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From The Interim Rector

By The Reverend Edward O. Miller, Jr.

Dear Friends,

An article on the church of the future included a comment that caught my attention: "Churches need to stop trying to attract people and start trying to engage people." This shift in focus is worth some thought. Most churches I know want to attract people, and some churches do that well. They have attractive and up to date websites. They have inviting buildings. They have friendly people. Beyond being attractive in order to attract people, however, churches often find engaging people to be a challenge. Impediments can frequently appear. People enjoy each other's company so much that they inadvertently overlook someone new. Long-time parishioners can unconsciously assume that everyone knows what is happening – and more especially why things happen as they do. In a culture where anonymity is often preferred when entering a new situation, it is easy to let new people go unnoticed or think someone else will take the initiative to be welcoming.

Rather than looking for the latest technique to attract people (some of which are useful), it seems appropriate to look at what Jesus did in his ministry. He did indeed attract people. At the same time his greatest impact during his ministry was in engaging people. He fed five thousand people, for example. He did this by asking skeptical disciples who were bewildered by an apparently impossible task to share morsels of bread and fish with everyone. He engaged them. He told discouraged fishermen to cast out into the deep and keep fishing. He engaged them. He challenged people reliant on the status quo. Even, or maybe especially, when they responded angrily, it was because Jesus had engaged them. The goal in each case was to transform people's lives.

One of our tasks in this interim period is to prepare for the next era as a congregation. What would it take for us to sharpen our focus and make sure that when we attract people, we will also engage them as disciples who join us in following Jesus?

Faithfully,

The Reverend Edward O. Miller, Jr.

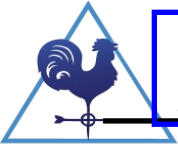
October 20, 2019
ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:30AM

No Sunday School
No Adult Forum
Childcare will be provided
beginning at 9:15am



Annual Meeting

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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.



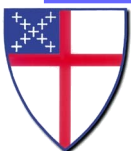
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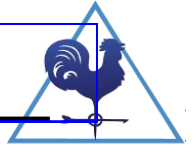
My parents instilled in me a simple truth --- the two greatest joys in life are the tilling of the land and the cultivation of character. One anchors us, and the other elevates us. For centuries, we have understood the tilling the land, but we have only faintly grasped how the cultivating of character deepens the soil of the mind and spirit to promote public virtue. Trinity creates the space, structure, and sense of place that enables this cultivation to happen. Our community is enlarged, and its betterment realized through the compounding nature of God's love made manifest.

For over twenty years, Trinity has been an integral part of my family. My wife Heidi and I were married at Trinity in 1998. Both our children, Claiborne and Haley, were baptized and confirmed at Trinity. As they grew, they participated as acolytes under the wonderful guidance of Lillian. We still have many those beautiful handwritten notes she sends to all the acolytes after their service.

While the cultivation of character takes place at home and in the public square, my professional work has been about the tilling of the soil. Along with Carey Crane, we co-founded a company that has become the leading carbon reforestation project in the world. In partnership with 500+ landowners, comprising roughly 120,000 acres, some 42+ million trees have been planted. The growth of those trees helps to purify the air, filter the water, and provide habitat. These actions of commerce are about building equity in each other and our land.

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As citizens, congregation members, and children of God, our cross is comprised of two structural elements. The first is the vertical alignment between ourselves and God. The second is the horizontal alignment by loving our neighbors as ourselves. As we individually and collectively as a congregation find that equilibrium, divine love compounds and enlarges the heart of us all.

The love that compounds and enlarges will only deepen and anchor Trinity Church also. Trinity is getting ready to write the next chapter with a new rector. If elected, my hope is, we as a congregation can find a new equilibrium that becomes a steppingstone to that future.



Melinda Gable

Melinda has been entrenched in advancing natural resource issues on the political playing field for 25 years. Her passion is a blend of taking ideas from conception to execution and the facilitation of bringing federal, private and NGO partners together to advance natural resource policy and achieve common goals as well as helping organizations excel in launching new programs and major marketing initiatives. Her current work is on promoting the sustainability and economic viability of family forest landowners and the stewardship of the natural resources under their care.

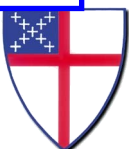
Married to Brad, a lifelong resident of Loudoun, Melinda has been entrenched in the community and Episcopal church for twenty years. She has two daughters who were active in Trinity's former youth program and current robust and lively acolyte program. I feel most at home in Trinity when the congregation is full of generations of families old and young.



Dan Murphy

Beth and I have been part of the Trinity Congregation for over 25 years. Our daughters, Grace and Molly, were baptized here, sang in the choir, and joined in youth activities. Beth serves on the Outreach Committee. I sang in the choir for years and have previously served on the Vestry, leading the Stewardship effort for two years.

My work as a museum exhibit consultant has given me insight in non-profit governance and experience in building mission-driven programs to inform dialogue and strengthen communities. I am excited to renew my commitment to Trinity through service on the Vestry during this period of transition. I am so grateful to those that have worked hard over the years to build such a wonderful church and community, but I truly believe that Trinity's best years are ahead. If elected to the Vestry, I look forward to listening to the heart of the congregation and working to make our church strong and our future bright.





Nominees continued



Bob Appenzeller

Thank you for considering me for the Vestry Class of 2022. Kathy and I have made Northern Virginia our home since 2001 and we have been members of Trinity Upperville for over 8 years.

I am a small business owner producing Defense electronics and was honored to have served on the 2016 Vestry while leading the Outreach Committee. Our class weathered significant issues within the church that still resonate today. We met the challenges head-on and with prayerful discernment. I am committed to the idea that Trinity is and will continue to be a congregation that can change the world for the better; we have the capability along with the drive.

My commitment to Trinity Upperville is stronger now than ever because I understand the delicate balance between church leadership and the congregation. Vestry is key to maintaining that vibrant Trinity community with all of its inherent complexities. If our wonderful building and campus ceased to exist tomorrow, Trinity would still be a Church in Upperville, VA. We have strong bonds that keep us doing God's work out in the world.

I am ready to serve again.



Elizabeth H. Thomas

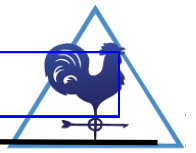
Because we are a congregation under the banner of "Trinity," I will try to introduce myself through three identities:

Episcopalian - This is our foundation and my religious orientation, one that I treasure while still having questions about my Christian faith. Trinity has been my church home since moving to the country in 2010. Like a beacon, Trinity draws me to worship, to fellowship, and to the gift of grace in all endeavors.

Psychotherapist - My professional life concerns human beings in distress, but just as often wanting to learn more about their interior world. Some might understand this to be attention to one's soul. It's what I try to attend to in my practice as well as what is most assuredly attended to in participation in the life of Trinity.

Wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, etc. - Family is the fabric of life, be it generationally determined or experientially cultivated. Family and friends are everything. Trinity is both and more. It is the hope, the conflict, and the promise – three in one – that propels us forward. It is vital, and I would like to serve in a more active way the mission of the Church.





It's The Season for Giving

By the Stewardship Committee

There is a rhythm to nature, as there is to the life of the church.

In nature, at this time of year, the earth yields up the harvest. For thousands of years, good people have set aside a portion of God's bounty, as they were taught: "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." (*Leviticus 23:30*)

In the life of the church, at this time of year, we, too, are called to set aside a portion of what God has given us.

Stewardship is a neverending year-round journey, but autumn is traditionally regarded as stewardship season – that time in the life of Trinity Church when we plan for next year.

Stewardship is what we do, with all that we have, after we say, "I believe."

Stewardship – and, at this time of year, pledging our financial support – is the foundation on which our entire Church life is built: our worship, our outreach, our music ministry, our children's programs, the care and maintenance of our grounds and buildings.

Stewardship and pledging is not so much about giving away part of our possessions as it has to do with accepting the responsibility for possessions that have been entrusted to us by God.

We are not the owners. All the resources we are given – our time, our abilities, our possessions – are entrusted to us by God. We have been given these resources by a giving God who, in turn, calls us to manage them wisely and with love for others. We are stewards of God's grace, not masters of God's riches.

So it's easy to describe stewardship but not so easy to practice stewardship.

We're not going to ask you to pledge ... yet.

We do ask that you think and reflect and pray about it in the weeks to come. We do ask that you consider carefully the materials we will send you.

And when the time comes, we will ask that you open your heart and your mind and, yes, your purse.

Because there's more to be done – lots more.

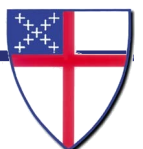
In every aspect of our church life together – our youth programs, outreach, fundraising, buildings and grounds, and our other ministries – there's lots more to be done.

With God's help, we can, and will, meet this challenge.

Key Stewardship Dates

October 20 – stewardship report at annual meeting

November 10 – Commitment Sunday when pledges are collected





SOME

For our final 2019 SOME on November 14 and 15, it is our goal to continue to serve our regular meal of baked crusted haddock with tartar sauce, rice casserole, fresh coleslaw, cornbread, green beans, chocolate cake with whipped cream and milk. We may add applesauce, depending on the cost.



Our food provider, Schenck in Winchester, VA continues to offer us the best wholesale prices on our goods as costs have risen considerably over the last several months.

We found our parishioners were no longer contributing enough brownies and cookies to sufficiently feed our guests and made the switch to sheet cakes earlier this year. Though a messy proposition, it is well received by SOME diners, as well as the staff. We were known as the only food provider serving fish and now we hold the distinction of being the only one that serves chocolate cake with whipped cream.

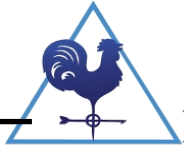
For a long time, Gina Hammond was singlehandedly supplying us with our sweets and Gar Royer was baking fresh bread. But we gave them a well-deserved break and are trying to stay consistent by plating identical portions so there is no haggling in the serving line. Gina came up with the idea of purchasing dessert cups to hold the cake and whipped cream so it can be assembled in advance and dropped onto the plate for easier consumption.

Currently, Ellen Hall has stepped up graciously and sends in load of take-out snacks that are distributed for parting guests. We have tried fresh fruit in the past and found the quality inconsistent and the cost very expensive. SOME does not serve dinner and discourages guests from wrapping up their lunch and taking it out so we like to have something portable for them to grab on their way out the door should hunger arise later.

That said, if you have an orchard and want to send in a bushel of apples, we will take them to SOME. Just let us know in advance so we can prepare room in the van. If you would like to buy an item in bulk, or put together some sandwiches or make a special, non-perishable dish, we more than welcome and encourage your contribution. However we ask that you pre-package in snack size plastic bags for take out purposes or leave in the Cox Hall kitchen in advance so we may do the same.

We thank you for your generous support of this ministry and hope to carry forward for our 33rd year in 2020.

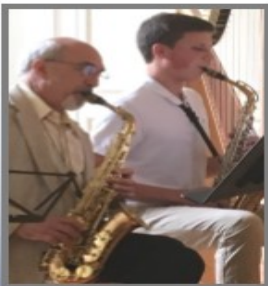




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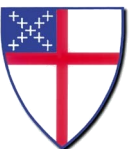
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Sunday
October 6th
4:00 pm
Outdoor
Sanctuary



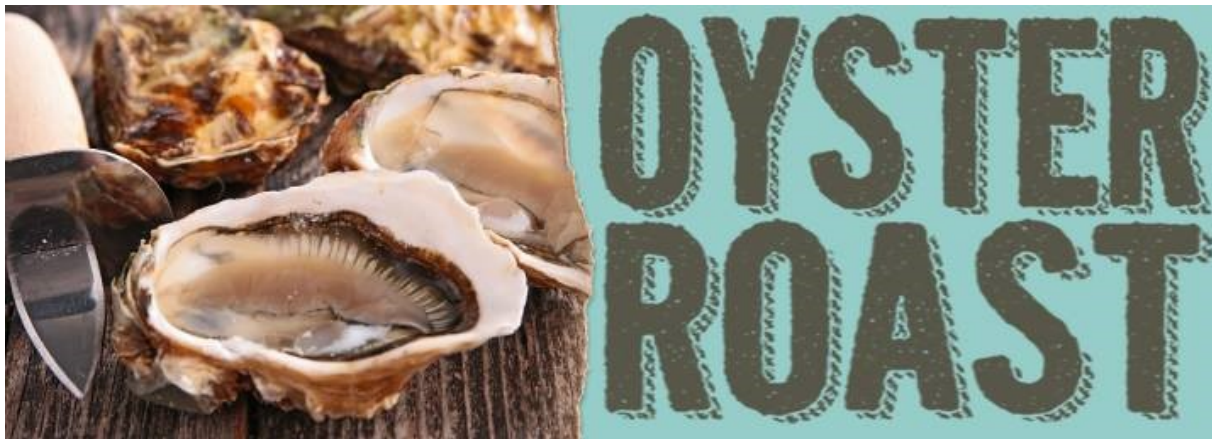
Join us for the annual

Blessing of the Animals





PCCC Oyster Roast



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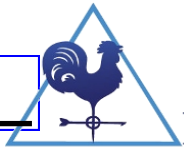
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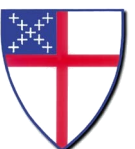
Christmas is right around the corner so make your list and Enjoy Shopping!!!



Trinity's Annual Christmas Pop-Up Shop - Friday, Dec 6th
Auction - Sunday Dec 8th After the 10:30 Service

It's not too early to go through your attics, closets and all those little nooks and crannies to find treasures for the Christmas Auction. We are now accepting items at the church office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Louise Crane (610-310-7007, louisebcrane@gmail.com)





Thank you to many of you who attended our recent forum to discuss the status of our search process for a new rector as well as other church business. For those who did not attend, here is a brief summary of where we stand on the search.

As many of you know, we created a Community Ministry Profile based on our survey, forum hour discussions, one-on-one discussions and the prayerful discernment of your committee. Potential applicants were able to review this and then decide if they felt called to apply.

The window to apply closed on September 9th. The committee believes we have a number of qualified applicants to consider. We have already started an intensive process of review involving reference checks and interviews with the applicants. This will be followed by site visits, and, for a candidate or candidates that we believe would be a good fit for the position, visits to our own community.

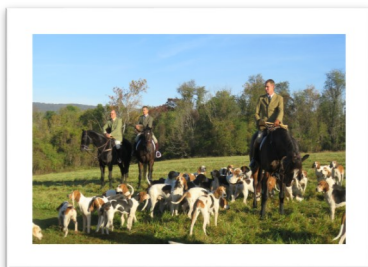
Ultimately, we will recommend a candidate to Vestry for their consideration and final approval.

Please continue to keep the committee in your prayers as we enter into the next steps in our search and discernment process.

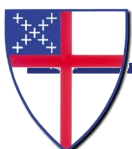
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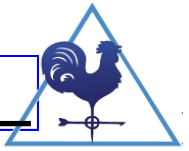
Discernment Committee Chair.

Blessing of the Hounds
Saturday, October 12th - 9:00 am
Outdoor Sanctuary



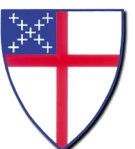
Please join us for Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 19th - 8:00 am





	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 17	Nov 24	
Altar Guild	Nov 3-Nov 13—Ellen Hall, Holly Bimba, Mark Thompson Nov 17-Dec 18—Jolly de Give, Natalie Epstein, Patty Jarvis				
Flower Guild	Stephanie Bates Sarah Ellison Brooke Myatt Nicky Perry LeighO Wood Sheila Harrell	Gina Hammond Janes Kates Pat Sharp Edie Smart	Janet Noland Margaret Hilliard Marissa Hasser Elizabeth Thomas Ashley Hambrick Sandra Markus Jessica Diday	Louise Crane Barbara Sharp Maria Eldredge Jimmy Hatcher Tracey Schmitt Lintott	
Memorial Flowers					
8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I					
Chalice	Lewis Martin	Jeff Millington	Ellen Hall	Walta Warren	
Lector	Cheri Martin	Greg Ellison	Walta Warren	Kelly Johnson	
Ushers	Barbara duPont Duke duFrane	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller	
Healing Ministry	Walta Warren Cheri Martin				
Coffee Hour	Gina Hammond				
10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2					
Chalice	Ed Moore Johanna Jackson	Gina Hammond Marjory Serrano	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp	Randy Mullett Arch Randolph	
Lectors	Gray Coyner Page Gravely	John MacDonnell Becky Hoecker	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Stephanie Knapp Barbara Augenblick	
Ushers	The Benefield Family	Anne Coyner Stanley Dees Jim Gemmer	Bunny Shick Jim Hoecker	Chip Chapman	
Healing Ministers	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Melissa Neal	Jerry Eisley Joe Flute	Sheryl Mazzatenta	
Ambassadors	Walt Hasser	Ed Moore			
Coffee Hour	Gina Hammond				

**If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please find someone to trade with.
Please remember to notify the church office of any changes. Thank you.**





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