

Trinity Times



Woo Hoo! An Elevator!

Come take a ride with Miller & Noel.

Parish Hall Report—It's Finished!



Parish Hall



Sacristy



Kitchen

Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

- The vestry elected Kees Dutilh as our new treasurer.
- The preliminary 2017 budget was distributed to the vestry members for review. It will be voted on at our January meeting.
- The Parish Hall will be completed after the final sealer coat is applied to the floor. We anticipate moving back in after Christmas.
- A resolution was passed involving the monthly value of the rectory for Miller Hunter's tax return.



The Rambling Rector

The final scene of the final episode of *Downton Abbey* occurred on New Year's Eve. This scene focused on a conversation between the Dowager Lady Grantham and her cousin Isobel Crawley. As they toasted the New Year, these two beloved characters from that wonderful drama which provided Sunday evening entertainment for many of us for over six years, remained firmly in character. As long time viewers of this Masterpiece classic had come to expect, Isobel toasted going forward to the future, not the past. The expected retort of the dowager was naturally, "if we only had the choice."



As we begin this New Year together, I too look forward to the future and all that we will accomplish together. But as we journey together toward the future, we do so mindful of the rich history of our parish and the firm foundations on which we build.

On Wednesday, February 1, Bishop Shannon Johnson will be with us to officially install me as your Rector, dedicate our newly renovated Parish Hall, and in general celebrate our new ministry at Trinity. I very much hope that you'll plan to be present that evening. We have much to celebrate.

Best,
Miller

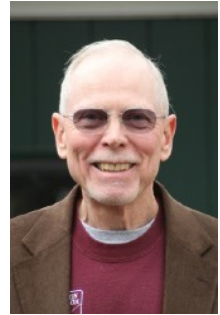


Outreach Update

by Russ Collins

Summary of 2016 Expenditures

Recognizing that everyone is our neighbor, Trinity continued to support those in need in both our local and international communities. While the majority of the portion of Trinity's "treasure" was used to help international mission, this was balanced by the vast majority of "volunteer time" contributed to our local community in support of the Food Pantry, Back Pack Program, Mentoring, the Book Barn and Library, Fire and Rescue, and others.



In 2016, \$9,500 in Vestry approved Outreach funds were expended as follows:

- Congregation of the Good Shepherd, China: \$1,000
- Region 13 St. Marc Haitian Trade School: \$4,800
- King Family Children's Home, South Africa: \$500
- Guilgal Center (orphanage), Burundi: \$500
- Rappahannock Senior Center Gifts: \$300
- Dept. of Social Services CARE Program: \$500
- Women's Education Center, Nahalin, Palestine: \$500
- Vacation Bible School: \$400
- Habitat for Humanity: \$1,000 to be carried forward into 2017 for the Huntly House

Directed contributions from Trinity members and the local community allowed us to provide an additional \$17,000 for economic development and hurricane relief in Haiti, and an additional \$3,950 to care for orphans at the King Family Children's Home in South Africa

Your Outreach Committee meets again on Tuesday, January 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapman Room to plan 2017 projects. Everyone is invited.



Do You Know?

- **Trinity has 4 Epiphany babies. All born on January 6th—**

Noel Laing, Dick Reidinger, Jane Kane, & Finn MacPherson

► *Read about Epiphany on page 11.*

- **Reagan Ellis**



Reagan Ellis, age 10 and a 5th grader at St. James Episcopal School, had a letter to the editor published in the Fauquier Times in the December 7-13, 2016 edition.

- **Julia Estes**

Estes: Player of the Year, and more

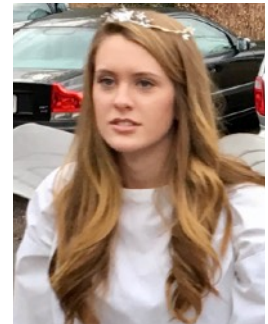
Rappahannock County High School's Julia Estes, the all-time kills leader for the school's 1A state championship volleyball team, and chosen last week as Player of the Year by the Virginia High School League, is also the winner of the 12th annual Student Athlete Achievement Award.

Estes was nominated for the student athlete award, sponsored by the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth, earlier this fall. The award honors student athletes who are "dedicated on the field to their sport and off the field to their community." Nominated for their athletic accomplishments as well as their contributions to the community, these student athletes represent all that is good about high school athletics.

Out of a large pool of students nominated from across the state, Estes was selected as one of the eight female finalists and, with her family, attended the awards banquet and presentation this Sunday (Dec. 4). When the awards were presented, Julia was named as a winner of the Student Athlete Achievement Award and her selection will be featured in a display at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in January and February.

In her selection as state 1A player of the year, senior outside hitter Estes got the most votes among nine state first team players (as voted by region coaches). The girls' coach, Courtney Atkins, took the Panthers to the regional semifinals last year before this season's perfect 27-0 record brought the state championship trophy to Rappahannock County.

Estes is currently a starting forward for the RCHS varsity girls basketball team. Congratulations to Julia and her parents on another outstanding achievement.



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Members of Trinity at the Christmas Parade in Little Washington



Trinity's Boy Scout Troop #36 & Pack 123







The Meditation Corner



'When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.'
(I Cor. xiii. 10) The idea of reaching 'a good life' without Christ is based on a double error. Firstly, we cannot do it; and secondly, in setting up 'a good life' as our final goal, we have missed the very point of our existence. Morality is a mountain which we cannot climb by our own efforts; and if we could we should only perish in the ice and unbreathable air of the summit, lacking those wings with which the rest of the journey has to be accomplished. For it is *from* there that the real ascent begins. The ropes and axes are 'done away' and the rest is a matter of flying.

C. S. Lewis
excerpted from "Man or Rabbit?"
God in the Dock

Epiphany

Celebrate Epiphany at Trinity at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 6.

January 6 celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ.

Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day.

- The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth.
- The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Although this was part of the original Epiphany celebrations in second century Christian churches in the East, by the fourth century Western churches had largely stopped observing the Holy Baptism in Epiphany celebrations. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer began to reintroduce Jesus’ baptism into this celebration by revising the lectionary readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany to include gospel passages each year about Christ’s baptism. The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord.
- The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ’s first recorded miracle.

Excerpted from www.episcopalchurch.org

Special January Happenings:

Sun., Jan 1 10:00am Christmas Lessons and Carols

Fri., Jan 6 6:00pm Epiphany Service, Sanctuary

Tue., Jan 10 1:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting, Chapman room

Mon., Jan 16 MLK, Jr Day, Church Office Closed





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

9:15 AM-Family/Contemporary 11:00 AM-Rite II