



Genesis

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

DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the New Year. Please know that on January 6th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. While not as well known as Christmas or Easter, this great day has much to say to us about the Christian faith and life.

“Epiphany” literally means, “to make known”. When you and I have an epiphany, the light bulb of our understanding goes on. We have one of those revelatory moments when something that made little or no sense to us before suddenly becomes crystal clear. I think it is fair to say that our lives in Christ are an ongoing series of epiphanies, moments when Christ’s love for us becomes ever more clear.

The story that is the focus of the day is that of the magi, those wise men traveling from a distant land in search of a newborn king. They have been following a here-to-for unknown celestial light and have arrived in a little backwater town known as Bethlehem. Imagine their surprise when they find a young and unassuming woman, her perplexed carpenter-husband, and a little child wrapped in bands of cloth, laying in a manger filled with straw and surrounded by barnyard animals. Certainly, they must have misread their star charts and taken a wrong turn somewhere back in the dark. But the star is still there burning brightly above them. So they go ahead and present their gifts, gifts fit for a king, and in that moment, God’s son is made known to them, and through them, God’s promise is revealed to the entire world.

As 2016 begins, there are many who are searching for that light that will bring them hope and comfort in the midst of these dark times. Let us pray that this year will be filled with many moments of such light. Specifically, let us pray that God will continue to reveal to each one of us the ways in which we can manifest the love of the Christ Child, who is God’s light, to all those we will meet. I am sure that you are familiar with the lyrics, “This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine...” That is what the Feast of the Epiphany is about. We are called to reflect the light of that star which led those wandering sages to the manger’s side on that winter’s night long ago. We are the ones now called to provide illumination, helping others understand that God so loved the world that he sent his only son. Remember the bumper sticker, “ Wise men and women still seek him.” May we participate in this great epiphany, assisting others in finding their way to that holy promise resting in Bethlehem.

I invite you to join with your fellow luminaries in our celebration of the Epiphany on Wednesday evening, January 6th. The details can be found in this newsletter.

Faithfully in Christ,
The Rev. Rob Banse



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- SOME cooks on January 14th at 7:30 a.m. They serve on January 15th, leaving the church lot at 8:30 a.m. sharp.
- January 6th—Epiphany! Supper in Cox Hall at 6:30p service at 7:15p

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!



VESTRY REPORT

Happy New Year! What a wonderful time we all had at this year's Christmas Auction! Much merriment was had on Friday night at the preview party and it continued right on to the live auction on Sunday. Thanks to the efforts of many at Trinity including our staff, congregation, friends and visitors, we were able to raise over \$30,000 – thanks be to God! If you missed this year's event, you'll want to be sure you don't next year as we have already started putting the team together and plan to have another great time.

Our Vestry met on Wednesday, Dec. 16th for its monthly meeting. The minutes for the meeting will be filed and available for your review.

We received the Treasurer's reports which included a report on the status of the Endowment funds. Pledges and contributions to the Endowment in 2014 and 2015 have helped us to improve our situation while we hope to do even more. Our Vestry remains committed to encouraging additional contributions to the Endowment which will serve to help us advance our support of Trinity's growing missions. Please ask any Vestry member if you interested to know more about how you can help with this effort.

Our Vestry approved the provisional budget for 2016. While we continue to seek increased participation in the annual Service Giving at Trinity, we are pleased to know that our current estimate of pledges for 2016 will be markedly improved from 2015 and we thank all of you for your support. The final budget for 2016 will be approved this month following the Finance committee's review of our 2015 financials. We have set the date of January 24th to present the new budget to the congregation during the Forum Hour. We invite your participation and input at that meeting as we put in place the fiscal foundation for the new year.

We also had a lengthy discussion about our desire to enhance the way we

reach out to our visitors at Trinity including reception, recognition and follow up. The chairman of our newly formed Shepherd's committee, Pamela Wynfield, has been studying the Episcopal Church Foundation's Newcomer Ministry called Invite/Welcome/Connect. As our Vestry continues to cultivate new practices at Trinity, we seek your insight and participation in this important and exciting ministry.

Finally, I hope that you all have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and are prepared for the best year you can imagine in 2016! Your Vestry continues its commitment to help make this year one to remember at Trinity Upperville as we enrich our Faith, improve our Place and grow our Mission. We look forward to you joining us in any way you are motivated to do so.

Yours in faith,



Jim Gemmer
Senior Warden

Congregational Meeting

January 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. in

Cox Hall

Presentation of
our
2016 Budget



SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Altar Guild	Feb 4-March 9, Team 5: Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Harriett Condon, Celeste Wheelwright, Briggs Williamson, Martha Williamson				
	February 7 5 Epiphany	February 10 Ash Wednesday	February 14 1 Lent	February 21 2 Lent	February 28 3 Lent
Flower Guild	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 LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Joyce Brower Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart
Memorial Flowers	Suzanne & John Martin	/	/	/	/
Lectionary	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-43a	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 103 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
	8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I	12 p.m. Service Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I		
LEM	Lewis Martin	Carol Miller	Jeff Millington	Walta Warren	Ellen Hall
Lector	Cheri Martin	Lewis Martin	Carol Miller	Cindy Thompson	Jeff Millington
Ushers	Debbie Gerbich Barbara duPont	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher	Holly & Chuck Bimba	Sarah & Greg Ellison
Healing Ministry	Cheri Martin Clyde Lamond	/	/	/	/
Coffee Hour		/			
	10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II	6:30 p.m. Service Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II		
LEM	Arch Randolph Janie Banse	Ken Knapp	Barbara Augenblick Joe Fluet	Johanna Jackson Ken Knapp	Ed Moore Ginny Fluet
Lector	Ginny Fluet Joe Markus	Stephanie Knapp	Page Gravely Randy Mullett	Richard Myers Arch Randolph	Joe Fluet Jill Vogel
Ushers	Susan Grayson Jim Hoecker Barbara Augenblick	Gray Coyner	Ken Knapp Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Stanley Dees Jolly de Give Bunny Shick	Elle, Ri & Chuck Benefield
Healing Ministry	Stephanie Knapp Michael Scholes	/	Ginny Fluet Melissa Neal	Elizabeth Gore Joe Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Michael Scholes
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>					

2015 CHRISTMAS AUCTION

This year's auction was marked by fabulous donations and generous bids, a happy Preview Party and a fun Auction, and lots of volunteers and very little preparation time. For you factoid lovers, here are the top ten auction factoids:

- ◆ Donated: 355 items
- ◆ Purchased: 335 items (the rest, inexpensive items, were given to the Thrift Shop)
- ◆ One item was bought twice (Bruce and Edie Smart's Maine vacation week).
- ◆ The highest Live Auction bid received was \$1,800, twice (Bruce and Edie Smart's Maine vacation week).
- ◆ The highest Silent Auction bid was \$1,000 for a painting. The lowest was \$5. There were also many Christmas ornaments sold at \$1 each.
- ◆ About \$7,000 was collected at "buy it now" prices during the Preview Party and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service coffee hour.
- ◆ The best tasting items for sale were Gina Hammond's baked goods, sold out at the Preview Party on Friday. She baked more on Saturday and sold all these at the Sunday 8:00 service coffee hour.
- ◆ One person researched and priced 332 items (Cindy Thompson).
- ◆ About 3 cases of wine were consumed at the Preview Party (twice the calculated amount).

- ◆ We were hoping to make \$20,000. As of this issue of "Genesis," we have collected \$31,784 with \$375 more to be collected!

As you all know, every penny goes to our church's many services for our congregation and community. Many thanks to all those folks who so generously donated their time, their talent, and their resources to this enormously fun annual church event.

Pamela J. Wynfield

Pamela Wynfield



Flowers!

We have many available Sundays for flower dedications. Consider dedicating flowers in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary or special day. The cost is \$135. Please contact Beth at the office 540-592-3343 or beth@trinityuppsville.org if you would like to place flowers on any of the following dates: Jan. 24; April 3, 10, 24; May 8, 29; June 12, 19, 26; July 10, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14; Oct. 9, 30; Nov. 27; Dec. 4



New Flower Guild Members Wanted!

The Flower Guild welcomes new members and no experience is necessary! All that is required is a readiness to learn, and a passion for posies. Please contact Anne Coyner (540-592-3819) if you are interested in joining one of our teams.

TOYS FOR TOTS THANK YOU

Thanks to all who so generously gave to Toys For Tots this Christmas Season! How wonderful that so many care for these forgotten children.

Dorothy Gow.

A KAIROS THANK YOU

On behalf of the women of Fluvanna Correctional Center and the members of KAIROS Team #30, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Outreach for your faithful support, and to each one of you at Trinity who took time from your busy schedules to bake delicious and meaningful cookies for our fall weekend.

The cookies serve a wonderful purpose. Your loving assistance and prayers (and yes, those cookies) are part of the pipeline that carries Christ's living waters directly to the hearts of the residents.

As one lady said to me, "I came for those cookies, but I'm leaving with so much more!"

It is always amazing to me to witness how the spirit of God moves and changes hardened and hurt hearts, many are in prison as a result of early abuse and, of course, of making bad choices.

But the promise of God is that it's never too late to accept love and joyfulness to change the course of one's life—prisoner or otherwise.

May the season of Epiphany bring light, joy and the Lord's peace to each of you in the new year.

Your sister in Christ,

Cheri Martin

MUSIC NOTES

Epiphany may just be my favorite liturgical season. First of all, it is after Christmas, which is always a big relief. Also, there isn't actually a season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a day, twelve days after Christmas, when we recognize Jesus being revealed to the world. The traditional symbol of this is the visit of the three Magi. The time that follows in the church year is the season *after* Epiphany. While the term "Ordinary time" usually refers to the many Sundays *after* Pentecost, it is also applicable here. This appeals to me. Especially after Christmas, a little ordinary time is welcome.

During the Sundays after Epiphany, the Gospel lessons generally focus on Jesus' life and ministry. They begin with Jesus' baptism, continue with the first miracle (turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana), and then on to stories of teaching, healing, and of course more miracles depending on the year. This year, on the third Sunday after Epiphany, we read the story from Luke where Jesus enters the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah is given to him and he reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor". As the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him, Jesus says "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing". It is one of the clearest statements of Jesus' mission to be found in the Bible.

There is much to be said for the pageantry of Christmas. It is a time of great joy, great music, and great feasts. It is also a time of great expectations and in trying to meet them, Christmas can become a time when the music of the church feels most like a performance. This does not appeal to me. With the pressure to produce some of the most involved music of the year it is easy to lose sight of our real mission. And so it is that the ordinary time after Epiphany is my favorite. It is a time to focus on ministry; that of Jesus and our own. The music we offer to God on Sundays is the result of almost half of our active congregation coming together every week in one of four rehearsals covering all ages. We learn both the skills of music and the practices of faith. We sing and ring together, that we might in some small way help to bring good news to the poor, light to the blind, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaim the Lord's favor. Can music really do all this? It can when it is practiced as an instrument of God's peace.

Christian

January is a great time to join a choir. We start all new music after Christmas and will welcome any new members to our ministry. 2015 rehearsals begin in January as follows. Adult Choir – Thursday, January 7. Children's Choirs – Wednesday January 13. Handbell Choir – Tuesday, January 19.

Family Music Classes for
Children Ages Birth–Kindergarten

*Music and Movement for
You and Your Child*

Session begins January 14th at 10:00 am!
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ADULT FORUM

January 17, 2016 - Radical Islam

Trinity parishioner, Dr. Paul Coyer will discuss the radical Islamist's mindset, their view of history, their reading of the Koran, and their very different views of theological ethics than our own. Dr. Coyer writes for *Forbes* on foreign policy, focusing on Eurasia. Paul received a degree in theological ethics from Yale Divinity School before going on to get an MA and PhD in the History of International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political

Science, writing his PhD on the history of Sino-American relations and the Sino-Soviet-American triangle. Paul was a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at George Washington University from 2007-2013, and occasionally serves as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Florence, Italy. He is a Research Professor at the Institute for World Politics in Washington, D.C, a member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and a Contributing Editor of *Providence: A Journal of Christianity and American Foreign Policy*.

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EPIPHANY SERVICE JANUARY 6TH



Celebrate Epiphany on
Wednesday, 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.

Articles for the February 2016 issue of "Genesis" are due January 22nd.

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