



TRINITY TIMES



Trinity's House Tour Diamond Jubilee

It's a Wrap

by Helen Williams



Our sixtieth October weekend is now in the history books, a combination of the tried and true with the new and questionable.....The weather was perfect, each house was the favorite of a large group of guests, no one complained about being lost (I think), tea was tasty, evensong thrilling, and the reception a great place to relax, and reflect on a job (once more) well done. In the next few weeks, we will evaluate the effect of our decision to stop doing dried flowers on our budget and our charities. Thanks for all the hard work and worry, all the detailed planning, and all the good wishes from those who could not help this year.....God has blessed us all, Trinity and the entire community.

**Photographs from Trinity's Diamond Jubilee House Tour/Evensong weekend are featured throughout November's Trinity Times.*



The Rambling Rector

Driving around the area in recent days I couldn't help noticing how often the truth is proclaimed right before our eyes. Yesterday in New Market this seasonal greeting was hard to ignore: "Autumn Leaves, Jesus Doesn't." And in Luray the heavily painted truck of the man who professionally performs at area children's birthday parties proclaimed: "Heaven is just like this place only much much better."



Fredrick Buechner teaches that the ordinary events of life have the deep capacity to point toward the holy. Everyday events often remind us of the presence of God. Ordinary occurrences allow us to pause long enough to be reminded of the truth. Look around.....you may be surprised by what you see.

Best,
Miller



Parish Hall Update

by Noel Laing

All wiring, plumbing, HAVC, insulation are in place.

Drywall is up and being finished.

Kitchen plan is complete.

Cabinets and counter tops are on order,

Some minor changes had to be made in the cabinets for the new sacristy. These were reviewed with Loraine and she approved them.

Floor covering will be selected soon.

Final parts of the roof should be done this week.



Vestry Report



- Pledges are behind \$8000. If you can catch up on your own pledge, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Kees Dutilh has agreed to be our new treasurer. Please thank him, and thank Greg for the great service he has provided in this office for many years.
- If you need to contact the Rev. Miller Hunter outside of his office hours, his private telephone number is listed in the Sunday service bulletin.
- Anyone wishing to use the Parish Hall and/or the Sanctuary, must complete the "use of facilities request form." Submit it to the church office for prior vestry approval.
- The Youth Group is looking for new committee members. Please contact Virginia Wyatt or Tom Johnson for more information. This a "happening" group!
- The parish hall has the dry wall up and we are approaching the selection of trim, paint, and floor. We are getting close!! By Thanksgiving!?



Kairos Prison Ministry

by Patty Metcalfe



Twice each year a group of 24 to 30 Kairos volunteers after weeks of prayer and training visit the women of VCCW, Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland, VA. Our mission and ministry is to the brokenhearted women who are searching; we love, listen and listen love. Kairos is a four-day retreat consisting of talks, discussions, singing, praying, crying and mostly experiencing the love of God. At Goochland we generally have 24 residents who participate in the "walk."

One of the most important aspects of the weekend is the cookie ministry. Some of the women confess that they come to the weekend only for the cookies (hundreds of homemade cookies are consumed each day), but they leave with hearts filled with the love of God, forgiveness, hope, acceptance and a new sense of purpose.



Each volunteer is asked to bring 50 dozen homemade cookies that have been lovingly prayed over. That's where our community comes in. If you've ever felt God's call to visit those in prison and are not able to, this is where you can help. Not only are the cookies served during the retreat to the women who are participating, but each of the 500 residents of VCCW and each staff member receives a dozen cookies. One night the participants are asked to take a

dozen cookies to someone that they need to forgive on the compound. Powerful stories are told the next morning.

If you're able to help with this ministry, more information will be provided about the size of the cookies, acceptable ingredients, etc.

Any questions, please call Patty Metcalfe at 675 3897. I will be picking up cookies the morning of November 2.

Additionally, Kairos is one of many groups that put together Christmas bags for the women of VCCW. Toiletry items and stationery gifts are included in the huge project to supply Christmas packages to each of the residents of VCCW. A collection box with lists of the items needed is in the narthex of the church and more information will be forthcoming if you would like to help with this project.

USMC Cake Cutting Ceremony

by Mike Del Grosso

It is customary at Marine Corps Birthday celebrations worldwide to cut a traditional cake in celebration of the birth of our illustrious Corps. The cake-cutting ceremony is important to all Marines, as it is an annual renewal of each Marine's commitment to the Corps and the Corps' commitment to our nation's quest for peace and freedom worldwide.

The birthday cake is traditionally cut with the Mameluke sword, as a reminder that we are a band of warriors, committed to carrying the sword, so that our nation may live in peace. The Mameluke sword gets its name from the cross hilt and ivory grip design, similar to swords used for centuries by Ottoman warriors. The Marine Corps tradition of carrying this sword dates from Lieutenant Presley O'Bannon's assault of Derna, Tripoli in 1805, where he is said to have won the sword of the governor of the city. Presley O'Bannon was born in Fauquier County.



This simple ceremony will take place in combat zones, on ships, bases, and communities around the world, thereby revealing our unity as Marines to all who attend. We are one, Brothers and Sisters who happen to wear or have worn a uniform with a symbol, a symbol of fear and of hope to others, a symbol of strength and fighting spirit, of symbol of unity among brethren, a symbol of patriotism, of freedom and a symbol that if we NEVER give up, NEVER say quit, that all before us can be

overcome. A symbol of liberty. That symbol is the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor that we as Marines earned the hard way. A symbol that has no meaning without the hearts and souls of those behind it who gave so much, who dared us to pick it up and take the challenge they offered. Keep America free.

It is customary to present the first piece of cake to our Guest of Honor.

The second piece of cake is presented to the oldest Marine present who then passes it to the youngest Marine present, symbolizing the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young of our Corps. The oldest Marine then receives the third piece of cake further emphasizing the fact that we care for our young Marines first before we look to our own needs.

Trinity's Pastoral Care Team

by Kay Wilson

Comprised of a few lay persons, Trinity has a Pastoral Care Team which is guided by the Rector, and which assists and complements him in his pastoral work with parishioners, primarily those who are "shut-ins". We also try to help, on an emergency basis before full time arrangements can be made, those who are in need of assistance following a return from hospital or other medical emergency.



Some things which the pastoral care team can offer are:

Home visits. Hospital visits.

Telephone calls.

Transport to medical appointments, church services, the monthly healing service.

Hot meals delivered to the home following a hospital stay.

Short prayer service by a trained lay visitor.

Holy Eucharist provided by trained lay Eucharistic visitors, when requested.

Placement on Trinity Prayer list

Greeting cards.

Delivery of Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias

WE STAND READY TO HELP ---so---if you or a loved one are in need of assistance, please contact:

Kay Wilson (Co-Team Leader)

Email: KayMWilson@gmail.com. (Preferred method of communication)

987-9229

ADDITIONAL PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE SIGN UP!



Habitat for Humanity

by Kees Dutilh

Habitat for Humanity is one of the largest home builders in the United States and has projects around the world.

The house presently under construction in Huntly, VA is only the second Habitat house built in Rappahannock County in the past twenty years. The main reason for this is the high cost of buildable lots, due to our minimum acreage requirement.

As you can see in the pictures the house is well underway. The site has been cleared and an access road has been cut. The crawl space foundation walls have been built by a professional subcontractor and the next step is the framing of the floors, walls and roof.

Those of you who indicated a willingness to volunteer as carpenters or helpers will be contacted soon. For others interested in volunteering, please go to the Habitat Website: faquierhabitat.org, click on the "get involved" to register.

Habitat is still in the process of raising funds and at a recent fundraiser at Griffin Tavern more than \$ 12,000.00 was collected for the Huntly home. As you know Trinity Episcopal Church has also committed funds to landscape the site once the home construction has been completed. At that time – possibly next spring - we may need further donations of native plants and trees, mulch, labor, and possibly, additional funds.

With so many of us interested in landscaping it should be a creative, fun and worthwhile project for both the new home-owners and the members of Trinity and the Garden Club.



Meditation Corner



*"If I pray one thing for you, and for me, it's that we find constantly afresh that we are overwhelmed by the love of God." **Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby** at the New Wine Leadership Conference, 2 March 2016.*

...Our biggest mistake is to confuse church politics talk for God talk. One of the most influential afternoons I've ever spent was with a man called Van Thuan, a Roman Catholic cardinal who had been in prison in Vietnam for 14 years. He was tortured, and led his torturers to Christ. And the guy who is my spiritual director, another Roman Catholic priest, a monk, called Nicolas Buttet and I just listened to their conversation for the afternoon. I didn't say much. And all they talked about was how wonderful God was. They just talked about Jesus. They didn't talk about the church, they didn't talk about how bad the bishop was, they didn't talk about anything except prayer and Jesus. And I can't tell you, you felt that the end of that conversation you had been bathed in light, because your whole soul was being cleaned by hearing two people obsessed with the person of Jesus Christ. He has drawn us into sharing the revelation of those mysteries in our lives that are of him, together as God's people....



There's much talk in our time, in these months, in England and Britain especially, about nations and sovereignty, and there will be many views about that here. But one thing we have in common, whatever our class or nationality or views on Brexit, is that we are participants in God's Kingdom – equal, undivided, we all belong together. Sharers as stewards and servants of his mysteries....

Here is the mystery: we are forgiven and loved.

I still find in myself, and in almost every Christian I meet, that they cannot quite believe that they are loved by God and forgiven – entirely, unconscionably, unfairly, inspiringly. David Ford, the great theologian, retired Professor at Cambridge, in a wonderful book of the densest theology, suddenly, when talking about one aspect of the love of God, bursts out, in a sort of bracket: 'But who cannot be overwhelmed by the love of God?' Well the answer is an awful lot of us. If I pray one thing for you, and for me, it's that we find constantly afresh that we are overwhelmed by the love of God....

But do you know, may I tell you a secret? We've had a strong leader for 2000 years, and today we still have him and he's called Jesus Christ. We don't need any others. He's actually quite sufficient. And by the grace of God he equips the most marvelous leaders. God will supply those for us. Our call is not a quest for great leaders, but a quest to be a holy people. For that is the only way that we win a world more and more lost....

Join us for a *SPOOKY* good time!

Monday evening, October 31st

Our Community Halloween Celebration will take place this year under tents on the Quiet Place lawn beside Trinity House. We will begin serving hotdogs and chips around 6:00pm and we welcome ghosts and ghouls of all ages to stop by!

On the 27th of November and the 4th of December, the first two Sundays of Advent, **Trinity will offer an alternative gift-giving market** in conjunction with the sale of the Kenyan jewelry and carvings. This is an opportunity to honor a loved one by your donation to an outreach program in their name or an actual purchase that will support a favorite cause. Please visit the Parish Hall after all three services to visit the various booths!

Monday Night Adult Education

In November we will be taking a journey to the past both biblically and culturally. Beginning on November 7, we will be watching movies from the 1950's. This idea was sparked by a comment of Prof. Levine's when lecturing on David and Bathsheba. She said she needed to get past the image of Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward. We began reminiscing about all the biblically based movies we had enjoyed in our youth.

Our first movie will be Quo Vadis from 1951 starring Robert Taylor and Deborah Kerr with Peter Ustinov as Nero. If you have not participated before, we would love to have you join us for an hour or so of nostalgia on Monday evenings beginning November 7 at 6:30 in the Chapman Room.





Please note that the Parish Hall is closed for renovation. We are hopeful that it will reopen in mid to late November. Please stay-tuned for changes in location of some of the activities listed below.

Special November Happenings:

Mon, Oct 31 6:00pm Halloween Celebration, Under Tents in Quiet Place
6:30pm Evening Bible Study CANCELED due to Halloween

Sat, Nov 5 9:00am Fall Clean-up Day, Trinity Grounds, volunteers needed

Sun, Nov 6 All Saints Sunday, Holy Eucharist at all 3 services

Thurs, Nov 10 6:00pm USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony, Washington Fire Hall

Tue, Nov 15 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Chapman Room

Thurs, Nov 24 Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, St. Peter's Church TBD

Sun, Nov 27 Alternative Gift-Giving Market & Kenyan Jewelry and Carvings Sale, after worship





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

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