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**2018
ANNUAL
REPORT**



**ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

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About Us

OUR MISSION

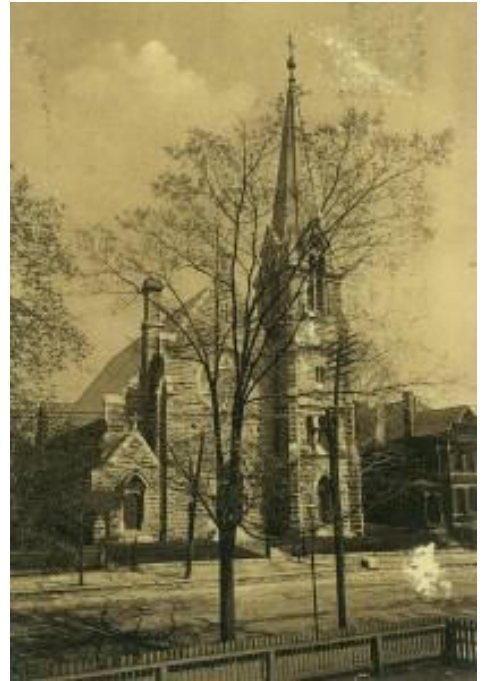
Our Mission is to seek and serve God in Christ through worship in the Anglican tradition. We provide opportunities for spiritual growth and ministry to ourselves and others, all within an accepting and diverse community.

HISTORY OF TRINITY PARISH

Trinity Episcopal Parish in Clarksville was founded in 1832 and is one of the five oldest Episcopal parishes in Tennessee. Its first building was erected in 1838.

In the early years, Trinity received support from local Presbyterians who believed that a “proper” town needed both a Presbyterian and an Episcopal presence, representing the two established churches of the British Isles, the original home of many early Middle Tennessee settlers.

During the Civil War, Trinity was one of the few local churches allowed to remain open by the Union forces that occupied Clarksville because the rector insisted that “decent and orderly” worship transcended politics and even war.



After tornado January 1999

In 1873 the original building was demolished, and the current Romanesque building was completed in 1877. A rectory was built in 1883, and a new Parish House in 1916. The facilities were renovated in the 1920s, and again in the 1980s, always with an eye toward historical fidelity.

In the early morning hours of January 22, 1999, a tornado ripped through Clarksville, and the church was hit hard. A portion of the roof collapsed and part of the steeple was knocked over, but the walls remained, providing enough structure to begin restoration. The Parish House was damaged beyond repair.

After a multi-year effort by the parishioners and the Clarksville community, the church was rebuilt, a new Parish House was constructed and the congregation returned to its place of worship and service on Franklin Street.

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members
- IV. Recognition of Continuing Vestry Members
- V. Vestry Elections: Introduction of Candidates, Call for Additional Nominations, Election of New Vestry Candidates.
- VI. Presentation of 2019 Budget.
- VII. Rector's Remarks - The Rev. Meghan Ryan
- VIII. Senior Warden's Remarks - Privott Stroman
- IX. Treasurer's Report - Beverly Kimbrough
- XI. Committee "Reports"
 - Worship & Liturgy - Mark Hunter
 - Education/Formation - Paul Laugeness
 - Outreach - Kendall Welsh
 - Parish Life - Bethany Kelly
 - Stewardship - Thommy Barbeauld/Sheila Foust
 - Communications - Bethany Kelly
- XII. Approval of 2019 Budget
- XIII. Announcement of Vestry Elections
- XIV. New Business
- XV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

VESTRY NOMINEE BIOS

Christie Crawford



Originally from San Francisco, CA, I moved to Clarksville in 2017, after marrying my husband, Marlin Huddleston, a Clarksville native. I recently retired after a 35 year career in marketing and commercial banking at Wells Fargo, Bank of America as well as Bank of Hawaii, where I lived for 17 years. I have a degree in journalism/ marketing from Pennsylvania State University, an MBA from University of San Francisco in marketing/ finance and an Executive MBA from the University of Virginia in bank management. I was awarded Hawaii Small Business Lender of the Year 10 times as well as nominated for the state of Hawaii's Women Who Mean Business award in 2016.

In the past 20 years, I have been heavily involved in non-profit work including Treasurer and President of the Kailua- Kona Chamber of Commerce, Treasurer of the Hawaii Island Humane Society, Treasurer of Full Life- an organization dedicated to developmentally disabled adults, and Treasurer of Christ Church Episcopal in Kealahou, Hawaii.

I was confirmed in the Episcopal church in Annandale, VA at age 16 and have attended Episcopalian churches in Virginia, Pennsylvania, California and Hawaii. At Trinity, I have been involved with the Finance Committee, ECW, Trinity Travelers, Needles group, Treasurer of the Red Door Committee, and the recently formed flower guild. Outside of Trinity, I am an artist and volunteer for Arts for Hearts.

I was warmly welcomed into the Trinity parish as I didn't know a soul in Clarksville save my husband, his family and a few neighbors. My family strongly instilled in me a sense of service and community which I have continued wherever I go. If elected, I look forward to bring my skills, expertise, and passion to Trinity wherever needed and looking forward to developing new and deeper relationships in the congregation.

Will Green



My name is Will Green and I was born and baptized into the Episcopal Church in Springfield Missouri. I was raised in Sherman, Texas attending St. Stephens until I left for the military at 20. As the oldest of seven our family occupied an entire pew on Sundays. As an Acolyte under the careful watch of Father James Garrard I seldom missed a Sunday from ages 9 to 14 at the 8 o'clock service. Confirmed by Bishop Stanton at 13 I felt comfort in our Church. As a teen my father reminded me weekly of the church's address on Crockett Street and that service starts at 1000.

The unsung heroes of the Episcopal Church are the vestry, who work behind the scenes making the Church run. As parishioners we should be reminded how we would benefit others for the greater good of mankind and that as individuals we are capable and steadfast in influencing others in Christ-like behavior. In 2007 while stationed at Ft. Campbell I attended Trinity for two years before joining my fiancé in Washington State. In that time I volunteered as a co-coordinator for the financial peace university program offered to our parishioners. That experience was humbling, gratifying, and solidified memories with members of Trinity which to this day I still appreciate. Father Mickey's blunt advice and humble leadership was what I needed at the time.

My approach to problem solving and obtaining results is assertive. I like new approaches and have an inquisitive and open attitude toward change. I don't mind trying new ideas. I am generous with my time in helping others, but may sometimes promise more than I can deliver because of natural optimism. I work best when interacting with others and prefer working in a social environment. I enjoy critical thinking and problem solving challenges. I prefer to explore all possible solutions before making decisions. I am still active duty military and will be for the next two years. We are raising a 4 year old and commitments are sometimes longer than the day allows. I'm humbled in your consideration and will do my best.

John Holt



I became a member of Trinity in 1971 when my parents moved to Clarksville (the year I was born). Trinity is where I was baptized and confirmed. I attended Clarksville HS then received my B.A. at Carson-Newman College and went on to attain my law degree at the Humphrey's School of Law - University of Memphis. After some time away, my wife Liz and I returned to Trinity in 2009. I have previously served on Vestry from 2012-2015. I have resided in Coopertown, TN, since 2003 and currently own a law firm, The Holt Law Firm, P.L.L.C - in Springfield TN. Liz and I have three kids (Sarah, Harrison and Jack) who are all active in Youth Group and serve as acolytes.

Quentin Humberd

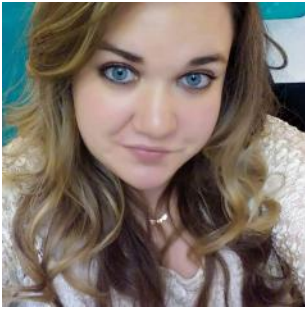


I relocated to Tennessee following 13 years of active military service as a physician in 1992. My wife Terrie and I raised 3 children here in Clarksville but due to our frequent moves we had never established a church home. I was drawn to Trinity some years later, as I often hear others mention to me now, due to a need for spiritual guidance and questions about God's plan for us. Larry and Jeanie Faust provided that connection in 2004, and I was confirmed at Trinity in 2005. With the help of so many at Trinity I became involved in a variety of initiatives in my first years, including the initiation of Room in the Inn and Financial Peace University. My wife Terrie, though never a member, was in large part the reason I got involved in these service

activities. I have since served as a lay reader but then was not able to continue as much active involvement due to my work schedule and my wife's illness. When Terrie died in 2016, Trinity was there and such a support for me and my family for all that was needed. Then I was truly blessed again to have the support of Trinity when I met a wonderful woman, Vanna, and we were married at Trinity 2 years ago.

Some may know of my work as a pediatrician both in Clarksville and later at Fort Campbell, and my work on behalf of children across the state. These years of experience in serving on boards and leading professional organizations I believe provides me with the background and preparation to serve you all on the Vestry, now that I have retired from medical practice. Trinity has provided me with so much over the years, I feel it is my time to step forward and offer what I can to help direct this fine congregation. Your support would be much appreciated.

Lisa Mejeun



Raised at Trinity since childhood, I am a graduate of Berea College and Asbury Theological Seminary. Throughout my time at Trinity I have served as an acolyte, chalice bearer, Sunday school teacher, nursery worker, adult handbell choir, and the youth handbell director. Not only was I both baptized and confirmed here at Trinity, but I even met and married my husband Emmanuel at Trinity. I am a Mental Health Therapist with Centerstone School Based Services. My office is located at Byrns Darden Elementary School which is the school which Trinity contributes to the FUEL program. I have been the youth handbell director for 3 years now and work not only with the youth regarding musicality, but have also begun incorporating an understanding of ministry and a mentoring program into musical practices. I introduced the church to Cardboard Village in 2009 and am proud to see it continue as a way for our youth to learn some basic information and experiences regarding homelessness. I am blessed and proud to be considered for a seat on Vestry.

Jennifer Williams



I have been at Trinity for 16 years. I am married to Ric and have 2 children, Bobby and Becca. My husband Ric and I are Trinity's coordinators for Room in the Inn each winter. I also deliver food for the Nashville Cares ministry as well. I look forward to many more years at Trinity and the opportunity to serve on the vestry!

Vestry

RECTOR'S REPORT - THE REV. MEGHAN RYAN



The Rev. Meghan Ryan
Dismissal after Holy Eucharist

This has been a very eventful year here at Trinity, although you might not realize it at first glance. The Vestry has worked hard to accomplish its goals of becoming a more open and inclusive community, as well as sharing the Good News in new and accessible ways. This has resulted in an increase in attendance, more opportunities for fellowship and formation, and the continued commitment to outreach in our community. None of those things are quite as dramatic as last year's service time change or the creation of our 5th Sunday Initiative - Love in Action.

Love in Action continues to be a place of profound worship and welcome. After our December 30th Recover Eucharist, I was told by some visitors that they have never felt so welcome in a church. They had made a long drive because they were curious about a church that talked so openly about addiction, while also making it clear that people struggling with addiction were loved and accepted. They may never return to Trinity, but they will know that there is place for them in the Episcopal Church, that there are communities that value and love them. We hear a story like this after almost every Love in Action. The fact that we are connecting our worship identity with our service identity never fails to speak to those that feel like outsiders in our community. Our love doesn't merely move locations; it flies, it speaks, it does things that we never thought possible. Our love touches others.

We've also worked together with other congregations in new ways. We had an incredibly successful Vacation Bible School this year by partnering with Christ Lutheran Church. By combining these two groups, we were able to offer a truly fantastic program that the children of Trinity (or at least my child!) are still talking about. We also partnered with First Presbyterian. First, in a joint international mission in Haiti, bolstering a small, Episcopal parish school on the island of La Gonave. Second, we combined our church picnics and outdoor worship services. In theory, we were going to enjoy the newly completed Downtown Commons. However, the rain disrupted that plan! Instead, we gathered indoors for a wonderful service and a great potluck feast! The response to this event has been overwhelmingly positive.



Vacation Bible School
Summer 2018

We welcomed new staff members this year as well, including Gloria Grissom and Dr. Virginia Lile Boaz. The staff of Trinity continues to be especially important parts of our leadership... and our growth. The loving and inclusive way our staff welcomes people is something that I am especially proud of at Trinity.

While our growth has led to new energy and life in the parish, there have also been some growing pains. As our membership continues to climb, we must consider adding new staff into the mix in order to sustain the necessary amount of communication and programming a church like ours needs. It's a tricky transition to make and we might feel the financial "pinch" for a short time, but I am confident that the generosity of Trinity will shine as it always does.

I'm looking forward to all of the exciting transitions and transformations ahead of us this year. I am honored and humbled that you have asked me to shepherd this community during such a thrilling time. With your partnership, we will continue to put our love into action, while growing Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Your servant in Christ,

The Rev. Meghan Ryan
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church

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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Privott Stroman

Greetings! Let me begin by thanking you for another awesome year at Trinity Parish. This is my second year to serve on the Vestry, and my first to serve as your Senior Warden. I thank you for allowing me to serve you, alongside an excellent group of leaders, over the past year. Your Vestry is committed to fulfilling the Mission and Visions of this Parish, and it has been my honor to see the dedication shown from each one of them.



2018 Vestry Summer Retreat

2018 Goals & Objectives



Each year, the Vestry holds two Retreats in order to give dedicated time to forming strong spiritual relationships, focusing on the needs of the Parish, and establishing and working towards annual Goals and Objectives. This year was no different as we met together for a day in February locally, then took a weekend retreat to St. Mary's Sewanee. In between prayer, work sessions and a few 'Shenanigans', great strides were made in the focus of continuing to move forward in sharing the Kingdom of God.

Our 2018 core values, goals and objectives, with information on each, are listed below:

Core Value: Provide an Open Community for all

Goal: Create more opportunities for family engagement

- *Engage in formal Youth Ministry Process, seeking through CYMT*

This is a dedication of your Vestry that is seen in our current budget proposal. Currently, we are pending some critical tight budget decisions that must be made, however your Vestry is committed to the future and youth of our Parish. We have a strong core group of Youth, that will only improve and grow as we work to build on the focus of our Youth Ministry.

- *Improve Signage for easier involvement*

With the excellent help of Will Mabry as his Eagle Scout project, and Frank Lott, with BLF Marketing, our signage looks fantastic! Visitors and new members will have no problem finding their way around our halls to get them where they need to be to join in for Sunday School, Nursery, and Wednesday night activities.

- *Focus on Children’s Rooms for Improvement*

Have you seen our Nursery lately??!! Kelly Loy and Gloria Grissom are two of the best things that have happened to Trinity’s children in a long time! If you haven’t been downstairs, go take a look. The Vestry can take no credit for the excellent work done by these two, but it certainly is worth sharing. Our Godly Play rooms and Children’s Chapel are all spruced up with new coats of paint and look inviting for youth to come on in.

- *Identify More Small Group Activities*

Lots of opportunities exist from Yoga to EFM to Supper Clubs to Sunday School classes. If you haven’t found your right niche on Monday, Wednesday, Sunday – or any other day, ask a Vestry member to help out.

Goal: Begin the work on Becoming the Beloved Community

The Beloved Community Commission was formed by the Bishop of Tennessee as a Task Force in 2017. The goals are to work towards full inclusivity of all clergy, bishops and staff; take the steps in healing the wounds of the church and community; and educate members about the effects of racism. At Trinity, a steering committee has been formed with eager and active participants. They now we are awaiting further action from the Beloved Community Task Force for direction to pass along at our local level to begin this exciting initiative.

Core Value: Share the Good News

Goal: Increase Average Sunday Attendance by 10%

From February 2018 to November of the same year, this Parish has seen amazing average Sunday attendance growth – coming in over 15% increase! This is exceptional, especially in a time when church attendance is down nationwide. With that growth, comes a responsibility to grow the Parish in programs and resources. This budget is even more important as we cross further from the ‘Pastoral’ to the ‘Program’ size church.



- *Increase Social Platforms on Digital Media*

I hope you all are following our page on Facebook. Trinity Episcopal Church (TrinityParishTN) is our public site, and we encourage you to like and share all posts that you see there. This will help spread all the news from that page to all of your friends without costing a dime! Trinity Parish is the private group on Facebook for our Members to share information together. Information posted in this group is intended for those who are church members. Also available on Facebook is a “Children of Trinity” private group that only shares information to parents of our Trinity children so that they may see all the spiritually creative activities their children do while in the nursery. Additionally, live streaming of our services can now be seen on Facebook and Podcasts, which allow those who are unable to come to service to worship. This is wonderful for those sick or deployed overseas.

- *Bring a Friend Sunday & Ft Campbell Sunday*

Bring a Friend Sunday was a fun time for young and old alike, bringing many new faces into our beautiful church to worship. Ft. Campbell Sunday is planned for later in 2019, as the dates of the year just got to jam packed with activities to add one more in.

Goal: Increase our Name Recognition in the Community

- *Expand 5th Sunday Initiatives, and Include other Churches*



One of the greatest successes Trinity has seen over the past two years is the start of our 5th Sunday ‘Love in Action’. These days of service and worship have become such an important part of our outreach and evangelism, and we can directly connect many of our new Members directly to the 5th Sunday initiatives. The success is so great, that we took it on the road to the Dubose Center in Sewanee for a Parish Retreat. There, we served and worked, while joining in fellowship and

worship. Love in Action will only grow stronger as we continue to solicit other organizations and churches into the fold.

- *Expand to a community picnic, beyond a parish picnic*

Our partnership with First Presbyterian was a huge success! A little drop of rain hardly slowed us down, as we jointly worshiped and broke bread together in the lovely First Presbyterian Sanctuary. We are already planning for next year! Pray for sunshine!

In closing, this year has been exciting with opportunities to grow, both as a Parish, and as a Member from within. From our Listening Sessions and Cottage Meetings held during the year, this Vestry has worked hard to be transparent in our actions and intentions as we prayerfully work together to lead Trinity Parish into its next generation. It’s a wonderful time to be a part of this growing community.

Fondly,

Privott Stroman

Sr. Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Bob Houston

2018 Projects Completed:

Lighting:

- Interior of Church: Rose window spotlight repaired.
- Interior of Parish House: Foyer light fixtures repaired and LED bulbs installed.
- Exterior: Breezeway post lights, ground lights, and cross lights repaired and replaced with LED bulbs. Bell tower lights function and on timer. All lighting around church repaired or replaced.

Total for 2018: \$4004.00

Painting:

- Fresh painting of lower level (1st floor) walls including stairwell.

Total for 2018: \$3300.00

Building:

- Gutters and downspouts replaced (installed new one) to stop leakage in parish house.
\$1389.00
- Interior signage installed - Thank you to Will Mabry who coordinated this for his Eagle Award project and Frank Lott for advising.
Est. \$3000.00 (final bill still to come in, using Memorial Fund)

Total Est. for 2018: \$4389.00

Miscellaneous:

- Updated phone system.
- All carpets in sanctuary and parish hall cleaned.
- Breezeway fountain repaired, cleaned, and covered for winter season.
- Started recycling pick up with Queen City.
- New commercial refrigerator installed in kitchen to replace broken one.
- On going landscaping/grounds maintenance.
- Several bathroom plumbing issues resolved.
- New washer/dryer installed - donated in thanks to LG and Heather Fleming for helping to coordinate.
- Interior signage installed - thank you to Will Mabry who coordinated this for his Eagle Award along with Frank Lott.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beverly Kimbrough

Please refer to the 2018 Treasurer's Report provided separately.

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT CORPORATION COMMON TRUST FUND

YTD 09/30/18

\$914,353.81

NOTES:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship & Liturgy

The Rev. Meghan Ryan, chair & Mark Hunter, co-chair

187	CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST	Twice on Sundays, many Tuesdays, & special occasions.
90+	LAY PERSONS	Serving in liturgical ministries
21	PEOPLE EACH SUNDAY	Serve at 7:30 & 10:00
20	GATE KEEPERS	In the rota who sacrifice Sunday worship to safeguard the kids in the nursery. [see below]
13	LITURGICAL MINISTRIES	Choirs, lectors, ushers, greeters, chalice bearers, altar guild, flower guild, and more.
5	VERGERS	Who assist and implement the plans of the rector.
4	LOVE IN ACTION CELEBRATIONS	A liturgical ministry held on 5 th Sundays that focus on the ministries of the parish.
3	CHOIRS	Main voice choir leads worship, two hand bell choirs (adult & youth).
1	PRIEST	The Rev. Meghan Ryan

There are always transitions among our lay ministers. This year 23 new parishioners started in these ministries and three left. We delighted to welcome Dr. Virginia Lyle Boaz as the new choir director. Virginia, a mezzo-soprano, is a native of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She joined the Voice Faculty of Austin Peay State University in 2018, where she is the Director of Opera Theatre.

A new, largely unseen ministry, is that of gatekeeper. Each Sunday a lay person sacrifices their worship time to sit in the Parish Hall lobby to allow in people who need to get into the building. We have taken to locking the Parish Hall doors during services as a security measure. Contact Mark if you are willing to be added to the list of people who do this service.

Love in Action - Trinity's 5th Sunday Initiative where we *Walk the Talk*

Every 5th Sunday, the 10 am services *walks the talk* by giving back to our community either on or off site. TLIA connects all of the people of the parish to our *ongoing, sustained ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church*. At each Love in Action event, we celebrate Holy Eucharist. This year proved to be yet another successful and fulfilling experience for all who attended.

- April 2018 - Trinity gave back to Byrns Darden Elementary School by providing on site maintenance of their outside courtyard as well as stuffing and providing snack bags for testing days.
- July 2018 - This Love in Action included an all parish retreat at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. While on site, attendees weeded and planted their garden which provides vegetable to their kitchen to include feeding Trinity's youth at Camp Gailor-Maxon.
- September 2018 - September's 5th Sunday was moved to October 14, as we celebrated Eucharist and shared lunch with our neighbors at First Presbyterian. This hopes to be an annual event.
- December 2018 - This time around we stayed at Trinity and celebrated a *Recovery Eucharist* focused on those local missions that provide support to those struggling with addiction. Rev. Meghan talked more about this in her report.

Christian Education and Formation

Paul Laugeness - Committee Chair

Thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone who had supported our children as they grow in the Christian life. We are always on the lookout for volunteers, please consider giving back for this coming year. Each program has a coordinator who will guide you.

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

- BCP, Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Vacation Bible School – a one week summer program for preK-5th graders



2018 VBS was a joint VBS between Trinity and Christ Lutheran. The theme: Rolling River Rampage (*Who can tell us who the River Otter was this past summer??*).

- Coordinators: Rev. Meghan, Bethany Kelly, and Rex Cummings
- Volunteers: 8
- Average attendance: 30 children
- Volunteering: group leader, station leader, snacks, registration table, music.

Youth Sunday school - 6-12th graders, using an Episcopal youth curriculum

- Coordinators: Rex Cummings and Paul Laugeness.
- Class Leaders: Rex Cummings and Thommy Barbeauld.
- Volunteers: 2
- Average attendance: 6-8 youth
- Volunteering: lead the discussion or join the discussion with the current leader

Youth Group - Grades 6-12 meet Wednesday evenings, plus 1-2 events each month

- Coordinator: Rex Cummings with Billy Adams
- Average attendance on Wednesday evening: 9-13 kids
- Volunteering: *chaperone events*

In addition to Wednesday evenings, Trinity's youth group participated in movie nights, lock ins, fundraisers, cardboard village, service projects, and more. This past spring the youth repainted and cleaned the youth group room. Most Wednesday Nights in the spring and fall they spent time in the downtown commons enjoying the quaint little area close to the church. Over the summer the some youth attended Camp Gailor-Maxon where they meet friends from other Episcopal churches and have a great time. We also had a joint youth group adventure with First Presbyterian in November. These activities provide Trinity's youth a chance to be seen in the community as group and is also a great evangelism opportunity.



Christian Education and Formation Cont'd



Nursery

Trinity's nursery has not only seen a facelift physically (if you have not been down in awhile, go today!) but also in it's curriculum. Nursery staff makes sure there are activities for their "littles" every Sunday and Wednesday evening.

•Staff: Kelly Loy and Gloria Grissom

•Average attendance:

Sundays: 4 – 6

Wednesdays: 3 - 4

•*Volunteering: Volunteers are needed as floaters should we need a substitute or the number of children require an additional adult.*

Children's Chapel – program provided during 10 am Eucharist for

children ages four to seven. Children are brought to Church at the Peace so that they may participate in Eucharist with their family.

- Coordinator: Lynne Halliburton
- Average attendance: 4 - 6
- Volunteers: Merrilee Laugeness, Nancy Gibson, Sherrie Kimball, Ryleigh Welsh, Liz Holt, Sarah Holt, and Meg Smith.
- *Volunteering: Co-leader once a month or substitute.*

Children's Sunday School (Godly Play) – elementary-age children using the Godly Play curriculum, a Montessori-based story-wondering-response model, followed by prayer and feast that connects children to the Episcopal worship tradition.

- Coordinators: Anne Finley (lower elementary) and Liz Holt (upper elementary)
- Average attendance
 - Lower elementary: 3 – 6
 - Upper elementary: 1 – 2
- Volunteers: 4 - 5
- *Volunteering: Leaders reading Godly Play curriculum, door keepers, and assistants.*



Adult Sunday School

Sundays - 9 AM

- Bible Study
 - Led by Brian Schafer
 - Various discussions based on the Bible.
 - Average attendance:
- Lectionary Study
 - Led by James Moore
 - Discussion and study of that Sunday's lectionary readings.
 - Average attendance: 3-8

Sundays - 11:15 AM (After the 10 am service)

- Book of Common Prayer
 - Led by Richard Gildrie
 - Average attendance: 5-8

Christian Education and Formation Cont'd

Adult Wednesday Evening Classes

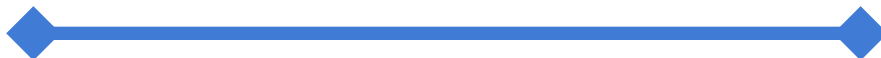
- **Book Study**
Led by Richard Gildrie
Average attendance: 8 - 12+
In 2018 this class primarily read & discussed "Mere Christianity" by CS Lewis.
- **Alpha Class (Early Fall 2018)**
Led by Mike Dale
Average attendance: 5 - 10
This class explored basic questions about the Christian faith through discussion.
- **The Way of Love (Late Fall 2018)**
Led by Mother Meghan
Average attendance: 8-12
Mother Meghan led this class in a discussion of Presiding Bishop Curry's invitation to take up The Way of Love, a "rule of life" focused on practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.
- **Advent Intergenerational Program**
Led by Mother Meghan
Average attendance: 10-20
A fun time was had by all as we gathered as a church family for a relaxed time as we journeyed together through the Advent season with interactive play and stories.

EfM(Education for Ministry) – a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based on small-group study and practice.

Coordinators/Leaders: Rev. Meghan Holland and Mark Hunter

Classes: Mondays - 10 AM and 7 pm

Number of students: 13



Outreach

Kendall Welsh - Committee Chair

These are the ministries Trinity sponsors and/or supports in our community.



Empty Bowls – Submitted by Malinda Mabry-Scott.

Empty Bowls 2018 was a great success with **over \$32000.00 raised to be split between Urban Ministries and Loaves and Fishes**. We are presently gearing up for Empty Bowls 2019 which will be held February 26th with Trinity hosting our regular luncheon. Contact Shirley Hood, Martha Brunet or Malinda Mabry-Scott for information.

Loaves & Fishes – Submitted by Shirley Hood.

Food donations from Trinity for L&F have increased. We'd like to see more small toiletries donated as these are bagged up and giving to people who participate in 'Shower Up'. On our monthly work day we serve on average 180-200 meals. We have a good group of hard working volunteers, as well as a substitutes we can call on.

Outreach Cont'd



Episcopal Relief & Development – Submitted by Sherri Kimball.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is the agency of the Episcopal Church dedicated to international relief and development.

The ERD Committee sponsored two collections at Trinity in 2018

•**Lent:** The committee, along with youth group, designated the focus for the Lenten collection on natural disasters. The youth voted to donate all funds

collected to the ERD Wellness and Resilience campaign. The program's primary purpose was to provide natural disaster kits, access to clean water and education. Hope collection boxes were distributed during the season of Lent. \$867 was collected and donated after the campaign.

• **Special Hurricane and Natural Disaster Relief**

- 2018 proved to be another active year for hurricanes and natural disasters. In response, Trinity designated a special collection in the fall to be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development to provide relief to local communities. \$40.00 was collected and donated to ERD.

Trinity's awareness of work done and services provided by ERD has grown. Several individuals have indicated that they donate individually to Episcopal Relief and Development. Special thanks to Michelle Blake who chose to sponsor a Facebook fundraiser to benefit ERD around her birthday. She raised approximately \$200, which was donated directly to the ERD organization.

The committee is researching new parish campaigns to continue to raise the profile of the Episcopal Relief and Development organization and is striving to recruit new members.



SAFE: Soldiers And Families Embraced - Submitted by John Eiland.

SAFE saw 2018 open with Mo Meghan joining the Board of Directors in January and close in Dec. with Dr Larry Faust being nominated to the Board.

John Eiland served as the President of the Board for 2018 and will

continue as Pres-Pro-Tem for 2019

SAFE continues to serve a vital mental wellness need for active duty and separated military members and their families. With the deployments no longer on the forefront of the daily news, that need is often overlooked or forgotten by the general public. While the headlines may stop, the demand for service continues on. 2019 will be a year of continued transition into this new era and individuals that understand the not-for-profit world and the business world of health care will be even more important to SAFE. Mo Meghan and Dr Faust will be critical to assisting and guiding SAFE into this brave new world. By serving in this crucial role, Trinity Episcopal Parish will be partnering with SAFE for its continued success and the care of its clients.

F.U.E.L. – Submitted by Felicia Long.

During 2018 FUEL bags were put together by the members of our Youth Group on Wednesday nights. Each week they put together 25 bags to be taken to Byrns Darden Elementary. Each bag costs approximately \$8 per week, providing bags for approximately 35 school weeks during the year totaling approximately \$7000 per school year. This \$7000 is raised strictly from contribution to the monthly FUEL collection on the 4th Sunday of each month (except for months with holidays).



Nashville CARES – Submitted by Greg Hershey.

Trinity continues to hose the Nashville CARES office space on the lower level of the parish house. Nashville CARES utilizes this space as a home base for meetings, appointments, food bags, testing, counseling and more. Trinity has 4 members that help with delivery of food bags to clients every month, plus CARES counselors deliver meals with perishable foods. The number of clients varies from month to month, but averages about 35 home deliveries. Christmas 2018, we were able to provide 50 baskets for a Christmas feast to the CARES clients. Currently, CARES has 2 Case Workers and 1 Social Worker that work regularly with Clarksville based clients.

Outreach Cont'd



Insight Counseling Center - Submitted by Karen Morrow
Trinity continues to support the Insight Counseling Center of Clarksville. The center, and counselor, see anywhere from 10 to 20 clients a week. Dr. Craig Wascovich, has a divinity degree and is the full time counselor, there are also female interns available for counseling. Counseling is offered on a need based sliding scale. In

2018 the center hosted a pancake breakfast to raise funds and awareness. 2019 Pancake Breakfast will be at Grace Lutheran Church on March 9th. Trinity holds two advisory board positions with Karen Morrow and Michelle Blake.

Prep 4 Kindergarten - Submitted by Anne Finley



Trinity's Preparation for Kindergarten provides three weeks of classes in July led by certified teachers for children considered at risk academically due to low income, foster care status, English language learner status or inability to access quality pre-K programs. The idea is to give these children a "jump start" on their academic careers and increase their chance for success by familiarizing them and their parents with the routine used and the skills needed for public kindergarten.

In 2018, we had 28 applications for 20 places before we stopped accepting applications. This indicates both the need for the program and the fact that word is finally getting out about what we have to offer. An annual budget of \$6100 provides salaries for certified staff, two meals a day for the students, and books and supplies given to students. In 2018 funds were supplied by a \$2500 grant from the Dandridge Trust Fund, \$3500 from Trinity's operating budget, and donations.

LOOKING FORWARD: The 2019 program will be held **July 1-19** from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on weekdays and volunteers are needed!

Are you a whiz at washing dishes? Are you a natural for organizing lines and traffic flow? Do you enjoy seeing lots of happy faces of children? If you answered yes to any of these questions then Prep for K needs you in the lunchroom!

We ALSO need help with promoting our program, recruiting students, planning meals, serving meals, and more. Our planning board meets monthly until July and welcomes anyone who would like to join us. Please contact any of our planning board members (Thommy Barbeauld, Daisy Crowley, Anne Finley, Tracy Hoard, Jeannie Northington, Erin Nolder) if you can help in any way.

ROOM IN THE INN (R.I.T.I.) – submitted by Ric Williams

RITI has continued our partnership with St Bethlehem United Methodist to facilitate Rooms In The Inn, providing shelter, meals, and fellowship to 16 homeless clients (total about 1 – 125 per season) from our community during the winter months. We have had an abundance of new volunteers this year, allowing more of the parish to experience this worthwhile outreach. In 2019, our goals are to add another set of nights during the winter months and to provide training to the volunteers beforehand. Overall, this collaboration with the other churches of Clarksville has been a vital component in forging the pathways for many clients to become self sufficient in the future.

Parish Life

Common Worship & Picnic

This past year Trinity and First Presbyterian Church collaborated to host Outdoor Common Worship and Picnic at the newly opened Downtown Commons. Much liturgical and logistic planning to host a joint outdoor worship, God had other plans. Although rain kept us away from the Commons, First Presbyterian opened their doors and a beautiful service took place and yummy food was eaten. Be on the look out for us to try again for a joint worship and picnic Fall 2019.

Wednesday Family Dinner Nights

Wednesday evening dinners at Trinity continue to be a popular dining destination. Dinners are prepared by Jim Vickers and Brian Schafer. While our goal has been to provide this extraordinary dining experience at an affordable level for everyone (*where else can you get a warm, full course meal for \$5???*), we most likely be having to raise the cost to \$7/person or \$14/max family. Again this is a suggested cost, no one will ever be turned away.

Red Door Committee (RDC)

2018 was another successful year for the Red Door Committee (RDC). We look forward to supporting many more projects, outreach and other special projects that Trinity has in store in 2019. If your organization has a financial need, or there is an outreach you would like to see us support, please contact a member of the committee to discuss!

In 2018 RDC had our 1 large annual event (Fall Festival) and several small events/activities/sales

Fall Festival Proceeds for RDC	\$ 3221
Biscuits (served 1 time)	\$ 175
Sip & Sing	\$ 880
Wood Sign Painting Party	\$ 179

2018 will be the last year for the Fall Festival as we know it. We will be replacing it with something new – but will still feature our stew and be a community event. Stay tuned.

The money raised at these events allowed us to support the following programs, events and special need requests in 2018:

- Camp Gailor-Maxon Scholarship Fund (Over \$1700 this year)
- Blessing Bowls for Baptisms
- Love In Action funding
- Supplemented Nashville CARES Christmas Food Baskets
- Pastoral Care

Account Balance

Balance Jan. 1, 2018 - \$3590.90

Balance Dec. 31, 2018 - \$4969.85

The Trinity Community has supported the RDC in every single fundraising event we have offered over the past 10 years. I personally wanted to thank you all for your participating in our activities and for supporting our programs. I can't wait to see what Trinity has in store for 2019!

Kendall Welsh, RDC Chair

Katie Dean, Co-Chair

Malinda Mabry-Scott, Treasurer
(Outgoing)

Christie Crawford, Treasurer
(Incoming)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)



Daisy Crowley

All women in the parish are welcome to participate in ECW (Episcopal Church Women). We meet on the second Saturday of each month, at 9:30, from September through May, in the Vestry Room of the parish house. This year we have been studying the dramatic Book of Acts, where we all have a speaking part as we re-tell each chapter and discuss what it means to us. We share refreshments together and discuss issues from our lives. We have fun, too, with a Christmas party and an end-of-year lunch celebration. ECW is a great way to deepen friendships and explore our faith. Come join us !

Trinity Travelers

Tia Batterson and Brian Schafer

The Trinity Travelers were a busy group this past year. Attendees enjoyed visiting such places as:

- Beachaven Winery - Clarksville
- Parthenon Pavilion - Nashville
- Sri Ganesha Hindu Temple - Nashville

As well as heard from speakers on:

- 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage
- Mt. Olive Cemetary Historical Preservation Society

And as always, have eaten at some wonderful places:

- Maggianos Little Italy - Nashville
- Belle Meade Plantation - Nashville
- Miss Mary BoBos - Lynchburg



Needles:

POC: Gayle Knickerbocker

The Needles group met twice each month during the past year for fellowship and to work on various projects. Collectively and individually, we have made and contributed items to charities such as Safe House, Urban Ministries, Seaman's Ministry, as well as knitting and contributing hats for the homeless and sometimes working on our own projects while we chat. We meet in Trinity's library at 1 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. All are welcome.

SpiritFest

Dec. 1, 2018 was Trinity third year to co-host 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 food, inflatables, live music, artists, and shopping. This was the second year Trinity has hosted Santa and provided hot chocolate and cookies as well as various readings of Christmas children's books. 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 to see Santa. Families had the opportunity to tour the church and hear about Trinity's rich history. Our Trinity Youth Handbell Choir performed in the church as well. We appreciate all who participate AND VOLUNTEER in this magical event.



Pastoral Care

Anne Finley - Committee Chair

The Pastoral Care Team consists of 25 dedicated individuals who volunteer to help members of the parish in various ways. This past year the team provided five receptions following funerals, organized three coffee time birthday celebrations for members 90+ years old, and coordinated the delivery of meals to fourteen different families during times of need. They also answered the call for help with transportation for members to church and to health care appointments.



The Pastoral Care Team does not hold any meetings but communicates by email when concerns and needs arise within the parish family. Anyone is welcome to join this group at any time. Just contact Anne Finley by phone (931-206-4918) or email (annefinley73@gmail.com) to become a part of our team.

Stewardship

Thommy Barbeauld, Sheila Foust - Co-Chairs

Stewardship:

- Trinity has continued its holistic approach to stewardship. With our focus on caring for everything God has given us, we have seen continued growth of Trinity.
- Every month, we strive to advance our parish in the following areas: Improve Our Spiritual Discipline, Financial Health, Spotighting Ministries, Reaching outside the Church, and Caring for God's Creation.

Annual Giving Campaign

Transforming

Trinity's



Generosity

•During the months of October and November, we had our annual giving campaign. Several members of the church spoke as lay witnesses to what Trinity has transformed them and how they in turn give back to Trinity.

- At the end of the campaign, Trinity Parish had several families that submitted a financial plan for the first time. In addition, many existed participants were able to increase their financial commitment to Trinity Parish and quite a few new pledges. However, we did have a loss of some pledges and currently under the pledge goal.
- The stewardship commitment of all is what allows Trinity to reach and accomplish the 2019 budget.

#	as of: 1.31.19	Amount
7	Lost pledges (various reasons)	23,040
28	Repeat (Increase)	132,858
15	Repeat (Decrease)	37,250
41	Repeat (Same)	150,860
19	New	38,720
103	Total Rec'd	359,688

Communications

Bethany Kelly, Parish Administrator



The Talk of Trinity, our weekly email newsletter, saw a significant increase with 80 new subscribers. Our open rate continues to be higher than our industry (Religious/Church) Standard. There is no cost to generate this email campaign as we are still able to use the free version of Mailchimp Email Marketing program.



Trinity's main Facebook page, TrinityParishTN, 2018 saw a 15% increase in the number of likes to the Trinity Episcopal Facebook page for a total of 533 likes. All are encouraged to like, comment and share any post on the main Facebook page to help spread the good news and good works of Trinity.

We also have a private Facebook group intended for members to share pastoral concerns, life's joys and overall connect. We currently have 285 members in this group. Unlike the main Facebook page, all posts are private and only seen with other members of this group.

Trinity Episcopal ran 10 Facebook ads during the 2018 year:

People Reached: 22,189

Amount Spent: \$536

YOU CAN HELP INCREASE THE WORD ABOUT THE WONDERFUL NEWS OF TRINITY, HERE'S HOW:

1. Like our public Facebook page: TrinityParishTN
2. Like and SHARE Trinity Facebook posts (on the public Facebook page)!
3. Sign up to receive the Talk of Trinity E-Newsletters then share ones you think have great information with your friends.

Welcome packets & Pew Cards

New welcome packets were designed and implemented in 2018. As well as re-designed pew cards.



CONNECTION CARD	
Name(s)	<input type="text"/>
Children's Names	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
City/State/Zip	<input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Information above represents a change in address, phone, etc.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a visitor.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am not a member, but I/we attend Trinity regularly.	
I am interested in:	
<input type="radio"/> Being contacted by the clergy.	
<input type="radio"/> Learning more about Trinity Episcopal.	
<input type="radio"/> Becoming a member.	
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