. Trinity must purchase a new radiator at an estimated cost of \$3000.
- (3) Vapor locks have appeared in the water pipes to Cox Hall and have interfered with the heating system and must be repaired immediately.
- (4) The Gulick House has developed serious cracks in both interior and exterior walls. The initial estimate for repair is \$5000.

The Keith House repair is urgent and is being carried out, as is the vapor lock problem in the heating system. The restrooms in Cox Hall and the Gulick House repairs require further estimates and assessments before the Vestry makes a final decision. The Buildings committee is continuing its work on these matters.

The Junior Warden, Gina Hammond, is preparing a cost/benefit analysis on the Gulick House. The Vestry discussed whether it is financially viable to continue to maintain the Gulick House on an ongoing basis, or if it would be better for the church to sell the property and invest the proceeds of the sale that would produce

income for the church. Gina is researching this and will present her findings to the Vestry in the next few months. In the meantime, the Vestry agreed to try and rent the property as soon as the repairs are made.

Jim Gemmer reported that the Adult Christian Education Committee met to discuss the Forum for next year. The first Forum will be on January 4th, 2015, with our rector, Rob Banse, as the first speaker in the month of January. The forum will focus on renewing our commitment to establish a regimen for a regular prayer life. Further topics were discussed and the Vestry looks forward to an interesting season for the Forum.

The Outdoor Sanctuary Committee Report provided a list of donated trees and shrubs and requested that the Vestry formally accept these gifts. The Vestry voted unanimously to do so.

Becky Hoecker gave the Senior Warden's report and expressed the consensus of the Vestry that it had been a very busy month. She thanked all the Vestry for their work and support during the month. She offered several special thank yous: to John Johnson who had worked so hard on the 2015 Budget; to Beth Rogers who does so much, especially during the holiday season; to Christian Myers for the wonderful music programs during Advent and Christmas, the choir anthems, and all he does to enhance our experience of the holy season; to Richard McPherson, our organist, who creates such beautiful music; and to Betsy Crenshaw, Trinity's one-person outreach, who does so much for so many in our community. And finally, to our rector, Rob, who works tirelessly for the church and the community, and for his leadership us as we move forward.

Rob closed the meeting by saying while we have many important issues before us we must focus on what is most important: prayer, outreach, and proclaiming the resurrection. He offered the closing prayer.

SKI TRIP

GRADES 6-12

We are excited to have our annual ski trip dates finally booked and set in stone. We will be leaving Trinity Church Friday January 30th at 5:00pm to head to the Wisp Ski Resort in McHenry, MD. We then plan to return the 1st of February (Super Bowl Sunday) by 3:00pm. Cost will be \$250 per person, and will cover all tickets, lodging and food. The only thing not covered is extra food bought at the lodge while skiing.



THE BRITISH ARE COMING!

On Sunday, February 8, 2015, The Community Music School of Piedmont will present NOW playing *The British Are Coming*, a stellar line-up of music from British composers. The 8th Annual Candlelight Benefit Concert, a fundraising event and silent auction will take place on Sunday, February 8th, 2015 in the beautiful ballroom at Barton Oaks in The Plains, VA.

The Washington Post says NOW is "A performance that exuded youthful enthusiasm and joy in music making." *The Washington Examiner* says "the trendy orchestra played a musically innovative program that showcased a rich combination of instruments and musical genres."

Highlights of this year's program will include pieces from a spectrum of British composers, Benjamin Britten, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Gustav Holst, performed by stellar virtuosos from the New Orchestra of Washington, conducted by Maestro Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez.

Our Candlelight Concert series was established to provide world-class music to our community, and to raise critically needed scholarship and outreach funds for the Community Music School of the Piedmont. We enrich the lives of over 400 community children with music instruction and ensemble opportunities.

This concert is our sole, annual fundraising event for the music school.
Will you help us ensure its success and join us as a patron of this extraordinary concert? Proceeds from this effort directly support scholarships and outreach programs such as *After School Music* and *Early Childhood Music*.

Tickets are \$125 and are available through our website: piedmontmusic.org or by calling the school 540-592-3040.



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

This would be a night to remember

One third of the Holy Trinity would leave his celestial home,
And would come to the earth as flesh and bone

He would come to die for us one and all,
A perfect sacrifice for mankind's greatest fall

This spotless lamb would live without flaw,
But his death could come by neither tooth nor claw

He could feel sorrow and pain just as any human can,
But he could raise the dead with the sound of his voice and heal
the sick with the touch of his hand

His death would come during his third decade,
But thankfully for us his statement had already been made

During his time on earth he spoke of redemption and of his love,
And the promise of a better life with him up above

Yes, this is truly a night to remember,
What a shame for so many, it only happens during the month of December

~Tommy Breeden, Christmas 2014



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C. Greg Ellison, John Johnson

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Class of 2016

Bob Appenzeller, Joe Fluet

Marguerite Sweeny, Pamela Wynfield

Class of 2017

Barbara Conner, Susan Grayson

Jim Gemmer, Dan Murphy

EPIPHANY SERVICE JANUARY 6TH



Celebrate Epiphany on
Tuesday, January 6th.

Parish Life will start us
off with a supper in Cox
Hall at 6:30 p.m.

The service will begin at
7:15 p.m.

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