

# GENESIS



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## From The Interim Rector

By The Reverend Edward O. Miller, Jr.

Dear people of Trinity Church,

Greetings as Ginger and I look forward to meeting you at the beginning of 2019. I am honored to be joining you as Interim Rector. My discussions with members of the Vestry have been marked by a warm spirit of welcome and a desire to assure you that the vibrant ministry for which Trinity Church is known will be carried into the future.



During the years Rob Banse and I have overlapped in the Diocese of Virginia, I have appreciated his well-deserved reputation as a pastor, preacher, and leader. It is our good fortune to enter this season of transition secure in the foundation that you and Rob have developed and that we can rely on as we move forward. I have always preferred to build on strengths rather than dwell on weaknesses, and the abundance of strengths among you made the possibility of becoming your Interim Rector especially appealing. At the same time, the Vestry has asked me to share observations about changes that will enhance our mutual purpose to prepare for a new era with the next Rector.

Transitions sometimes seem like inconvenient interludes. The term Interim Rector refers to a temporary figure sitting in until a “permanent” Rector is called. I am uneasy with that distinction because transitions are constantly embedded in life and because the biblical story of God in human life is virtually always about transitions. The people of Israel made the transition from bondage to freedom and later several times from exile to restoration. Followers of Jesus made transitions from weakness to strength, from fear to hope, from anxiety to trust. We begin our time together on the Feast of the Epiphany when the magi discovered a journey to find the Christ child became a transition for a lifetime as “they returned home by a different way.” They travelled, as one person has put it, “from business as usual to business as never before.” With Rob Banse as Rector you have not succumbed to business as usual, and I hope this interim season will be an adventure to discover new ways God engages us in challenging times.

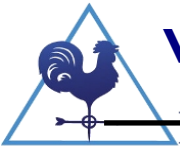
In the broader context of religious experience, transitions can be embraced because nothing in life is permanent except the promise of an active God to be in the midst of the lives of people in every generation. At the same time, transitions are not always easy. We sometimes share the temptation to be like the people who confronted Moses half-way to the land of milk and honey with a longing to return to the perceived security of the past in Egypt. To paraphrase Paul in writing to the Philippians, however, God has not brought us this far to leave us.

I look forward to being with you as together we find our identity as friends in Christ while trusting in the God “in whom we live and move and have our being.”

Faithfully,

The Reverend Edward O. Miller, Jr.

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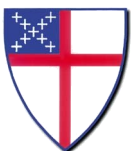
Dear Parishioners and Friends –

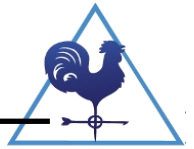
We begin 2019 re-invigorated from a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. We bade farewell to our Rector, Rob Banse, who retired after over 11 years leading our beloved Trinity Church. Our “Good Goodbye” reception on November 30, masterfully organized by the Parish Life committee, gave the Church a chance to say “thank you” in meaningful and fun ways. Reverend Banse presided over a series of joyous services in December as the Church embraced the Christmas season and the bitter sweetness of his anticipated departure. Thank you, Rob – you take our gratitude and many blessings with you.

We now welcome The Reverend Edward O. Miller, former Rector of St. John’s Church in McLean Virginia, as our presiding Interim Rector. His message to the Parish is published above and reflects his inclusiveness, pastoral nature, and his experience leading worshippers through times of change and uncertainty. We share his commitment to continuing Trinity’s welcoming approach to all people and his desire to make the best possible use of the Church’s human and material resources. Rev. Miller will serve as Rector for about a year as we launch a search for a permanent successor to Rev. Banse. During that time, Trinity will remain vital in its activities, its services to parishioners and the larger community, and its work of bringing Christian care and values to people of all ages. Come meet Reverend Miller on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, his first in our pulpit. WELCOME, ED.

An additional transition has already occurred this past Autumn, as the Church selected a new Parish Administrator, Diane “Di” Demaree of Bealeton, Virginia. Di’s tenure began in a rush of activity but as the year closes we find her settling into the job of mastering Trinity’s many activities and supporting the Rector and Vestry. She is succeeding beyond expectations.

The new Vestry held its first Retreat on December 8 in order to allocate responsibilities for various Church ministries among its members and discuss its many tasks and objectives for 2019. Before Advent began, the Church held its traditional Christmas Auction, which was another great success in terms of both funds raised and fun. Thanks go to Louise Crane, Ellen Hall and a dedicated committee for a superb effort. We are already looking forward to next year.





The coming year will be an exciting time at Trinity. The Vestry will consult with Dr. Mary Thorpe of the Diocese of Virginia on January 7, regarding the process of discerning where the Holy Spirit will lead our search for a new Rector.

Looking ahead, this year's Hunt Country Stable Tour will be our 60<sup>th</sup>. Planning has already begun and the Chair, Kat Gemmer, assures us that it will be another tremendous event for visitors and a chance for our parishioners to reach out to our many friends in Northern Virginia, Washington D.C., and beyond.

As Wardens and Vestry Members of Trinity, we extend our very best wishes for the Peace of the Lord in 2019. We urge you to join us in our joyful mission at a wonderful country church.

Wishing you the Blessings of a New Year,

James "Jim" Hoecker  
Senior Warden

Sanford "Sandy" Diday  
Junior Warden

## Endowment Fund Update

### **Trinity's Endowment is Strengthened in Honor of our Rector, Rob Banse**

Trinity Church is deeply grateful for the recent infusion of funds into its Endowment Fund in the form of numerous contributions from members and friends of Trinity Church who have been inspired through the 11 years of dedicated service by our retiring Rector, Rob Banse, and his wife, Janie.

To honor the Bances, Trinity parishioners gave generously to strengthen the Church and ensure a bright future for the congregation as it prepares for new spiritual leadership.

As an indication of the esteem in which the Bances are held, over \$75,000 has been donated to support the Church's future. We express our thanks for all those generous and thoughtful contributions.

Henry Chapman, David Hartley, and the Banse Endowment Committee





According to Wikipedia, Stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world and should take care of it. “In the Christian tradition stewardship refers to the way time, talents and material possessions or wealth are used or given for the service of God.” Each of us must determine how stewardship is best reflected in our own life.

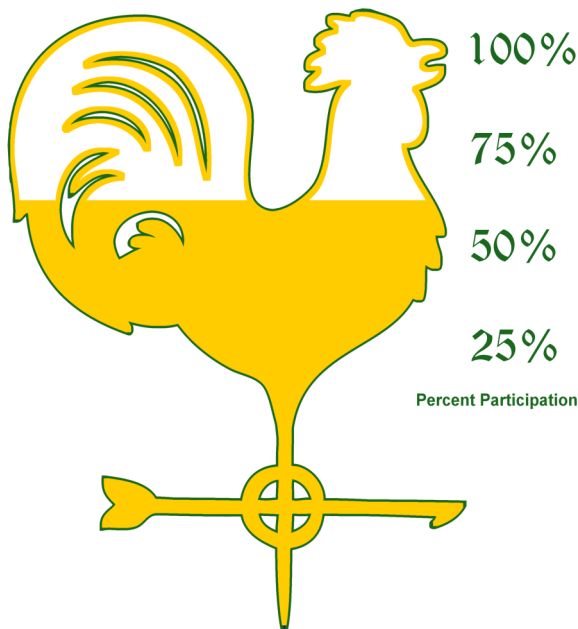
At this time of the year, Trinity’s Vestry is focused on financial stewardship as we look ahead to managing the physical plant and employing the people that make Trinity “possible” for its parishioners and others who rely on or benefit from its presence in the community.

This does not mean that time and talent aren’t important for they provide the human context that dollars alone can lack. In future issues of Genesis I’ll give some examples of my own experience with non-financial stewardship as well as examples from other parishioners that I hope will provide a context and rationale for our current monetary focus.

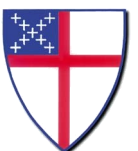
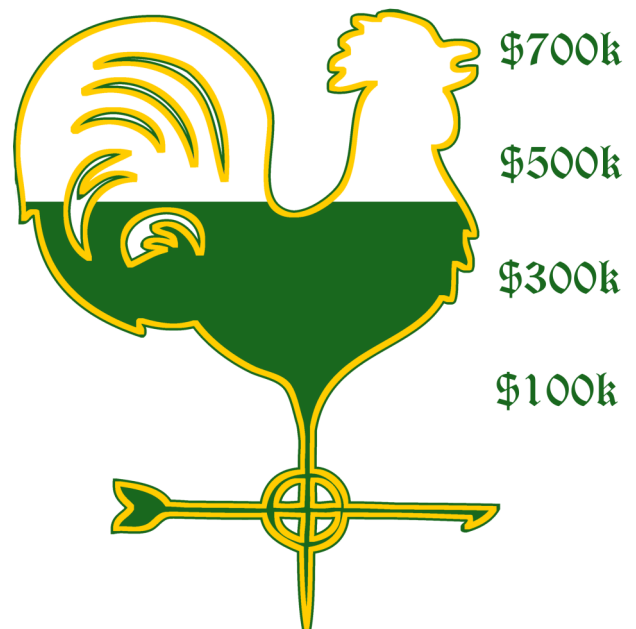
In the meantime, If you haven’t submitted your pledge for 2019, please take a few minutes to do it today. You can fill it out online at by clicking on this link ([www.trinityuppsville.org](http://www.trinityuppsville.org)), or fill out a pledge card located in the back of the church or in the church office. The more information we have the better we can budget for the future needs and ministries of Trinity.

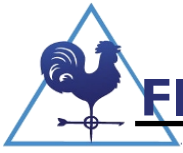
Thank you  
Hurst Groves

## 2019 Stewardship Progress



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**On Sunday mornings we decorate the church with beautiful flowers, given to the glory of God.**

**Often families and/or individuals choose to donate the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary or a special day.**

**The cost is \$135. Please contact Betsy in the church office (540-592-3343 or [betsy@trinityuppperville.org](mailto:betsy@trinityuppperville.org)) if you would like to donate flowers.**



**Currently the following dates are available in 2019:**

**February 3, 24**

**March 3**

**May 26**

**June 16, 23**

**July 7, 28**

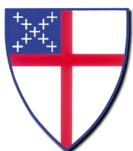
**August 4, 11**

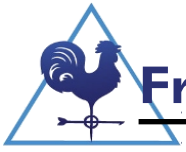
**September 15, 29**

**October 27**

**November 3, 24**

**December 15, 22**





## From the Office Staff

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The church staff would like to thank the Vestry and the congregation for all of the love and support you expressed to us during the Christmas season.

From the Christmas bonuses given to us by the Vestry, to the many gifts and sweets showered upon us by the congregation (most of which we will carry with us on our waists for the months to come), we are grateful for your love and friendship.

It is our privilege to serve the Lord in this place, and with God's people. We wish you all a blessed new year!



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST

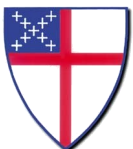
It recently came to the Church's attention that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (Highway Marker Program) has authorized erection of a highway marker recognizing Mary Conover Mellon, who is interred in Trinity's cemetery. That marker is being promoted by one of her descendants. It will be placed this Spring by VDOT in the "vicinity" of the Church, to be determined. To ensure that the historical nature of Trinity itself is at least as prominently recognized, we have used this as an opportunity to request a separate marker to be erected along Route 50 by the state. We would ask for a location in front of the Church. The deadline for approving the final text is January 15 if we want it erected during the Stable Tour.

Although we are able to revise the proposed text of a sign before January 15 to reflect ideas from the congregation (there's also a general 100-word limit), the language which is recommended (despite being 128 words) is currently as follows:

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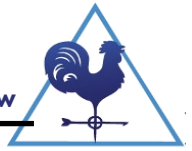
Founded in 1842 and rebuilt for the second time in the 1950s, the architecture of historic Trinity Church was adapted from churches found in the French and Swedish country sides with the guidance of noted philanthropist, avid horticulturist, and art collector Rachel Lambert Mellon (d.2014). Situated on a 35 acre tract, the Church features a rectory and a parish hall built around a central courtyard. Rich in Christian symbolism and reflecting the rural setting, the Church's stained glass, iron work, and the wood and stone carvings were handmade by many of the master craftsmen who worked on the National Cathedral. Among those interred here are its principal benefactor, Paul Mellon, philanthropist and horse breeder, and his father former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon. Visitors are welcome.

Comments may be submitted to Jim Hoecker at [james.hoecker@huschblackwell.com](mailto:james.hoecker@huschblackwell.com)  
Those comments will be relayed to the DHR



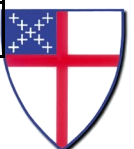
# Serving in February

By Betsy Crenshaw



	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Feb 3 - Walta Warren's Team Feb 10—March 13 Ellen Hall's Team			
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Louisa Crane, Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Melissa Neal Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin	Carolyn Smith, Mary MacDonnell Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Jeanne Hayduk Josefina Hooker	Anne Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell Johanna Jackson Alex Woodson Holly Bimba	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Joan Eliot
<b>Memorial Flowers Given By</b>		Catherine Schiller	Dorsey de Butts	
<b>8:00 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1</b>				
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Cheri Martin	Ellen Hall	Walta Warren	Jeff Millington
<b>Lector</b>	Lewis Martin	Jeff Millington	Greg Ellison	Kelly Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>		Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington	Robert Bonnie John Miller
<b>Healing Ministry</b>	Walta Warren Clyde Lamond			
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				
<b>10:30 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>				
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Arch Randolph Pamela Wynfield	Johanna Jackson Sheryl Mazzatenta	Ginny Fluet Gina Hammond	Barbara Augenblick Ken Knapp
<b>Lector</b>	Margaret Hilliard Joe Fluet	Sandra Markus Becky Hoecker	Barbara Augenblick Bucky Slater	Stephanie Knapp Page Gravely
<b>Ushers</b>	Anne Coyner Jess Diday Sandy Diday	Jim Gemmer Bunny Shick Barbara Augenblick	The Benefield Family	Jim Hoecker Walt Hasser Weston Hasser
<b>Healing Ministers</b>	Ginny Fluet Joe Fluet	Stephanie Knapp Samantha Whitesides	Michael Scholes Melissa Neal	Sheryl Mazzatenta Jerry Eisley
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Sandy Diday	Carolyn Smith	Steve Billingsly	Walt Hasser
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				

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.





**The Diocese of Virginia**  
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The Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff  
Bishops of Virginia

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Di Demaree, *Parish Administrator*  
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Tommy Breeden, *Sexton*  
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**Class of 2019**  
Sanford Diday, Jim Hoecker,  
Elisabeth Troye Plaskitt, Martha Williamson  
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Johanna Jackson, Melissa Neal  
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## The Church Office reopens on Jan 2.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- **January 1:** New Year's Day Church Office Closed
- **January 2:** Church Office resumes regular hours  
9:00am - 4:30pm
- **January 6:** Services at 8am Rite I & 10:30 am Rite II  
Special Coffee Hour after the 10:30  
to welcome The Rev. & Mrs. Ed Miller
- **January 19:** Men's Breakfast - 8am  
Men's Bible Study - 9am
- **January 21:** Church Office Closed  
Vestry Meeting 6:30pm

Articles for the February 2019 issue of "Genesis" are due  
January 22, 2019



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