

# Trinity Episcopal Church 2019 Annual Report



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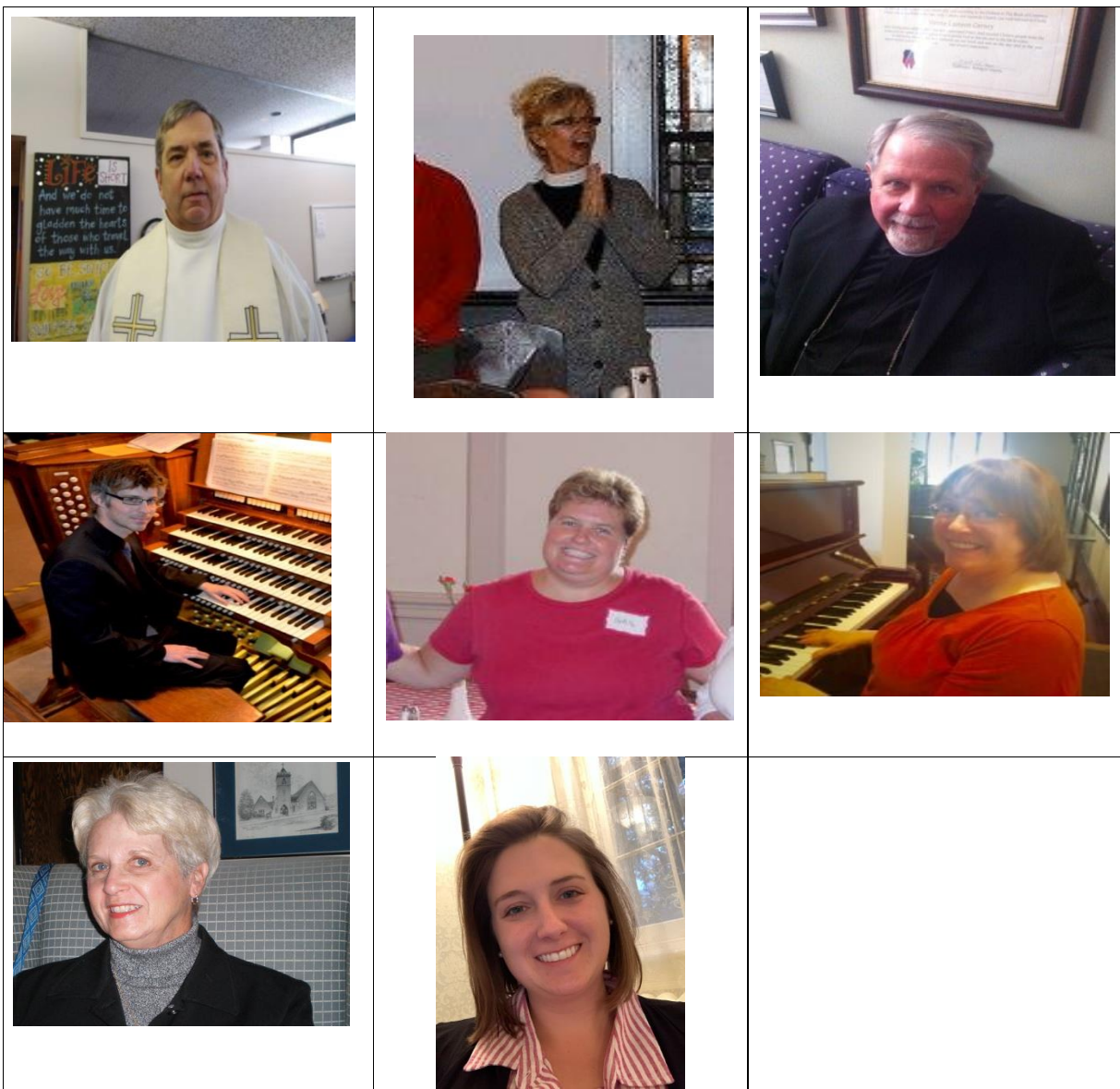
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**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA  
JANUARY 19, 2020**

Opening Prayer

Introduction of Vestry

**Class of 2020**

Pam Cribbs  
Anne Henry  
Liz Lewis  
Angie Mendez  
Peter Trapp

**Class of 2021**

Suzanne deForest  
Jack McCracken  
Jerry Pankey  
Jeff Schneider  
*Vacant position*

**Class of 2022**

Terri Anderson  
Sandy Crow  
Mike Guidotti  
Brenda Randall  
Nikki Raquedan

Report of the Nominating Committee

Introduction of Nominees:

Stephen Bailey  
Clarence Guenther  
Betsy Harlow  
Mike Riegner  
Sharon Scott-Smith  
Rachel Strohman

We appreciate these people allowing their names to be placed in nomination.

Nominations from the Floor

Election

Rector's Report

Presentation of the Budget

Open Floor

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Rules of Election:

Election to the Vestry is by simple majority (50% of ballots cast plus one). If it is necessary to have additional ballots, those people who are elected on previous ballots are removed from the running. The slate is also reduced to no more than two nominees per position by removing those people who received the least number of votes.

When one of the positions being filled is a partial term, this position is determined by drawing lots among all those elected. This is done following the Annual Meeting. Vestry members filling a one year term are eligible to run again for a three year term. Vestry members filling a two year term are not eligible to run again until they have been off the Vestry for two years.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

	2016	2017	2018	2019
BAPTISMS	22	14	17	11
CONFIRMATION	19	11	12	4
RECEPTIONS				
MARRIAGES	9	6	3	2
FUNERALS	5	4	7	7
AVERAGE	241	237	226	218
SUNDAY ATENDANCE				
PLEDGING UNITS FOR THE NEXT YEAR	191	176	164	151



### Trinity Episcopal Church's Mission Statement

**We welcome all in the celebration.**  
 Celebrating the experience of God's love,  
 Celebrating the diversity of humanity,  
 Celebrating life's blessing.  
 Celebrating life eternal.  
***"Open & Affirming"***

## The Mission and Ministry of Trinity Church Is Only Possible Because of Your Pledge Offerings

### Trinity Episcopal Church, Manassas, Virginia 2020 Proposed Budget

Budget Field	2019 actual	2020 proposed
<b>Pledges</b>	<b>444,148</b>	435000
<b>Plate Offerings</b>	<b>12,391</b>	12000
<b>Investments</b>		
Income Growth	4,670	
Thornton Trust	11,186	11000
Special Offerings	11,480	
Other	15,916	5000
Food Ministry	7,638	8000
Coffee Hour	2,686	4000
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>510,216</b>	478000
<b>Outreach Expenses</b>		
6101 · Diocesan Pledge	26,000	20,000
6104 · Rect. Disc. Fund	900	900
6105 · Rect. Emer. Disc. Fund	975	900
6106 convention	645	700
6107 Food Ministry	6,373	8000
6150 · General Outreach	0	2000
	<b>34,818</b>	33000
<b>Salaries</b>		
6201 · Salaries - Clergy	101,839	101568
6202 · Housing/Utility	48,140	48140
6203 · Bus/Travel Allowances	3,600	3600
6204 · Self Employment		
Taxes	22,905	22905
6205 · Pension	21,206	23184
6206 · Life & Health		
Insurance	20,898	14000
6207 · Continuing Education	430	1400
6221 · FICA/Taxes - Staff	8,545	7072
6222 · Salaries - Staff	109,678	88483
6223 · Childcare - Staff	2,024	3000
6225 Health Insurance	5,770	
6226 Lay Pension	0	
	<b>345,036</b>	313352
<b>Ministries</b>		
6331 · Christian Ed (Adult)	0	250
6332 · Sunday School		
(Children)	747	1000
6335 · Vacation Bible School	557	1000
6336 · Youth Group	974	1200
6339 · Acolytes	0	250

6341 - Altar Supplies	1800	1500
6351 - Music	509	1600
6352 - Instrument Maintenance	2,035	2700
6375 Other programs	1243	1500
6377 Receptions	0	350
6379 Kitchen Supplies	2,778	3300
6380 Coffee Hour	3,649	3750
	<b>14,292</b>	18400
<b>Bldg</b>		
6401 - Utilities	27,887	26000
6402 - Telephone	4,233	4300
6403 - Insurance	16,220	16000
6404 - Repairs/Maintenance	20,096	20000
6410--Cleaning Service	15,600	15600
6409 Real Estate Taxes	455	380
	<b>84,492</b>	82280
<b>Office expenses</b>		
6502 - Equipment/Service Maint.	4,172	8350
6503 - Postage	2,030	1700
6504 - Office Supplies	4,339	5000
6505 - Computer Supplies	7,386	3800
	<b>17,928</b>	18850
6601 - Annual Audit	1,948	3620
6605 - Bank Charges	2,343	3500
6603 - Other	5,166	5000
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>9,457</b>	12120
<b>Total Budget</b>	506,024	478002

**Other Outreach:**

Guatemala Teen Pregnancy Ministry : \$2000.00  
 36 Thanksgiving Baskets  
 85 Un-Trim-a-Tree Gifts  
 16 College Care Packages  
 50 Back to Basics Seasonal Wardrobes  
 361 Dinner Bags  
 1335 Lunches  
 Hope in a Bag  
 Numerous Winter Coats, Gloves, Hats

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MORNING

**7:30 AM Holy Eucharist/sermon/no music:** If you are looking for a quiet start on Sunday morning or you simply like to get a jump on the day, this worship experience might be the one for you. **Mark tells us,** *"I enjoy the quiet of the morning in this service and still get to have the coffee and bagels in the parish hall!"*



**8:30 AM Holy Eucharist/music/choir/sermon:**

Maybe you are feeling a need to worship with young and old alike or the need for music and laughter, this time of worship has it all. **Bryan says,** *"I LOVE the 8:30 worship...I get a choir, music, sermon, the whole shebang and I have the whole rest of the day ahead of me!"*

**9:45 AM Education Hour for All Ages (Adults & Children)**

**9:45 AM Holy Eucharist/sermon/music:** Just as the sun is really beginning to pour through the back window, we gather for a quieter time of worship. We are blessed with amazing piano accompaniment for our singing. **Alicia says,** *"Church is 45 minutes long, I get to sing, I get a fun sermon, I get communion...what more could I want?" :-))*

**11:00 AM Holy Eucharist/sermon/music/choir:** Following coffee and education time, we gather to worship, welcoming every age group. We find ourselves praying, laughing, singing and enjoying the sermons! **Rob & Jenn say,** *"Sunday is our morning to sleep in, have a double latte, read the news and we are still not late for a great morning at Trinity!"*

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP

**Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist/Healing:** Every Wednesday we celebrate communion and have a simple time of worship. There are a few words to open the worship, the readings are followed by a time of silence and prayers, and then we share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who choose can receive anointing for healing.

### HOME COMMUNIONS

The clergy and our lay Eucharistic ministers have done dozens of home communions this year. If you or someone in your family is unable to attend Sunday worship and would like home communion, please contact the office.

## **Special Events in 2019**

### **Hosting Community Lenten Lunches and Speakers for over 40 Years**

#### **Wednesday Community Services and Lunches**

**Wednesday, March 6** (Ash Wednesday; Imposition of Ashes)

Preacher: The Rev. Vinnie Lainson, Trinity Episcopal Church

Organist: Eric Dombrowski, Trinity Episcopal Church

Lunch Menu: Caesar Salad, Corn Chowder, Grilled Cheese, Chocolate Chip Cookies

**Wednesday, March 13**

Preacher: The Rev. Stuart Schadt, Trinity Episcopal Church

Organist: Carole Keily, Trinity Episcopal Church

Lunch Menu: Irish Stew, Fresh Bread, Dessert

**Wednesday, March 20**

Preacher: The Rev. Rudy Tucker, Grace United Methodist

Organist: Deborah Panell, Manassas Presbyterian Church

Lunch Menu: Chicken Lo Mein, Fresh Bread, Dessert

**Wednesday, March 27**

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lisa Kenkeremath, Manassas Presbyterian

Organist: The Rev. Milton Rodgers, Grace United Methodist

Lunch Menu: Chicken Stir Fry, Fresh Bread, Dessert

**Wednesday, April 3**

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, Bethel Lutheran Church

Organist: Rod Harbin, Bethel Lutheran Church

Lunch Menu: BLT Salad, Cheeseburger Casserole, Dessert

**Wednesday April 10**

Preacher: The Rev. Mandy North, Manassas Church of the Brethren

Organist: Becky Verner, Manassas Baptist Church

Lunch Menu: Caesar Salad, Sweet and Sour Meatballs, Rice, Dessert

*Lunch is \$6.50.*

**Scout Sunday February 24**

**Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Children and Youth Sunday – March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**All Bach Sunday March 31**

**Hosted Manassas Garden Club Flower Show at Trinity May 21**



**Members of the Manassas Lodge attend 8:30 worship for St. John's Day June 23**

**Ministry Fair September 8**

**Blessing of the Animals – September 29**



**Church Luncheon October 6**

**Friends & Family Chamber  
Orchestra Concert  
October 20  
Wayne Taylor Conducting**



**Trinity hosted the GFWC Manassas Woman's Club jewelry fundraiser "Baubles & Bling," on Saturday, Nov. 2**

**Job vs. God a study of The Book of Job October 27 – November 17. Four two hour sessions. taught by Jim Hughes. Thanks Jim.**

**Trinity Christmas Mart – Sunday Morning November 17 – Thank you Lisa Wells for coordinating.**

**Trinity Hosted an Ensemble of Manassas Symphony Orchestra Nov 9**

**Lessons and Carols Sunday Morning December 15**

***Renew\*Invite\*Welcome\*Connect***

We brought a new experience to Trinity in June, called *Renew\*Invite\*Welcome\*Connect*. It is a program of learning and growth that will help us better connect with each other, as well as members of Trinity we may not know. The goal is to involve everyone in the ministry of creating a welcome, open and affirming congregational experience for everyone who comes in the door. From there it helps us reach out and invite others into fellowship with us and God. The program ran for four weeks starting Wednesday, June 12 with either a morning or evening session. We offered the program again in the fall.

**The Episcopal Way or Trinity 101**

In the fall, we offered a three-part class for those who have questions about what we do or think and why. We started with those questions and found that more followed! We learned that Trinity is shaped by each member and the perspective they bring to the congregation. The class was open to everyone, from lifelong Episcopalians to our newest members from other faiths.

**Children Ministries**

Our Christian Education Program emphasizes making learning fun. Teachers and students learn from each other as well as learning the stories that make our faith. Some of the events we celebrated during this year:

Our spring included our celebration of Lent, our communion class for the younger children with a journey to the sacristy and to 9:45 to participate in the Eucharist and receive communion. We had an Easter egg hunt and invited the parish to join us for an end of the year breakfast.

During the summer we said goodbye to Diane Trafton, who has led our Youth and Sunday School programs for the past three years.

Many members worked through August to get us ready for the fall. Our youth came in on two separate days to clean and renew classrooms and bulletin boards. Several organizational meetings helped us build a vision and move forward. For the fall we chose to use the Episcopal Children's Curriculum. The following people stepped up to help lead us forward:

**PreK** - Laura Mancini and Nicole Morris

**K & 1st** - Ginny Bueno, Terri Anderson, Jill Barr

**2nd & 3rd** - Erin Price, Joanna Ward, David Beye

**4th & 5th** - Katie Pistun, Clarence Guenther, Janet Burke

**6th & 7th** - Laura Guidotti, Rebecca Cleveland, Tammie Arnold

**7th - 9th** - Annie Henry, Nikki Raquedan

**9th - 12th** - Lindsey Day

Support team members: Deborah Walker, Brenda Smith, Vinnie, Sarah Watts and Stuart.



## Youth Group and Acolytes

The Youth Groups and Acolytes at Trinity Church had an active role in the life and work of the parish during 2019. Our Middle and High School student participation comes mainly in three areas: Christian formation, fellowship, and service to God and neighbor.

On Sunday mornings, our youth assemble for Youth Forums. This year they are divided into Junior and Senior forum. Anne Henry, Nikki Raquedan, and Lindsey Day are offering guidance this year.



Spring in Youth Group included:

Working with the Men's group on the Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Ancestry Dinner with dishes representing our heritage.

June 9 Invited the fifth graders to join us for miniature golf.

Summer Included Making it Better camp and two August work days to prepare our Sunday School Area for the fall.

Fall 2019 started with a Parent Youth Forum where parents and youth working together and separately talked about goals and purposes for our youth ministry.

Other activities included Burrito Sunday October 27, preparing College Care packages to go to Trinity members in college and making Gingerbread Houses.

We usually close with prayers from Call on Me, A Prayer Book for Young People. A special gift made it possible to send one of these books out to each of our youth.

## **Summer Camps**

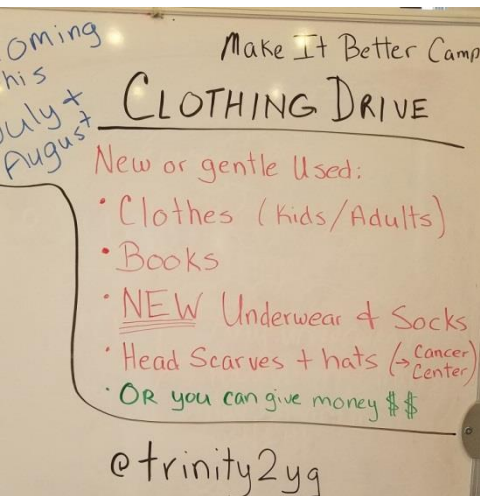
Trinity holds two camps during the summer – Make It Better Camp (for middle schoolers) and Vacation Bible School for elementary students.

### **Make It Better 2019**

This year at MIB camp:

- We sponsored a clothing and book drive to support Boxes of Basics

- We sorted clothes at the Boxes of Basics Center
- We went for Ice Cream
- We picked up trash along a street in Manassas and visited a Civil War fort
- And we ended the week in Stuart's pool.
- Our clothing drive was so successful we had to ask for help to sort the clothes. Thank you to the women from the Friday lunch group.





## Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019

Each Day had a theme this year

Adventure – Wisdom - Joy – Rest – Peace

Music was led by Roy Wulf and Connley Fleming



## Music Ministries

The Music Program at Trinity Church enjoyed a great year! The **Trinity Singers** and **Chancel Choir** are comprised of adults who are committed to the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services, respectively. Each Sunday we come together and learn different styles of music ranging from the beginnings of the Anglican Church to today. Some days we sing in parts, some we all sing

the same line. The **Trinity Singers** rehearse at 7:30 am and sing at the 8:30 worship. The **Chancel Choir** rehearses at 10:00 am and sings at the 11:00 worship.

The Handbell Choir rang seven times during 2019. The Handbell Choir rehearses at 7:00 pm on Thursday nights.



We are always looking for new members and there are no requirements besides a hunger for music making and being able to commit to our rehearsals. Please give the music program a try! Meet the wonderful people who already have a commitment to the program and make music to the Glory of God. *Solis Deo Gloria!*

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 Gail Sander, Director-Handbell Choir  
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## **Beyond Our Doors**

***“What we do with our hands once our hearts have been moved.”*** This simple, yet profound expression of mission is the foundation for the work of outreach carried out by the whole community of Trinity church. A parish wide effort, Trinity’s members have a heart to reach deeply into their time, talent and pockets to help others, both at home and away.

We see that one step of faith, a small whisper, has grown into a refreshing wind. We all continue to pray that God's plan for the people at Trinity, in Manassas and throughout the world is sustained until Christ's return among us.

Parishioners of all ages can make a difference as individuals, families and community. We step up to the plate to feed the hungry daily lunches and groceries for families; donate coats for those who are cold; strive to be good stewards of environmental resources by reducing energy consumption, reusing supplies and recycling when possible; make it better for our neighbors and equip the people of Trinity Episcopal Church to go out from this place to seek and serve Christ in everyone we meet. And that’s just the beginning.

### **Altar of Hope**

Thirty-six families were truly thankful this Thanksgiving as Trinity collected and delivered “the works,” from turkey and stuffing to cranberry sauce and dessert. It is truly a blessing to



see our Trinity family help so many families in our community who would otherwise do without.

### **Un-Trim-A-Tree**

We partner every year with Volunteer Prince William to bring the spirit of Christmas to local families. Through the generous donations of our members, we helped 36 children experience the hope and joy of the Christmas season. Our office overflowed with gifts of clothes, toys and bicycles. We also provided 15 homebound senior citizens with baskets of goodies and necessities. The joy that our members found in giving is truly the spirit of Christmas at work. This annual ministry always exceeds our goals and everyone is blessed by helping Santa!

### **Operation Warm Hugs**

Trinity has become known for providing essential warmth by generously offering heavy coats, hats and scarves for the cold winter months. By surrounding those in need with warmth and protection from the elements, we live out Jesus's command to "love our neighbor as we love ourselves." In addition to the many generous donations from Trinity members, this year, PAL



Cleaning (our cleaning company) and Zumba Sparkles Events donated coats to Operation Warm Hugs. The coat rack is up in our Garth every year from early November to mid-February.

### **Food Pantry**

Trinity has long had a food pantry to provide on the go food for people who are hungry and groceries for people who have no ability to cook, limited ability to cook and full access to a kitchen. Additionally, Trinity sends groceries to Prince William Food Rescue from our Sunday morning ingathering baskets. This very effective ministry is headed by Lisa Wells, along with Pete Trapp, and a crew of about 15 helpers, through the generosity of Trinity members.

### **Outdoor Food Pantry**

The outdoor food pantry is available 24/7. Brenda Smith and other volunteers work to keep this ministry open and serving.



### **Other Outreach**

Hope in a Bag – Bags include basic items like socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

## **Inside Our Doors**

### **Your Generous Donations**

Your generous donations of time and money made possible a several improvements to our property. Major projects this year included carpet in the parish hall and first floor hallways, new tile floors in the first floor men and women's restrooms and painted window frames around the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

### **Lay Pastoral Ministry**

A huge shout out to the *Lay Pastoral Ministry Teams*! These teams have long been headed by **Betsy Harlow**, who has just retired from the position; **Brenda Randall** will be the new ministry leader. These faithful teams send out love and greetings, prayers of healing and Happy Birthdays to our whole community! With each card, the love for each other is gently given and even more warmly received. Thank you, everyone....your ministry reaches farther and deeper than we will ever know! To be remembered on your birthday feels like love; to get a call when you aren't well, feels like support; to wrap a hand knit shawl around weak shoulders, made by loving hands right here, infused with prayers just for you...well, that feels like love and support. And maybe even a miracle! We do all of this and more.

### **Reception To Follow Team**

Betsy Harlow heads up the Reception to Follow Team. These eager entertainers have been graciously serving up receptions here at Trinity for many years and go largely unsung – except during the fabulous receptions they put on where everyone can be heard exclaiming how wonderful the food is! This past year they provided the reception for confirmation and other special events and after the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra concert. They are always delighted to add new members. If you hear laughter from the kitchen, you will know it's them!

### **Sunday Morning Adult Forum**

Christian education for adults has a prominent place in the life of Trinity every Sunday morning during the education hour. The Adult Forum meeting in the parish hall at 9:45 offers a variety of topics throughout the year. Stuart, Vinnie, Jim, Linnea, Sarah and Eric have led Adult Forum during the year. The following parishioners also led Adult Forum: Erin Bahring, Arlene Banfield, Forrest Keck, Jack McCracken, Rachel Strohman, Toby Williams, Doug Wulf.

### **Greeters**

The ministry of Trinity Greeters is to meet and greet the members and visitors as they enter the church for worship. Trinity embraces the ministry of radical welcome, remembering that each one of us has been a stranger walking into a new church! We have greeters at the Florida Room door and the Bell Tower entrance. We encourage everyone to wear nametags each Sunday. The nametags are found in the Florida Room, in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex – we all simply write our first name on the label and put them on. This is a very important ministry and a great way to meet members and visitors attending all services at Trinity. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office.

### **Ushers**

Finding a welcoming face and voice is *often the essential difference* for someone who is looking for community, acceptance and friendship on Sunday morning. Ushers contribute to our worship by greeting people, distributing bulletins, providing guidance in seating, taking the offering collection, giving direction to the communion rail, being available for assistance after the service, helping to straighten up the Church after worship and other duties as assigned. It is our hope that you will feel this job is yours and that creating an atmosphere of radical welcome is your specialty! Everyone matters, each person counts, every smile warms a heart. We welcome volunteers to help us in this important ministry. Contact the church office if you are interested in joining this ministry.



### **Lay Readers and Prayer Leaders**

Lay Readers assist in our worship by reading the lessons, leading the psalm and leading the Prayers of the People. Prayer leaders simply lead the prayers printed in the service bulletin. If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact the church office.

### **Chalice Bearers**

The Chalice Bearers assist at the Holy Eucharist by administering the chalice at communion. The Chalice Bearers are also responsible for making sure the Lay Readers are present and for filling in for the Lay Readers if necessary. If you feel you may have a call to this ministry, please speak with Stuart or Vinnie.

### **Flower Guild**

The Flower Guild has twelve active members on four teams, who are assigned weekly duties on a rotating basis. The purpose of this Guild is to decorate the church, Narthex and/or parts of the church for Sunday services and special occasions/ celebrations held during the church year. Flowers and foliage are obtained from florists, gardens of members, friends and other parishioners.

To collect funds for the purchase of flowers, weekly memorials/thanksgivings are given “to the glory of God in loving memory” by parishioners. A fee of \$50 is charged to the family making the memorial. These memorials are printed in the weekly bulletin and read during the Sunday services. To purchase Poinsettias and Lilies to use for Christmas and Easter decoration, a smaller fee is charged (\$15).



Mary Delia Stokely is Flower Guild Chairman. Lisa Harlow sends out the bills and notices. Anyone interested in joining this rewarding Guild should contact Mary Delia (703-368-1424).



### **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is entrusted with the privilege of preparing the chancel and its furnishings for corporate worship. Our goal is to be sure the worship space is kept beautiful and in good order. We prepare vessels, elements, linens and paraments used in the liturgy. These things are done both to glorify God and to provide a setting enabling the congregation to worship in a meaningful way.

Our members are divided into four groups. Each group serves for one week every fourth

week. Each group has a group captain primarily responsible for communication. Each group is responsible for services during their week's duty, including regular Sunday services, weddings, funerals, and special services. We would love to have some new members. Please contact Ginger Critchley (703-361-8985) or any Altar Guild member if you would like to be a part of this special ministry.

### **Trinity Ladies Lunches**

The *Trinity Ladies* meet the second Friday of every month at noon to enjoy lunch together at the Ashton Diner. The group is open to any Trinity lady who would like to join us for friendly chat, fellowship and a few laughs. This year the group asked that the clergy and office reach out to them when there are random volunteer needs at the church. They have helped sort clothing in the youth clothing drive and helped with several mailings. If you have questions, please email Pam Cribbs at [jmemom03@gmail.com](mailto:jmemom03@gmail.com).

### **Trinity Quilters**

The Trinity Quilters meet on Thursdays at 11:00 in the choir room to work on their latest projects. If you like to quilt or would like to learn how to quilt, you are welcome to join us!

### **Coffee, Conversation & Bible Talk**

This group reads a variety of Books of the bible. They meet from 9:45 -11 a.m. on Tuesdays. Please feel free to drop in and enjoy fellowship and study with us! This is not your grandmother's bible circle!

### **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a men's organization started over 110 years ago in Chicago. The purpose of the brotherhood is the spread of Christ's word to men and youth throughout the world. Our ministry work is on both a personal and group level. The principals of prayer, scriptural studies, and service are the foundation on which our ministry work is built. The brotherhood is open to all Christian men who are at least 18 years of age.

We meet here at Trinity every Saturday morning at 8:00am sharp. We begin our meetings with a hearty breakfast followed by scripture study and discussion. We are not a group of theologians or

philosophers, just regular guys looking to expand our faith, our knowledge, and share our support for one another. The focus of our discussions is to see how the gospel relates to our own lives, our responsibilities as people of faith, and how we can apply Christ's teachings in our day-to-day lives. Both the cooking and devotions are led on a rotating volunteer basis. Our meetings end at 9:00am sharp so that those who have a full day planned can get started early. Our meeting size generally hovers around 15, and our membership is close to 25. Some of us attend often, while others whenever they can. But we meet every Saturday! The men retreated to the diocesan center at Shrinemont May 3 – 5 in 2019. They return to Shrinemont May 1 – 3, 2020.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** This is a ministry that you can do anywhere! The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings and the intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. (Visit [shawlministry.com](http://shawlministry.com) or [knitforkids.org/patterns](http://knitforkids.org/patterns) for ideas.) When the shawl is finished, a final blessing is offered before the shawl begins its journey. If you know of someone who needs to be wrapped in prayer and comfort, please call the church office.

**Baptism Classes -** These classes prepare candidates and/or their families for baptism. The classes meet for three weeks and are offered several times a year prior to the major baptismal festivals. Jennifer Smith has led these classes for more than ten years. She has answered hundreds of questions, soothed many jitters, made many new families and individuals feel at home here and lighted the light of Christ for each new baptismal candidate. Baptism dates usually fall in early February, the Sunday after Easter, Trinity or Pentecost Sunday, in July/August, and on the first Sunday of November.

**Yoga -** Every Tuesday, Trinity hosts a yoga class that begins at 12:15pm and lasts for one hour. Please feel free to join us, whether you are a beginner or seasoned in your yoga practice. Contact Ginger Critchley if you have questions.

**Labyrinth Walks** – The labyrinth is a meditative experience that can be used in any number of spiritual ways. It can be a prayer walk, a centering walk even a metaphor for a pilgrimage. A labyrinth walk was held this year on December 21.

## **SUPPORT MINISTRIES**

### **Finance Committee**

#### **Investment Funds:**

	<b>Nov. '17</b>	<b>Nov. '18</b>	<b>Nov. '19</b>
<b>Growth</b>	\$137,824	<b>\$143,730</b>	<b>\$156,431</b>
<b>Housing</b>	\$62,021	<b>\$64,678</b>	<b>\$70,394</b>
<b>Rixey/Coles/Lewis</b>	\$29,861	<b>\$31,141</b>	<b>\$33,893</b>

#### **Special Use Funds:**

Memorial	\$17,488	\$300	\$4536
Library	\$2207	\$2207	\$2207
Organ Fund	\$4845	\$4845	\$4845
Columbarium Fund	\$3215	\$3214	\$3214

#### **Trusts:**

JBT Thornton Trust	\$968,162	<b>\$927,872</b>	<b>\$987,135</b>
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### **General Asset Fund**

The corpus and yields from this fund are available for use as designated by the Vestry. (Funds are invested in a Money Market Fund which is used for the temporary holding of funds to assist in maintaining a steady cash flow for operations.)

### **The Trinity Growth Fund**

This investment fund has been created with gifts from numerous people. The major corpus of this Fund has come from the Johnson family in 1988, the estates of George Cocke and Martha Cocke in 1988 and the estate of Franziska M. Jonas, also in 1988. A gift of \$10,000 was received from the estate of Bonnie Huntley in 2014. The gifts were given without any designations. In January 1993, the Vestry ratified that the corpus of this Fund may be used for:

1. Capital projects to enlarge, upgrade or repair our current facility(s),
2. Acquisition of adjoining or other properties to further the mission of Trinity Church,
  - i. For mission work, outside of Trinity, to be defined as supporting other missions or churches through land acquisition, facility upgrading or monetary gifts to be used as the receiver sees fit.
3. The corpus may not be used for day-to-day operating expenses, including salaries or programs by the church.

The Vestry designates the use of the interest from this Fund.

### **The Clergy Housing Fund**

The Trinity Church Housing Fund is established to enable the parish to supply housing allowances for the clergy home ownership. The Fund was established in 1988 with proceeds of the sale of the rectory. Although the corpus and interest of this Fund is available to be used as designated by the Vestry, the corpus is to be maintained and enabled to grow. The corpus can be invested in clergy housing arrangements that offer the potential for future earnings.

### **The Mary Rixey, Frances Rixey Coles and Cornelia Lewis Fund**

This investment fund was established by a bequest in the will of Mary Rixey. The Fund was established in 1937. The Fund was increased by gifts from Cornelia B. Lewis in 1997. The interest of the Fund is administered under the direction of the Vestry of Trinity Church. The corpus of this Fund is managed under the guidelines of The Trinity Growth Fund.

## **Special Use Funds**

### **The Memorial Fund**

The Memorial Fund is used to buy items for the sanctuary and for worship. Contributions are made to the Fund as a memorial to those who have died or as a thanksgiving offering. Expenditures from this Fund are under the direction of the Rector, Altar Guild and Vestry. Sometimes gifts to this Fund are designated for specific items. It is common that members of the church designate this Fund as the fund to receive memorial gifts.

### **Library Fund**

The Charlotte Brown Library Fund was created in December 1993 as a memorial to Charlotte Tiffany Brown. Its purpose is to re-establish and maintain a parish library.

### **The Organ and Piano Fund**

Funds are added as memorials and from other sources occasionally. We hope that this fund will provide for the care and maintenance of the organ and pianos and, when necessary, their eventual replacement.

## **Trusts**

### **JBT Thornton Trust**

This trust was established in 1918 when the will of J.B.T. Thornton gave a bequest of ten (10) shares of bank stock for its establishment. Until 1997, Crestar Bank was the Trustee of the Trust. In 1997, the Vestry of Trinity became the Trustee of the Trust. The income from this Trust is divided into two parts annually in December. Trinity receives one half of the income and is free to use the funds as the Vestry so designates. The other half is distributed for use to benefit the elderly of the greater Manassas area in a manner designated by the Vestry acting as trustee of the funds.

Funds Available: \$22,372  
 Trinity Episcopal Church: 11,186  
 Available for community grants to serve the elderly: 11,186

### Grant funds

Center For the Arts	
Past Time Prime Time Players	\$2893
Project Mend A House	
Aging in Place	\$5400
Friends of Prince William Senior Center	
Outdoor Enrichment	\$2893

### Tellers

This group of volunteers ensures that the offerings from the Church services are properly accounted for and deposited in the bank each week.

Money is divided into PLEDGE and PLATE offerings. Pledge funds are coded by pledge numbers and provided to the Treasurer for posting into the Church's records. Included with the deposit are other special offerings (Easter, Christmas, UTO, etc.) that occur throughout the year along with other income checks (rent of the building by other organizations, investments, etc.).

The current pool of tellers is at fourteen people. If you want to help in the ministry of Trinity, and can afford about ten hours a year, please volunteer to be a teller. Leave your name and contact information with the Church office. Chair: Nick Duray



### The Vestry

Our Vestry is made up of the Rector, Rector Emerita and fifteen members of the parish. A treasurer is elected by the Vestry; this person may or may not be an elected member of the Vestry. Our Senior Warden is elected on nomination of the Rector. The Vestry also elects a Junior Warden and a Registrar. Our vestry usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month, though the schedule is occasionally adjusted. The vestry oversees the finances of

the parish, and with the Rector, sees to the general welfare of the Parish in accordance with the canons of the church. This year the Vestry had a workshop day to adopt a Parish Stewardship Statement. Vestry member Mike Guidotti facilitated our discussion.

## **2019 Vestry Stewardship Statement**

***We believe God calls us to give generously and share with others our time, talent, and treasure. By making the choice to give to the church community, we take care of each other and believe God will take care of us. In this way, we will be fulfilled.***

***WE COMMIT to prayerfully assess our financial situation in order to live into God's command to make giving a priority.***

***WE INVITE you to become one with us in connecting with God through the heartfelt generosity of your financial commitment to the coming year.***

### **The Trinity Vestry**

#### **Renovations**

With the renovations of the kitchen and Parish Hall completed in 2018, this year we turned our attention to carpeting in the Parish Hall and first floor hallway. We also put tile floors and new vanities in the men's and women's first floor bathrooms.

**The Charlotte Tiffany Brown Library** has books for borrowing and browsing.

#### **Trinity Church in The Digital Age**

In addition to our website ([trinityepiscopalchurch.org](http://trinityepiscopalchurch.org)), we are also on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Together, these technologies and online social media presence brings Trinity closer to more people, more effectively.

Increasingly, the world and our communities stay connected to each other, share information, express ideas, and explore possibilities through various media, social and tech platforms. We are able to be a part of this emerging world and gather our community in an online presence. Not only are we able to stay connected, we can now pay our pledge right on our web site. The standard answer we hear from visitors when we ask how did you find us is, "we found you online and visited your website!"

If you have not visited our website, please do: [trinityepiscopalchurch.org](http://trinityepiscopalchurch.org)

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### **Organizations Using Trinity's Facilities**

- Al-Anon
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra
- Lifelong Learning Institute
- Manassas Art Guild
- Manassas Garden Club
- Manassas Symphony Orchestra
- The Mankind Project
- Narcotics Anonymous
- p-ART-ners
- Prince William Little Theater
- Women's Club of Manassas
- Write by the Rails

In addition, four Girl Scout troops held cookie booths here on Sunday mornings.

### **Trinity Columbarium**

There is a columbarium in Trinity's Garth.

Each columbarium niche provides space for two urns that are included in the purchase of a niche. Cost of the niche and urns is \$1500. For more information contact Dexter Fox (dlfox728@zoho.com) or the church office.

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