



Trinity Times



"I think a tradition has been born." Patty Metcalfe, November 11, 2017

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 17

8:30am HE I
10:30am Christmas Pageant and HE II

Sunday, Dec. 24

Advent 4
8:30am HE I
10:30am HE II

Sunday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve
5:00pm Christmas Eve HE II
11:00pm Christmas Eve HE II
Christmas Carols and Special Music at both services

Monday, Dec. 25

10:00am Christmas Day HE II

Sunday, Dec 31

8:30am HE I
10:30am HE II

December Forums

Adult:

Dec. 3 & 10 Handel's Messiah - Carol Hunter

Youth:

Dec. 3 Sing with the Choir

Dec. 10 Christmas Pageant Practice



The Rambling Rector

by Miller Hunter

Dear friends, I write on a late fall afternoon. As I look out the window there are almost no leaves remaining on the trees and darkness comes each day earlier and earlier. There is no denying that winter is approaching. With winter comes a new church year. And with winter comes Advent and Christmas.

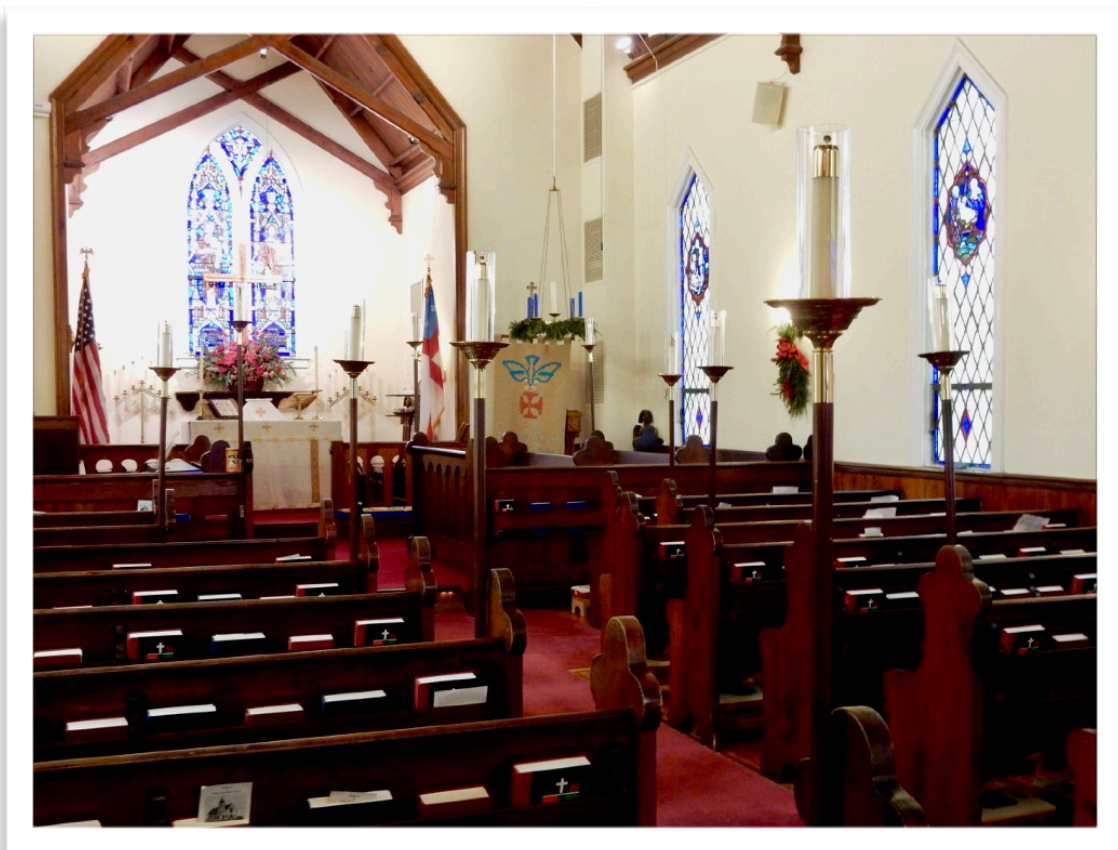
One of my favorite Christmas carols is the lovely song "In the Bleak Midwinter." Based on a poem by the English poet Christina Rossetti, it was named the best Christmas carol in a poll of the world's leading choirmasters in 2008.

Ironically, the carol proclaims that as the world enters the coldest and darkest days of the year new life comes to us all. The carol proclaims that the Messiah was born not on the brightest of days but in the midst of the winter darkness. And as that birth shatters the gloom of winter, the true light comes into the world.

I hope you will plan to join us in celebrating that light, JESUS, on Christmas Eve. Join us as we celebrate his birth once again.

Carol and our entire church staff join me in wishing all of you a most blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas!

Best,
Miller



Trinity Welcomes Jan-Piet Knijff

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Jan-Piet Knijff has agreed to become our Organist and Choirmaster. Jan-Piet teaches Latin, French and music at Middlebury Academy but he comes to us with a wealth of experience as an organist and choirmaster. He holds a Phd from the City University of New York in musicology and in organ performance. I hope you will join me in welcoming Jan-Piet to Trinity!

This good news is further enhanced by the fact that Lorraine Duisit will continue as our parish Musician. Lorraine will play guitar on most Sundays but from time to time we will have the added pleasure of hearing her play the harp. In addition, Lorraine will continue to focus on leading our children and youth choir.

As we begin this new musical chapter at Trinity there is much to celebrate. With the strong leadership of Jan-Piet and Lorraine, and the continued dedication of our choir I am excited and optimistic about the music program at Trinity.

Please join me in thanking the Organist/Choirmaster Search Committee composed of Noel Laing (Chair), Susan Jones, Danny Wilson, Judy Segaar, Helen Williams, and Jessica Lindstrom for their service.

And thank you all for your patience and encouragement during this time of musical transition.

Best,
Miller



Senior Warden Report

by Noel Laing



- The Harvest Dinner to benefit the Back Pack Program was a tremendous success. We raised over \$6000 which will buy about 800 back packs. We are currently feeding 85 students at the Elementary School every week.
 - The Alternate Christmas Market will be held November 26, December 3 & 10. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up some unusual gifts for Christmas.
 - Trinity hosted the Community Thanksgiving Day Service.
 - We are trying to strengthen our children's Christian Program and make church more attractive to our younger families. If you have any thoughts or ideas about this, please let me, Miller Hunter or Juliet DelGrosso know.
 - Just a gentle reminder to get your pledge cards in if you haven't done so.
 - We will have another work day on December 2nd to get the last of the leaves up. Shouldn't take long and please bring a rake.
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Boy Scout Troop 36, Pack 123 and Venture Crew 36



On Veteran's Day, Boy Scout Troop 36, Pack 123 and Venture Crew 36 toured the Naval Academy with Midshipman 2nd Class Anthony Carrillo, and spent the afternoon at the USNA vs SMU football game—a nail-biter to the end with Navy winning with a field goal as time expired!

Halloween at Trinity 2017



Trinity Women's (ECW) Fall Fundraisers

"Phew! It's over and done with," more than one woman was heard to exclaim.

Yes, Trinity, the fall season with its myriad of activities sponsored by the women of the church has come to a conclusion, and a very successful conclusion it is, having more than tripled the profits of 2016, so that we can generously support our variety of good causes.



The 61st annual House Tour anchored it all, involved over eighty volunteers, and realized a net profit of \$6494. Thanks to the generosity and talent of artist Ruthie Windsor-Mann, and the technology and design wizardry of Liz Oliver, the Rappahannock Scarf was a blockbuster, netting \$9063. A second innovative activity for 2017 was the much enjoyed Harvest Dinner, which netted \$6511 for the county's Backpack program for hungry kids. The raffle rounded things out by making an additional \$1600.

We are delighted to report a total profit of \$23,668.

We are grateful to all Trinity parishioners for their amazing support, generosity, and hard work.



Sold Out

"All Things Rappahannock," the 100% pure silk scarf sold by the Trinity Women (ECW) has sold out in record time.

Thank you to all who helped.

*Top accolade goes to Claire Cassel for selling 13.

\$19,465 Gross Profit

\$10,395 Cost

\$9,063 Net Profit

Outreach Update

by Russ Collins

Mary Frances leMat, Peggy Spillenkothen, and I recently visited Haiti, accompanied by Andrew Hertnesky of Leeds Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, heavy rain forced the cancelation of classes at the St. Marc School and Trade School on 2 of the 3 days we visited. However, the rain did not stop us from renewing our relationship with our friends in Trouin.



During our visit, we were able to observe the new Motor Cycle Maintenance Class which has 24 attentive appreciative students interested in improving their understanding of mechanics – including two young ladies from the St. Marc Secondary School. One student we interviewed, Gene Robert, hopes to attend University next year to become an engineer.

We also toured the Trouin Village Farm which is being established by Voix et Actions with Trinity's support. Good progress is being made. An expansion to the piggery was completed just in time to house a new mom and her 3 piglets. The new Goat enclosure (Goatery?) is also complete and ready to house additional breeding goats. A new cement fish pond has also been constructed and is being conditioned to receive a new crop of fish. In addition, 300 Hens were recently sold at market. About 200 were sold outside Trouin to raise funds for operation of the Farm and the remaining hens were sold locally to participating business women. The women were each able to sell their hens at a profit of about \$12 US.

Locally, Trinity Outreach has committed to providing a one-hour monthly program at the Rappahannock Senior Center, beginning in January. The format is open, from a hands-on activity to a talk about a subject you of your choosing, such discussing pictures from your recent trip. If you can help, please contact Vicki Laing, vlaing@outlook.com.

The Outreach Committee meets again on Sunday, Janaury 7th at 12:00 noon in the church hall. All are welcome to sit in. We thank you for your continued support.



Trinity's Harvest Dinner

by Kay Wilson

Recently, a hundred people gathered in the parish hall to feast and have fun together. The dinner was organized by the Trinity Women (ECW) to raise funds for Rappahannock's Backpack Program, which provides food for the county's hungry schoolchildren every weekend.



An amazing teamwork of effort by parishioners contributed to the festivities. Chefs Beth Hall, Noel Laing, Susan Jones, and Karen Ingraham created a gourmet meal, the silver was polished, and ten hostesses individually decorated and waited on her own table of ten guests. Set up and take down was hard physical work, but it was accomplished almost seamlessly by a large group of Trinity folk.

Due to the generosity of several parishioners, we were able to include many who otherwise might not have attended the \$50 per plate meal, and we were especially delighted to show our gratitude to this year's homeowners from the House Tour, by having them at the dinner as our invited guests.

Two yardsticks of success:

Diners so enjoyed the good food and conversation, we could not get them to leave!

\$6400 was raised for the Backpack program.

***We thank the generous workers and donors who helped us create a wonderful event.
Trinity hospitality was truly at its finest!***



Looking Forward to Forums in 2018

The Gospel Question: Reflections on Matthew 25

January 7 — Introduction— An Overview of Matthew 25 —
Walt Childress

January 14 — Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury — Personal Manifestations of this proclamation:
ethics of our financial system
Rich Spillenkothen

January 21 — Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop — Personal Manifestations of this proclamation: Galilee Enterprise
John Kilgore

January 28 — “When I was Sick”
John Kilgore

February 4 — “When I was Hungry”
Mimi Forbes

February 11 — “When I was in Prison”
Patty Metcalfe & Peggy Spillenkothen



Breakfast in a Haunted House



Making the Rounds on Halloween Night



No Electricity, No Problem



More from the Harvest Dinner

Meditation Corner



Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details—give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains—they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

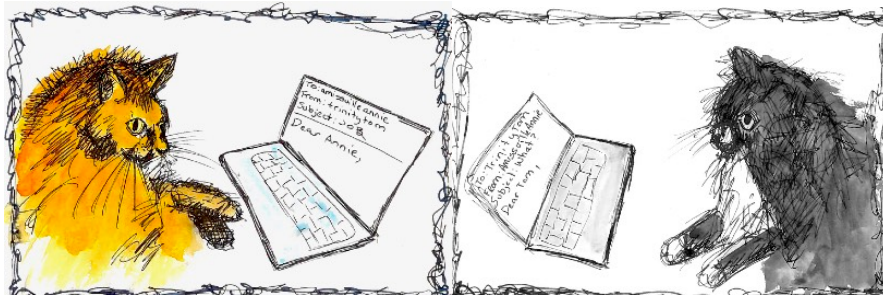
Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all—but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

—*Little Book of Prayers* by a Mother Superior who wishes to be anonymous







Trinity Tom & Amissville Annie Discuss Titles

Annie: Tom, do you know the difference between a rector and a vicar?

Tom: I've learned the answer to that since I've been Trinity's mouser. A **rector** is the priest of a self-sustaining parish. A **vicar** is in charge of a mission as in a specific mission like when Miller was called to Raleigh to help the homeless or in a parish that is not self-sustaining and is supported by the diocese.

Annie: What is a **curate**?

Tom: An assistant priest.

Annie: What about a **canon**?

Tom: An honorary title for priests, & sometimes lay people, for giving the church top-notch assistance and really helping out the church.

Annie: A **dean**?

Tom: Essentially the rector of a cathedral.

Annie: I've heard of someone being elected as a **suffragan bishop**. Is he a bishop-in-waiting?

Tom: No. They assist the diocesan bishop, but they do not succeed the bishop.

Tom: Did you know that a primate and a presiding bishop are one and the same and a dean and a provost are identical? They have different titles in different countries.

Annie: Enough! You're boring me, and you're showing off. It's time for the Big Con. I climb ladders, pretend I'm stuck, & convince my mummie into taking me down. She falls for it every time. She's such a sucker.

Annie: Before I leave to play tricks, I did hear about another title at Trinity.

Tom: You must mean our new **organist & choirmaster**, Jan-Piet Knijff? He's one sharp cookie.

Annie: Why would you think that?

Tom: He won't let either one of us sing in the choir.



December Happenings

Dec. 2

2nd Fall Clean-up Day, Trinity Grounds

Dec. 3

Noon Vestry meeting

Dec. 10

Alternative Holiday Market following worship services
1pm Town Christmas Parade

Dec. 17

Christmas Pageant at 10:30am worship service





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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