

October 2018

# Trinity Times

Monthly newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, VA

## The Rambling Rector

By Miller Hunter



Dear Friends,

Many would say that October is the most beautiful month in Rappahannock. October has glorious fall foliage, the abundance of the harvest, and the ECW House Tour.

For 62 Octobers, the members of our church have introduced visitors from across Virginia to the beauty of Rappahannock County showcasing some of our finest homes and gardens. This has been both a ministry of hospitality and caring. We have welcomed visitors and have also raised funds to support many outreach ministries.

As this year's tour is our final house tour, I invite you to participate. It is an outstanding final tour. I also especially invite you to thank all those who have worked so tirelessly across the years to ensure the success of the tour. We give thanks to God for the abundant good that this ministry has brought to Rappahannock County and Trinity Church.

Best,  
Miller



Stop by Trinity House after dark and witness the handiwork of two people who do so much for Trinity behind the scenes. Carolyn Emerick and Mike Brown are ever keeping an eye out on maintenance at our church. They recently replaced bulbs in those high to reach lights in the sanctuary, and added motion detector lights to the front of Trinity House.

Come check it out!

Many thanks to you both for lighting our way!



## Fall Clean-up Day

Saturday, October 13

9am-noon

Please come and help tidy the grounds  
around the Church & Trinity House.

We want Trinity to look its best for the House Tour!

## Small Group Dinners

By Anne Kerr

Some years ago...actually more years than I choose to remember, a visitor to the church mentioned Small Group dinners. I think Margaret Baumgardner held the first of what were a few experimental Small Group dinners. We have had many people organize dinner groups. Charlotte Laing, Nancy Weitz, Nancy Keyser

to mention only a few. After many years of these dinners, Trinity developed a list of people involved in these Small Group Dinners.

This year I would like to start a new list as there have been changes over the years. At this point I am really not sure who wants to be in with the Dinner, and who wants to be out. I will set up a sign-up sheet where those with interest in being in a small group dinner can sign up.

Thanks,  
Anne

### Fall Forum Comparing the Gospels

October 7	Luke – The Chronicler – Helen Williams
October 14	John – The Mystic – Kay Wilson
October 21	House Tour – No Forum or Breakfast
October 28	Wrap up the Gospels – panel discussion with Miller and four previous speakers (forum will be in the Sanctuary this week due to Halloween décor in the Parish Hall)

# Community Halloween Celebration



Wed, Oct. 31 6-9pm  
FREE Hotdogs, chips, candy,  
coffee and drinks!  
Wear your best costume!



We are grateful to Harold Beebout for installing our rediscovered stained glass windows in the parish hallways. These two windows were uncovered in storage and brought back to life. The one with the point on top originally hung in the narthex, but was taken down in 1985 when the double green doors were cut-out to make access to the addition of the parish hall. Harold cleaned them and constructed a frame around them and back lit them to accent the beautiful colors.

Thank you for your hard work Harold! We'll enjoy them for many years to come!

## Harvest Festival Service

By Kay Wilson

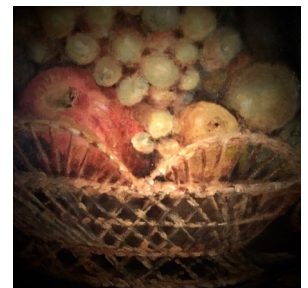
A service to celebrate agriculture, to honor Rappahannock farmers, and to give thanks to the Almighty for the harvest, will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 5 pm in Trinity Episcopal Church, Gay Street, Washington, VA.

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 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.



## 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>



# 2018 Annual Trinity House Tour The Grand Finale

Saturday, Oct 20th: 11-5    Sunday, Oct 21st: Noon-4

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379 Gay Street Washington VA 22747

Visit [TrinWash.org](http://TrinWash.org) for more info or call 540-675-3716

**BLOCK TICKETS \$30, includes 3 houses and tea. Single house \$15.**

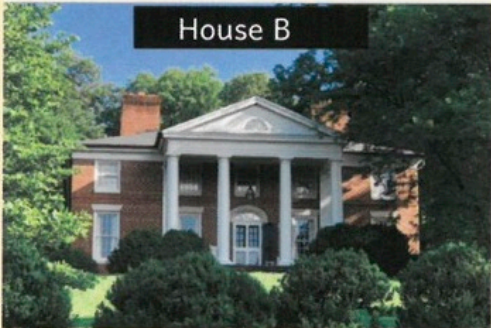
House A



## **MOUNT PROSPECT** Washington

1850's Victorian  
farmhouse with Italian  
influences.

House B



## **FODDERSTACK HOUSE**

Architecture  
inspired by  
Thomas Jefferson

House C



## **CORDAGE HOUSE**

Coastal Maine "Shingle  
House" surrounded by  
vistas of Lake  
Castleton.

### **2018 Annual Trinity House Tour    *The Grand Finale***

By Helen Williams

Are you all ready for October 20 and 21?

We hope you all are a part of our last House Tour, Tea at the Rectory, and Harvest Festival weekend. You can be bringing friends to see our three wonderful houses, or helping Carol Hunter at the tea, or being a cashier, docent or parker at one of the houses, but whatever you do, don't miss the last in a series of 62 House Tour weekends. Only Lois Snead is here to remember the first one, but you all need to be a part of the last one.

The three houses are all WOWs (the term the planners use for really spectacular showcases). Three centuries are represented here, Mount Prospect in Washington for the 19<sup>th</sup>, the Wall's house on the Fodderstack (Dr. Martin's former house) for the twentieth, and the Cordage House in Castleton for this century – all beautiful, full of treasures, and happy to see you all.

Carol Hunter has enthusiastically opened the Rectory for tea both days, and the Inn is providing treats. This will be a first, I think, for the rectory, and a great way to remember our last event.

The Harvest Festival and Reception will follow at 5 PM on Sunday, when all the visiting is over. Time for inspiration, reflection, and thanksgiving for the weekend, the season, and all the good things in our lives.

Please be a part of this, a part of the wonderful fall season, a part of all the charities that we sponsor with the proceeds, and especially, a part of the fellowship and memories that our long history engenders.

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

Present

## Nest Impressions

A 17X70 Italian blended scarf adapted by Liz Oliver from the nest paintings of Ruthie Windsor-Mann



All proceeds benefit charities in Rappahannock County, VA  
and ECW outreach programs beyond



Scarves will be on display at some of the  
market days hosted by the Inn at Little  
Washington on Saturdays throughout the Fall

For further information email  
[rpkscarf2018@gmail.com](mailto:rpkscarf2018@gmail.com)

Or call Trinity Church Office: 540-675-3716

Price \$95

Purchase scarves at the church office or include \$7 for shipping and handling

Make checks payable to Trinity ECW

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*Avoid that last minute Christmas panic, while helping others!*



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### Sunday Schedule:

8:30am Quiet Service HE Rite I  
9:15am Breakfast  
9:45 am Christian Education  
10:30am Traditional Service HE Rite II