Trinity Talk

"to love God and share that love with others"

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Highlights from the Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held on January 25th in Baker Auditorium. Some of the key highlights from the meeting include:

- The ECW provided a subs lunch for attendees.
- Fr. Ron Dower gave his State of the Church address as his sermon during the service. He thanked all those who helped perform Christ's work at Trinity in the past year and announced that he would be giving the responsibility to search for a new organist/choir director to the Vestry.
- The congregation elected a new Senior Warden (Chuck Morello), Junior Warden (Jim Ford), and three Vestry members (Janet Bickle, Robi Rhodes, Shirley Varner).
- The congregation elected three delegates to Diocesan Convention (Janet Bickle, Robi Rhodes, and Carol Wagner) and one alternate delegate (Whit Johnstone).
- The congregation approved four amendments to the ByLaws without changes (see separate article for details).
- Kurt Harden presented the deficit budget approved by the Vestry.
- We remembered Fred Ciminello and Gus Pryor, who passed away in 2014.

The Annual Meeting packet contained reports from various committees and groups at Trinity. If you did not attend the annual meeting and wish to read those reports, you may request a copy from Chuck Morello or from Eunice in the office.

Lenten Program Invitation

We invite everyone to Trinity's Lenten Study program for 2015. We hope that this program will foster conversations about mission and our individual and parish role in the mission of the Church. Our goal is to give each participant an introduction to seeing what God is working outside of Trinity and to enable us to become involved as Disciples of Our Lord in this work.

Over the weeks between Ash Wednesday and Passion/Palm Sunday, this experience will involve three different areas: Our lives, our Church and our neighborhood. This program isn't meant to launch any major new initiatives in Trinity. It is meant simply to draw us into a closer walk with God during Lent while focusing our parish conversations on our purpose in Newark/Licking County. The structure for our conversations is somewhat open-ended, with printed materials at each session. It is my hope that each participant will feel free to engage in these conversations in ways that are comfortable and familiar to us.

The material draws heavily on Alan Roxbaugh's *Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood*. Roxbaugh is one of America's leading experts on church mission. His case is compelling, using Luke 10 and the Sending out of the 70. It is understood that Christians learn best what the Spirit is doing out ahead of them by sharing their stories with their neighbors.

Schedule of Tuesday programs for Feb 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24:
5:30 PM Evening Prayer Chapel
6:00 PM Covered Dish Dinner
6:45 PM Study Program
8:15 PM Compline in place
8:20 PM Departure

Lent: It's time to… Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love

So much of our stress and anxiety derives from our pollution of Time. God has given us the gift of time, and called it holy, yet we often experience time as a curse. In a series of short, daily videos over five weeks in Lent, the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) invite us to recapture time as a gift. In a program called *It's time to … Stop, Pray, Work, Play, & Love* you can join the Brothers online as they wrestle with questions of time and discover how to experience the joy of the present moment.

This series starts on 5:00 AM local time Ash Wednesday: February 18th, 2015 and is designed so that everyone at Trinity can participate. Everyone is busy. Time is at a premium. It is hard for all to come together to deepen our faith.

Each theme is introduced with a video of a Brother priming us for the week's theme. The theme is then explored in depth each day in short reflection videos (around 2 minutes each). A compilation video is also available each Sunday.

Each reflection video ends with a thought-provoking question for you to ponder over the course of the day, then answer on the worksheet (which you may download for free at http://ssje.org/2015Lent/Time_Workbook_Web.pdf) or jot down in your own notebook..

To participate in the program, go to http://ssje.org/ssje/time/ and subscribe to receive your daily e-mail (so you can do it on your time). If you already subscribe to SSJE offerings, you do not need subscribe for this one; it will be delivered automatically.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The word Shrove comes from the old word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Lent was a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that traditionally haven't been allowed in Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which, years ago, were forbidden during Lent.

It is a tradition of Trinity that the men of the congregation prepare and serve pancakes and sausage for Shrove Tuesday. This year Shrove Tuesday falls on February 17th. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5-7 PM in Simpson Hall. Men of the parish who would like to help with the preparation and serving should contact Chuck Morello. Donations for the Pancake Supper will go to supporting the repair work in the sanctuary.

Who Will Win the Golden Halo This Year?

Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, while simultaneously being a unique Lenten devotion. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the *Saintly Sixteen*; eight advance to the *Round of the Elate Eight*; four make it to the *Faithful Four*; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted *Golden Halo*. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as they offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

Lent Madness begins on February 19th with Gregory the Illuminator vs Brendon the Navigator. Don't know who these people are? Go to http://www.lentmadness.org/ and read their biographies (biographies of competing saints are posted early on the day they compete) and vote for the saint you like best. The complete bracket is online at http://www.lentmadness.org/bracket/ and will be posted on the bulletin board in Simpson Hall. Do you think you know who will win the Golden Halo this year?

Think on This. . .

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe."

Ephesians 1:15-19a (NRSV)

An Invitation to Trinity Episcopal Church

The Market Street Pantry volunteers are extending an invitation to the members of Trinity Episcopal Church to come and join us help those struggling with poverty and the need to put food on the table. We are looking for individuals who would work a two hour shift from 10:00 AM to noon on either a Wednesday or Saturday. If you have time to work two hours once a month then we would love to see you. We work in teams of six or seven people, and perhaps you could provide a team from Trinity or join one of the St. Luke's teams. If interested, please contact any of the following:

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Search for a New Organist/Choir Director

At the Annual Meeting, Fr. Ron asked the Vestry to create a committee to conduct the search for hiring a new organist/choir director. If you are interested in helping with the search, please speak to any Vestry member. We'll be assembling the committee at the February Vestry meeting.

Coffee Hour Request from ECW

ECW furnishes a birthday cake for the first Sunday and a soup lunch on the third Sunday of each month. Volunteers are needed for the other two Sundays (or sometimes three). Remember: KIS (keep it simple). Bake small cookies or brownies to serve with coffee. Buy a dozen donuts (or less) and cut them into bite-sized pieces. Coffee hour is not a meal, so all that's needed is a few bites to go with the coffee. Plates shouldn't be needed, just napkins. Coffee is furnished by ECW. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so you can sign up and help out.

Many Thanks,
Cuisine Committee, ECW

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Vestry

Bullet Points

- Financial Report – Income for December was $12,478.14, with expenses of $20,545.84 for a difference of -$8,067.70.
- 2015 Budget – The proposed budget shows a shortfall of $23,622.
- Capital Campaign – 79 different donors; $477,755.78 in total pledges; $362,795.78 total amount paid; $114,960.00 receivables due; $236,612.29 spent to date; $239,744.49 balance in the checkbook. The last invoice was paid on September 14th, 2014 and there are currently no outstanding invoices.
- A new sump pump has been purchased and installed in the basement. A new generator has been ordered.
- For repair of the roof, the insurance company needs an appraisal of the value of the four primary windows, and this is being requested from Franklin Glass.
- The parking lot sign is ready to replace the current "tow-away" sign in the parking lot.
- ECW – Community Lenten Service at 2nd Presbyterian Church will be March 4th with Trinity providing the lunch. Other upcoming events include a Progressive Club lunch on February 4th and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17th. The next meeting is February 11th and a soup lunch on February 15th.
- Chuck Morello proposed two changes to Trinity's bylaws:

    1. Changing Article IV, Section 1 to set the date for the Annual Meeting to the first Sunday in February.
    2. Adding to Article X, Section 2 to charge the Finance Committee to annually prepare and present to the Vestry no later than the November meeting a complete budget for the ensuing year for Vestry acceptance and approval.

ECW

Our ECW starts off February with a money maker to add to our contributions to the roof fund: we will be serving The Progressive Club a lovely luncheon on February 4th. The following week on February 11th we will have our usual monthly meeting where we will discuss our next projects: Valentine's cookies, a possible Soup Lunch on the 15th and the annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, the 17th. All women are members of the ECW. If you haven't joined us yet, please do. We have a lot of fun serving our parish, our ministries and our community.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is working on upgrading Trinity's website and Facebook page. If you have things you would like to see on Trinity's website or on our Facebook page, please let members of the Communications Committee know. Our presence on internet platforms is important for several aspects of our outreach ministries as well as for keeping our members informed. Members of the Communications Committee are Janet Bickle (Chair), Melinda Buchholz, Jack Crockford, Andrea Eppley, Gary Loveday, Chuck Morello, Robi Rhodes, Tickie Shull, Garry Young, and Fr. Ron. The committee usually meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9:30-11 AM in Simpson Hall. Visitors and ideas are always welcome.

Please Note: the February meeting was held earlier because of the Vestry Retreat on that weekend.

1: 8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:10 AM, Healing and Anointing
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
February Birthday Celebration (after 10:30 service)
3: 12:00-1:00 PM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00-2:00 PM, Bible Study
6: Birthday: Cindy Simons
6-7: Vestry Retreat
8: Birthday: Andrea DeVito
8: 8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:10 AM, Healing and Anointing
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
10: Birthday: Jan Saliba
10: 12:00-1:00 PM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00-2:00 PM, Bible Study
14: Birthdays: June Sachs and Megan DeVito
14: Valentine's Day!
15: 8:00 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:10 AM, Healing and Anointing
10:30 AM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
ECW Soup Luncheon
16: Birthday: T.D. Griley
17: 12:00-1:00 PM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00-2:00 PM, Bible Study
5:00-7:00 PM, Pancake Supper
18: Birthday: Chelley Wells
18: Ash Wednesday
12:00 PM, HE from Reserve/Ashes, Chapel
7:00 PM, HE/Ashes, Baker Auditorium
20: Deadline for *Trinity Talk* Input!
22: 8:00 AM, HE/Penitential Order
10:10 AM, Healing/Anointing
10:30 AM, HE/Penitential Order
2:00 PM, Community Luncheon
23: Birthdays: Gary Loveday and Vivion Dower
24: 12:00-1:00 PM, Holy Eucharist Rite II
1:00-2:00 PM, Bible Study
5:30-8:20 PM, Lenten Study Program
25: Birthday: Cole Buchhholz
26: 7:00 PM, Vestry Meeting
28: Birthdays: Josh Davidson and Harriet Evans

February Server Schedule

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Lector: Lesson 1	Garry Young	Robi Rhodes	Diane Clinton	Larry Arnholt
Lector: Lesson 2	Bev Crockford	Cathy Bagot	Andrea Eppley	Shirley Varner
Intercessor	Susan Kennedy	Andrea DeVito	Cathy Ford	Jay Young
Chalice Bearers	Whit Johnstone Jack Crockford	Cathy Ford Chuck Morello	Jay Young Robi Rhodes	Bev Crockford Jack Crockford
Crucifer	Jay Young	Troy Melick	Natasha Johnson	Troy Melick
Acolytes	Whit Johnstone Natasha Johnson	Cathy Ford Andrea Eppley Zoey Clark	Whit Johnstone Jay Young	Cathy Ford Andrea Eppley
Oblation Carriers and Ushers	Mick Fouts Janet Bickle	Jim Hopewell Natasha Johnson	Cathy and Jim Ford	Billie Richey Peg Marbais
Counters	Kurt Harden Mick Fouts	Bonnie John Billie Richey	Janet Bickle Jack Crockford	Gary Loveday Andrea Eppley
Altar Guild	Sylvia Friel Robi Rhodes	Terry Mooney	Liz Stickle Mabel Mike Cathy Ford	Donna Loveday Shirley Varner

Trinity celebrates January birthdays!

ECW Luncheons: Come for the soup; stay for the desserts (and company)

Trinity's 2015 Vestry

Trinity inches ever closer to our fund-raising goals

ECW provided a delicious sub lunch for the Annual Meeting.

"Send them into the world in witness to your love." —BCP

Good food and good fellowship seem to be the order of the day at January's events!

Dear Trinity friends,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful reception and kind remarks at my retirement as Trinity's Organist/Choirmaster on December 21, 2014. It was truly a privilege and joy to serve the Lord and His church in Newark for the past 15 years. I was also gratified with the attendance of Bishop Price and Mariann at that day's service and reception recognizing the 37 years I was privileged to serve in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. I will always miss the thrill of all of us worshiping together ("join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration."). Further, I pray that Trinity's presence in Newark and Licking County will continue as a beacon of Hope, Faith and Charity in all the years to come.

Sincerely In Christ,

Wm. Terry Bagot

Organist/Choirmaster, Retired

Trinity Episcopal Church

Newark, Ohio

In the Spotlight

Rev. Claire Hunkins

Hello Trinity,
I just recently was contacted by your current clergyman, the Rev. Ron Dower, and appraised of your building situation. I am sorry to hear of your predicament; I will help as I can, and most certainly keep your fundraising efforts in my prayers. Trinity is a lovely and spiritually-inspiring facility, but I understand it is aging, like all of us.

I do go on your web site, and was warmed to see quite a few familiar names. It has been many years since I have been in Newark, and I have not been back to Ohio since accepting my current position on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Father Ron asked if I would share a little about how things are going for me, which is well.

In August 2008, I began in my current position as part-time priest for Emmanuel Church, Jenkins Bridge, Virginia (pictured below). It is a small rural church, literally sitting at the corner of a corn/wheat/soybean/potato field, depending on the season. It has a wonderful congregation of active lay ministers, a warm and caring congregation, from farmers and housewives to retired military and school teachers.

Accomack County is one of the two poorest in Virginia, so we struggle, like most small churches. But God is busy here, and I feel blessed to be a part of Emmanuel's journey. We do a lot for our size, from holding a STOP HUNGER NOW event, to building handicap ramps, to supporting many local charities, such as Habitat, the Food Pantry, SPCA, and others. Sunday Oct 19th is our semi-annual Pancake Supper, always a big event with lots of community visitors.

Personally, life is good. I still have cats, imagine that, and am heavy into gardening, enjoying the local wildlife refuge and beach, and house fix-ups (Eastern Shore bungalow pictured). I am active in a local singing group that visits nursing homes, a Friends group at the Wildlife Refuge, a county Crisis Council, and Hospice, among other things.

Life has moved my kids in different directions, with Christina and two of my grandkids living locally, which I do enjoy. Petra and her kids and grandkids live in Indiana, Jessica and hers in Canton. Larry and his family are in Phoenix, and Eric in El Paso, Texas (he just got out of the Army, serving since high school). I also have my five brothers, three of whom live in Virginia. With all this family, I am pretty busy visiting them in my off time.

I thank God that I am able to be in this place. And I thank all of YOU for all your support during my journey of discernment, seminary, ordination, and priesthood. At times it was a rough journey, and I really could not have done it without you! Though I have not been around there, I have always kept Trinity in my prayers, and will continue to do so. May God bless your endeavors, that they may continue to bear fruit.

Yours in Christ,
Claire+

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Worship Services

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Service held in Christ Chapel
10:10 AM: Healing Service
w/Laying on of hands in Christ Chapel
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Service held in Baker Auditorium
Sunday School during service

Tuesday

Noon: Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Service held in Christ Chapel

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