

Trinity Times



Trinity's Harvest Celebrations



Please join us during

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for a roller coaster of fun and festivities to favor good causes!

• House Tour:

Saturday October 21, 11am-5pm

Sunday October 22, Noon-4pm

Cost of House Tour is \$30/three houses or \$15/one house. Three fantastic Rappahannock houses!

Refreshments at the Parish Hall, Saturday 10:00am-2pm and Sunday Noon-2pm.



• Harvest Festival Service:

Featuring renowned organist Ronald Stolk, a small choir of young professional singers, Rappahannock farmers, our 4-H youngsters.

Sunday October 22, 5pm

• Celebration Reception:

To follow the Sunday 10/22 5pm service, in the Parish Hall.

• Exquisite Silk Scarves:

From a painting, "All Things Rappahannock" by Ruthie Windsor-Mann at \$85 for sale before, during, and after the House Tour.

• Raffle Tickets:

Three draw down prizes for Rappahannock Whiskey and Wine; Dinner for two at The Inn; or A Sampler of Rappahannock Products. At \$20/one, or \$100/six tickets, and winners need not be present when the prize tickets are drawn at the **Harvest Dinner** on 11/11/2017.

The Rambling Rector

by the Reverend H. Miller Hunter, Jr.



Rappahannock is special in every season, but perhaps there is no more beautiful time here than the fall of the year. It is also, I learned last year, one of the busiest times of the year.

This year I particularly invite you to support the projects the ECW has planned for October and November. First, it wouldn't be October without the annual House Tour. Details about this year's tour are elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Sunday evening, October 22, a Harvest Festival Service based on a similar service held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square in London last year will take place at 5:00pm in the church. Ronald Stolk will lead the music and members of the farm community will be present as we celebrate the bounty of the season.

These new ECW projects will be launched this fall: the sale of a beautiful scarf based on a painting by Ruthie Windsor-Mann entitled "All Things Rappahannock" and a festive dinner to benefit the Rappahannock Food Pantry's Backpack Program will be held on November 11 in the Parish Hall.

All of the proceeds from these many projects will benefit the ECW's ongoing outreach projects. Please be generous in your support.

Best,
Miller



Finally Together!

Trinity's 2017 House Tour



Windstone Ridge, built in the early 1900's, sits on a prominent knoll near Flint Hill. The present owners were very attracted to the house during their yearly trips to the Blue Ridge — through Rappahannock County — on their way to and from the mountains. When they saw that this attractive house was for sale, they quickly purchased it. Distinguished by a wrap-around porch, the house, at the time of purchase, had its original woodwork and paint. Over the last few years, the owners have done careful renovations, restoring the beautiful oak woodwork, and adding a well-blended addition to the rear of the home. The most recent project has been an extensive stone terrace beautifully gracing the north side of the house. The house's structural history has been retained — along with the ghost of a previous owner. Explore this striking home to view the beauty of a restoration tastefully and lovingly executed.



The **Willis House**, sitting sedately in its place on one of Sperryville's main streets, is the very picture of a proper Victorian. The formal entrance, wrought iron gates, symmetric windows and plantings, all conjure up the formality of long ago. Inside, it is obvious that two structures have been made into one, and the decor and furnishings show the marriage of two styles - one of a long, long history of old families in Rappahannock County, and the other the story of lives lived in service to the United States, all over the world. From the parlor to the remarkable new kitchen and great room, and upstairs to the guest rooms ready for family and friends, the Willis house is a testimony to the love of family, and the family's wider role in the history of a town, and of a country. In back, an intimate garden and pool offer a serene view and a place to savor the day.



Rock Run Farm is a modern masterpiece of architectural and landscape design. Deliberately diverse structures have been united with a red hued stone courtyard and fountain, bluestone pathways, fieldstone walls, pergolas, and a mixture of native and cultivated plantings. Nestled high on a hillside near Woodville, the cluster of buildings is evocative of a small European village. Natural light floods through massive windows which also provide panoramic views of fields, distant mountains, and the owner's farm animals. Interior and exterior spaces blend seamlessly, providing both sheltered nooks and open spaces for entertaining. Interior unity is achieved with such themes as massive wood beams and stain glass windows repeated in different rooms. Everywhere, thought has been given to facilitate gracious hospitality and to ease the practical demands of modern living. The buildings and gardens are a treasure to behold.

Harvest Festival Service

A service to celebrate agriculture, to honor Rappahannock farmers, and to give thanks to the Almighty for the harvest, will be held on Sunday, October 22nd at 5 pm in Trinity Episcopal Church, Gay Street, Washington, VA.

Known across the pond as "Harvest Festivals," these services are held throughout the Anglican Communion. As might be expected in an event that celebrates the harvest, the hymns are robust and earthy, and the prayers and scripture readings reflect our gratitude for the produce from our farms.



Internationally renowned organist Ronald Stolk will play a short prelude to begin the service, and he will accompany a small choir of professional singers.

Youth from Rappahannock's 4-H club, led by Katie Sharp, will take up baskets of symbolic harvest offerings to be blessed, and Rappahannock farmers will serve as lectors to read from the scriptures.

We plan to deck out the sanctuary in hay bales, pumpkins, apples, grapes and other of our local agricultural wares.

Please join us to celebrate and give thanks for the bounty from our Rappahannock farms!

A **Celebration Reception** follows the service in the Parish Hall. All are invited.



Harvest Festival Service

Nairobi Cathedral, Kenya 1960

Representatives of the Young Farmers Clubs (including Ewen Wilson in the back row,) wore their livestock judging coats to bring baskets of harvest for symbolic blessing.



A Short History of the Harvest Festival

The tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches as we know it today began in **1843**, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

<http://projectbritain.com/harvest/index.html>

Meditation Corner

In honor of Trinity's Harvest Festival, the following two prayers and thanksgivings are taken from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

For Fruitful Seasons.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast blessed the earth that it should be fruitful and bring forth whatsoever is needful for the life of man, and hast commanded us to work with quietness, and eat our own bread; Bless the labours of the husbandman, and grant such seasonable weather that we may gather in the fruits of the earth, and ever rejoice in thy goodness, to the praise of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Or this.*

O GRACIOUS Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness; We beseech thee of thine infinite goodness to hear us, who now make our prayers and supplications unto thee. Remember not our sins, but thy promises of mercy. Vouchsafe to bless the lands and multiply the harvests of the world. Let thy breath go forth that it may renew the face of the earth. Show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and so fill us with good things that the poor and needy may give thanks unto thy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



October Forums








Trinity's Worship & Forum Schedule



8:30am Rite I Eucharist
 9:15am Breakfast
 9:45am Adult & Youth Forums
 10:30am Rite II Eucharist



Date	Adults	Youth
Oct 1	Voices in Action: Haitians helping Haitians Speaker: James <u>Duracin</u>	 Sing with the Choir
Oct 8	The Flood and Covenants Speaker: Dr. Noel Laing	 Noah & the Ark
Oct 15	The Abraham Narrative Speaker: Helen Williams	 Christmas Pageant Planning
Oct 22	OPEN FORUM	 Tour of Sanctuary & Stained Glass
Oct 29	The Abrahamic Religions: Islam Speaker: John Kiser	 All Saints Scavenger Hunt

Happenings October 2017

October 8— Blessing of the Animals

October 15.—Annual Community Churches Picnic

October 21-22—House Tour Weekend

October 22—Harvest Festival Service

October 31—Community Halloween Celebration



You are invited to a Special Evening

A Gala Benefit to Celebrate the Season at

TRINITY'S HARVEST DINNER

Saturday, November 11th, 6pm, Trinity Parish Hall

All proceeds towards
RAPPAHANNOCK's BACKPACK PROGRAM
which provides meals for the county's hungry kids

\$50 per person. Spacing is limited to 100 people.

To reserve a place: send a check (to Trinity Office) payable to:
Trinity Women (ECW) with "Harvest Dinner" noted in the memo.
RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: Checks must be received by MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25.

Sponsored by Trinity Women (ECW)



All Things Rappahannock

The Trinity Women (ECW) from Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, VA

Present

“All Things Rappahannock,” adapted from a painting by Ruthie Windsor-Mann

A 100% Silk Scarf measuring 17”X70”

Price \$85. (If needed, add \$7 for postage & handling.)

To purchase, please email: [**rpkscarf@gmail.com**](mailto:rpkscarf@gmail.com)

Benefitting charities in Rappahannock County, VA and outreach programs beyond.

You will receive a letter for your tax records after delivery of the scarf.

Avoid that last minute Christmas panic, while helping others.

“Simply stunning. Christmas presents for five people now checked off.”

John Fox Sullivan, Mayor of Washington, VA; Former Publisher, *The Atlantic*

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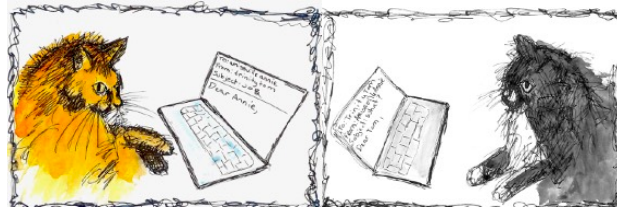


(Stink bug? It's Rappahannock, after all.)

Layout by Liz Oliver of Monroe & Crocker

Scarf made by Peter-Blair, Richmond, VA

Trinity Tom & Amissville Annie Discuss Marketing



Annie: How about my advertising campaign? Let's plaster these photographs of our scarf-wearing friends all over Vogue, GQ, Cosmopolitan, & Vanity Fair. Charities will be helped because the scarves will fly off the shelves.

Tom: Are you nuts? Both the Rappahannock News & the Trinity Times are helping to promote the scarves. It's a well-known fact that they have a wider circulation than those other rags. The Inn at Little Washington is letting us sell scarves at their Sunday Farmers Markets, and Rare Finds has them. We have the Trinity House Tour coming up during the weekend of October 21-22. We are promoting on Facebook, Trinity's website (<http://www.trinwash.org/RAPPAHANNOCK-SCARF/>), & friends are helping to spread the word. Our outlets are far trendier than Vogue, GQ, Cosmo, & Vanity Fair, which are all going down the tubes. To find out more, email: rpkscarf@gmail.com

Annie: Let's still use our friends, but in the world-renowned Rapp News & Trinity Times....By the way, aren't you buying me a scarf for Christmas?

Tom: No.



Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing



- Rally Day was very successful with about 65 to 70 people in attendance. The weather was great and the food even better. We will plan to have Rally Day on our first Sunday after Labor Day again next year.
- We are in process of buying some new chairs for the parish hall. The old brown ones will be donated to the Old Washington School on Mt. Salem Ave.
- We have purchased a new refrigerator for the parish hall. It is in the closet under the stairs in the basement where the old one used to be.
- We have purchased a safe for the safekeeping of important records, valuable prayer books, Bibles, and other valuable items.
- ECW will hold a special dinner on November 11. All proceeds will go to support the Back Pack program at Rappahannock Elementary School. We are currently feeding about 80 students and that number will most likely go up as the fall term continues.
- Trinity Church will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.
- A new set of bylaws for the vestry was approved.



A Model Member of the Vestry

Outreach is moving forward at Trinity

by Russ Collins

Our **programs to support our local community continue to grow**. Check Trinity's Facebook Page for the latest updates.

We have established a Partnership with Rappahannock Elementary School. We will support test preparation, provide volunteers to read to pre-school students, and establish a discretionary fund to increase participation in school activities by students in need of financial assistance. A permanent Outreach sub-committee will guide this partnership.

We will have a similar Senior Center Partnership to support programs at the Rappahannock Senior Center.



We have also sent \$5,000 to Voix et Actions in Haiti to continue their work to establish a self-sustaining Economic Development Enterprise in Trouin, Haiti.

Come meet the Executive Director, James Duracin, at Trinity's Adult Forum on Sunday, October 1st.

HAITI UPDATE

- Thanks to support from a number of individuals across Region 13 churches, a much needed Motorcycle (and Generator) Maintenance Class will be added to the St. Marc Trade School this year.

- Russ will lead a group to visit St. Marc November 13th – 17th. Contact him if you are interested.

Rally Day





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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