



# Trinity Times





# The Rambling Rector

by Miller Hunter



Dear friends,

After the excitement of Christmas, the season of Epiphany often seems uneventful. But remember that the three kings really belong to the season of Epiphany and the baptism of Jesus is celebrated in Epiphany. Suddenly what had at first seemed pedestrian and uneventful is filled with deep meaning and significance. In addition, there is the anticipation of a New Year filled with hope and possibilities.

As we begin this new year, I look forward to all that we will accomplish together. I am especially excited about our expanding local outreach ministry in Rappahannock and our developing music ministry under the leadership of Jan-Piet and Lorraine. A focus in 2018 will be expanding our ministry to youth and children.

I also know that there will be surprises and opportunities in 2018 that we can't begin to anticipate.....perhaps new ways to serve and witness the power of God's love and mercy.

Looking forward to the journey we will share in 2018!

Best,  
Miller





# Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing



- The Trinity Women (ECW) presented a check for \$6500 to the Food Pantry Back Pack program. These funds were raised at a special Harvest Dinner in the parish hall.
- The plate collection at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service of over \$700 was donated to the Food Pantry.
- Your vestry is exploring ways to get our youth members more involved in the church. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass them along to any vestry member. We will be exploring the possibility of a children's choir.
- Trinity will make the final contribution to the Outreach Committee so they can honor their 2017 commitments.
- Thank you to everyone who has sent in their 2018 pledge cards. We are finalizing our 2018 budget. If you have not sent in your pledge, please do so as soon as you can. Pledge cards are available at the church office.
- Please make sure all lights are off and the doors are closed firmly and locked if you are the last person to leave the parish hall. Also make sure you bag trash and place it in the trash containers in back of the parish hall. Loose trash in the trash cans has to be removed by hand and this is not pleasant!



## Outreach

by Kay Wilson



### Crisis at Christmas

At the end of November, the Kings Children's Home in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, was providing safe shelter for 41 abandoned and abused babies. The photo below shows most of the babies with their nannies, along with Tracy King and her assistant, Kerry. Christmas is a time of crisis, so the first week in December alone saw another five babies brought in by the police, for protection.

As reported previously, the babies have been found abandoned behind bushes or inside garbage bags left on the side of the road, some have been left on doorsteps, some handed in by family members who are unable to care for them. Many of the babies are from prostitutes, affected by drugs, alcohol, abuse. All come from poverty.

The Kings Home is a safe haven. Besides food and clothing, love, nurturing, and medical care is provided. The goal is to have the babies adopted while they are still desirable, but in the meantime, a pre-school has been established for toddlers, and a young teacher has been mentored.

With no assistance from government agencies, our help is needed. After placement for adoption, the biggest challenge for the Kings is for funding. In April of 2017, we sent out \$4900, of which \$500 came from Trinity Outreach, \$1000 from Trinity Women (ECW) and \$3400 from individuals - parishioners and members of the Rappahannock community. This provided rafters for the new quadrangle shelter for play and dining and protection from the sub-tropical sun, refurbishment of the new ship containers for an additional dormitory for the babies, a kitchen, and the preschool.

**FUNDING IS NEEDED NOW** to complete the roof over the shelter; two water tanks to enable self sufficiency in water, and for maintenance of the original ship container which is a dormitory for twelve babies.  
**WILL YOU HELP THESE INNOCENT LITTLE BABIES?**

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







Many thanks for supporting Venture Crew 36 at their Christmas Parade table. They had a great time selling lots of yummys including peppermint cheesecake and fudge!













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Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Quiet Service Rite I

9:15 am Breakfast

9:45 am Christian Education

10:30 am Traditional Service Rite II