



Trinity Times



Installment of H. Miller Hunter, Jr. as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church

6 PM, Wednesday, February 1, 2017



The people of Trinity Episcopal Church
in the town of Washington, VA

joyfully request your prayers and presence at
our **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY** with

The Rev. H. Miller Hunter, Jr
as Rector

and the **DEDICATION of our refurbished Parish Hall**

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017 at 6:00pm

The Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston,
presiding

Reception to follow

379 Gay Street
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The Rambling Rector

After ordination in 1988, Dr John Yow served as my first Senior Warden. A faithful and committed leader, John insisted I come to his office for a long delayed physical. At the end of the examination, as I struggled to pay the office visit charge, John gave me instead a huge pile of books by the noted author and Presbyterian minister, Frederick Buechner.

Buechner became the formative figure in my first years of preaching. I loved the clarity of his prose, his subtle sense of humor, and his ability to cut to the very essence of life.



Buechner taught me many valuable truths: the uniqueness of every human life, the value of exploring our own stories, and above all else the great truth that it is in the ordinary aspects of life we most often discover the holy.

After the excitement of Christmas, in this more ordinary time, take time to look around. Observe in the starkness of the winter landscape the beauty of nature, as you sit by the fire embrace time for reflection, and every day this winter find a way to discover anew the great truth that it is in the ordinary we so often discover what is Holy.

Best,
Miller



Meditation Corner

The Road of Life



At first, I saw God as my observer,
 my judge,
 keeping track of the things I did wrong,
 so as to know whether I merited heaven
 or hell when I die.
 He was out there sort of like a president.
 I recognized His picture when I saw it,
 but I really didn't know Him.
 But later on
 when I met Christ,
 it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride,
 but it was a tandem bike,
 and I noticed that Christ
 was in the back helping me pedal.
 I don't know just when it was
 that He suggested we change places,
 but life has not been the same since.
 When I had control,
 I knew the way.
 It was rather boring,
 but predictable . . .
 It was the shortest distance between two points.
 But when He took the lead,
 He knew delightful long cuts,
 up mountains,
 and through rocky places
 at breakneck speeds,
 it was all I could do to hang on!
 Even though it looked like madness,
 He said, "Pedal!"
 I worried and was anxious
 and asked,
 "Where are you taking me?"
 He laughed and didn't answer,
 and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life
 and entered into the adventure.
 And when I'd say, "I'm scared,"
 He'd lean back and touch my hand.
 He took me to people with gifts that I needed,
 gifts of healing,
 acceptance
 and joy.
 They gave me gifts to take on my journey,
 my Lord's and mine.
 And we were off again.
 He said, "Give the gifts away;
 they're extra baggage, too much weight."
 So I did,
 to the people we met,
 and I found that in giving I received,
 and still our burden was light.
 I did not trust Him,
 at first,
 in control of my life.
 I thought He'd wreck it;
 but He knows bike secrets,
 knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners,
 knows how to jump to clear high rocks,
 knows how to fly to shorten scary passages.
 And I am learning to shut up
 and pedal
 in the strangest places,
 and I'm beginning to enjoy the view
 and the cool breeze on my face
 with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.
 And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore,
 He just smiles and says . . . "Pedal."
 -- author unknown
 Copied from Holy Sweat by Tim Hansel
 Used in the Rev. Miller Hunter's sermon on 1/15/17

What to Expect from Trinity's First "Celebration of New Ministry"

The catechism of the Book of Common Prayer (1979) indicates that there are four categories of ministers, beginning with the laity. Baptism is seen as the sacrament that initiates Christians and empowers them for ministry. As articulated by one of the pioneers of renewed appreciation of baptismal ministry: "...there is one ministry of the one body, which is Christ's ministry as exercised through that body. All vocations contribute to the efficacy of that one ministry, expressed in mission. All baptized people – lay and ordained – participate in it according to the gifts given them." (Stewart C. Zabriskie, *Total Ministry*. 1995: Alban Institute, page 7) Hence, pastoral leadership and oversight both spring from and need to be celebrated within the community of the baptized.

From a baptismal-ministry frame of reference, the rite entitled **"A Celebration of New Ministry"** in the Book of Common Prayer focuses almost entirely upon the priest, with little recognition of the ongoing ministry of the congregation. Since the development of that rite, the imbalance has been noted and further attention has been paid by the Church to naming and celebrating the role of all the baptized.



The rite which follows, entitled "The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector or Other Pastor," incarnates mutuality among the ministers of the Church. By setting ordained leadership within the context of baptism, and commending a variety of gifts, this liturgy serves as an alternative to its predecessor, with the caveat that its differences from 1979 are intentional. "Blending" portions of the two liturgies is discouraged. Instead, adapting the rite to the requirements of architecture, culture, language, personnel and other resources of the congregation is expected. Rubrics within the rite offer suggestions and options.

The presence of the Bishop is assumed throughout, although a representative may function in that capacity. The Bishop's presence brings together the elements of mutuality and continuity. A rubric directs that "The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering," providing an opportunity for education and encouragement. It is the Bishop's prerogative to preside at the font and the table.

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/enriching-our-worship-4/enrichingourworship4.pdf>

Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

The 2017 budget was approved. There is a nice increase in pledges over the pledges from last year. The youth group is planning a ski trip in February. Bishop Shannon will be here on February 1 at 6 pm to perform the installation of Miller Hunter as rector of Trinity. A reception and dedication of the Parish Hall will follow the installation. We have never had an installation at Trinity, so this is a very important event! Please plan to attend.



Outreach

by Kay Wilson

The King's Children's Home, Eastern Cape, South Africa

The Kings Home provides a safe haven for babies and young children who are the victims of abandonment, abuse, and neglect. Some babies have been found abandoned behind bushes, some inside garbage bags left on the side of the road, some have been left on doorsteps, or sometimes, handed in by family members who are unable to care for them. Many of the babies are from prostitutes, or have been affected by drugs, alcohol, abuse. All have come from poverty. The goal is to have each baby adopted into a loving and permanent home.



After receiving a baby from the police for safe keeping, and having three biological children of their own, Tracy and Jonathan King went on to adopt five little abandoned black babies into their family. Subsequently, they converted their garage into a safe haven for another 12 babies, then they procured and converted a ship container to increase the safe haven capacity to 24. But, thousands of babies in the Eastern Cape are in dire straits, so Tracy's vision always is to expand and help more babies.



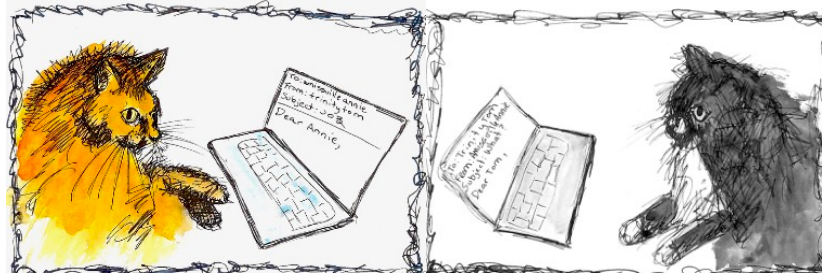
In March 2016, Trinity and Rappahannock friends sent out \$4050. This helped towards the acquisition, alteration, and refurbishment of four ship containers-to make a kitchen/laundry; a classroom; a special needs container for helping babies with medical needs such as cerebral palsy, HIV, hydrocephalus, colostomy bags; and an additional dormitory for 12 more babies.

The needs are infinite--cribs, linen, educational materials, milk bottles, diapers, laundry supplies, kitchen supplies, staff salaries--even tanks to help the Kings Home become self sufficient with water.

WILL YOU HELP THESE INNOCENT LITTLE BABIES?

Tax deductible checks may be made payable to "Trinity Outreach" with a notation of "African Babies". Send the checks to Trinity, P.O. Box 299, Washington VA 22747. Or--hand your check to Kay Wilson.

A cats-eye-view of Trinity: Introducing a tomcat and his email buddy



Trinity Tom & Amissville Annie

Tom: Annie, someone named THE BISHOP is after me. An important looking dude with a pointed hat came in with the rector to case the sanctuary. While the two of them were exchanging informational cues, I spotted some long stick with a crook on the end. I just know that crook is destined for my neck and my plan is to separate it from this dude they call THE BISHOP. I even tried nudging it inch by inch behind the flagpole, but after it fell to the ground with a loud clang, I sneaked under THE BISHOP's skirt. I thought I was hidden, but someone spotted my tail. I put on my low-to-the-ground espionage maneuver to race across the street. I'm now back at Trinity House and I need your help. A diversion is needed. I was almost caught.

Annie: I knew you'd mess up this cushy job as the church's super secret mouser. You must be hallucinating. It's Wednesday, February 1. No one should be around the church tonight.

Tom: Listen, those aisle candles are attached to the pews, those cloth things that hang down from the altar and pulpit are white, and folks in the newly refurbished Parish Hall are scurrying about like mice at a cheese convention. Heavy duty clues.

Annie: See what you can find in Juliet's papers.

Tom: Ah, here's something. It's some flyer for an Installation for New Ministry. It's for Miller Hunter, and it says Shannon Johnston, the bishop of the Diocese of VA, will install the Reverend Hunter as rector of Trinity. What a perfect diversion. After something this big and important, THE BISHOP is bound to forget an alley cat's tail.

Annie: So, this Miller Hunter guy still has no idea you were hired by Juliet?

Tom: Nope. He's a nice guy with a major problem. He's allergic to cats. He's having allergic reactions to me and he's clueless to the fact that I'm around, much less lounging around in the parlor. The more he scratches, the more I laugh.

Annie: You haven't changed. I still can't believe a church would hire you. You're not religious. You're pompous and a bully. You get into brawls. You lie, cheat, and steal. You're a mean ole cuss. With you around, those Trinity people need a lot of prayers.

Tom: Yeah, whatever. Regardless, you need to help with our diversion. Remember, it's at 6 pm. After the installation for the rector, there's a fun reception and dedication in the Parish Hall.

Annie: It's dark and cold, but I'll come for the unsuspecting rector...and for you.



Do You Know?

Founders of Cerulean

Performing LIVE in the Parish Hall

Friday, January 27, 6-8 pm

Band Members:

Anthony Del Grosso, Philip Wyatt, Ben Giles, Gabe Hernandez

Special February Happenings

Wed, Feb 1 6:00pm Bishop's Visit & Celebration of New Ministry, Sanctuary
Dedication of Parish Hall & reception immediately following service

Sat, Feb 4 5:00pm Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet, Parish Hall

Sun, Feb 5 Boy Scout Sunday -
Scouts & Families invited to the 9:15 service and a Scout presentation during coffee hour

Mon, Feb 20 Church Office Closed for President's Day

Tue, Feb 21 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Chapman Room

Weekly Activities:

Sundays	9:00am Choir Practice, Choir Room, All are Welcome! 10:00am Sunday School: - Children K-5th Grade meet in Parish Hall Basement - Middle & High School Teens meet in Parish Hall Basement - Adults meet in Trinity House Chapman Room
Mondays	8:15am Aerobics, Parish Hall 4:30pm Yoga, Parish Hall 6:30pm Bible Study, Chapman Room
Tuesdays	8:00am Wardens Meeting, Chapman Room
Wednesdays	9:30am Holy Eucharist & Bible Study, Parish Hall
Thursdays	9:30am Yoga, Parish Hall 8:30pm AA, Parish Hall
Fridays	8:15am Aerobics, Parish Hall 9:30am Education for Ministry (EfM), Chapman Room



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Hours of Worship
Sundays
8:00 AM-Rite I
9:15 AM-Family/Contemporary 11:00 AM-Rite II