



Trinity Times



Trinity Celebrates the Fall & the Harvest



Gathering Together in Thankfulness for the Bountiful Harvest



The Rambling Rector

by Miller Hunter

One of the highlights of my first year in Rappahannock was attending the Thanksgiving service at St Peter's last November. I am pleased and honored that Trinity will host the service this year.

It is very much a community event. Many of the clergy from the Rappahannock clergy group will participate and the community choir will lead the music. Our friend, the Rev. James Kilby, will be the preacher for the service.

Last year I found it the perfect way to begin my Thanksgiving celebration. I know you will also find it to be meaningful. Please plan to join us on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00.

Best,
Miller



Report on the House Tour

by Helen Williams



The sun was shining, the leaves were falling, the scarves were fluttering, the houses were lovely, the owners were proud, and the tour guests delighted - so that is that, the 2017 annual Trinity House Tour, our 61st, is now history.... This year's event, our second year without dried flowers, is still raising funds for our charities; the raffle winners will be drawn at the November 11 dinner for the Back Pack Program, (so you still have a few weeks to purchase them), and the scarf sales will be ongoing until we have no more to sell. Profits from both of these will be added to the tour numbers. Gross receipts for the tour itself are over \$7,000, with expenses at under \$2000 (printing, postage, advertising, new signs, etc.). Naturally, bills will be arriving during the next few weeks, so the figures are fluid right now.

With all our efforts - tour, raffle, scarf - we should do a great deal better than last year when our profit was \$7000+.

The list is long for thank yous, and so many docents gave up their beautiful weekend to describe the three houses to our visitors, or help with parking, that we can't list them all (you know who you are, and we are grateful). But the stalwarts, the people who have been working for months, need to be named: Margaret Baumgardner, Loraine Channing, Beth Hall, Susan Jones, Liz Oliver, Ruthie Windsor-Mann, and Kay Wilson. Also thanks to those who spent their weekends in the parish hall, feeding the multitudes and selling tickets. The Boy Scouts and their leaders were irreplaceable directing traffic (cars, motorcycles, trucks, AND people) in Sperryville. Thank you to Ronald Stolk and the singers who helped provide a proper ending to a magical weekend. And thanks to Miller, for his continuing support.

Some interesting things happened: Lois Snead actually went on the tour for the first time ever (always spending her tour weekend working with the flowers); there was only one complaint heard about the directions; and it was a bit eye-catching seeing a profusion of scarf-wearing women.

As for the end of the weekend, the Harvest Festival Service was wonderful with the altar decorated with abundance and plenty, the music glorious, the hymns belted out by enthusiastic attendants, and the reception festive. Our committee will be meeting on October 30 for a debriefing session, so any ideas or suggestions for next year will be appreciated.





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. With spacing limited to 100 people, spaces are now at a premium.

To reserve a place, please: 1) reply to KayMWilson@gmail.com and 2) send a check , payable to Trinity Women (ECW) with "Harvest Dinner " in the memo, to Trinity Church, P.O. Box 299, Washington VA 22747. \$50 per person.

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Outreach Update

By Russ Collins

Trinity's Outreach Programs continue to move forward. New activities include:

- A gift of \$1,000 to Friends of the Tent of Nations North America to support printing of a poetry booklet, "Where I am From" which was developed at the Bent Al-reef Women's Project in Palestine. One copy each of the 3 language and 9 language versions has been received for our church library.
- A special collection for the Rappahannock County Elementary School raised over \$700, resulting in a gift of \$1,300 to the School Counselor that will provide a discretionary fund to support student participation in school activities.
- With support from Trinity, Montse Vittitow was hired by Rappahannock's Ecumenical Council to coordinate help for individuals and families within Rappahannock. We hope this program will prove to be a significant aid in assisting members of our community to become more self-sufficient.
- A gift of \$750 was provided to Rappahannock 4-H for scholarships and a gift of \$500 was made to Boy Scout Troop 36 to support their scholarship program.
- We also continued to explore how best to help at the Senior Center. In addition to our ongoing support for small birthday gifts, we anticipate beginning a monthly Trinity sponsored program at the Center and possibly a periodic invitation to Trinity for lunch.

Haiti Update:

We hosted James Duracin, Director of Voix et Actions, our partner with whom we are working to establish a Village Farm in Trouin, Haiti. His visit raised awareness within our community and almost \$6,000 to support the Farm thanks to the "Conversation About Haiti" gathering hosted by John and Beverly Sullivan.

Mary Frances leMat, Peggy Spillenkothen and myself will be joined by Andrew Hertnesky of Leeds Episcopal Church for a visit to Trouin, Haiti during the week of November 13th. We'll observe classes at the St. Marc School and tour the Trouin Village Farm.

The Outreach Committee meets again on Sunday, November 5th at 12:00 noon in the church hall. All are welcome to sit in. We thank you for your continued support."



November Happenings

Saturday, Nov 4	9am- Noon Annual Fall Clean-up Day at Trinity
	Annual Convention of the Diocese, Richmond
Friday, Nov 10	6pm USMC Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony, Parish Hall
Saturday, Nov 11	6pm Harvest Dinner, Parish Hall
Thursday, Nov 23	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service at Trinity
Sunday, Nov 26	Alternative Holiday Market, Parish Hall following worship



Bereavement Group

The loss of a loved one and the bereavement which accompanies it can be a long and difficult road to travel. There are many ways to grieve and no one grieves in the same way. For some, healing is aided by joining a bereavement support group. Here, others in similar situations can share their feelings and thoughts in confidence, free of judgment.

The Rappahannock Clergy Association is sponsoring such a bereavement group for folks struggling with grief over the death (recent or not) of a loved one, be that a parent, spouse, child, best friend, etc. This group will be facilitated by Danny Wilson, trained and experienced in facilitating such groups. The group is scheduled to meet every other Thursday from 10:30-Noon, ideally beginning in November and ending in January. The local meeting place will be decided soon. Attendance in all or most group sessions is required.

If you are at all interested in joining this group and/or have questions, please email Danny at rapplander@gmail.com.

Harold to the Rescue

The cross on Trinity's steeple is wobbly, so Harold Beebout phoned his buddies at the Sperryville Fire Department for help.



November Forums

	Adults:	Youth:
Nov 5	The Isaac Narrative Speaker: Mike Mahoney	Sing with the Choir
Nov 12	The Jacob Narrative Speaker: The Rev. Jenks Hobson	Holiday Stockings for the Needy
Nov 19	The Joseph Narrative Speaker: Kay Wilson	Christmas Pageant Planning
Nov 26	Advent Wreaths	Advent Wreaths

Meditation Corner

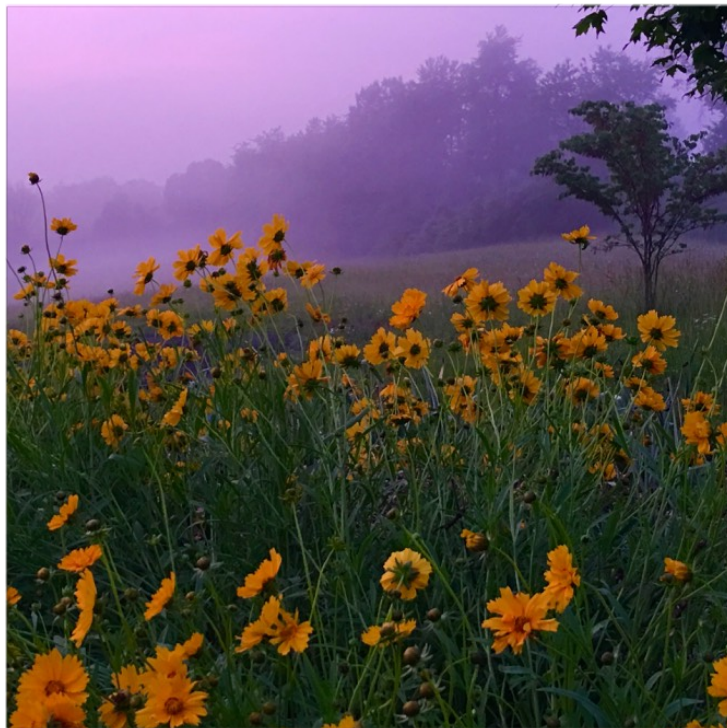
Seeing the Beauty and Goodness in Front of Us



We don't have to go far to find the treasure we are seeking. There is beauty and goodness right where we are. And only when we can see the beauty and goodness that are close by can we recognize beauty and goodness on our travels far and wide. There are trees and flowers to enjoy, paintings and sculptures to admire; most of all there are people who smile, play, and show kindness and gentleness. They are all around us, to be recognized as free gifts to receive in gratitude.

Our temptation is to collect all the beauty and goodness surrounding us as helpful information we can use for our projects. But then we cannot enjoy it, and we soon find that we need a vacation to restore ourselves. Let's try to see the beauty and goodness in front of us before we go elsewhere to look for it.

From Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*



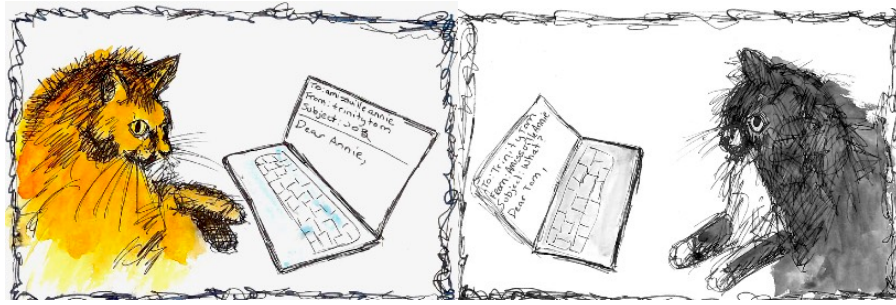


A Few Scarves Are Available

<http://www.trinwash.org/RAPPAHANNOCK-SCARF/>

“All Things Rappahannock,” is having a great run throughout the county and beyond. The Trinity Women (ECW) have been selling them to raise money for their charities. If you are interested in purchasing one, please email rpksarf@gmail.com or contact the church office at 540-675-3716 or visit Rare Finds and the Tavern Shops at the Inn at Little Washington. Pictured below are images taken at the scarf area at Inn at Little Washington’s Farmer’s Market.





Trinity Tom & Amissville Annie Discuss an Aspect of Ruth Anna Stolk's Forum Talk

Tom: Do you remember Ruth Anna Stolk's Forum talk when she emphasized the part in Genesis 1 where, after creating such things as day and night, grass, seed, and fruit, **God saw that it was good**? That phrase was repeated numerous times in Chapter 1. Ruth Anna went on to say that we always need to remember that aspect with our own projects. We seldom do.

Annie: I get it. You're talking about Trinity's recent whirlwind of activities! It went well, didn't it?

Tom: Yep, and it's time for those so heavily involved to relish and acknowledge their contribution for the betterment of our county and beyond. I'm concerned everyone is going to keep going. You see, humans get on these rolls. They can't seem to stop. It's almost as if they innately think their value as an individual is wrapped up in how many projects they can accomplish and how many activities they have. It's weird.



Annie: You know, you're right. It's innate for us to know when to cool it and when to take naps. I even think they have to schedule the time to relax. I'm not sure that they actually take in the beauty, the smells, and the overall feel of the county unless it's programmed in their schedule. They say they do, but they are rushing from one activity to another and from one just completed project to the next project. I don't think they have time to acknowledge and really appreciate the success of a project done well or of the magnificence surrounding them.

Tom: Yep, and I don't want everyone to turn into Mrs. Jelleby in Bleak House. Remember her?

Annie: Nope.

Tom: She's that mother who was a philanthropist who was obsessed with doing things for others and, by doing so, neglected her own family.

Annie: Oh, yeah, I do remember. What about Billy Graham's reply to the woman who wrote to him describing her calling to be a missionary in a faraway land? She didn't know what to do about it because she had 5 children. He replied something to the effect that her calling was in her home.

Tom: I don't think anything is that extreme, but I do think everyone needs to take Ruth Anna's advice to always sit back, exhale, take stock, relax, and realize that **"it was good."**





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Hours of Worship

Sundays

8:30 am Quiet Service Rite I

9:15 am Breakfast

9:45 am Christian Education

10:30 am Traditional Service Rite II