



Trinity Newsletter



TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Notes From the Vestry

Ingathering for our stewardship pledges is this Sunday, November 23rd. This has been an exciting fifteen months where we have seen so many projects completed, our food ministry take off in ways we never could have imagined, Altar of Hope increase our Thanksgiving baskets, Christian Education reimagined, and supply priests who love and respect us and walk our journey with us. You have responded to this year's campaign in an amazing display of generosity totaling \$304,620 to date. The vestry is grateful that you have supported our efforts throughout this time and trust us to prepare the way for the calling of a new rector during 2026. Trinity is blessed beyond measure and to quote the words from the song John taught us on Sunday, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together".

There have been numerous discussions regarding improving security at Trinity. Back in August, Pat Cobb presented measures that were going to be put in place to keep our staff and congregation as safe as possible. The new doors, the keypad entry, more security cameras, lights and sensors are all steps we have taken in this endeavor. Beginning on November 30, we will be locking the doors shortly after the services start. Numerous churches in our area have been doing this for several years. A doorbell will be at the Florida Room and sanctuary doors. If you are running late, just ring the bell and you will be let in. The sanctuary bell is light activated so there will be no noise disrupting the service. Ushers will let you in. If you come to the Florida Room door, Lisbeth will be available to welcome you inside. We know that this is going to take some getting used to, but the feeling from those who attended the forum in August was very supportive of our efforts to improve safety for everyone. If you need to leave during the service, we ask that you use the side aisle closest to the piano and go out that door into the narthex. We have spoken with other churches that lock during the service and this seems to be the easiest way to handle people needing to leave and return. As we implement this change, we will see how things go and make adjustments as necessary. I appreciate your patience as we work our way through this new protocol.

As always, it is a privilege and honor to be your Senior Warden.
Blessings,
Joanne Georg

"How great are his signs, how mighty are his wonders!".

-Daniel 4:3

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

- 11/21: Game night
- 11/30: Advent Wreath creation
- 11/30: Focus Group after 11:00 Service
- 12/10: Book Club
- 12/14: Youth Focus Group during Sunday School hour
- 12/14: Lessons and Carols at the 11:00 Service (No 8:30 Service on this day)
- 12/14: Small Format Focus Group
- 12/14: Cookies and Cocoa event

Read on for even more!



Stewardship Drive

This Sunday's ingathering marks the end of our Stewardship season! Our theme this year is "We walk by faith not by sight" from 2 Corinthians.

We are so grateful for the strong support you have shown to this year's stewardship campaign. If you have not yet made your 2026 pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so on this special final Sunday of stewardship. We have received 91 pledges, but are still 14 pledges short of our 105 pledge goal. We count on your support to reach it.

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 \$304,620 of our \$350,000 goal so far. We are getting closer and closer to our goal! Please help us finish strong and reach it!

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!



A Stewardship Thank You

In gratitude for your support of our Stewardship Campaign, we have a gift for you. Trinity Calendars will be available on the stewardship table in the narthex this Sunday for you to take home. Please honor our one calendar per household limit.

We hope you enjoy this liturgical calendar throughout 2026!



Discernment Focus Groups

The Discernment Committee ("Committee") is excited to announce forthcoming engagement opportunities for Trinity parishioners! The format for each opportunity will be a focus group, which will be led by Committee members. Please *see below* for (i) a list of focus group opportunities; *and* (ii) questions to be asked during each focus group.

Focus Group Opportunities

***November 30, 2025:** Focus Group Following 11:00 AM Service (*Begins @ 12:10 PM; Parish Hall*)

***December 14, 2025:** Youth Focus Group During Adult Forum (*Begins @ 10:00 AM; Welcome Room*)

***December 14, 2025:** Small Format Focus Group (*Begins @ 9:45 PM; Parish Hall*)
(Note: All are welcome, but this focus group is designed for people who prefer a small meeting format)

Focus Group Questions for Consideration

1. What is going well at Trinity?
2. What would you keep about Trinity?
3. What would you change about Trinity?
4. What top three critical abilities and skills should the next Rector possess?



Dear Trinity family,

The Advent /Christmas season is here and I am asking for help to make a few

services the best they can be. If you sing Tenor or bass and can carry a tune the choir would love for you to join us on Dec.14 for one service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00 with rehearsal at 9:30. ,Advent 4 Dec.21 ,and for the Christmas Eve services 5:30 and 7:30 with rehearsals beforehand and food for everyone in between services. Any or all of the services your help would be appreciated. Please talk to me, a choir member, or just show up for rehearsal. If you would like to help but would like extra help I am available. Participating enhances your joy and it will be a gift to Trinity for this Holy Season.

Let your Light Shine,
Margaret

Service Livestream - We are aware of continuing issues with our Sunday Livestream. It is a priority for us to deliver this service to all of you each Sunday. We have discovered equipment issues that are the cause of the service interruptions. We are working diligently to solve this issue and will continue to do so until livestream is fully reliable again. Thank you for your patience.



This Sunday is our Altar of Hope delivery day. We are grateful to all of you for giving of your funds and your time as we make sure 52 families in Manassas will have a plentiful Thanksgiving meal to sit down to.

You can still 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. This Sunday is your final opportunity to donate to this meaningful ministry.



Advent Wreath Making

Once again, we are offering the chance to build your own fresh advent wreath to use in your home. During the Adult Forum hour on November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent, you and your family are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for this fun event. All supplies will be provided. All we ask is that you sign up at the link below so that we can prepare enough materials.

[Advent Wreath Sign Up](#)



Poinsettias for Memorial and Thanksgiving

It is time to place orders for this years Poinsettias for the church. Flowers can be purchased in Memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Please help us celebrate the Holidays with beauty that represents love. Forms are available in the Narthex and are due in the office by Sunday, December 14th. For your convenience, forms can also be found by clicking [here](#).

Trinity Episcopal Church Food Ministry



Food Ministry

Reverse Advent bags (add instead of taking out) with shopping list and card to sign for the recipients will be available November 30 and December 7 in the parish hall. Please return your filled bag December 14 or 21 for distribution on Christmas Eve Day.

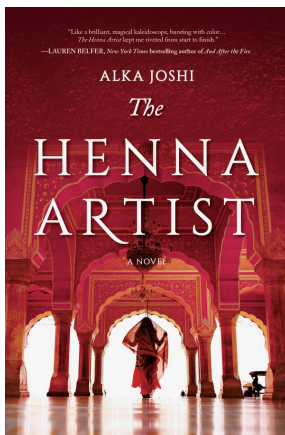
This gift can be in honor or memory of someone and can be filled by an individual, family, office, team, club, class or neighborhood. All will be blessed.

Thank you to the Manassas Symphony Orchestra for again gracing the Food Ministry with a bounty of food donations.

Game Night

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





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.

Cookies and Cocoa

All are welcome to join the Senior Class for Cookies and Cocoa in the parish hall after the Service of Lessons and Carols December 14. Bring a tray of your favorite holiday goodies to share, take home boxes will be available.



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



Parish Prayer List

Please pray this list at home: Ann Nelson, Francine Wister, Kevin Scott, Marilyn Scott, Andrew Wright, Becky Cobb, 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 Neviaser, 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:



*Celebrate
Hope and
Joy!!!*

 **New Dominion
Choraliers**
of Prince William County, Virginia

29th Annual Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:30 pm

Special Performing Guests:
Dance Etc. School of the Arts, Legacy Brass
and The Onyx Project

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DALE CITY
14391 Minnieville Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193

Admission: Individual \$10 • Family of 3 or more \$25

www.newdominionchoraliers.org

Partial funding provided by: The Meredith Foundation.

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 23 - November 29

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30 am Service 9:45 am Children's Choir/ Launch Pad 11:00 am Service 12:00 pm Altar of Hope Delivery		9:30 am Food Ministry Bag Packing 10:00 am Bible Study	9:30 am Food Ministry Bag Packing 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Pastoral Care Hours with Mother Philene 12:00 pm Healing Service	Office Closed	Office Closed	8:00 am Men's Group

Online Giving

You can give online through our website: [trinityepiscopalchurch.org](https://www.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/@trinitychurchmanassas5745>

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.

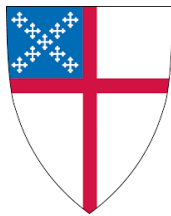
Contact Us

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.

Phone: 703-368-4231

Email: info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org

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