

Trinity Newsletter

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

From the New Guy

The ways that we use language to talk about God and Christian community not only describe our experience of the world, they help to shape it. Our words bear both meaning and value.

As a prayer book people, the Episcopal Church has always placed a high value on the importance of a common language that reflects our beliefs about the world and the work of the Divine within it. The rhythms of the Book of Common Prayer have become almost second nature to many of us, allowing us to sink into the familiar words as we share together in worship. However, as our tradition has become more aware of the urgent need to seek and serve Christ in all people, we've begun to recognize ways in which our language has been a barrier when it should be an invitation, has brought harm where it should bring hope.

The efforts to address these discrepancies are often labeled as "expansive and inclusive language."

Expansive language is a reconsideration of the ways that we address the Divine, recognizing that our God is ineffable and thus fundamentally beyond any specific human understanding. And yet it can still be so easy to fall back into patterns of cultural interpretation, rather than allowing the members of the Trinity the room to remain the mysteries that they are. For instance, we can give into patriarchal preconceptions and describe God with exclusively masculine pronouns and imagery. While Jesus may have been historically male, God the Father is beyond any of our conceptions of sex, and the grammatical gender of the Holy Spirit varies depending upon the language that we use. (The Spirit is feminine in Hebrew, neuter in Greek, and masculine in Latin!) Another example is depictions of God, especially Jesus, as whiter than the lilies we beautify our altar with at Easter. Such racialized images not only elide historical realities about Christ as a first century Palestinian Jew, they exclude most of the human family.

Inclusive language, meanwhile, describes our efforts to broaden the ways that we describe the Church. If we want to welcome people into resurrection, they need to be able to recognize themselves in how we talk about Christian community. Sometimes without even thinking about it, we fall back into describing relationships and families along heteronormative assumptions. One of the

growing edges of inclusive language is how common biblical metaphors such as “blindness” and “deafness” can unwittingly perpetuate ableism.

All of which is a long way to say that we as Trinity Church are working to do better, to be a little swifter to love. Building upon changes that y’all have already made, our staff is striving to incorporate the expansive and inclusive liturgies approved by recent General Conventions into our life together. Let’s try out their rhythms—giving ourselves a little grace when we may stumble over new ones—and see just how it might transform our experience of the world and the hopes we share for it.

Blessings,
Joseph+

News From Trinity

Trinity Happenings: Upcoming Dates to Know

- 11/8 & 11/15: Adult Forum Women of the Bible
- 11/14: The Funeral of Joseph Levi Petracca
- 11/14: Manassas Symphony Orchestra Recital benefitting the Food Ministry
- 11/15: Family Charlie-Brown style dinner
- 11/20: Game Night
- 11/22: Pledge In-gathering

Read on for even more!



Stewardship



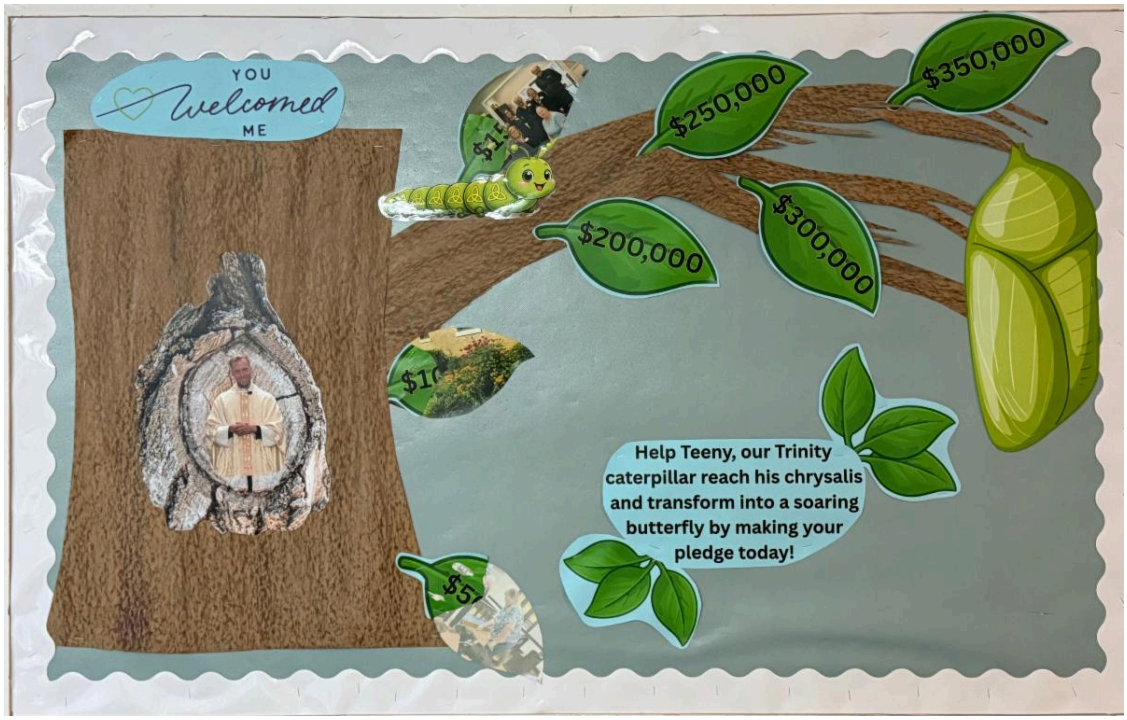
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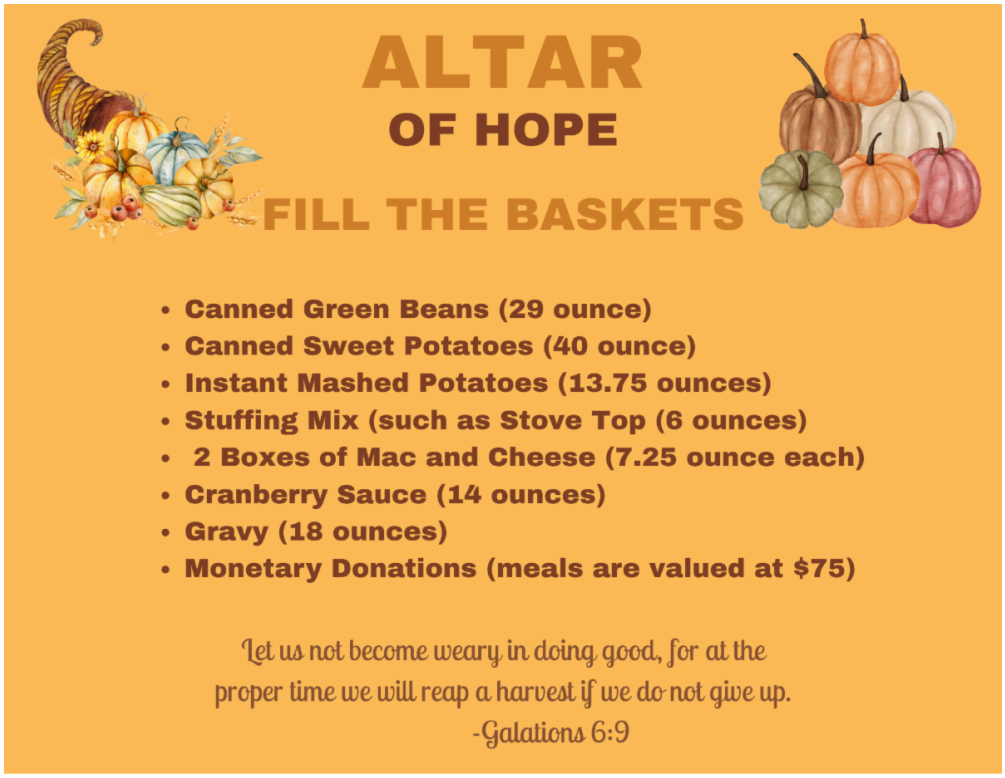
Stewardship continues this week, and we appreciate each of you who have already made your commitment to the next year of ministry at Trinity. Whether or not you are one of the 47 parishioners who have already turned in your pledge, we wanted to take a moment this week to tell you in more detail where your money will go. Last month, the Vestry passed a proposed budget for 2027. This budget covers everything from Salaries to Sunday School; from Repair work to Receptions, from Flower Guild to Fellowship. It is a wide-reaching document, but it is not final. The final piece is determining the income that will be available to fund these plans. After stewardship, our campaign results will be added to the budget and any necessary cuts (or hopeful additions) will be made before the final version is passed. **You can see the draft budget for 2027 by clicking here.**

If you have not yet made your commitment to the next year of growth and ministry at Trinity, we ask that you do so now by either filling out a pledge card and returning it or by pledging online at our website or through this link: https://onrealm.org/trinityepiscopalmanassas/AddPledge/annualbudget2027

As a reminder, our pledge goal this year is $350,000 and 115 individual pledges. Both of these are an increase over last year, but we firmly believe that Trinity is truly blossoming and ready to grow. You can follow along with our progress toward our financial goal with the Stewardship bulletin board. Watch Teeny the Trinity caterpillar travel the path to their chrysalis. When we reach our goal they can finally transform into the beautiful butterfly God intended them to be. This week, Teeny ate two more leaves as we reached the $150,000 dollar mark on our journey. With each leaf eaten, she revealed another wonderful memory of the work we have done at Trinity in 2026. With your help, all of this and more will continue in 2027.

Thank you to all of you who have already pledged and thank you to everyone considering their commitment to the future of Trinity Episcopal Church





Altar of Hope

We have had a huge response to our request for delivery drivers for the Altar of Hope! Thank you to each of you giving of your time to serve.

Now we need to finish collecting all of the food we need to serve the families we have enrolled for this year's Altar of Hope ministry. Please consider making a donation of food or funds to help us provide 60 holiday meals this year. Help us fill those baskets with the food we need to share our holiday bounty. We thank each of you for giving.



Calling All Artists!

As part of our Altar of Hope ministry, we give out hand-colored Thanksgiving cards to each recipient. Please help us provide this personal touch by taking cards in the Parish Hall to color and returning them back to the box in the hall as well. We are grateful for your artistic contributions.

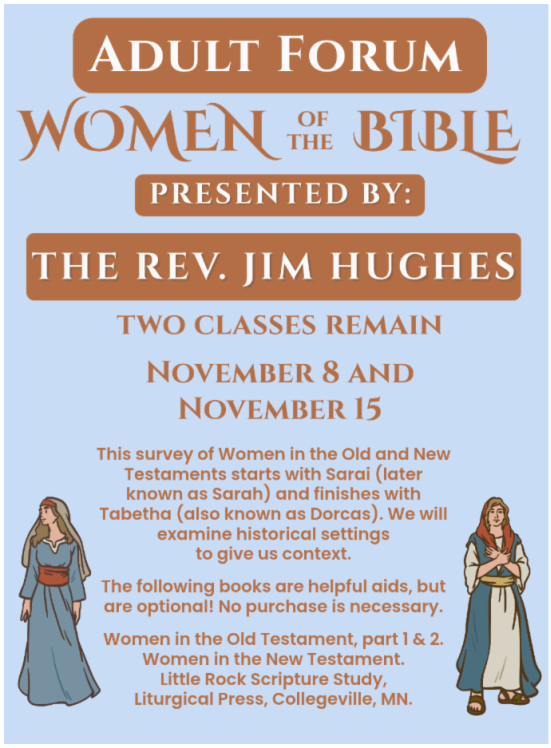
Charlie Brown Style Family Dinner and Fellowship

Sunday, November 15 from 5:00 to 7:00p.



We are inviting all of our children, youth, and their families to join us for a "Charlie Brown" style dinner next month. If you are not familiar with the cartoon or the concept...we let the kids bring whatever they would like to eat or can make for dinner. It can be homemade or store bought. The goal is for them to bring a dish/side/dessert that they love and would like to share. There will be a parents table and a kids table. *REMINDER: We have kids with severe nut allergies, please do not bring anything with nuts, nut oils, nut butters, etc.* We will be watching the Charlie Brown cartoon while we eat. A sign-up genius for the event will be setup this week so we can get a headcount. If you have any questions, contact Diane Trafton at **dtrafton28@gmail.com**.

Let us know you are coming! **RSVP at our Sign-Up Genius here.**

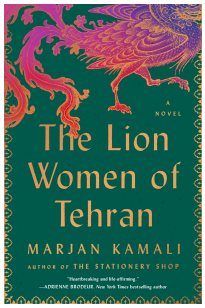




This free MSO concert here at Trinity benefits our food ministry. Enjoy an evening of music and bring a non-perishable food item to share.


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The Trinity Book Club

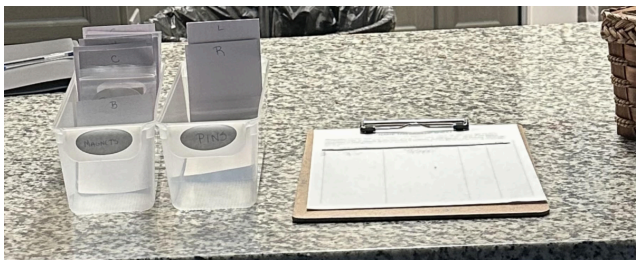
Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we will meet once for November and December on Wednesday, December 9th. Our selection will be "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali.



Nametags

Printed name tags will be available on Sundays in the Parish Hall. There are 2 plastic bins on the kitchen counter labeled Pin and Magnet. All name tags will be placed in alphabetical order based on the type of backing you have chosen:

There are two ways to request a name tag, first you can email Samantha at **sfulda@trinityepiscopalchurch.org** with your full name and choice of backing. Second, you can fill out the form located on the clipboard. Remember if you have any medical device that is affected by magnets please choose the pin back.





Trinity Merchandise

New to our collection of Trinity merchandise, we are offering stickers. The stickers are available in exchange for donation. You can find them in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings or in the office throughout the week!

Clothing is still available on our Trinity Merchandise Store! Shirts in two designs and various style are available for direct purchase through our online store. **Ten percent of the sale price returns to Trinity as a fundraiser for our various ministries with the Vestry distributing funds quarterly.**

Simply place your order for direct shipping to your home. Our store can be found at **https://berksimprints.chipply.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch/?action=viewall**

Many thanks to Meg McEvoy for her work helping to design our apparel.

Ongoing Events

- Ken's Hens eggs are still available. Donations benefit the Food Ministry
- Our online directory is available on Realm. Contact the office if you need help accessing your account.
- The Trinity Ladies continue to meet for Lunch at the Jukebox Diner on the second Friday of each month. Contact Terri Anderson (mmetee@msn.com) for details or to RSVP
- We continue to collect the following items to benefit various ministries: gently used tennis shoes, clothing for Boxes of Basics, Food for our Food Ministry.



Parish Prayer List

PARISH PRAYER LIST Please keep in mind these people as you pray*: Tony L., Ron M., The P. Family, The M. Family, Chip,Rex S., Mary Jo G., Maramis C., George D., Clem R., Mark G., Lisa K., Griffin, Richard & Marilyn P., Randy & Margaret M., Marian P., Frankie, Courtney, Todd L., Doug B., Nancy & Susan, Schuyler K., Greg K., Debra B., Maryanne C., Phyllis C., Chris N., Cindy P., Ilona P., J.P., Jocelyn R., Janice D., Donnie A., Andrew W., Bill H., Wes S., Ginger D., Barbara Y., Judy, Lillian H., Craig S., Mark Y., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.*

Please join us in praying for those who have recently died: Joseph P., *Dan V.*

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Names will be added to the list with the most recent addition listed first so we can be aware of new members in need. Each request remains active for a period of two months.

*Please email **info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org** or visit **trinityepiscopalchurch.org** to add someone to our prayer list.*

Publication Deadlines for Trinity

Do you have something to share in the weekly email or Sunday Bulletin? We are happy to include church related notices (as space permits.)

Please note that bulletin and newsletter notices must be submitted to the office no later than **noon on Wednesdays** for inclusion. Thank you!

News From Our Community Partners:

URGENT Boxes of Basics Needs



We can only help kids if we have the clothes to give them, and right now we urgently need your help.

Families across our community count on Boxes of Basics for the everyday clothing their kids need to feel confident at school, at home, and everywhere in between. Your gently used kids' clothes can go straight into a box for a child who's waiting.

Here's how you can help this week:

1. Clean out the closets and gather what your kids have outgrown.
2. Find a drop-off location near you: **https://boxesofbasics.org/where-to-donate-clothes-1**
3. Pass this along to friends, neighbors, and your kids' school community.

Every shirt, pair of pants, and pair of socks makes a difference. Thank you for making sure no child goes without.

With gratitude,

Sarah Tyndall
Founder & Executive Director
Boxes of Basics

Worship Leaders for Quarter Four

Click **here** to see our Service Volunteer roster for October - December. Many thanks to everyone who is serving in our fourth quarter of 2026.

Weekly Schedule of Events: November 8 - November 14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30am Service **9:45 am** Adult Forum & Launch Pad **11:00 am** Service		**8:30 am** Food Ministry Bag Packing **10:00 am** Bible Study	**Office Closed** **9:30 am** Food Ministry Distribution **12:00 pm** Healing Eucharist	**10:00 am** Greek Class **11:30 am** Yoga	**10:00 am** Quilters	**8:00 am** Men's Group **11:00 am** Funeral of Joseph Petracca **7:00 pm** MSO Recital

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Online Giving

You can give online through our website: **trinityepiscopalchurch.org.**
You can also use bill pay from your bank to contribute.
Your prayerful generosity is appreciated.

Sunday Service on YouTube

We love seeing you in person during our Sunday worship, but we also understand that it is not always possible to attend. At those times, we invite you to join us through our live-streamed 11:00 service at **https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalManassasVALive**

Service Leaflet

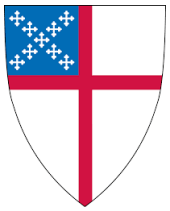
Are you watching our service online and want to follow along at home? Do you want an early look at this week's readings? This week's bulletin can be found **here** on the homepage of our website along with service times and the livestream link.

Contact Us

If you have a need, the church office wants to help. Contact us by phone or email Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm or drop by during open hours Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm.

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