

September 2019

# Trinity Times

Monthly newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, VA

## The Rambling Rector

By Miller Hunter

As September approaches, there is a sense of excitement in the air - new school year, the beauty of autumn, and Rally Day. As we begin this new program year for our church, I hope you will join us on September 8 for Rally Day. Our first Adult Forum offering for the fall is Why St. Paul Matters – a look at the life and teachings of that pivotal but often misunderstood early apostle of the church.

This year for our children and youth class we will offer a combined class with Washington Baptist. We'll meet one Sunday at Trinity and the next at Washington Baptist. Helen Williams and Jan McKinney will teach the class.

Finally, join us for a festive picnic after the 10:30am service. Bring a side dish – fried chicken and drinks will be provided by the church.

I look forward to Rally Day and the excitement of fall in Rappahannock County.

Best,  
Miller



## Small Group Dinners will start up again soon!

If you have not been involved with Small Group Dinners in the past, you might want to consider joining one of these fun groups! They meet monthly for a dinner social at each other's homes and share a meal and fellowship. Usually the host of the home provides the main dish, while attendees bring a side dish.

**All Ages are Welcome!**

Look for a sign-up clipboard in the narthex over the next few Sundays. If you have any questions, or would like to join one of these groups, please contact

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## St. Paul's Cemetery Improvements



Mike Brown and the Cemetery Guild have been hard at work this summer overseeing improvements to Trinity's Woodville property. Construction should wrap up in a few weeks, and plans are in the works for a spring picnic at the site.



**A Summer of Scouting**

By Juliet Del Grosso

**Troop 36 Scout attends World Jamboree**

Seen here is one of Trinity’s scouts displaying the souvenirs he received from participating in the World Jamboree held in West Virginia last month. Ian Cordero, rank of Star Scout, had many stories to share of meeting fellow scouters from Germany, Australia, England, Ireland, Taiwan, and more. He described climbing, biking, hiking, and even simply sharing regular meal times with other troops and finding that there were more similarities to their lives than differences. He pointed out several favorite patches and neckerchiefs and remarked about the scouts he had met along the way as everyone was trading items from their country.



June - Troop 36 touring battlefields of Gettysburg, PA



July - Troop 36 at summer camp Camp Rock Enon, Gore VA



August – Troop 36 rock jumping along Cedar Run Trail

**Venture Crew 36 at Leadership Camp**

Trinity and Washington Baptist joined together and hosted a Leadership Camp for local teenagers in June, and Crew 36 scouts participated. Mornings were full of classroom sessions and team games which taught skills important to leaders. The afternoons were spent implementing those new skills while the teens worked together to build a brick patio behind Washington Baptist Church. This course and community service hours were the culmination of requirements Scouts needed to earn their Discovery Award in Venturing.



June – Crew 36 Forum talk about books that had a formative impact



**Cub Scout Pack 123 at summer camp**

Trinity’s youngest scouts attended a week of resident camp at Camp Rock Enon, Gore, VA.



Camp wide fireside program



Swimming in Miller Lake



## Trinity's Fall Forum Series:

### *Why St. Paul Matters*

9:15am-9:45am Breakfast

9:45am-10:20am Christian Education

Trinity Parish Hall

Sept. 8

*St. Paul – an Introduction*

Speaker: Miller Hunter

Sept. 15

*The World of St. Paul*

Speaker: Miller Hunter

Sept. 22

*Reflections on St. Paul*

Speaker: Discussion led by

Helen Williams, Noel Laing, and Peter Vander Nat

Sept. 29

*St. Paul's Core Teachings & Journeys*

Speaker: Walt Childress

Oct. 6

*The Challenges of St. Paul's Theology for a Contemporary World*

Speaker: Gary Aichele

Oct. 13

*The Ongoing Influence of St. Paul*

Speaker: Russ Savage

## Anti-Racism Workshop

hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, Culpeper Region

Friday, Sept. 6 - Saturday, Sept. 7

St. Stephens Church, Culpeper

[www.thediocese.net/events/2019/09/06/anti-racism-workshop-3/](http://www.thediocese.net/events/2019/09/06/anti-racism-workshop-3/)

## Stay tuned for our Concert Series at Trinity:

John Bourgeois presents *Gallery Winds*

Featuring flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon

A diverse selection of music written for woodwind quintet

Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4pm



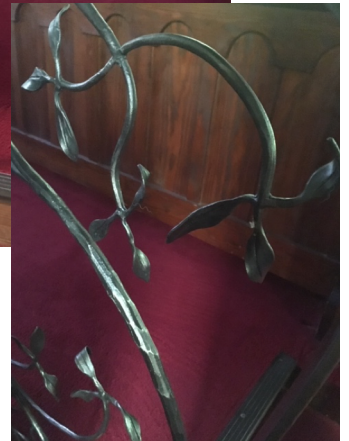
## Sanctuary Handrail

By Helen Williams

By now, you have seen, and maybe used, the new hand railing on the step from the chancel to the choir. It is new, a wrought iron piece, designed and made by Nol Putnam, Rappahannock's very own celebrated blacksmith. It replaced a sturdy, black painted piece made of pipe, which for many years was a great help for those who needed a handrail to get to the altar to receive the Eucharist.

Someone hatched the idea that maybe we could get a replacement that would be more in keeping with the church, more elegant, and more inspiring than that old piece of pipe. So Nol was invited over to the church to look at the job and see if he might want to design something. Now he is very close to retirement, and still working on two commissions for the National Cathedral, but he did say yes. It would be a change from the six feet tall candlesticks, wrought iron gates and other pieces that have to stand out in the dimensions of a cathedral. So now we have a new treasure at Trinity, a handrail with vines and leaves, both strong and delicate. As you look at it, you may be reminded of God in the one strong trunk, the Trinity in the three branches, the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the seven twigs, and the Trinity again in the three leaves on each twig. It can serve both as a practical help for those who need it (I speak from experience here), and a spiritual help for reflection.

Funds to pay for the piece came from the Needlepoint Guild, whose need for money is now less since the project of making kneelers for the church is almost finished, and money is needed mostly for maintenance and upkeep.



## SAVE the DATE! ECW's Fall Harvest Weekend November 9 & 10, 2019

Saturday Fundraising Dinner with proceeds going to local 4-H Youth

Sunday Harvest Worship Service with Festive Reception following

## RALLY DAY Sept. 8, 2019

Join us to kick-off the Fall season at Trinity!

Worship services at our usual times of 8:30am and 10:30am with Forum and Breakfast between services, starting at 9:15am.

We'll wrap up the morning with a congregational picnic following the 10:30am service. Bring a dish to share and meet on the lawn next to Trinity House.

Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.





**Outreach UPDATE**

By Russ Collins

[RCES Partnership](#)

September restarts our partnership with Rappahannock County Elementary School (RCES). We will continue to provide a discretionary fund that the RCES Counselor will use to help financially limited students participate in school activities such as field trips and book fairs. We also welcome Kelly Estes to your Outreach Committee. She will be our liaison with RCES for this partnership.

**SPECIAL DISCRETIONARY FUND COLLECTION:** Trinity will hold a special collection on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, to support the discretionary fund. Please look for the Special Collection Basket inside the church entrance OR mail a check to Trinity, payable to “Trinity Outreach” with “RCES” in the memo.

[HAITI Update](#)

On July 24th, St. Marc celebrated the graduation of 14 students from our Trade School. The students completed combinations of courses in Sewing, Cooking, Floral Arts and Motorcycle Maintenance. This happened with our support and the work of our partners in Haiti, but special thanks goes to Trinity’s ECW for their sponsorship of the Cooking Class and Tim Kerr for his support of the Motorcycle Maintenance Class.



Two students of special note:

Lysias Midla graduated from the Cooking, Sewing and Floral Arts classes. She was the best student in the Cooking Class. She has a small business and last month she and Veuillard Vena (another cooking class graduate) prepared a cake for the graduation party at another school. St. Marc is very proud of their work!

Laventure Jean Mary. Was the best student in the Motorcycle Maintenance Class and he is continuing his internship with instructor, Mr. Frantz Fidel.

I think you will agree that the pictures show what a grand celebration it was for the proud students and their families. The young women in the Sewing Class made their graduation dresses and the theme was **RED**.

As I reflect on the value of our ministry in Haiti I have come to believe that "hope" - hope for a better life - may be our greatest gift. **Thank you for your continued support.**

