



# Trinity Trumpet

FALL 2016



Rev. Meghan Holland

## From the Rector's Desk...

### Blessings Abound

Lately, you may have noticed something happening in church with some increased frequency. The Blessing of the Backpacks, the Blessing of the Costumes, Blessing of the Service Cross... We've been blessing *things*, not people. *Can* we do that? Yes! We can do that. Here's why.

Because it isn't really the *thing* that is being blessed. It is the thing's service to us that is being blessed. We are taking the use of an object and marking that use as something holy. Something that brings us closer to God. So, for example, when we bless backpacks (and briefcases) at the beginning of the school year, we are asking God to be present to children and teachers as they use those objects, remembering that God gives us the gift of intellect and opportunities for learning.



Blessing of the Backpacks



Blessing of the Animals

When we bless things, we ARE actually blessing people. We are blessing the way that people interact with God's creation through otherwise mundane objects. In doing that, we are also giving thanks to God for the gifts that have been bestowed upon us by those objects. Yes, it means that the object is now "special," but more than that, it means that the utilization of that object is now a continuation of God's blessing.

Want to see this in action? Come to the Blessing of the Gifts on December 25th at 10 a.m.!

*Christmas Day at Trinity will include a family-friendly, casual Eucharist at 10 a.m. Children and youth are invited to attend church in their pajamas and bring ONE favorite Christmas gift for a special blessing!*

Meghan+



Blessing of the Costumes

## Christian Formation

Fall meant back to school at Trinity as well. Trinity Episcopal offers various classes for the young and perhaps not so young. Not only on Sundays, but Wednesday evenings as well.

**Sunday School/Godly Play** - this class starts after the 9:30 a.m. service and is for kids Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. We follow the Godly Play curriculum, where children explore their faith through story, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Godly Play has a Montessori foundation. Here are just a few words from our resident experts, the children:

"My favorite story from Godly Play is the Temple Story" says Bellemy Welsh, 5th grader, who has been attending Godly Play classes most of her time here at Trinity. "I also love hearing the stories, then being able to act them out using the Godly Play toys....oh and the food!" She says as well.

Seven year old Allison Lee Stroman has been attending Sunday School for this past year. Thanks to her mom, Privott, we have a Q & A with Allison Lee:



Allison Lee pointing to 1 Advent on the Godly Play Liturgical Calendar

What lessons do you like in Sunday School and Godly Play?

*"The one with the pharaoh and the red sea, you know? When he did the thing with the water. They guy, Moses, he put his little cane thing and put it above the river and the red sea opened."*

Why did the sea need to open?

*"So he could get it open and run away from Pharaoh. And Moses got across and his people and then it closed on Pharaoh and Pharaoh's men and they died in the red sea."*

Why did Moses want to get away from Pharaoh?

*"Because Pharaoh was a mean king and was not very helpful to him and made them do what he said to do and always gets what he wants."*

Why do you think other friends should come to Sunday School?

*"So they can learn about the great adventures about after Jesus was born, or before Jesus was born, or when Jesus was born, or as Jesus was born, or after Jesus was born, and ALL of the great adventures they had in the dessert."*

What else do you do in Sunday School?

*"Mrs. Anne helps to write Christmas cards to the people on large big barges (insert Seaman's Ministry here) and boats to the people who are away from their family so they fell like they are at home."*

*"At the end we get a snack and have a prayer before we eat and our mommies and daddies get to come in and sometimes join us for snack."*

Do you think other friends should go to Sunday School?

**"YES!"**

### **Formation/Christian Education @ Trinity Episcopal Parish:**

#### Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Old Testament Studies
- 11 a.m. Adult Book of Common Prayer
- 11 a.m. Adult Discussion of Lectionary Readings
- 11 a.m. Children's Sunday School/Godly Play (Grades K- 5)
- 11 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12)

- 3rd floor Vestry Room
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- 2nd floor Library
- 1st floor/Basement
- 1st floor/Basement

Nursery care available  
Sunday mornings and  
Wednesday evenings.

#### Wednesday Evenings

- 6:45 p.m. Adult Book Study: Maya Angelou
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- 6:45 p.m. Children's Class: HeART of Trinity (Grades K- 5)
- 6:45 p.m. Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

- 3rd floor Vestry Room
- 2nd floor Library
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## *What is "Discussion of Lectionary Readings"?*

"Our Sunday morning lectionary series has several leaders who facilitate a lively discussion of the day's readings. This informal class meets in the library at 11:00 am and is perfect for dropping in...no need to prepare a lesson, the discussion changes from week-to-week and new folks are always welcome!"

## *Children's Chapel*

EVERY Sunday, a wonderful group of ladies introduce our children to the traditions of the Episcopal liturgy. In our beautiful children's chapel, pictured here, the kids learn songs and prayers, the order of the service and the meaning of the church season. Together they make a joyful noise for our God!




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

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## **Trinity Happenings Fall 2016**

### **Outdoor Worship and Parish Picnic**



Worship, food, fun and fellowship was had by all at the annual Outdoor Worship & Parish Picnic. First we combined services on this special day so that we, as a parish, worshiped and celebrated Holy Eucharist together. Then, thanks to our grill masters and pot luck, our picnic commenced after service. This annual event is always popular and a great way to meet and greet all our fellow Trinity parishioners.



### **Sip & Sing**

Trinity held our first annual Sip and Sing this past September. Also known as a community hymn sing, attendees from Trinity as well as the Clarksville community enjoyed beer (thanks to Blackhorse Pub) and brats right off the grill. Thanks to Lynne Yarbrough and Anne Glass, there was singing in the courtyard well into the night. Great fun was had by all.

### **Fall Festival**



Trinity hosted our 8th Annual Fall Festival in Saturday, November 4. It was another fun filled event featuring Fair Trade companies: Thistle Farms, Grace Works and Arts for Hearts. New this year we offered our artist members to sell their products at the event, and added activities in the Sanctuary throughout the event. Although we had one participant, we are hopeful more will jump aboard for 2017.

The Brunswick stew, as always, was a huge hit and for the third year in a row we sold out before the event was over - even after increasing our stew amount by a whole cauldron! The kids activities were well received again, including the free crafts, cake walk, petting zoo and pony rides. This year's event looks like we raised \$1998! And this includes a large financial investment we made in marketing materials that will last us for years to come. See you Fall 2017!

## Did you know...

.... that we are very fortunate to have two committees who host most of the events enjoyed by you?

The Red Door Committee hosts events such as Sip and Sing and Fall Festival and many others each year. The funds raised from these events are applied to the ministries and programs at Trinity. If your group has a financial need that isn't part of the annual Trinity budget, reach out to a member of the RDC for consideration. The RDC members are grateful to the Trinity community for their ongoing support of the Fall Festival as well as Sip and Sing and more! Without your ongoing support, donations of both needed items and, of course, your time and talents, these events would not happen!

Another wonderful committee is Parties and Picnics, who host the parish picnic, Thanksgiving lunch, Trinity Sunday, and more "parties". The goal of parties and picnics is to bring Trinity Parish together in fellowship and fun.

Both of these committees rely on volunteer help, without which, all of these events could not happen. Have we peaked your interest? Want to learn more? Want to even volunteer your time? Contact the church office (931) 645-2458 or email [bethany@trinityparish.com](mailto:bethany@trinityparish.com) today!

## Daughters of the King

Jaye Lieungh

Daughters of the King run our program year fSeptember 2016 to August 2017. Our meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the vestry room starting at 6:30 p.m.

We have changed the arrangement of our scheduled evening so that our Program portion of the evening is presented "before" our DOK meetings and we invite **all Trinity women** to come and enjoy the Program portion of the evening, which is concludes by 7:30. Those interested in learning what DOK is are welcome to attend our meetings. Coffee and Tea are available starting at 5:45 p.m. to relax and catch-up before the DOK Program.

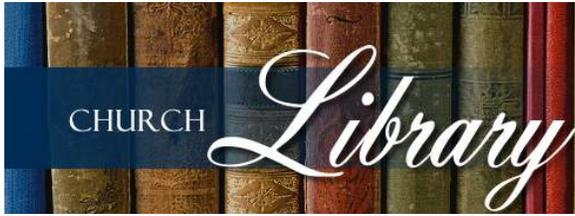


**September Program:** "The Healing Touch" and presented by guest speaker Vicki Slater, who gave an excellent presentation on the principles and practice of the Healing Touch. She explained that our bodies have magnetic fields, and that by adjusting these fields, the body's energy can be reconfigured and help healing to take place. It was a very informative and calming Program.

**October Program:** "Martha/Mary, which one are you?" Presented by Maryalice Telford. Just like Martha, the doer & Mary, the listener, we all tend to fall in one of these categories and need to find a way to be both. Four words can describe the changes we must make – balance, relationships, patience & trust. Maryalice passed out a laminated "bookmark" with a quote from Luke 10:42 and suggested we work over the next month to record ways to help us become both Mary & Martha.

**November Program:** "Famous Episcopal Women" presented by Nancy Hawkins. Nancy presented their stories and why we look to them as "famous". A few of the women included nursing founder, Florence Nightingale; seamstress Betsy Ross and entertainers Ethel Merman and Natalie Cole. Nancy ended the program with the Delaney Sisters, who both lived beyond 100 years and wrote the book "Having Our Say".

Join us for our **December Program:** "Naughty Woman of the Bible" presented by Jaye Lieungh. December 13 program beginning at 6:30 p.m.



Tia Batterson - Church Librarian

A big thank you to Charlie Riggins, who started and completed, a spreadsheet of all the books in the library. And to Martha Brunet, who has volunteered to continue input books. The complete inventory is available in the library.

#### Local History Section

We are proud to announce a new local history section. Learn about the history of Trinity, Clarksville and the region in general. This section is located above the library counter near the reference section.

Christmas Books are available to be checked out through December.

Take a few minutes and browse our wonderful selection of books, from southern authors to mystery to children's books.

## Buildings & Grounds

Bob Houston, Junior Warden

THANK YOU to all who helped at our FIRST annual Clean-Up day held in September. Together we made Trinity safer and cleaner. Among the projects that were completed:

- ALL closets were cleaned out and organized.
- Items no longer in use were donated.
- Kitchen cleaned and organized.

Please keep our facilities clean by:

- Cleaning after any event and putting away all items used.
- Request the use of rooms/equipment through Bethany Kelly, parish administrator.
- Complete the maintenance request form when see a maintenance need.

## Trinity Youth Group

### Fright on Franklin and Lock-In

Trinity's Youth Group participated in Clarksville's Fright on Franklin by hosting a booth. This was a great way to reach and give back to our community, as well as, seeing all the little ghouls and goblins. After Fright on Franklin, they then headed back to Trinity for a lock-in. First a spaghetti dinner was made, yes, made by the youth. Then "messy games" were played well into the night. According to Chase Bair "Gargoyle was one of the best "Man-hunt" games I've played." Wonder just what these games are? Ask any of our youth, or Rev. Meghan.



# Notes from Behind the Cross

## All Saints' - Saint Bede (c672-733)

Jerry Knickerbocker

Almost everything that is known of Bede's life is contained in the last chapter of his *Historia ecclesiastica*, a history of the church in England. It was completed in about 731, and Bede implies that he was then in his fifty-ninth year, which would give a birth date in 672 or 673. Bede's name reflects West Saxon *Bīeda* or Northumbrian or Anglian *Bēda*). It is an Anglo-Saxon short name formed on the root of *bēodan* "to bid, command". The *Liber Vitae* of Durham Cathedral names two priests with this name, one of whom is presumably Bede himself. Some manuscripts of the *Life of Cuthbert*, one of Bede's works, mention that Cuthbert's own priest was named Bede; it is possible that this priest is the other name listed in the *Liber Vitae*.

When Bede was about 17 years old, Adomnan, the abbot of Iona Abbey, visited Monkwearmouth and Jarrow. Bede would probably have met the abbot during this visit, and it may be that Adomnan sparked Bede's interest in the Easter dating controversy. (*An issue that would present many issues between the Church in Rome and the Church in England.*) In about 692, in Bede's nineteenth year, Bede was ordained a deacon by his diocesan bishop, John, who was bishop of Hexham. The canonical age for the ordination of a deacon was 25; Bede's early ordination may mean that his abilities were considered exceptional, but it is also possible that the minimum age requirement was often disregarded. In Bede's thirtieth year (about 702), he became a priest, with the ordination again performed by Bishop John.

Except for a few visits to other monasteries, his life was spent in a round of prayer, observance of the monastic discipline and study of the Sacred Scriptures. He was considered the most learned man of his time, and wrote excellent biblical and historical books. Bede died on Thursday, 26 May 735 (Ascension Day) on the floor of his cell, singing *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit* and was buried at Jarrow. Bede's tomb is in Durham Cathedral.

During Bede's tenure as a priest in England he became quite concerned for the souls of his flock. It seems they were still celebrating Saint's Days, to include Easter, in accordance with the Julian calendar rather than the Gregorian calendar that was relatively new on the world's stage. This seemingly trivial act was suffice to send the person(s) celebrating on the wrong date to eternal damnation. (*The Gregorian calendar was first introduced by Pope Gregory XIII - which is how the calendar got its name. This calendar has been implemented by several countries because the Julian calendar assumes a full year is 365.25 days whereas it is actually 11 minutes less. So, the Julian calendar many countries felt wasn't a true year so they made the change.*) In anguish Bede wrote to Pope Gregory XIII with his concerns. The Pope's response was a wise and learned one and one that has stayed with the Christian Church for centuries. The Pope urged Bede to mesh the pagan rites and beliefs with those of the Church in an effort to bring more pagans into the folds of the Church. This simple act of common sense resulted in the conversion of many pagans who would have otherwise turned their backs on the Church.

One such example of this bringing together of the "Old" with the "New" is All-Hallows Eve or Halloween, as we commonly refer to it. As a youngster, I was indoctrinated into the mysteries of Halloween by my older brothers, all of whom were brought up in the teachings of the Church, just as I was. Consequently, the explanations given were a mixture of Church dogma, big brother dogma and "let's scare the h\*\* out of him dogma". I can honestly tell you that all three took. Over the years, some have gone by the wayside but what remains is pretty much what was explained back then, as Church dogma. That on All-Hallows Eve the spirits of the dead arise from their graves, or Purgatory, and were somehow sifted through by God to see which would be allowed into Heaven and which were destined to return to their graves. Later on, I was to learn, from my Catholic associates, that the success of the rising spirits had a lot to do with the prayers, on their behalf, that we humans made. This was a bit heady for me and so I never really gave it a lot of thought. Perhaps, since I am now in my waning years, I should delve into this process a bit. Be that as it may, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, All-Hallows Eve or Halloween as it is known across America, the spirits rise to be scrutinized.

So thanks to Pope Gregory XIII and Saint Bede; all across America, youngsters, some young of age and some young of spirit, venture into the night to scare off any and all evil spirits that may have risen in error; without jeopardizing their souls for all eternity. Come midnight, it is now November 1<sup>st</sup> and All Saints Day. The redeemed spirits go to Heaven and the others return to the grave. Those risen spirits become part of what we call The Communion of Saints and this is what we celebrate on All Saint's Day. Another way to express what is celebrated on All Saint's Day is, as it is stated in Saint Augustine's Prayer Book;

#### **All Saints Day**

*All Saint's Day is in honor of Christ's triumphs in redeemed humanity  
Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (Revised Edition)*

In one of Saint Luke's Gospel he speaks of a crippled woman who for eighteen years had been bent over and unable to stand straight. It was the Sabbath and despite the Religious Law of the day, Jesus healed her as He said, "*Woman, you are set free from your ailment*". Just as the risen spirits become part of the Communion of Saints this woman, having been healed by Jesus, becomes part of the community of her day. She can now take her rightful place in society. For as a cripple she is an outcast and destined to a life of begging. She is now in communion with her fellow humans and as such, in the folds of the Communion of Saints. Yes, I know she was a member of the Communion of Saints before being healed but neither she nor the society she lived in was aware of that. The mores of that day dictated that she be held her at arms length.

So it is with us, in our society today. The crippling baggage we carry around does not reject us from the Communion of Saints but it certainly does retard our full involvement. When we are not weighed down by our own baggage we then become more able to assist others with their baggage and by doing so we are more enabled to partake of *those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared* for us. So, I encourage you, on the next All Saint's Day to **Give it up!** and become an active member of the Communion of Saints.



On behalf of ALL of Trinity Episcopal Parish  
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### **Christmas Service Schedule:**

#### **Christmas Eve**

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Children's Pageant  
10:30 p.m. Festival Eucharist (no nursery)

#### **Christmas Day**

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (one service)

Children are invited to attend in pajamas and bring one gift to be blessed.

No nursery or children's chapel.



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