



Trinity Trumpet

SUMMER 2016



From the Rector's Desk...

Wizards and Wonders: Vacation Bible School 2016

When Katie Dean, Martha Brunet, and I began planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School, we knew right away that it would be something special. Once a Harry Potter-based theme was decided upon, imaginations ran wild. There were so many opportunities to create "magic" AND express the Gospel!

We embraced all of those many opportunities the first week of August. Students at Trinity's version of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry participated in many "classes" throughout the day. We began the day with Music, led by the very talented Briana Larsen. After that, we watched a movie clip that would contain our theme for the day.

Themes for each day:

Day 1: The Sorting Hat - Moses is called by God (Exodus 2-4)

Day 2: Quidditch - One Body, Many Parts (1 Corinthians)

Day 3: The Mirror of Erised - Elijah and the Still, Small Voice (1 Kings 19)

Day 4: Trials to recover the Sorcerer's Stone - Temptations in the Wilderness (Luke 4)

Day 5: Powerful Love leaves a mark - The Baptismal Covenant



Then, each "house" would attend a "class": Potions (arts and crafts), Transfiguration (Bible), Quidditch (games), and Herbology (stewardship of creation.) Each new day brought new opportunities to experience the wonder of the Gospel in this magical world.



With 25 children registered, we needed all hands on deck. The real "stars" of the wizarding world were our youth volunteers. Clad in Hogwarts-themed t-shirts, they helped prepare potions, organize Quidditch games, and create house cheers. I am so proud of the young people of Trinity Episcopal Church. Not only were they excellent role models, they each used their unique gifts and skills to make the week special for our younger participants. On the days that Kenna, my daughter, attended VBS, she wandered from room to room, always watched and cared for by the Hogwarts "professors" and helpers.

These days, it can be difficult to be truly present with children. There are a million distractions. There are disruptions, technology, lesson plans... But during the week of Vacation Bible School, I was blessed to be present with a group of children from this parish and this community. During that time, we spoke the language of magic. It is a language that children know well, even without JK Rowling's influence. And that is also the language of the Gospel. A Gospel that encourages us to imagine a completely different world: a world where we are called by name, a world where we are part of something bigger than ourselves, a world where we hear the voice of God, a world where we can overcome great trials, and a world where pure, sacrificial love is the key to our salvation. For a week at Trinity, we weren't just attending Hogwarts, we were living in the Kingdom of God.

Meghan+

A Message From The Senior Warden

Last year at this time we were still in search for a new rector. Today, Trinity is thriving under the leadership of The Reverend Meghan Holland and she has wasted no time embracing Trinity as well as the Clarksville community. In fact, she is in the 2017 class of Leadership Clarksville. Let me also say, I am completely hooked on Meghan's sermons and all the worship team is doing under her guidance.



Last month the vestry along with Meghan and Bethany went to St. Mary's in Sewanee for our annual retreat. I want to share with you some insight into the vestry's work and experience. Several years ago, we began these annual retreats with a focus on discussing the church's goals and missions, what ministries we do well, what areas need changes, etc. An added bonus has been that these "off campus" retreats (usually held in Monteagle or Sewanee, TN) have given this group the

opportunity to build meaningful relationships with each other and thus become more unified and effective lay leaders. We worked hard and enjoyed fun, fellowship and worship with each other.

This year our assignment was to read *A Generous Community – Being the Church in a New Missionary Age*. This book was written by The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, the ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Reverend Doyle discusses the evolution of changes in church traditions and alternative ways we should consider in sharing our faith and worshipping in today's world. By the way, the Diocese of Texas has seen unprecedented growth while the main line churches continue to decline. This book discussion coupled with the awesome vista views of God's creation at St. Mary's, inspired us do some serious brainstorming.

We shared our thoughts and we listened. We really listened to each other with respect and consideration of each thought and opinion. And we had the opportunity to experience the very effective leadership of our new rector.

Our discussion focused on four primary categories: Formation, Spirituality, Service/Mission and Evangelism. We evaluated each and discussed priorities and possible changes or tweaking that should be considered. Generally speaking . . . Service/Mission – we do this really well; Formation - needs some attention related to times, space, ideas, etc; Spirituality – we want more than we have had in the past and we want it for all ages; and Evangelism – we need to practice this more intentionally.

As a group, we believe the worship experience at Trinity is exceptional and the passion of all who call Trinity their church home is undeniable. And . . . our new rector is exactly where she belongs, here with all of us at Trinity.

Sheila Foust
Senior Warden

Interfaith Memorial Vigil



June 17 - Trinity Episcopal held an interfaith memorial vigil to remember the victims of the Orlando, FL tragedy. Rev. Meghan opened the doors of Trinity and welcomed all to gather as one community. There were readings and singing, and each of the 49 victim's names were read as well as the name of the shooter.

Rev. Meghan spoke about her thoughts, feelings and reason for coming together as a community at that time. "It's important to have time and space to bring our grief to God, or a higher power, and to ask God to take this grief, our

mourning, out despair and our tears and transform it into something that might make a difference in the world." Among those who spoke at the vigil was Islamic Center of Clarksville spokesman Dr. Shabeer Abubucker, Rev. Jodi McCullah and Rev. Dorothy Hartzog and Rev. Brian Marcoulier led the litany.



Trinity's Preparation for Kindergarten Program

Thommy Barbeauld

During July, Trinity Parish administered its 2nd annual Prep. for Kindergarten program. The program lasted three weeks (Monday - Friday) during the month of July. Trinity hosted 12 soon to be Kindergartners from all over Clarksville.

Through the instruction of a certified and experienced Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Amanda Dalrymple, these students learned their letters, numbers, how to write their name as well as other vital skills needed once they start school. Assisting her were two highly qualified educators, Mrs. Crystal Liberatore and Mr. Bob Houston. Ms. Milly Balthrop provided her teaching experience by hosting parent educational meetings as well as check in and check out procedures.



This year Trinity added a new experience to Prep for Kindergarten, music class. Led by Elaine Martin, the students learned the history of music, fundamental principles such as melody and rhythm, and even had the opportunity to play several instruments.

In addition to the academic learning, students who attended the program gained a valuable social education. Students learned to wait their turn and raise their hand to speak, walk in a single file line, and the confidence to work independently.

Several Trinity members contributed to the success of this year's Prep for Kindergarten. Whether it was reading to students in the library, cooking and cleaning breakfast and lunch, or giving a financial gift, your giving was felt by each student who participated. Once again, Trinity reached out into the community giving its time, talent, and treasure. Because of Trinity, these students are equipped with the tools they need to succeed.

Activities and ministries are coordinated through the Parish Ministries Council's teams:

Worship and Liturgical Ministries - The Rev. Meghan Holland, meghan@trinityparish.com & Mark Hunter, johnmarkhunter3@gmail.com

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Parish Life - Nancy Gibson, gibsonn@apsu.com & Nancy Hawkins, nancychawkins17@gmail.com

Pastoral Care - Anne Finley, annefinley73@gmail.com

Trinity Youth Mission Trip: Summer 2016

Trinity's Youth Group took part in a mission trip to Atlanta, GA June 26 - July 1. Among the projects accomplished were: harvesting food for the local WIC program and pulling weeds. They also visited a rehab and nursing home where they danced, played instruments and sang their hearts out with the patients.



Meg Smith commented that the trip "... made me feel more connected with our group and gave me fun but hard work."

Kara Libby says "The mission trip was amazing! I got to get closer to God and most importantly I know how to put others needs before mine so it really helped a lot!"

"It was a great learning experience. The people we helped were always very thankful. It was also a really good friendship building experience" says Carter Dean



70th Laymen's Conference

Mark Hunter

Trinity was well represented at the 70th Laymen's Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee. Those from Trinity who attended were: Adam Fleming, Quentin Humberd, Mark Hunter, Ryan Krebs, Thommy Barbeaud, John Holt, Chris Smith (key man) and Frank Lott. About 250 men from the three dioceses in Tennessee spent Friday, Saturday, and Sunday *on the mountain* with their bishops at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle. The weekend's theme was *A New Song*. Trinity's close friend, the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Butcher spoke Saturday morning on the development of the 1982 Hymnal. He was bookended on Friday and Saturday nights by recording artists John Berry and Phil Madeira.

Trinity is always an integral part of the work of the weekend; this year all eight men stepped in to fill the gaps at the Saturday 7:15 am Holy Eucharist after a staffing mix-up. Thommy and Quentin, as first timers carried the banner in procession at the Saturday and Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist. Saturday afternoon activities for our guys included skeet shooting, tennis, golf, swimming, and hiking the Firey Gizzard trail.

Chris Smith, as the key man is POC. We'll be mustering again for next year's conference on August 18, 2017. Expenses should not be an issue through the availability of funds to help out any man who wants to go. And just so you can get a good sense of the organization, we have a Vice President of Barbeque.

Buildings & Grounds

Bob Houston, Junior Warden

Notice a light bulb out? Is the toilet making strange noises? Want to say how awesome the Junior Warden is? Then complete a maintenance request form. To place a NON-EMERGENCY maintenance request, complete a maintenance request form and place in the parish administrator's drop box located on the church office counter. Forms are available in manilla envelope located: on church office counter, on ice machine in kitchen, vestry room kitchen, youth group room and on the [website](#).

Trinity All Parish Clean-Up Day-Sept. 10

Please join us as we as a congregation put together to make Trinity a safer and cleaner facility. Among the projects will be to clear out all mechanical closets that are currently being used as storage. If you, or an committee you are a member of, have any items stored in these closets, please make plans to either claim items before Sept. 10 or be on hand that day. All un-claimed items could have a potential of being disposed of. Sign up [online](#) or on bulletin board outside the parish hall.

Projects that were completed:

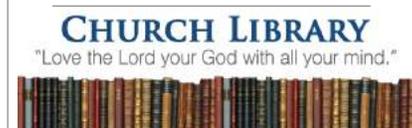
- Parish Hall chair/table felt floor protectors
- Programmable thermostat installed throughout parish house and sanctuary.
- Safety: lighting repaired, 3-prong electrical outlets installed first floor, parish house.
- Landscaping/grounds maintained.

In the works:

- All facility fire inspection.
- Courtyard pavers and landscaping
- Lighting exterior/interior church
- Prep. and painting 1st floor Sunday School classrooms



Back L to R: Quentin Humberd, Ryan Krebs, John Holt
Front L to R: Adam Fleming, Mark Hunter, Thommy Barbeaud, Chris Smith



Tia Batterson, Church Librarian

Thank you to all who have donated books. Should you find yourself perusing the books in Trinity's Library, feel free to use the binder which have all the sections listed with books to make your search easier. In case you have not actually looked at the collection of books we have, they range from Bible Study to Comparative Religion to Mystery to Spirituality to everything in between.

A work in progress is looking into a (cost-effective) program which is searchable and can be incorporated into Trinity's website. Anyone with knowledge or expertise in this area is welcome to contact Tia or Bethany. We are also always in need of volunteers to shelve, catalog and help in general.

So come by, sit a spell, and enjoy the beautiful (soon to be fall) view while checking out one or more of the many books Trinity's Library has to offer.

Notes from Behind the Cross

Of places, pets and people

Jerry Knickerbocker

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

Genesis 2: 19-20

When I was a youngster, first embarking upon life and all its wonders, the Knickerbocker clan moved from the city life of Burlington, Vermont to the country life to be found on the side of a mountain in West Bolton, Vermont. As the crow flies it was not such a big move, some thirty miles from town, but in the reality of life, it was a move of great proportions. For my mother it was a coming home, for she was a farm girl who had been too long removed from her comfort zone. For Dad it was an education as he was anything but a country boy. My brothers seemed to like it all right but I had trouble adjusting. Change has never been my long suit, not then and not now. Consequently, I ran away; being sure to run to the home of family friends, Don and Beth Munger, some distance south of West Bolton. They took me in, fed me and put me to bed and then called Charles and Kathryn. The decision was made that I should spend the summer at the Munger farm and come Fall return to my new home. When the time came I was ready and to reinforce that feeling my parents had laid the ground work for me to have a pet, all my own. Uncle Morris had a bunch of puppies and I was offered one. I loved it and promptly name him George. George was a mixture of many, but a thoroughbred to me. I named him and he was mine!

A few years ago, Gayle and I put our Clarksville home on the market. We had decided to move further out into the country, scale down a bit and seek a quieter life. Easier said than done. We purchased our Memorial Drive home ten years ago. Into this house and land, we sunk our money, our souls, our sweat and our lives and the outcome was a beautiful old country farmhouse, sitting on two acres of beauty that we have named *Ten Oaks*. There are people in Clarksville that don't know the Knickerbockers from an old shoe but they know *Ten Oaks*. When we sold it, it was not without its difficulties. We named it and it was ours!

As part of the service of Holy Baptism, the parents present the child to be Baptized by saying; **"I present (name) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism"**. Thus the child is named by its parents and becomes part of a greater family, not just its own.

The animals of the Garden of Eden, my dog George, *Ten Oaks* and our children at Baptism all have something in common: They have been named by the person or persons who have accepted responsibility for them. Adam, by naming the animals presented to him by God, became their steward. He became responsible for them just as we are to this very day. When George and I made that tail-wagging bond and I named him, we became attached and inseparable. In retrospect, I think that we both took responsibility for the other. While *Ten Oaks*, in actuality is wood, stone and paint, it had become part of us and us of it. By presenting our children for Holy Baptism and naming them, the Priest Baptizes the child and makes the name given, a fixture blessed by God. From henceforth that child has a name that is unique and we are responsible for that child. Even unto death! To give something or somebody a name is not simply an act of identification it is an oath; and in the case of our children an oath of stewardship ordained by God.

Now the Adams of this world, that is you and I, have not been too diligent about performing our stewardship duties, as we should have been. Oh, we have all sorts of societies and municipal agencies that are dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to both children and animals but we give them little support, either of ourselves or our money. While I was doing something else, George learned to run deer. Any dog that runs deer in Vermont is subject to being shot on sight. So much for that. Despite our heavy investment in *Ten Oaks*, we had found some place that we thought would be better for us. Note that I did not say better for *Ten Oaks*. That leaves only our children to be addressed. What about our children? I cannot speak for you but I can speak for myself. *Cont'd....*

I see and know families that I admire and, yes, even envy a bit for their seemingly wonderful relationship that they have with their children. I hear young adults speak lovingly of their parents and it reminds me of how I felt about my own in my young adult years. I turn to my memories and wonder why my parents did not just leave me at the Mungers. At seventy-nine, I spend a lot of time thinking of my own children and what I should have done versus what I actually did. I have become an expert on self-flagellation and its unfulfilling results. And to what end?

To paraphrase our Priest from one of her sermons; while we are called to take up the Cross it goes without saying that we will be dropping it often. So, as many times as we drop the Cross, we need to pick it up. And that's what we do in life; we name and therefore we take on responsibilities and then drop the Cross that we took up. But, the sin is not in dropping the Cross, the sin is in not picking it up again, and again, and again.....

[By the way, Trinity has had 14 Baptisms so far this year!]

See you in Church.....

The F.U.E.L. Program

[FuelKids](#) is a food subsidization program designed to feed those children whose only food source may be the food they are receiving at school. Trinity Episcopal is proud to be one of the sponsors who purchases specific foods and bag them into grocery bags. These bags are then delivered to local schools and placed directly into the backpacks of the children. A BIG thank you to Jeanie Faust who has been Trinity's FUEL coordinator for the past few years. She has laid a wonderful foundation so that our new coordinator, Judith Burke, can take the ball and run. This year, we are also thankful that the youth group has offered to help pack bags every Wednesday so that the only volunteers we will need are deliverers. Judith will be in touch with those who have previously delivered for FUEL, as well as anyone else interested. For more information email Judith at jburke8196@aol.com.



On behalf of ALL of Trinity Episcopal Parish
we would like to say "thanks" to:

ALL THE PREP. FOR KINDERGARTEN VOLUNTEERS: From Meg and Lillie Smith who came everyday to help in the kitchen, as well as Elaine Martin, Kathy Murray, Daisy Crowley, Lois McMullen, Haven Bowles, Mary Moquin, Christina Ploeckelman, Tabitha Tackett, Jan Hodgson, Sherrie Kimball, Jeannie Faust, Martha Brunet, Susan Hilborn and all who gave generously financially and/or other support roles! A special thank you to Anne Finley, Jan Hodgson, and Thommy Barbeauld for planning, coordinating and directing the program.

ALL THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to Katie Dean and Martha Brunet for the hours of planning, shopping, preparing and execution of a wonderful vacation bible school experience. Also thank you to our own Quidditch Coach - Christina Ploeckelman, Herbology Professor - Karen Morrow, and Transfiguration Professor - Rev. Meghan. Crew leaders: Lisa Telford, Emmanuel Mejeun and all the members of youth group who lead or assisted the groups, just to many to name, you know who you are and so do we!

In Memoriam

*"I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even
though he die." - Book of Common Prayer*

Grace Brewer

Births

Charlotte Markiewicz - 4/13/2016
Parents: Bryce and Jennifer Markiewicz
Priscilla Neville - 5.28/16
Parents: Sonnie and Titus Neville Madelyn &
Brooklyn Bates - 8/16/16
Parents: Daniel and Justi Bates



Coming this FALL to Trinity Episcopal Parish....

**Sunday School (Grades K - 5th)
starts September 11
10:45 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. service) -
Noon**

*For siblings younger than kindergarten, we do offer
a nursery during Sunday School .*



Starting Sept. 14,
Trinity will offer an art class to elementary age
kids (K-5).
Classes will meet Wednesday evenings
6:30/45 - 7:45 p.m.

Trinity Youth Group

Youth Group (Grades 6 - 12) Sunday School
starts September 11 @ 10:45 a.m. (after the
9:30 a.m. service)
Youth Group Wednesdays start September 14
@ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Book Group

6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Starting Sept. 14 we will be discussing Maya Angelou's "I
Know Why the Caged Bird Sings".

For those wishing to have a copy of Maya Angelou's book
ordered for you, please contact Kendall Welsh,
kendallwelsh@gmail.com, by Sept. 7. Book will be \$7 and
payable to Trinity Episcopal.

For our second book we will be reading and discussing
"The Life of Pi".

Book discussions will be lead by: Kathy Murray and
Kendall Welsh

Wednesday Evening Activities

We will resume Wed. evening activities Sept. 14! Below is a sample Wed. evening schedule:

6 p.m. - Wednesday Family Dinner - Trinity Episcopal will provide the main entree & salad while attendees will bring a side or dessert. Online and paper sign-up available.

6:45/7 p.m. - Wed. evening classes start

7:45 p.m. - Evening Compline in the Sanctuary: Compline brings a perfect end to the day and is used to bring time together to a close.



**Saturday, Sept. 17 @ 6 p.m.
Trinity Courtyard**

Trinity Episcopal Church is hosting our first "Sip & Sing". Also known as a community hymn sing, attendees will enjoy Blackhorse Pub beer and brats right off the grill (other drinks and snacks will also be available). Price of ticket includes food/drinks

TICKETS (available for purchase during coffee hour Sept. 4 & 11 or through church office)

\$15 - ages 21+
\$5 - under 21



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