



Trinity Newsletter



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes From the Vestry

Our Stewardship Campaign kicked off last Sunday with a great sermon by John+ who once again made us look at what we do and who we do it for. Each day we are met with moments that ask us to respond in ways we never imagined we were capable of doing.

Last Saturday AARP sponsored a shred event with the only requirement that people bring nonperishable items for Trinity's food ministry. What an amazing and overwhelming response from the community at large. A special thanks to Marian Patey for coordinating this event with AARP. As we continue to meet the challenge of an increase in people who desperately need food, we saw God's hand at work in filling our cupboards.

In our never- ending reorganization efforts, Samantha and I moved the coatrack that had been previously used by the Altar Assistants to the Garth and hung the coats that have come in so far. We are often asked if we have socks since that is an item our unhoused friends find difficult to obtain. The coat rack has bins that allow for socks, gloves, scarves and hats to be stored so those in need can access them as the weather turns cold.

The letters we sent out for our Stewardship Campaign included an information sheet that shows how your money is being used to fulfill our responsibilities to our parish and our commitment to be a source of hope in the community. We, as a vestry, are grateful for your faithfulness and support during the past year. We have accomplished many things we never imagined were possible and we look forward to what God has in store for us in the year ahead.

These are very difficult and concerning times that we are living in. Everything that we were taught and believed in can seem like it is slipping away. It is at times like this, that we must remember Jesus is still walking the way with us and his commandment to "love one another" is not some random slogan but the way through this darkness to light.

As always, it is a privilege and an honor to be your Senior Warden.

May this week bring you “the peace that passes all understanding”.

Blessings,
Joanne Georg
Senior Warden

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”
-Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Trinity Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News From Trinity

Trinity Happenings: Upcoming Dates to Know

- 11/2: LaunchPad Youth Group Meeting
- 11/9: Worship with Will Dickinson
- 11/16: Children's Choir performs
- 11/21: Game night

Read on for even more!



Stewardship Drive

Welcome to Stewardship season! Our theme this year is “We walk in faith not by sight” from 2 Corinthians.

There have been many upgrades to the building and grounds in 2025, thanks to all our generous Trinity members. **Your pledges have helped fund the following improvements.**

- The Florida room’s carpeting was replaced with vinyl flooring
- The Narthex doors were replaced
- The Sanctuary doors were replaced – with the very generous donation from Byron and Elaine Speice
- New boiler was installed
- A new HVAC system was installed in the basement
- Outside lights were installed along the back walkway
- More Ring cameras were installed for better church security
- The building’s brick has been repaired.

There is still more to be done! Replacement Florida room doors have been ordered, the outdoor sump pump needs to be repaired, electrical repairs are needed, more masonry work is required, and we are looking at quotes to update the sanctuary lighting.

Please consider pledging so we can continue our work as good stewards of Trinity Episcopal Church.

As always, thank you so much for your support of Trinity Episcopal Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any of the Vestry.

Blessings and Peace,
Carrie Rainoff
Junior Warden

How to Pledge

As you know, every pledge of every size is vital to the future success and growth of Trinity Church. We have received \$56,820 of our \$350,000 goal so far. We are grateful for this strong start.

For your convenience, you may submit your pledge online or by pledge card. Cards were mailed and are also available throughout the building. Online pledging can be completed at this link:

[Pledge Online Here](#)

Every Member Canvass

Regardless of how or if you pledge, please also make sure to complete Every Member Canvass by providing names, addresses, phone numbers, and birthdays for every member of your household associated with our parish.

Thank you!



Check the bulletin board to see Trinity's progress on our stewardship path!

Trinity Church Adult Forum



Join a special
Adult Forum
and reception
on
November 9th.

Will
Dickinson,
Transition
Minister for
the Diocese
of Virginia
will be with
us for both
services and
meet with us
during Adult
Forum time.



As temperatures at night grow colder, many of our neighbors are stopping by to see if we have any warm clothing to help them stay safe and comfortable. Our coat rack is now ready in the garth for you to make donations and meet their needs. Please place coats, warm clothing, and other winter gear on the rack for our neighbors in need. We will replenish the rack for as long as cold weather and donations hold out. Thank you.



Trinity is collecting food and funds to provide Thanksgiving meals for families in our area.

We are collecting the following items until **Thursday, November 13**. *All listed sizes are the minimum size requested:*

Canned Green Beans (29 ounce)
Canned Sweet Potatoes (40 ounce)
Instant Mashed Potatoes (13.75 ounces)
Stuffing Mix (such as Stove Top) (6 ounces)
Cranberry Sauce (14 ounces)
Gravy (18 ounces)

You can also help by making a monetary donation – please make checks payable to Trinity Church with “Altar of Hope” in the memo line or place Altar of Hope in the memo line of PayPal. The meals serve 8 and are valued at approximately \$75.

Food is important, but for the food to reach our neighbors, we are in need of many more delivery drivers. Please fill out a volunteer form (on the tables) if you can help.

Trinity Episcopal Church Food Ministry



Food Ministry

The doors opened last week to a near capacity gathering of guests and many new faces. After exceeding our 35 dinner bags for the third straight time we have decided to increase our offerings to 40 dinner bags.

Saturday car after car after car pulled into the parking lot participating in the AARP shred event and the food donated just kept coming.

Tuesday afternoon an email request was received from a woman jobless since March seeking a food source for her family of four. At the very same time an Amazon package of food arrived at Trinity from someone who doesn't even worship here.

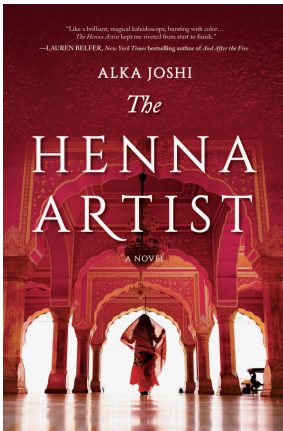
As John Baker reminded us Sunday this is not the biggest, flashiest, well stocked food pantry but it meets needs and feeds the souls of all who come to both share and receive.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to this church that it will continue to be a place of refuge and resource to all. Peace be with you.



Altar of Hope Cards

As we prepare for our annual Altar of Hope ministry, we are asking for your help in a fun new way. We would like to add a personal touch to this year's distribution by including a card colored by a Trinity parishioner. Please stop by our table in the Parish Hall and color a few cards during fellowship or take a few to color at home and return. This is an activity for all ages and skill levels, so please have fun and help us share the love.



Book Club

Do you want to help choose the book club selections for 2026? We will be voting on the first few selections at our next meeting on December 10th at 6:00 PM. We will be discussing "The Henna Artist" by Alka Joshi.

From Goodreads:

Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist--and confidante--to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...

Known for her original designs and sage advice, Lakshmi must tread carefully to avoid the jealous gossips who could ruin her reputation and her livelihood. As she pursues her dream of an independent life, she is startled one day when she is confronted by her husband, who has tracked her down these many years later with a high-spirited young girl in tow--a sister Lakshmi never knew she had. Suddenly the caution that she has carefully cultivated as protection is threatened. Still she perseveres, applying her talents and lifting up those that surround her as she does.

Vivid and compelling in its portrait of one woman's struggle for fulfillment in a society pivoting between the traditional and the modern, *The Henna Artist* opens a door into a world that is at once lush and fascinating, stark and cruel.

Fill the Bins

Our Fill the Bins shred event was a huge success. AARP helped us shred our outdated documents, and they helped us collect an impressive amount of food for our food insecure neighbors. Many thanks to Marian Patey for connecting us with this event. The photos below show just some of the bounty of food collected on the day.



Game Night

Game Night continues on November 21st. Don't miss out on the fun. RSVP to Jo Brent at 703-330-7767 today!



A Restful Spot

As you walk along Battle Street, take notice of our new and improved place of rest. Dexter Fox and Frank Walworth worked for days to lay the paving stone and create this lovely place apart. They promise that, as lovely as it is now, spring landscaping will make it even better.

Many thanks to Dexter and Frank!

- 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, pop tabs, used factory reset phones and tablets, clothing for Boxes of Basics, Food for our Food Ministry, Winter Coats.
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Parish Prayer List

Please pray this list at home: Hannah Wray, Diana Yee, Andrew Wright, Becky Cobb, Emily, Lonnie McNeill, Carol and her family: Greg, Katie, and Elizabeth, Savannah Johnson, Martina Jennings, Lillian Hicks, Dave Kelly, Al Osborne, Larry Cifranic, Maureen and Jack Danelli, Cheryl Macias, Craig Stanton, Carol Linton, Mark Yow, Dave Critchley, Ervie Anne Edgerly, Joseph Frye, Christina Harrigan & Family, Sharyn Henderson & Family, Mary Hicks, Patti Johnston, Richard Morin, Melissa Neviasser, Gretchen Schneider.

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:



Boxes of Basics

Our Boxes of Basics collection box is back out in the Florida Room. Children's clothing is badly needed with special need for:

BOYS - Long & Short Sleeve Tees in sizes 8/10/12/14/16

BOYS - SPORT SHORTS in sizes 8/10/12/14/16

Also: We are in desperate need of NEW

UNDERWEAR in the following sizes for Boys and

Mens:

BOYS - 10/12 & 12/14 & 14/16

MENS - SMALL



Saint Thomas Food Pantry
Current Needs Updated 4/15/25

- Sugar (Small bags)
- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Baby Wipes
- Peanut Butter (Med Jar)

Worship Leaders for November

Click [here](#) for the latest copy of the Worship Leader schedule for November. Thank you to all who are serving.

Weekly Schedule of Events: November 2 - November 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 am Service		10:00 AM Bible Study	10:00 am - 2:00 pm Pastoral Care Hours with Father John	10:00 am Greek Class	10:00 am Quilters	8:00 am Men's Group
9:45 am Children's Choir/ Launch Pad and Fellowship			12:00 pm Healing Service	11:30 am Yoga		
11:00 am Service						

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

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? Click [here](#) to access the Trinity Happenings page on our website where you will find the current Service Leaflet and more.

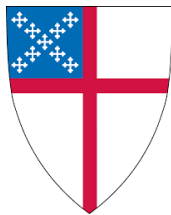
Contact Us

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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