

THE TRINITARIAN

JANUARY 2020



A LOOK AHEAD

It is exciting to be able to “take a look ahead” when there are some positives to report. Although we do not yet have final figures, our total number of pledge units and the amount pledged for 2020 is up approximately 15% from the pledges made for the year 2019.

Our church attendance is remaining constant with some peaks of improvement. We have found a suitable text for the adult forum with further explanations of the sacraments and other services in the book of common prayer. A few dedicated members (who could always use additional help) are working to improve the curriculum in our children's Sunday school class. Looking back over the last year, we have had more parishioners volunteering for various tasks and I greatly appreciate it.

Congratulations to us. I use the term “us” because we are in this together. One of the benefits of corporate worship is the feeling of family and community. While each of us may not know everyone personally, we know each of us are here following the same order of service and working to do the will of God in all that we undertake.

In the coming year we have a couple of major events before us which may well set our direction for years to come. At our annual meeting on January 26, we will be electing vestry persons to fill seven vacancies. Many of you have served on the vestry before and your experiences – good or bad, could be helpful to future vestry's. I call on every parishioner to consider allowing your name to be placed in nomination for election to the vestry.

With the Bishop's approval, the vestry has wide latitude in their powers to set goals and standards for the rector and the staff. Being a vestry person is a job that needs to be taken seriously with the willingness to provide the time needed. Normal meetings do not exceed 1½ hours each month; but there are no guarantees what business might come before a new vestry and how much time might need to be devoted to the business of the vestry.

Remembering that Trinity is our church, there are almost unlimited opportunities to be of service with a ministry to Trinity or the community. Acolytes/Crucifers/ushers are needed to serve each Sunday. Leaders and participants in the adult forum are readily welcomed. On a weekly basis a rotating group of women and men of the Altar Guild care for the sacred altar in the church and prepare it for each Sunday service. Lectors are needed every Sunday to read specific scriptural writings from the old and new Testaments and the psalms. All these duties can be performed with only a small amount of training to acquaint you with the job.

Of course, volunteer help is always welcome in the office and during the growing season in the gardens. Those of our congregation who are shut-in or do not get out much always welcome a home visitor and the Cridlin food pantry needs many hands to help take care of the over 5000 local families they serve.

Again, I call on each one of you, that is, every member of this parish, to prayerfully consider the opportunity to be a member of the leadership team of Trinity Episcopal Church. Whether you can spare an extra hour a week or more, faith and works go hand-in-hand, and serving on the vestry or other church ministries is an excellent opportunity to provide your time and talent for the betterment of our parish.

While there is no change in the news of any prospects, we must keep alert for the possibility of being able to call a new rector. I have enjoyed my learning experience this year and look forward to continuing to serve Trinity in any necessary capacity for years to come.

Please prayerfully consider your service to Trinity and bring any questions you may have about volunteering to either me or parishioners who are involved in what you might like to undertake.

With a grateful heart to Trinity and all parishioners, I thank you.



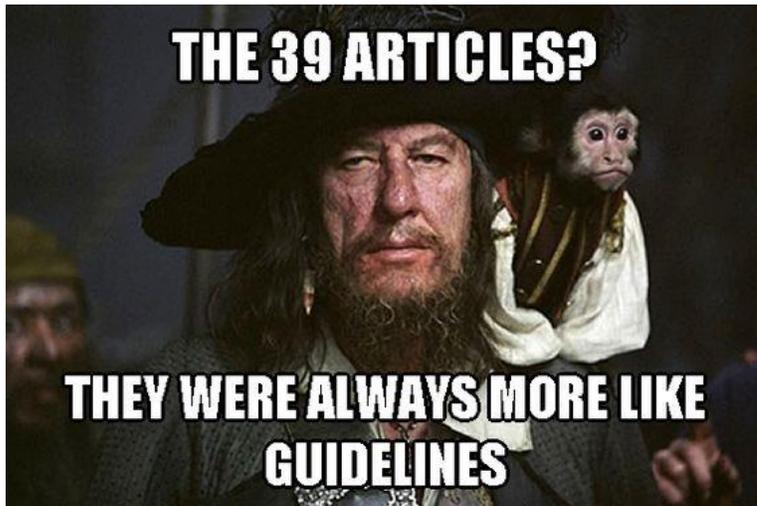
Fr. Jim

LOCAL STUDENTS COLLECT HATS AND GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Sugar Creek Christian Academy, in Ironton, Ohio, recently had a group of students collect hats and gloves to pass out for the Christmas Eve Dinner. It was the students, middle and high school age, who organized the collection.



INTERESTING THINGS IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



From the point of view of your administrator, who needs articles to put in the Trinitarian since I have great difficulty of acquiring articles for said Trinitarian and resort to comics that hopefully make you chuckle or at least smile.

I came across this meme of Captain Barbossa from *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies and thought it was fitting since I've been sharing the Articles of Religion. So, without further ado, from the Historical Document section from [The Book of Common Prayer...](#)

Articles of Religion

As established by the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in Convention, on the twelfth day of September, in the Year of our Lord, 1801.

I. Of Faith in the Holy Trinity.

There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or passions; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in the unity of this Godhead there be three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

II. Of the Word or Son of God, which was made very Man.

The Son, which is the Word of the Father, begotten from everlasting of the Father, the very and eternal God, and of one substance with the Father, took Man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin, of her substance: so that two whole and perfect Natures, that is to say, the Godhead and Manhood, were joined together in one Person, never to be divided, whereof is one Christ, very God, and very Man; who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for actual sins of men.

III. Of the going down of Christ into Hell.

As Christ died for us, and was buried; so also it is to be believed, that he went down into Hell.

IV. Of the Resurrection of Christ.

Christ did truly rise again from death, and took again his body, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to the perfection of Man's nature; wherewith he

ascended into Heaven, and there sitteth, until he return to judge all Men at the last day.

V. Of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

VIII. Of the Creeds.

The Nicene Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles' Creed, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture.

The original Article given Royal assent in 1571 and reaffirmed in 1662, was entitled, "Of the Three Creeds; and began as follows, "The Three Creeds, Nicene Creed, Athanasius's Creed, and that which is commonly called the Apostles' Creed . . ."

From The Book of Common Prayer page 358:

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

IX. Of Original or Birth Sin.

Original sin standeth not in the following of Adam, (as the Pelagians do vainly talk;) but it is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is engendered of the offspring of Adam; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the Spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and damnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea in them that are regenerated; whereby the lust of the flesh, called in Greek, *Φρόνημα σαρκός*, (which some do expound the wisdom, some sensuality, some the affection, some the desire, of the flesh), is not subject to the Law of God. And although there is no condemnation for them that believe and are baptized; yet the Apostle doth confess, that concupiscence and lust hath of itself the nature of sin.

X. Of Free Will.

The condition of Man after the fall of Adam is such, that he cannot turn and prepare himself, by his own natural strength and good works, to faith, and calling upon God. Wherefore we have no power to do good works pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us, when we have that good will.

NEEDS OF CRIDLIN PANTRY

Food of the Month and Underwear needs: 48 Spaghetios & Men's L Boxers

We are in desperate need of boys clothing sizes 4T - 14, men's clothing and toys.

**Adult Sunday
School**



**Begins Again on
January 5th at 9:30**

**AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING, I HAVE NO SUNDAY SERVICE
SCHEDULE. COMING SOON!**

Episcopal



There will be a test next month.

Affusion: The most common form for baptism, in which water is poured over the head of the one being baptized.

Ambo: A pulpit, reading desk, or lectern from which Scripture is read and sometimes the Gospel is preached.

Asperges, Aspergillum, and Aspersorium: Sprinkling with holy water, the sprinkler (sometimes a leafy branch or small bouquet, often a metal rod with a receptacle attached, and the vessel used to carry the blessed water.

Aumbry (Ambry): A small cupboard usually attached to a wall of the sanctuary, in which the holy oils may be kept.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR TRINITY...

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
5 Degreening the Church	6	7	8	9	10	11 Huntington Old Time Dance 7-10
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 - MLK Day Office Closed	21	22	23	24	25 MMO 9-11
26 Annual Meeting Lunch 11:30	27	28	29	30	31 Giving Statements Mailed	

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29

HOW TO SING A HYMN (AND WHY YOU MIGHT WANT TO)

From, The Episcopal Handbook, Revised Edition, 2015

Music is an important part of the Episcopal tradition and an enjoyable way to build community. (See page 91 for "Ten Famous Hymns Written by Episcopalians.") One can sing hymns without demonstrable emotion, but many otherwise prim and proper Episcopalians appropriately channel emotion into their hymn singing and are therefore loud.

Locate hymns in advance. As you prepare for worship, consult the worship bulletin or the hymn board to find numbers for the day's hymns. Bookmark these pages in the hymnal using an offering envelope or bulletin insert. Many choir members have long since learned the virtue of Post-it Notes (invented by a choir member to keep his place in his hymnal!).

Familiarize yourself with the hymns. Note the lyricist and composer credits, the years they lived, and the tune name. Note how the hymn is categorized in the hymnal. *The Hymnal 1982* groups hymns into categories, such as "Holy Eucharist" and "Christmas."

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Using a hymnal can be confusing. If your neighbor seems to be in the right place, ask them to help you find the correct page; this may be a good way to meet a member of the congregation.

Adopt a posture suited to good vocal performance. Hold the hymnal up rather than arching over to see it. Place one hand under the spine of the binding, leaving the other hand free to hold the pages. Keep your chin up so your voice projects outward.

Begin singing. If the hymn is unfamiliar, listen to others for the first verse, then join in the melody for the second. If you read music, explore the harmony parts during the remaining verses. Loud-

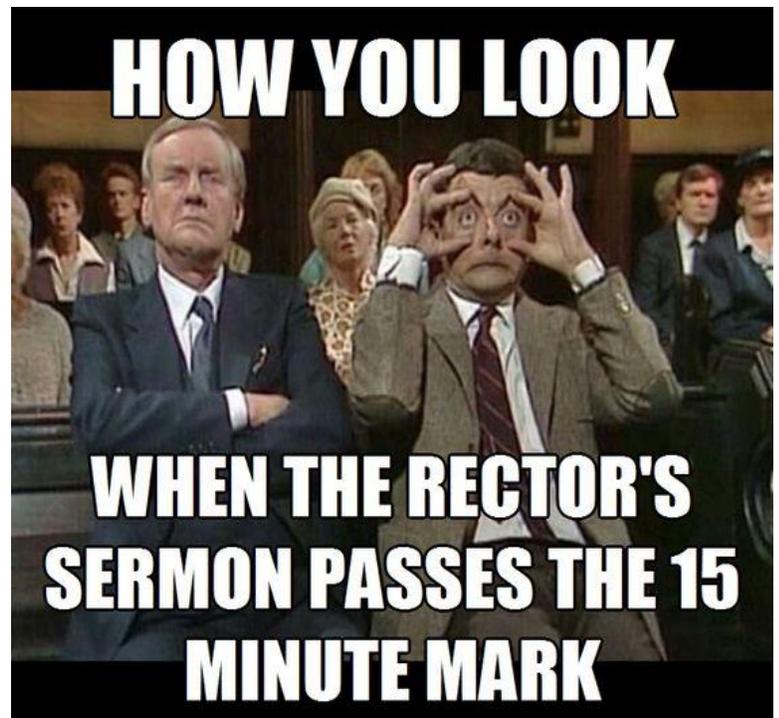
singing neighbors may or may not be in tune, so follow them with caution. (Hymns meant to be sung in unison will usually only have the melody.)

Focus on the hymn's verbal content. Some of the lyrics may connect with a Scripture reading of the day. Certain ones may be especially inspiring.

Avoid dreariness. Enjoy the music. Sing with energy and feeling.

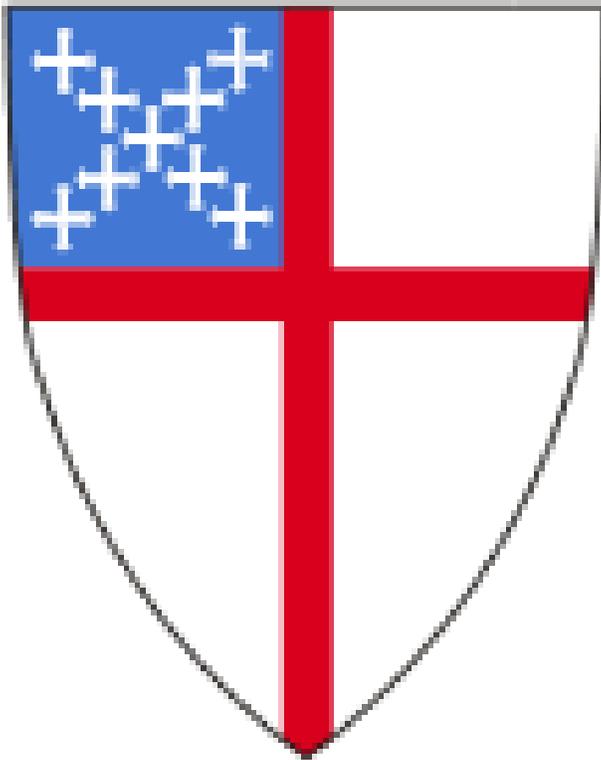
Be Aware

- Hymnals are not just for use at church. Consider ordering a personal copy of *The Hymnal 1982* for further reference and study. Hymnals also make excellent baptism or confirmation gifts.
- Some hymns use words and phrases that are difficult to understand (such as, "Here I raise my Ebenezer," from the hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*). Use a dictionary-or a Bible with a concordance to clear up any uncertainty.
- Some church organists and music directors like to improvise between verses or to play alternate harmonies on some of the verses. This is part of their ministry in adding richness to the worship, so listen carefully as well as singing joyfully. This is especially important if you are singing the harmony parts while the organist is playing an alternate harmonization. Composer Charles Ives was a church organist, and perhaps this was how he developed some of his distinctive style.





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ON A TYPO IN
THE SCRIPTURES,
BUT IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN, THE FATHER,
THE SON AND THE
HOLY GOAT



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