



Trinity Trumpet

WINTER 2017

From the Rector's Desk...

Reflection on Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Service



Rev. Meghan Holland

Like basically every new ministerial experience I've ever had, I entered the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Service in the dark. In the dark because this was my first time participating in this service but also because... the power was out. The emergency lights at First Presbyterian were providing just enough illumination for the incoming crowd to be seated. Vigil candles were handed out for the final hymn, although we were considering using them for more utilitarian purposes as well.

This service, organized by the Clarksville Area Ministerial Association, has been in existence for 20+ years now. While this was my first time attending, I could immediately see the importance of such a gathering on MLK Day. Historically Black, Latino, Korean churches gathered with Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians (obviously), and many more. We were the Body of Christ, gathered together and the Holy Spirit showed up.

Prayers and litanies were shared by an excellent cross-section of ministers from our community. Hymns were sung in English, Spanish, and Korean. Pastor Jerry Maynard elevated the crowd to new heights and invited us all to view our unity through the lens of Christ. The service closed with a candle-lit singing of "We Shall Overcome." I was incredibly moved by the entire experience. My hope is that, next year, more folks from Trinity will be inspired to attend. After all, Martin Luther King Day isn't supposed to be a day "off", but a day "on." What better way to be "on" than to listen to some fabulous preaching and sing some beautiful hymns! I assure you, your presence at this service is absolutely part of the "work" that is to be done on this day of service.

There aren't always many opportunities for us to get out of our Episcopal "bubble" and unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Many times it seems like our theological differences get in the way of the simplest of tasks. However, the remembrance of Martin Luther King's radical work in the world required no theological understanding, except that of God's unconditional love and our responsibility to carry that love into our community and the world. On that, we could all agree. In that love, we were united.



MLK Jr. Unity Service
First Presbyterian Church
Clarksville

Newcomer Reception

Trinity hosted a Newcomer Reception December 11. The reception was an informal gathering for those new, and relatively new, to Trinity Episcopal Church as well as the Episcopal denomination. Rev. Meghan and members of the vestry were on hand to welcome and answer questions. Thank you to all who attended!

Inquirers Classes

Interested in learning more about the Christian faith from the perspective of the Episcopal Church tradition?



Next, Rev. Meghan will be hosting Inquirers/ Refresher “classes” for those interested in learning more about Trinity and The Episcopal Church. Classes will have weekly readings and discussion to be done online. More information, as well as a survey about how you would like to “attend” class will be announced soon. These classes are great preparation for those who are thinking about being confirmed or would like to know more about the confirmation process. Youth Confirmation and Adult Confirmation/Reception classes will be offered during the Easter Season. Contact Rev. Meghan at meghan@trinityparish.com with any questions.

Vestry

Heather Fleming - Vestry Member

As you know, 2016 was a big year for Trinity and, after having participated in the 2017 winter vestry retreat it is certain that the current vestry is dedicated to continuing the good work through 2017. On Saturday, February 25th the vestry held its annual early year retreat at the church. We discussed progress on the vestry 2016 goals as well as developed new goals for 2017. These 2017 goals include:

- 1) **Revitalization of Christian Formation** for all. Create more opportunity for parishioners of all ages and interests to participate in Christian formation.
- 2) **Build and Strengthen Relationships** within the Parish. This includes developing more innovative ways to knit our parish together.
- 3) Refocus **outreach to include the entire congregation**. Incorporate the congregation as a whole with various ways to give back to our local community.

You may notice, as the vestry did during the retreat, that these goals all have the common theme of uniting the parish, both from within and without. One of the exercises Meghan had us do during the retreat was to walk the block around the church and take pictures of anything that caught our eye. After the exercise, we all sent our pictures to Meghan and she compiled them into a slide show. While we were watching the slideshow we each explained why we took the pictures we took. Some were of property around the church considered for future growth. Some were of our neighbors and interesting places just around the corner from the church that many of us had never seen before. Again, the theme of unity emerged. I think the vestry retreat reinvigorated us all for the work ahead in 2017 and am excited for the future of Trinity!

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, nancyccchawkins17@gmail.com

Pastoral Care - Anne Finley, annefinley73@gmail.com

Christian Formation

HeART of Trinity class continues to flourish.



When: Every Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Where: first floor classroom, parish hall

Who: Grades K - 5



Trinity Youth Group

Trinity's youth group has been going strong this year. They have been meeting Wednesday evenings with Mother Meghan as well as Sunday mornings with wonderful volunteer leaders.

The youth group is planning a summer mission trip to Queens, NY. Those going on this mission have been busily raising funds to help offset the cost. A successful Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was held. Thank you to all who attended and gave generously. Next on the calendar for the youth group will be prepping and serving dinner for Room In the Inn, March 31 and Cardboard Village, April 29-30. Be on the lookout for cardboard village volunteer requests as well as requests for cardboard.

Formation/Christian Education @ Trinity Episcopal Parish:

Sundays

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| 8:30 a.m. Adult Old Testament Studies | 3rd floor Vestry Room |
| 11 a.m. Adult Book of Common Prayer | 3rd floor Vestry Room |
| 11 a.m. "The Wired Word" | 2nd floor Library |
| 11 a.m. Children's Sunday School/Godly Play (Grades K- 5) | 1st floor/Basement |
| 11 a.m. Youth Sunday School (Grades 6-12) | 1st floor/Basement |

Nursery care available
Sunday mornings and
Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday Evenings

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| 6:45 p.m. Adult Coloring Class/Discussion (through lent) | 3rd floor Vestry Room |
| 6:45 p.m. Adult Book Study: George Eliot book study | 2nd floor Library |
| 6:45 p.m. Children's Class: HeART of Trinity (Grades K- 5) | 1st floor/Basement |
| 6:45 p.m. Youth Group (Grades 6-12) | 1st floor/Basement |

What is "The Wired Word"?

This winter saw the start of a new adult discussion class after the Sunday 9:30 a.m. service based on "The Wired Word". The Wired Word is an adult Biblical commentary with discussion questions related to a topic in the news of the week. This has proved to be a popular "hang out" after service to discuss, in a welcoming and warm atmosphere, timely events as it relates to faith and the Bible.

Outreach

Nashville CARES - Christmas Baskets

Kendall Welsh & Kate Smith

Trinity should be so proud of the level of love we shared with the clients of Nashville CARES this past holiday season. Working over 3 Sundays, we raised just over our \$2500 goal. This provided 50 extremely generous food backs to CARES clients.

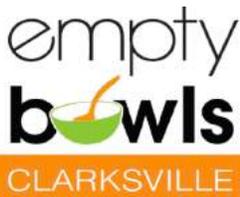
They were distributed at the Annual CARES Christmas Potluck, were several members of Trinity joined in the celebration. The clients were so very thankful for our gift, several where so overcome with gratitude that they were near tears.

Kate Smith and Kendall Welsh, who organize this Outreach each year, want to thank everyone again for giving to this wonderful program! God Bless!



NASHVILLE CARES

Nashville CARES offers services Middle Tennesseans infected and affected by HIV/AIDS including: HIV prevention education to youth and adults, almost FREE confidential HIV tests, and essential support services to men, women and children living with the disease. Nashville CARES has a local office within Trinity.



Empty Bowls

Shirley Hood

FEBRUARY 28, 2017



Empty Bowls this year was a great success! A BIG thank you to the 20+ amazing volunteers who helped make the luncheon go very smoothly. Trinity sold out of their lunch tickets early and I know some people who have always come to Trinity in the past were devastated they couldn't get tickets. Malinda and I both feel strongly about the way we can help feed the needy in our community. Proceeds benefit Loaves and Fishes and Urban Ministries Food Pantry. These local agencies provide thousands of meals every year to struggling families and individuals here in Clarksville-Montgomery County.



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This past winter, Trinity announced our partnership with Clarksville Montgomery County's Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build. Trinity, along with eleven other local churches, have joined together to fund and build a house for a local family. Working on this project allows our congregation an opportunity to be the body of Christ in our community and make a life-changing difference to a local family. Hopefully EVERY member of our church will get behind this opportunity and share the gifts God has bestowed upon us, whether it be by financial giving, physical labor, making sandwiches, baking cookies or by earnest prayer. This is an opportunity for each of us to go into the community and serve the Lord.

The first step as a congregation was and continues to be helping to fund this wonderful partnership. Thank you to all who have pledged and/or contributed to our \$2500 goal. As of March, we are currently halfway to our goal. For more information or to contribute, please contact Bob Frost at (931) 300-2080 or email bob@invictusllp.com.

Parish Life



Nancy Gibson

On December 3, Trinity co-hosted the second annual SpiritFest. This event entertains Christmas parade goers while they wait for the Clarksville Christmas parade. Activities take place at First Presbyterian Church and Trinity. Including inflatables, live music, artists, shopping. This year Trinity hosted Santa and provided hot chocolate with cookies as well as readings of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.



Most of the people walking through the parish hall doors had never stepped in Trinity before. They were welcomed with cookies and hot chocolate while they waited for Santa to arrive. After sitting in Santa's lap, while they talked with him and got their picture taken, they were whisked off to hear 'Twas the night before Christmas in the library, decorated by our librarian Tia Batterson. Adults and youth had the opportunity to tour the church with our unofficial church historian and hear about Trinity's rich history. Our Trinity Youth Handbell Choir performed in the church as well. As time came near for the parade, the building was still full of children and their families hoping to squeeze in time with Santa, get some treats and hear our volunteers read to them. A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came to help, from reading to being a "Santa handler" to our hot chocolate making masters! We hope to see ALL who came again as well as new visitors/volunteers next year, December 2, 2018!

Trinity Travelers

The Trinity Travelers have been well, traveling this Winter. They enjoyed a Christmas Lunch hosted at Daisy Crowley's house in December. In January they visited the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum in Dickson, TN then lunched at The Plantation. Next on their winter journeys was a visit to the Clarksville Montgomery County Library in February. There they toured the library and enjoyed story time. To learn more about the Travelers and where they are headed next contact Tia Batterson (931) 553-1329.



Trinity Travelers enjoying story time at the CMC Library.



Tia Batterson

December was a happy time in the library. Starting with a display of Christmas books as well as SpiritFest. Since Trinity was hosting the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas", a collection of different versions of the poem was displayed as were various Santa Clauses. Quentin Humberd and Debbie Leighton read the poem to children and their parents—several times! In January there was a display on Ecology, and February, books were available celebrating black history month.

I want to thank everyone who donated books to the church library as well as the outreach programs scan as Seaman's Ministry, Hillspeak, and the public library sale. Keep 'em coming!

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

**Trinity
Thanks You!**

ALL THE OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS: Kendall, Terry, Ryleigh and Bellemy Welsh, Malinda Mabry-Scott, Shirley Hood, Sherrie Kimball, Judith Burke, John Hilborn, Barbara Blackston, Jeanie Northington, Greg & Kristen Hershey, Anne Finley, Ric and Jen Williams, Mark Hunter, Moquin Family, Martha Brunet, Charlene Lollar, Ellen McCollum, Kate Smith, Janice Mickle, Mike Dale, Reda Blake, Jan Hodgson, Thommy and Paige Barbeauld, Bob Houston, Don and Tia Batterson, Karen Morrow, Larry and Jeanie Faust, Elaine Longhurst, Sean Hogan, Jennifer Nelson, Meredith and Dick Gildrie....just to name a few. If we missed your name, know you are thanked for all you do for Trinity and your community.



Welcome Cortney Grisham

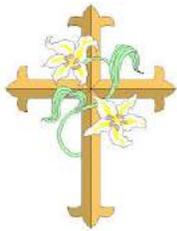
Trinity welcomes Cortney Grisham as our new part-time nursery worker. Cortney will be in the nursery with Crystal on Sunday mornings and during Wednesday evening activities. Cortney is from Nashville and is studying public health and finance at Austin Peay State University. Cortney previously worked as a teacher with CrieveWood United Methodist Childcare in Nashville. Stop by the nursery and welcome Cortney, she will love to meet you and she looks forward to caring for all of Trinity's little ones.

Trinity Happenings Winter 2016-17

Christmas Eve Service: Children's Pageant



Holy Week and Easter 2017



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY - APRIL 9

HOLY MONDAY-APRIL 10 6 PM - EVENING PRAYER

HOLY TUESDAY -APRIL 11 6 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**HOLY WEDNESDAY - APRIL 12 - 5PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 13- 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14 - 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY- 7:30 AM AND 9:30 AM

EASTER EGG HUNT - 11 AM



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