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**Trinity Leads the Way to Help Others
at the 2015 Sing-a-long**



The 2015 Sing-a-long Organizers

Kay Wilson, Susan Jones, Bev Hunter, Hal Hunter, and Beth Hall

Photographs from the Sing-a-long featured throughout this issue of the Trinity Times.

Benefitting the Rappahannock Food Pantry





Christmas Services

Sunday, Dec. 20

8:00am HE I

9:15am and 11:00am services combined into
10:00am Christmas Pageant and HE II

Thursday, Dec. 24

5:00pm Christmas Eve HE II

11:00pm Christmas Eve HE II

Friday, Dec. 25

10:00am Christmas Day HE II

Sunday, Dec. 27

8:00am HE I

9:15am HE II

11:00am Lessons and Carols

Ten Updates about Your Interim Activities Team

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Your Interim Activities Team is hard at work on your behalf. Here is an overview of our progress to date.



1 The Vestry and Search Committee's initiation – your representatives on the Vestry and Search Committee initially endorsed the process of using such a Team.

2 Your suggestions for members – 41 people's names were submitted by parishioners for consideration to be on this Team.

3 The Vestry's narrowing of the list – the Vestry narrowed the list to 15 people based on their understanding of the desired Team members' criteria.

4 Team members agreed to serve – Ann Baumgardner, Sandra Cartwright Brown, Kathleen Hutcheson, Lori Jones, John Lesinski, and Kim Love accepted the call to work for you on this Team.

5 The Team is representative of the whole parish – the Team members are intentionally representative of the different parish groups by age, services attended, tenures of membership, and of both full-time and part-time residents.

6 They are the primary originators of ideas for activities – as they know the parish and the community far better than I do.

7 I help facilitate their work – based upon my professional training in what is termed "Intentional Interim Ministry."

8 The first activity has been scheduled – for Sunday January 10, 4:00-6:00 pm (with a snow date of January 24 if needed); it will focus upon the topic of "Heritage," looking at ways Trinity's past has left us with legacies in the present.

9 You will help us schedule the second activity – those who attend the January activity will help us choose the preferred day and time for the February activity, which will focus upon the topic of "Mission and Values."

10 Activities will continue monthly through May – the remainder of the activities will focus upon these topics: "Leadership," "Connections," and "Future."

Please talk to me or to any of the Team members if you would like to know more about our work.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Queen

Notes from Your Senior Warden

by Harold Beebout

Your vestry met on November 8th and conducted the following business before meeting briefly with Bishop Gulick.

Discussed the approximately \$30,000 shortfall as of the end of October in our pledge income with our Treasurer, Greg. We will keep the congregation fully informed with the hope that much of it will be made up, but in the meantime the vestry voted to withhold expenditures where possible including outreach committee funds, diocese support and non-emergency maintenance.

Bill, our Interim Rector, had taken a look at attendance figures and reported our attendance was slightly lower than a year ago if we exclude special services; an average Sunday attendance of 93 versus 96 last year.

Carolyn, our Junior Warden, reported the renovation of the rectory is going well with new windows and cabinets installed and the floors currently being refinished. Most work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Noel, who is leading the upcoming parish hall renovation, reported he would be consulting with the architect and reviewing the plans with the congregation in preparation for starting work in the new year.

The vestry approved my recommendation to modify the schedule for electing its senior and junior wardens so that the election would take place at the July meeting rather than at the annual August vestry planning retreat. That gives the wardens a month to work with the Rector on the agenda and plans for the retreat. The annual congregational meeting to elect new vestry members would continue to be held in May.



Trinity's Boy Scout Troop

by Mike Del Grosso

8 Boy Scouts and 4 Cub Scouts from Rappahannock County toured the Naval Academy and attended a football game at Navy/Marine Corps Memorial Stadium where Navy beat SMU 55 to 14. The Boy Scouts from Troop 36 camped at Camp Barrett in Annapolis with other troops from around the area and the Cub Scouts from Pack 123 joined us for the day. We were toured around the Academy by Midshipman 1st Class Alina Sanders (a physics major) who, upon graduation in the spring, will be commissioned an Ensign in the Navy and will be trained as a submarine officer. She was a terrific tour guide and took us all over the Academy where she showed us many prominent landmarks such as Bancroft Hall, Lejeune Hall, The Chapel, Tecumseh, Bill the Goat, and many others. She also shared many interesting stories from her 3 plus years at the Naval Academy. We will miss her next year. The weather was a little on the "chilly" side but we were all prepared and had a great time on this trip.

Link for more photographs of the Scouts visit to the Naval Academy: <https://goo.gl/photos/S3BmGzUqTBZniZVP8>



Search/Vestry/Administrative Assistant Bio

The only person who fills all of the roles is:

Juliet Del Grosso (pictured on the right at the Naval Academy)



I grew up in Virginia Beach, VA, the daughter of a career Navy pilot. I spent two years at Ferrum College and then graduated from Radford University with a BS in Nursing. I met my husband in college, and we married halfway through, living in Blacksburg while he studied at VA TECH. Upon graduating, my husband was commissioned in the Marine Corps, and we embarked on the first of many moves with the military. We lived in VA, HI and CA before returning to settle down in Rappahannock County. I had been raised Baptist, was married in a Methodist church, and found Trinity and the Episcopal church upon moving to Rappahannock. Our two sons attend public school here and are very active in Boy Scouts at Trinity. My career as an RN was spent working in Family Practice and with mass immunization projects. I enjoyed working with patients, but felt a calling to accept the job as Administrative Assistant here at Trinity and have not regretted it for a moment. I enjoy working closely with the wonderful people of Trinity and take very seriously my roles of serving them both on the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Haiti Update

by Russ Collins

A group, including Mary Frances Le Mat and Russ Collins from Trinity, returned from a Region 13 mission to Haiti on November 11th. All is going well at the St. Marc School and with the Goat and Micro-finance programs supported by members of Trinity.

The Trade School:

We met with Valanda Decime, the new principal of the Trade School, and Thamare Fontus, the new Administrator for the St. Marc Schools and were impressed by their interest in helping the school continue to improve. We also met with the new Tailoring Teacher who is funded by a member of Trinity. He is a seminary student, and his class has been well received with over 17 students. We delivered badly needed supplies for the school including two new laptop computers (donated by the Bethel Computer Project in Warrenton) and a suitcase of supplies for the cooking, sewing, tailoring and embroidery classes. During our visit we learned that only one sewing machine was working as the old sewing machines we found at the school in 2012 have become unrepairable. Thanks to contributions from members of Trinity and Leeds Church, we were able to leave funds for the purchase of 4 used sewing machines for the Tailoring and Sewing classes and a second stove for use of the Cooking Class.

New Toilet Completed:

Construction for the new outdoor toilet funded by Trinity and a Mustard Seed Grant from our Diocese is complete, and the toilet is being used by the students and staff.

Goats and Micro-Loans- and Laying Hens:

We met with Voices and Actions, our Haitian partners for Trinity's Goat and Micro-finance programs. The Trouin micro-loan program continues its steady growth with 21 participants. The Trade School Graduate micro-loan program has not been as successful, with 8 of 12 loans repaid over the past year. We will explore adding some business training to the Trade School to assist students to better themselves after graduation.

We were able to visit some of the goats which families gave back to the goat program as a result of the breeding efforts and which were being prepared for distribution to new families. As of November 8th, 87 female and 4 male goats are being managed within the program. Additional goats will be purchased and distributed later this month.

Next Trip to Haiti:

Henry Stribling, an experienced Youth Counselor and missionary to Haiti from St. James Church, Leesburg, will lead a youth-teenage mission to St. Marc, February 11 – 15th. If interested, contact Russ at russcoll@comcast.net.



Spots on Target with the Rectory

by Spots Williams

- painting is nearly complete: roof, exterior trim, interior walls, part of basement
- new gutters and downspouts have been installed, antennas have been removed
- new windows are installed upstairs, basement windows are being installed
- french door will go in this week
- kitchen cabinets and master bathroom vanity are all installed
- floors are being sanded and refinished
- fireplace will be restored next week
- plumbing and electrical fixtures will be installed next week
- entry walkway has been removed and temporarily replaced with gravel

We expect the project to be completed before the end of this year.

Your humble servant,

Spots



WomanKind 2016 – Cultivating Compassion: For the saint, the sinner and the self

Every two years, the women of St. James' Episcopal Church in Richmond host WomanKind, a gathering of women for learning, growing and worship. This coming year, WomanKind will be held Friday evening and Saturday the 26th and 27th of February. Friday evening starts with a reception (served by the men of St. James') followed by the keynote speaker. This year the keynote speaker will be Nadia Bolz-Weber, founding pastor of House of All Sinners and Saints (Lutheran) in Denver, and author of Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People, the book the Trinity women's group is currently reading. The Saturday session starts with breakfast followed by a hymn sing then a discussion with Nadia Bolz-Weber. That is followed by your choice of workshops, lunch, and another workshop. The gathering ends on Saturday afternoon with a woman-led Eucharist. It's a very moving experience to worship with several hundred sisters in Christ. We're hoping to get a group from Trinity to go to WomanKind. The website where you can find out more and register for WomanKind is www.womankindrichmond.com, and the Facebook page can be found under WomanKind Richmond. If you plan to go or have any questions, please contact Lynn Ellen Queen.



New Co-Chairmen of the Trinity Flower Guild

Judy Segaar and Cindy Williams



The Bishop Visits Trinity

by Helen Williams

Bishop Ted Gulik came to Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 8. He walked down the aisle to start the 3 PM service, carrying his shepherd's crook, and dressed resplendently in red vestments with ruffles. He thanked the congregation for coming to a service at the strange hour of 3 in the afternoon. He sang each hymn with gusto, received three new members into our congregation, Loretta Brazill, Robert Kramer and Pat Snyder, although all three were well known to us for their hard work over many years.

He told personal stories, had us laughing over the Book of Ruth (which was the Old Testament reading), sympathized with us over the task of finding a new rector, assured us that WE were the church, was sympathetic to our tasks of refitting the rectory, updating the parish hall, and keeping the church open for the use of all its members. At the end of the service, he asked Bill Queen, "Is there a party?" and when hearing that there was (thank you, Amo Merritt and Beth Hall and others), asked everyone to attend so he could talk to them, and they could ask questions. Beforehand, the Bishop met with the vestry and instructed the three new members on their part in the service.

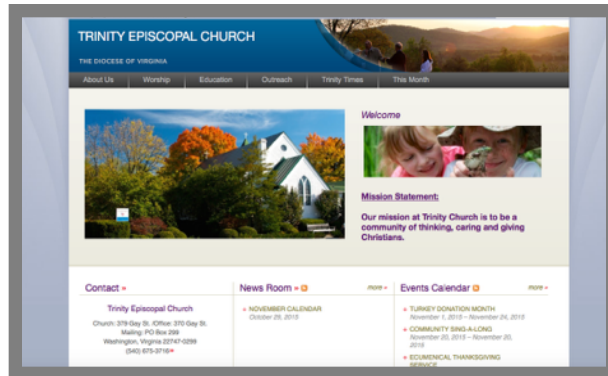
He asked for no special altar linens in his honor, and, instead of taking the collection for his discretionary fund, left it for Trinity.

All in all, a good visit, and one that seemed to leave everyone happy to have been there.



Why Blue for Advent?

For the four weeks of Advent you will see the liturgical color of Sarum blue used in the church. In centuries past, Advent was treated as a fully penitential season, much like Lent, and the liturgical color of purple was used. In more recent times, the focus of Advent has shifted towards one more of expectation of the arrival of Jesus than that of penitence. It has also seen a greater recognition of the role of Mary in the lead-up to Christmas. The use of the Sarum (associated with Salisbury Cathedral, England) blue color helps highlight these different emphases.



USING TRINWASH.ORG

This is the first in a series of articles on using Trinity's website.

The Trinity website is designed to assist parishioners with worship and church life. For maximum utilization of this article you should read it with your computer in front of you. So type in www.trinwash.org, and let's get started.

Now bookmark this site and place it on your toolbar. You should be accessing the website once or twice a week. You are now on the HOMEPAGE. Looking from left to right you see CONTACT the church addresses and phone number. In the center of the page is NEWS ROOM and under that is DECEMBER CALENDAR, where you will see the happenings that occur each week and each month. Then finally on the left is EVENTS. This is where special programs are listed. Click on each to read the details.

Now onto the top of the page. Each is a webpage of their own; ABOUT US, WORSHIP, EDUCATION, OUTREACH, THE TRINITY TIMES, THIS MONTH. Click on WORSHIP. The main part of this page is a listing of Trinity's worship services. Now notice the left column. Click on SERMONS. Here you will find all the sermons delivered by the Reverend William Queen, Jr. and the Reverend Canon John Kilgore. Click on each to read. Then on to the ROSTER. It is the listing of who is doing what during worship services. It is usually posted in two formats.

LITURGICAL READINGS takes you to the official Episcopal Church webpage. Click on the left Revised Common Lectionary link to reach the liturgical calendar, then click on an individual date to see/read all the reading for that date/Sunday. You can print them out. Juliet no longer has to send them to the readers. Finally, there is a link to the BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER formatted for the computer.

Next month we'll explore more of the website, EDUCATION and EVENTS.

240th Marine Birthday Celebration



The youngest Marine presenting the first piece of cake to the oldest Marine.





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

9:15 AM-Family/Contemporary

11:00 AM-Rite II