



Trinity Times



The Reverend H. Miller Hunter, Jr. is pictured with his wife, Carol, son, Elliott, daughter, Alexandra at his **Celebration of New Ministry** at Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, VA.

The Celebration of a New Ministry with Confirmation

by a Parishioner

The church cat was right. On February 1st, at 6:00 p.m., the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston came to Trinity church to preside over the official Celebration of a New Ministry of Miller Hunter (which the church has been unofficially celebrating since Miller arrived) and two confirmations. It was one of the few days the bishop would be free this year. The church looked beautiful, song was in the air, and the pews were overflowing with friends and family from Trinity, the diocese, and the community when Bishop Johnston began the service by noting that he and Miller had been ordained together in Alabama in 1988: "And here we are again. It's good to be with you, my brother." Carol Hunter read the lessons and the congregation stood to hear a familiar voice read the gospel. Jenks has not lost his touch. February 1st is one of the important days in the church year for another reason; it is the eve of the Annunciation of Jesus in the Temple. Bishop Johnston spoke movingly of the strong commonality between the two events' spirit of certainty, excitement, and anticipation.

The installation service includes the presentation of symbolic gifts to the new minister: a bible for proclaiming the Word (Susan Laing, Doug Baumgardner, and Juliet Del Grosso), a vessel of water for baptizing (the Rt. Rev. Shannon Sherwood Johnston), a stole or other symbol of the new minister's order (Carol, Alexandra, and Elliott Hunter) a book of prayers (Kees Dutilh, Judy Reidinger, and Ruthie Windsor-Mann), olive oil for healing and reconciliation (Kay Wilson, Danny Wilson, and Kathi Dutilh), the keys to the church (Noel Laing and Carolyn Emerick), the constitution and canons of the church (Cathy Tibbetts), and bread and wine for the eucharist (Loraine Channing, Louise Eastham, and Lois Snead).

After the service, the confirmation of Tom Johnson and Patrick Alther, and much applause, Miller shook every hand as the pews emptied from front to back, while he and the bishop followed slowly up the aisle, and everyone headed for the parish hall—and the magnificent feast in Trinity's best celebratory style that awaited.



Pictured: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston dedicating the Parish Hall. The Rev. Miller Hunter giving directions before the ceremony. The bishop with the clergy, local as well as past clergy affiliated with Trinity

The Rambling Rector

Some greet the season of Lent with dread, while for others it is an anticipated time of renewal and reflection. What is your experience of this season of preparation for Easter?

Frederick Buechner points out that Lent is 40 days and it is thus about a tenth of the calendar year. Buechner goes on to say that we could think of Lent as a sort of tithe of the year. Ten percent of the year set aside to address our relationship with God.



I confess I always welcome this opportunity to reflect on what is most important in my life. How can I deepen my life of prayer? Are there people I need to forgive? How can I become more engaged in a life of service? Am I thankful enough for the gifts in my life and grateful enough for the gifts of others? What do I want to accomplish this year?

Lent is designed to be reflective. It is a time focused on renewal. In the words of the Ash Wednesday liturgy, we are all invited "to the observance of a holy Lent."

Our journey together continues.

Best,
Miller



It's that time of year! Join us for fun, great food and fellowship at Washington Baptist Church. Throughout the Lent season, Trinity joins in community fellowship with other churches for the Ecumenical Lenten Series. This year on Wednesdays from March 8th - April 5th, potluck dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00pm

Please see the list below for the schedule and note that Trinity is assigned to host on March 29th. We would love volunteers to help with this!

Lenten Series 2017

Theme: *Fruits of the Holy Spirit*

Churches and Clergy

Churches Participating	Clergy Participating
Amissville United Methodist	Maxine Crenshaw
Church Without Walls	Bessie Jett
First Baptist	James Kilby
Novum Baptist	Jeff Light
Rappahannock United Methodist Charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flint Hill United Methodist Church • Sperryville United Methodist Church • Willis Chapel United Methodist Church 	Sara Keeling
Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church	Jon Heddleston
Saint Peter Catholic Church	Tuck Grinnell
Trinity Episcopal Church	Miller Hunter
Unitarian Universalists of the Blue Ridge, Sperryville	Russ Savage
Washington Baptist Church	Walt Childress, Gary Aichele, Ellen Mustoe, Jan McKinney

Rotation

Date	Host (Dinner Set-up)	Music*	Music Leader(s)	Speakers	Liturgists
3/8	Washington Baptist/ First Baptist	St. Peter	Kathy Tester	Sara Russ	Walt Miller
3/15	St. Peter	Trinity	Jane Kane	Bessie Jon	James Jeff
3/22	Reynolds	United Methodists	Kitty Lou Day	Jan Tuck	Russ Ellen
3/29	Trinity	WBC/FB	Wendy Aichele	Maxine Miller	Jon Sara
4/5	United Methodist/ Amissville UM	Reynolds	Brian Ross	James Ellen	Walt Tuck

***Hymns will be selected and played with organ and piano by Wendy and Gary Aichele, WBC**

***Special music, choirs, special instruments, will still be provided by church and music leaders as designated**

Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

A committee membership proposal and 2017 budget was submitted by the Outreach Committee and approved by the Vestry.

Work to improve the gardens around the church and the bank on Gay St. has begun. We will be hosting the Historic Garden Week in late April and want our church and grounds looking their best.

The Youth Group will be hosting a ski trip on Feb. 25th leaving Trinity at 7:30. There is still time to sign up. Deadline is 5:00 PM Thursday 23rd.

The Diocese of VA is considering realigning the Regions. We are currently in Region 13 with Fauquier and Loudon Counties. We could be moved to Region 12 which is in the valley. Due to strong leadership from Trinity in Region 13 for many years, we would prefer to remain in Region 13. Cady Soukup is president and Russ Collins is treasurer. Jenks was Dean for many years. The Vestry approved a \$500.00 budget for the Pastoral Care Team for cards and flowers. Meals will be offered as needed but not paid for with these funds.

Lane industries is granting a parcel of land to Trinity. It is adjacent to the existing cemetery and will about double the size of the current cemetery.

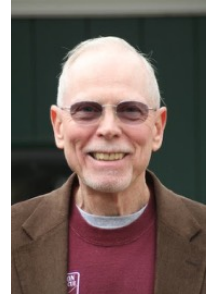


Pictured: The Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston congratulating Noel Laing in his capacity as head of the Parish Hall refurbishment

Outreach Update

by Russ Collins

Next Trip to Haiti is May 1st to 5th. Currently Rev. Hunter, Susan Laing, Mary Frances leMat and Russ are "booked". They will be joined by Russ' daughter from Connecticut and a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Ashburn. There is room for 1 or 2 more. Contact Russ at russcoll@comcast.net if interested.



Outreach Committee Meetings will continue to be open to everyone, but as a step toward a more structured Outreach Program, your Vestry approved an Outreach Committee consisting of: Russ Collins, Judy and Richard Reidinger, Mary Frances leMat, Cole Johnson, Linda Brosgol, Ed Eagar, Susan Laing, Sharon Kilpatrick, Harold Beebout, Beverly Hunter, Carolyn Emetic, Mike Mahoney, Noel Laing and Helen Williams.

Noel will represent the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Helen will represent ECW on the Committee so as to provide closer coordination between Trinity's diverse charitable activities. Similar to our Vestry, the Committee anticipates implementing a system to rotate membership.

Going Forward: your Committee will review ongoing programs to ensure we are having a positive impact on those we are trying to help, and investigate new programs that will reinforce Trinity's commitment to our local community. We'll consider both an increase in gifts and creation of additional opportunities for volunteers to become involved with our neighbors.

Please share any comments or thoughts you have about Trinity's Outreach with a member of the Committee. Thank you for your continued interest and support!



Pictured: Sewing & Flower Arts Class in Haiti

Stewardship Committee Report

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for the response of our parish to this year's stewardship campaign. The number of pledgers for 2017 increased over 2016 and total pledges increased to a degree sufficient to allow the Vestry to triple the size of Trinity's outreach budget. The Committee is thankful for your making the campaign a success and how it will benefit both the parish and Rappahannock Community. The theme of our recent campaign was "walking with Christ". Increased funding for outreach efforts brings and shows Christ's love to those in need in Rappahannock County and is a witness to our Christian love.

Treasurer's Report

Dear Friends,

We very much appreciated your support for our church last year and your pledges for 2017. As you may have noticed, some mistakes were made in the year-end statements we mailed out regarding your tax deductible contributions. In the future, please make sure that you write on the memo line to which account you want us to credit your contribution eg, annual pledge, capital campaign, outreach, etc.

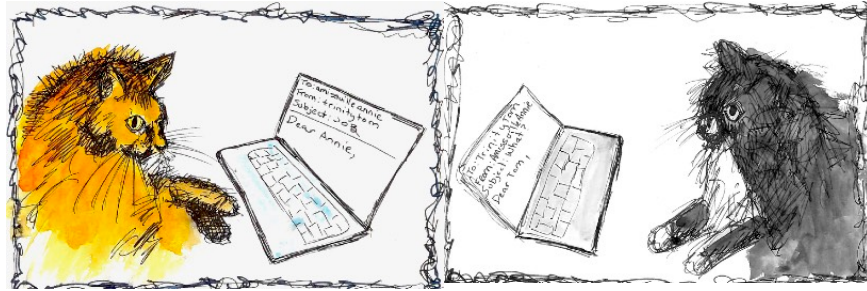
Your Faithful Treasurer,
Kees Dutilh

Sunday, March 12

Girl Scout Sunday

Scouts & Families

9:15 Service & Coffee Hour



Trinity Tom & Amissville Annie

Tom: Hey Annie, I just overheard the most asinine statement at the installation. THE BISHOP said that in his former parish the church cat had a column in the Parish newsletter.

Annie: What? I don't know if I'm more upset with you referring to a statement made by THE BISHOP as asinine or by excitement over the possibility of getting a cat column going at Trinity. I'm wondering. If we had a column, what would we say?

Tom: I guess we could say that Ashes to Go is on March 1. You know, that's the gathering of the clergy near the fountain in Washington. We would have to warn everyone that their foreheads will need washing if they participate.

Annie: That's kind of weird. I'm sure Fuzzy Middleton will be hanging around trying to get people to vote for him for dog catcher. His mayoral campaign went down in flames. You know his campaign headquarters is down the street on that cat sofa near the Rappahannock News. I hear he's even trying to get in with Luna McCaslin to butter up the press. Fuzzy's a kook.

Tom: Well, I'm sure he won't miss the opportunity to attend the Lenten Dinners at Washington Baptist Church. A lot of our friends will be coming, which will make it easy to dodge him. Laddie McIntyre will be bringing his crew. Itty Bitty Snead will come. Lily and Porter Sullivan will be dragging Teddy and Charlie, who won't have a clue.

Annie: I could bring Scuttles & Holly Laing. Holly will behave. I'm not so sure about Scuttles. It's a plus that they will sing the hymns better than their mom. I guess Ella will be coming with Noel & Charlotte. Do you think George Lohre or Grace Lanigan will make it? What are the dates & time?

Tom: Tell your contacts to bring a dish and arrive at 6 pm. They can arrive at 7 pm if they don't want to eat potluck with us. This happens each Wednesday from March 8 until April 5.

Annie: See, if we had a column in the Trinity Times, we could tell everyone all about things like this.

Tom: Who wants to type out a bunch of boring junk? I don't care what you think. I still think the idea of the Trinity Times having a cat column is asinine.

Special March Happenings:

Wed, Mar 1 Ash Wednesday Ashes To Go 11:00am, by the town fountain
Ash Wednesday Service 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Wed, Mar 8 6:00pm Community Lenten Series, Washington Bapt. Church

Sun, March 12 Girl Scout Sunday – Scouts & Families invited to the 9:15 service & coffee hour

Wed, Mar 15 6:00pm Community Lenten Series, Washington Bapt. Church

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

Wed, Mar 22 6:00pm Community Lenten Series, Washington Bapt. Church

Wed, Mar 29 6:00pm Community Lenten Series, Washington Bapt. Church



The first meeting of Women's Fellowship in the newly refurbished Parish Hall



Celebrating Boy Scout Sunday on February 5, 2017





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

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