



# Trinity Times



**Betty Buntin celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with her Trinity Episcopal Church family.** The former Rappahannock Director of Social Services and her late husband, Sheriff William Archer Buntin, joined Trinity in 1948. Pictured with Betty Buntin is Margaret Baumgardner, who arranged the centennial party.

## Christmas Services at Trinity Episcopal Church

**Sunday, December 18**

8:00 am HE II

10:00 am Christmas Pageant & HE II

**Saturday, December 24**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve HE II

11:00 pm Christmas Eve HE II

**Sunday, December 25**

10:00 am Christmas Day Hymns & HE II



## Kenyan Jewelry & Alternative Gift-Giving Market

### During the First Two Sundays of Advent

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!

# The Rambling Rector

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

This great hymn proclaims the coming season. This great hymn of expectation proclaims the season of waiting “until the Son of God appears.” The hymn shouts, “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!”



And so we too wait in expectation for Christmas. In the busyness of the coming days remember to leave a place in your heart for something new. Maybe this Advent and Christmas you too will experience new birth. Maybe, just maybe, Jesus will be reborn in your heart, which will allow you to experience once again the mystery and wonder of Christmas. The hymn proclaims it boldly: “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!”

Carol and I look forward to our first Christmas with you. We hope that all of you will have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Best,  
Miller



## Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing

Check the insert bulletins for our Christmas and New Year services.

The Rev. Hunter's installation and Parish Hall blessing by Bishop Shannon will be February 1st.

The finance committee and vestry are working on the 2017 budget.

Alternative Market and African Arts sale will be Sunday November 27 and December 4.

2016 budget is looking much better. Thanks to all who responded by completing their pledges.



## Parish Hall Update

Parish Hall is within sight. We hope to get final inspection Tuesday, November 22.

Hardwood floors are done.

Painting is done except touchup.

Linoleum tiles have been installed in halls and bathrooms.

Sunday school classrooms have been painted and floors tiled with linoleum.

Stonework at new rear entrance and front steps is finished.

Cabinet and counter tops are being installed now.

Elevator is in and operating.

The rug from the Bromfield Room will be installed in the choir practice room.

The small classroom behind the vestment closet will become the Archive Room for safe keeping of our valuable pieces, records, books and other documents.





# Geocaching

by Susan Laing

At their pre-Halloween meeting, our **Boy Scout** troop planned to enjoy a Halloween party. BUT before they could celebrate, they had to locate the party treats which had been hidden (cached) around Washington. In the dark, equipped with flashlights, cell phones with GPS apps, and the coordinates for the hidden

goodies, they set out. After a fun foray into the darkness the goods were located, and everyone adjourned to the Firehall. It was a fun way to gain valuable experience and to party at the same time.



# Outreach Update

by Russ Collins

I returned from Haiti November 19<sup>th</sup> and can report our Region 13 Trade School is in full operation with classes well attended by students eager to learn. We observed the Cooking, Sewing, Floral Arts, Tailoring and Computer classes, and delivered supplies for many of the classes, including 3 renovated laptop computers donated by the Bethel Computer Project in Warrenton.



While the St. Marc School was undamaged after hurricane Matthew, our group observed that many homes in the hills around Trouin were damaged and the mission church at Duny was destroyed.

We witnessed a reissuing of loans from our micro-loan program to 14 participants in Trouin and visited the new Pig Farm (Piggery). The Piggery is a partnership between Voix et Actions and the 7 students who graduated from the Trade School last July. It was in good shape, but unfortunately, many of the goats provided through our Goat Program were lost in the hurricane.

Trinity Outreach will continue to make opportunities available for our parishioners and those of other Region 13 churches to provide aid for repair of homes and to replace animals lost in the hurricane.

**NEXT TRIP TO HAITI:** I am targeting February 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to visit St. Marc, Haiti. Please let me know if you might be interested.





# Stewardship

by Bob Kramer

The Stewardship Committee urges everyone to return their pledge by December 10. Pledging is the financial foundation that supports all of our ministries and accounts for the large majority of our operating funds.

The Committee's aim is to support the Reverend Hunter's goal that Trinity ambitiously serve others in 2017 by doubling or tripling funds available for outreach. Our stewardship theme this year has been walking in love through Trinity's many ministries. As disciples of Christ, we love our neighbors when we humbly serve them. Our financial commitment to Trinity for 2017 is what makes this possible and we hope that the pledges we receive will allow us to take this large step.



## The Angel Tree is in Trinity House.



## Do You Know?

*Do You Know?*, consisting of little known parish, Episcopalian, or Anglican facts, will be a new feature in the *Trinity Times*.

Do you know that The Reverend Canon John W. Kilgore, M.D. received a call to fill in for the temporarily disabled chaplain at All Saints Anglican Church in Rome, Italy? Father John will be in residence during December 2016 and January 2017. If you happen to be in Rome during this time, please attend one of his services as he might appreciate a familiar face from Trinity and Rappahannock.

In October Kilgore recently was involved in the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Anglican Centre in Rome. Present were the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of the Anglican Community, and Prelates of the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury led a joint service of Evening Prayer in the church of San Gregorio al Celo with the assistance of the combined choirs from the Sistine Chapel and Canterbury Cathedral. During the service combined pairs of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops were commissioned to work together and follow in Pope Francis' call "that we should walk together as one."

To read more about the event, follow this link:

[http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org/Groups/272192/Anglican\\_Centre\\_in/News/50th\\_anniversary/50th\\_anniversary.aspx](http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org/Groups/272192/Anglican_Centre_in/News/50th_anniversary/50th_anniversary.aspx)



**From visiting with the pope to visiting with Miller**





## Poinsettias

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) are again collecting donations for poinsettias as part of our Christmas decorations for the church and altar. A form will be available at the church office and in the Sunday service bulletins to donate for memorials as well as thanksgivings (\$25.00), until December 18. Please continue your support of this effort both to acknowledge our loved ones, and beautify our lovely church for the holidays. Call the office for more information.

# Christmas Pageant

## December 18

### 10:00 am

## Special December Happenings:



<b>Sun, Dec 4</b>	Alternative Holiday Market, after all 3 services, Parish Hall
<b>Mon, Dec 5</b>	10:30am ECW Steering Committee Meeting, Chapman Room
<b>Sat, Dec 17</b>	9:00am Pageant Practice, Parish Hall
<b>Sun, Dec 18</b>	8:00am HE II 10:00am Christmas Pageant and HE II
<b>Tue, Dec 20</b>	6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders Meeting, Chapman Room
<b>Sat, Dec 24</b>	5:00pm Christmas Eve HE II 11:00pm Christmas Eve HE II
<b>Sun, Dec 25</b>	10:00am Christmas Day HE II
<b>Mon, Dec 26</b>	Church Office Closed







# The Meditation Corner

From the Monday, November 14 of Forward Day by Day written by Richelle Thompson.

*James 2:14, 26. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?...For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.*

Faith versus works. For centuries, this theological debate has stirred the passions of scholars and clerics. This argument was a driving principle behind the Reformation, with Martin Luther breaking from the long-held focus on works to an understanding of salvation first and foremost through belief in Jesus as savior and redeemer.

In the Anglican tradition, we are closer to Luther's understanding. Yet works are essential to the practice of our faith. Striking a balance between faith and works is a difficult challenge. Many congregations pray and read scripture without acting on it-keeping their doors closed to the larger community. Other congregations become so consumed with works that they become social service organizations, unmoored from the deep truth of God's word.

The argument of faith versus works is worthy of deep reflection. But when it comes to our daily life and practice, we must embrace both, practicing a living faith that spurs us to generous and grand works.





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM-Rite I

9:15 AM-Family/Contemporary

11:00 AM-Rite II