



Genesis

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” ~Jeremiah 29:11

DEAR FRIENDS,

We may be living in one of the most transitory times in human history, and yet the fact remains that many of us don't like change. It takes us out of our comfort zone, makes us uneasy, perhaps even afraid. We like to believe that tomorrow will be just like whatever "good old days" we have come to cherish. In reality, change makes a return to those days impossible. As Christians, we need to remember that God is Lord of all, including change, and trust that God will see us through all the transitions we experience.

Change is, of course, a regular part of our life here at Trinity. I want to take this opportunity to express my great thanks and appreciation to John Knouse for his three years of ministry amongst us. John has faithfully fulfilled his role as our Director of Family Ministries. He has now been called to a similar ministry at St. James in Warrenton. While I am happy that his vocation of working with children and young people is being validated and celebrated by the good people of St. James, I am sorry for us. John, thank you for your love for, and care of, the members of this congregation. We will miss you.

John's departure is not the only change of note regarding our staff. We have also earnestly started a search for an Assistant Rector. As discussed at our congregational meeting in May, the Vestry has decided that the time has come to add another priest to Trinity's mix. I certainly support that decision. There is more than enough work to be done here that requires the efforts of a second ordained person. Becky Hoecker, our Senior Warden, has called together a small committee to assist yours truly in this search. The committee has already met several times and will continue their efforts throughout the summer. We hope to have much more to report to you by summer's end.

Finally, the senior class of our Vestry has been busy seeking candidates for our next Vestry to be elected at Annual Meeting in October. While there are always changes in the leadership of any congregation on an annual basis, the need for strong leaders remains a constant. I believe that the best vestries are comprised of both "veterans" who know and understand the historic dynamics of the congregation as well as those "recently arrived" who bring new ideas and a fresh perspective. In short, we are never too green to prayerfully consider offering ourselves for positions of leadership here at Trinity or too seasoned to retire from the same. As the senior class reaches out to you and asks you to consider running for Vestry, I hope that you will take that invitation to heart. God is Lord of all, and that does include change. Nonetheless, God looks to us to be the faithful instruments leading that change. I hope that, when God calls you to such leadership, you will, with love and prayer, accept the challenge.

Faithfully in Christ,
The Rev. Rob Banse



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cookout & Evening Prayer!
July 14th and August 11th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share.

VESTRY NOTES

The Vestry met for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, at 6 o'clock. Rob opened the meeting with prayer that was followed by the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Bob Appenzeller presented the Bible study.

Rob welcomed new Vestry member, David Hartley, who has stepped in to serve on the Vestry until Annual Meeting.

The minutes of the June 17th meeting were approved. Charles Ince presented the Treasurer's Report. Pledge payments are up somewhat from this time last year. The increase is attributed to full payment of annual pledges by a few families. Several parishioners have also raised their original pledges by 10%, which improves the budget. Expenses are similar to last year's expenses at this time.

Carol Miller, Chair of Finance, reported the recommendations of the Finance Committee. As the pledge campaign was close to 100% complete at this time last year, adjustments to the Pledge Income should now be made. Prior to our State of the Parish meeting on May 17, 2015, the pledge amount stood at \$495,230 compared with the \$550,000 budgeted. This amount represents a \$72,000 drop from last year's actual pledge income. In response to the appeal made at the Parish meeting, pledge amount has increased slightly to \$497,610. The committee felt comfortable with a Total Pledge Payment amount \$8,000 higher at \$505,000 as there are plans for a continued Stewardship effort emphasizing the State of the Budget report made at the meeting.

- Line item 4000 – Pledge Payments –current year, decrease to \$510,000 from \$550,000.
- Line item 4001 – Provision for Uncollected Pledges, decrease to \$5,000 from \$16,500 (presumes a 99% collection rate, similar to 2014).
- Line item 40000 – Total Pledge Payments to \$505,000.
- Line item 4002 – Pledge Payments –Prior year – increase to \$11,068 (actual) from \$8,708.

Carol also reported that following a discussion on the cumulative report on the Endowment and **Endowment Draw** over the past five years, the Finance Committee approved the recommendation of the Endowment Committee to take a 4.5% draw for the entire fiscal year of 2015, and made this recommendation to the Vestry.

Several additional changes to the 2015 Budget were recommended. The Vestry discussed the recommendations and decided to table the recommendations until the July 15th meeting.

Carol asked that all committee chairs present a narrative budget for the 2016 Budget to the Finance Committee by August 15th, so that the 2016 Budget will be ready for presentation at the Annual Meeting in October. The Vestry agreed that a follow up meeting on the budget should be held in February, similar to the State of the Parish Meeting held in May.

A proposal to change the Coffee Hour volunteer format was the first item of New Business discussed. Parish Life has suggested forming teams based on Guilds and committees with assigned dates to host coffee hour, rather than continuing the volunteer tradition. It is becoming more and more difficult to find volunteers willing to host. The Vestry supported the change and offered to discuss the change with their committees. Parish Life will announce its final decision on the problem in the coming weeks.

The Vestry discussed whether Trinity Church needs a full-time director of Family Ministries now that the call for an Assistant Rector has been issued. The consensus of the Vestry was that we do need a Youth Ministry Director, either full-time or part-time, devoted entirely to the development and practice of youth programs. The Vestry decided to leave the position open and discuss this with parishioners, while investigating the possibility of sharing a Youth Ministry Director with one of the nearby Parishes.

The Senior Warden reported that she had recently met with the Chairman of the Cemetery Corporation, Mayo Brown, to discuss a possible expansion of the cemetery. While there is no need for additional space for the cemetery at the moment, Mr. Brown is concerned about need in the future. He proposed expanding the cemetery by three acres, pushing the existing wall northward. A survey would be required before an expansion could be accomplished. The Vestry agreed to take this under consideration.

Old Business was a report on the search for an Assistant Rector. A Clergy Committee has been formed to assist the Rector in reviewing applications and interviewing possible candidates. The Clergy committee members are: Becky Hoecker, Marguerite Sweeny, Melissa Neal, David Hartley, and Margaret Moore. In addition to assisting the Rector during the search process, the Clergy committee will function as a support group for the new Assistant Rector and provide feedback on his/her performance in the first year.

The Nominating Committee for new Vestry candidates re-

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ported again that it is making calls and talking to members of the church and hopes to present the slate of candidates to the Vestry by July.

Bob Appenzeller distributed an Outreach Report and summarized by saying the total donations Trinity has made so far for 2015 are \$11,300. There are other applications under review currently.

The Vestry thanked the Adult Christian Education chairman, Jim Gemmer, for his outstanding year and the excellent Forums that were presented.

The Senior Warden announced upcoming important dates for Trinity Church:

- September 13 – Activity Fair
- September 26-27 – Trinity Art Show

- October 4 – Annual Meeting
- November 22 – Advent wreath making after 10:30 Worship Service

The Rector thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard to make The Hunt Country Stable Tour such a success. He also thanked the Farm owners who so generously offered their farms and stables for the event.

The Rector encouraged the Vestry to join with Mt. Pisgah in their Homecoming week. He added we must all work harder to get the congregations in our village to come together more often.

Rob closed the meeting with a prayer.



SOME SERVES IN JULY

Join us in Cox Hall
7:30 a.m. Thursday, July
16th to prepare the meal.
We will leave the church
parking lot at 8:30 a.m.
sharp on Friday, July 17th to
serve the meal in D.C.

Your donations of cookies,
breads, corn muffins, and
brownies are always grate-
fully devoured! Please leave
your donation in Cox Hall
(clearly marked for SOME) by
Thursday, July 17th.

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" ~Mark 6:31

DID YOU KNOW?

Little known facts about Trinity Episcopal Church – Upperville, VA

This month we return to our monthly tour of the buildings owned by Trinity Episcopal Church and are examining the multiple buildings associated with the Keith House. In April, we talked about the Brick Cottage and now we examine the Utility Building as it is associated with the renovation of the Brick Cottage. The renovation of the Brick Cottage from housing the boiler to a residence meant a new location was needed for the boiler.

A new building seemed to fit the need and the hexagonal design is wooden frame with weatherboard siding. One half of the building houses the boiler and the other half was designed for a utility room. The heat from the boiler is transferred to the main house via underground pipes. The laundry appliances have since been moved to the main house for better accessibility.

~Gray Coyner



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SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Altar Guild	Aug. 6-Sept. 9: Team 3—Gina Hammond, Debbie Gerbich, Kaye Nazarian, Jim Hammond Sept. 10-Oct. 14: Team 2—Barbara Augenblick, Debra Latiolais, Becky Hoecker, Ed Moore			
	September 6 15 Pentecost	September 13 16 Pentecost	September 20 17 Pentecost	September 27 18 Pentecost
Flower Guild	Celeste Wheelwright Stephanie Bates Linda Dodderidge Sarah Ellison Nicky Perry LeighO Wood	Gina Hammond Joyce Brower Jane Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	Kaye Nazarian Margaret Hilliard June Hambrick	Jimmy Hatcher Gay Estin Elizabeth Gore Dorothy Gow Ruth Ripley
Memorial Flowers	Burwell, Plaskitt, deButts Families	Jane Margot Healy MacMillin		Erskine Bedford
Lectionary Readings	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-8 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I				
LEM	Lewis Martin	Harriett Condon	Ellen Hall	Dan Haney
Lector	Cheri Martin	Greg Ellison	Walta Warren	Cindy Thompson
Ushers	Sarah & Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Barbara duPont	Robert Bonnie Jimmy Hatcher
Healing Ministry	Clyde Lamond Cheri Martin	/	/	/
Coffee Hour		Bruce & Edie Smart Gay Estin		
10:30 a.m. Service Holy Eucharist Rite II				
LEM	Sabine Bibb Pamela Wynfield	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp	Elizabeth Norman Debra Latiolais	Ed Moore Bill Easton
Lectors	Ginny Fluet Bill Easton	Stephanie Knapp Kaye Nazarian	Stephanie Reynolds Barbara Augenblick	Jill Vogel Samantha Whitesides
Ushers	Brett Bibb David Hartley Mac Hartley	Jim Hoecker Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Susan Grayson Stanley Dees Bunny Shick	Anne Coyner Pamela Wynfield Henry Chapman
Healing Ministry	Elizabeth Gore Joe Fluet	Michael Scholes Joe Fluet	Melissa Neal Ginny Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Elizabeth Gore
Coffee Hour		Activity Fair		Parish Life
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.				

STEWARDSHIP

As we enter into the last quarter of our Stewardship year, we are greeted with a time of Sabbath. We remember that Jesus says in John 10:10, “I came that you might have life, and have life abundantly”. As God’s children we have been given, through Jesus Christ, abundant life, and as God’s stewards we are called to serve Him out of love and gratitude for that abundant life.

I often find myself gobbled up by a host of worthwhile activities. There are books to read, prayers to pray, mountains to climb, good deeds to be done. I often tell myself that I need to simplify my life. I need to clear the cluttered spaces, and deal with my cluttered schedule, cluttered thoughts and cluttered spirits so I don’t miss the abundant life God has given me.

The Rev. Dr. Don Dempsey of First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, IL has written an article, “*Sabbath in the Stewardship of Ourselves*” (www.firstchurchlf.org/sermon/archive/08-26-07 Sabbath in the Stewardship of Ourselves.pdf). In it he reminds us that, as we renew our spirits, remember that we are also called to be still: “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). It doesn’t say, read another book and you’ll know, tackle another worthy project and you’ll know, it says be still – silent, motionless, uncluttered.

In the Hebrew tradition, petitionary prayer is discouraged during Sabbath time. We are to focus our heart not on what we need, but rather on what we have. A single breath can fill us with overflowing; the touch of a loved one, a particular angle of the sunlight can bring delight to our hearts; a taste of rich dark chocolate, or a familiar tune or melody can give birth to quiet satisfaction, a sense of enough. The Stewardship of Ourselves in the Sabbath helps us suspend our ego and seek an attitude of gratitude and generosity for the abundant life God has provided.

I hope that this Sabbath time allows you to simplify your lives, slow down and rejoice in things as they are, to let go and let God in. And in so doing may you experience:

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- Less worry
 - Less striving
 - Less judgment
 - Less guilt
 - More cooperation
 - More appreciation of beauty
 - More comfort with mystery
 - More ability to live in the moment
 - More forgiveness
 - More kindness
 - More compassion
 - More trust
 - More gratitude
 - More generosity

“Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide: in every change, He faithful will remain, Be still, my soul.”
(Hymn written by Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel in the 17th century)

Gina Hammond
Stewardship Chair

PARISH COOKOUTS & EVENING PRAYER

Join us

July 14th &

August 11th

At 6:00 p.m.

*For fun, fellowship,
great cookout food,
and Evening Prayer
at the
Outdoor Sanctuary.*

*We meet rain or
shine!*

*(in the event of poor
weather, we will dine
in Cox Hall and hold
Evening Prayer in
the Church)*

On a beautiful June evening very close to the start of summer, members of the congregation gathered at the Council Ring of the Outdoor Sanctuary to share delicious food and conversation. Although the day had been extremely warm and humid, a delightful and steady breeze cleared the way for a dry, magnificent evening.

Wayne and Ken cooked-up delicious organic burgers from the Whole Ox, and members of the congregation provided sides including asparagus, salads, mac & cheese, and two types of pie: key lime and strawberry rhubarb!

We concluded the gathering by celebrating the liturgy of Evening Prayer at the Outdoor Chapel.

Our next Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 14. As this is Bastille Day, French recipes are invited (but American potato chips are equally appreciated).

We will gather at 6 PM, rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be in Cox Hall and Evening Prayer in the church sanctuary.



COME FISHIN'

It's officially summer and the proverbial "Gone Fishin" sign is all around. It makes me think of the famous saying:

"Give someone a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach someone to fish and you feed them for a lifetime."

While this familiar saying is not directly biblical, it's almost hard to believe that Jesus didn't say it. The vast majority of his recorded words are those of a teacher and there were fishermen following him everywhere he went and hanging on his every word. Jesus certainly would have appreciated both its message and the means of illustrating it.

We recognize the value of education in our church's music ministry as well. Part of our mission statement reads, "to teach together the skills of music and the practices of faith." For every few minutes of music in a worship service, there are hours of rehearsal in preparation. All of our choirs, each in their own way, study the skills of music and the practices of faith in order to provide meaningful music for worship, and a meaningful experience in their lives.

Trinity Church supports music education in our greater community by hosting the Community Music School of the Piedmont. In providing a headquarters for the school we have served as an example that other churches have followed allowing the school to set up several satellite locations. In all, the Music School serves over 625 students, teaching them music skills that will last them a lifetime.

Another important way we support education is through our relationship with Shenandoah Conservatory. Our student section leaders in the choir offer so much and hopeful-

ly learn a little something from us as well. The addition of a Church Music Intern has taken this kind of mutual learning a step further.

I believe that supporting the education of current and future musicians is both a privilege and our responsibility. The truth is, we are stewards of one of the finest fishin' holes

around. Our traditional architecture, excellent acoustics, and outstanding organ offer great opportunity for the budding church musician to learn their trade. Our many dedicated volunteers in a variety of choirs and our financial commitment to music serve as a shining example and a standard in the area. Our willingness to share these many blessings is appreciated by all and yields many returns both tangible and spiritual.

A church with the musical assets that we have entrusted to us could easily become not much more than a sacred concert hall. One of my visions for the Music Ministry of Trinity Church is to be a teaching institution where people can not just hear beautiful music but learn about and experience every step in the process of glorifying

God through our sacred art. We have made great steps in that direction and with the Christian generosity and hospitality of this parish I know we will continue to share our many gifts. During these slower paced summer months and throughout the year let our sign say "Come Fishin".

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Charles Ince, *Treasurer*

Mark Thompson, *Registrar*

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C. Greg Ellison, David Hartley

Becky Hoecker, Gina Hammond

Class of 2016

Bob Appenzeller, Joe Fluet

Marguerite Sweeny, Pamela Wynfield

Class of 2017

Barbara Conner, Susan Grayson

Jim Gemmer, Dan Murphy

Summer Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed the following days:

July 3rd

August 3rd

August 10th

August 17th

August 24th



Please note! The Food Closet is open during the summer. Please remember to bring donations to church and leave in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

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