



# The Trinitarian

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## Rector's Report

### *The Book of Henry*

I recently saw a movie entitled, *The Book of Henry*. Who am I kidding? I recently saw several movies. There, I got it out. I'm addicted to movies. I adore movies. It's difficult for me to turn down a movie. Even bad movies. In fact, if I have a free Saturday afternoon, I go to see a movie, any kind of movie such as dramas, history, sci-fi, thrillers, criminal, and even horror movies. However, most of the recent big screen depictions have been deplorable, earning less than 2 Rotten Tomatoes (the national rating scale ranking movies from 1 to 5 tomatoes).

But alas, I found one worth your time and it's called *The Book of Henry*. It won't win any Oscars but it's worth watching because it has some good, basic principles and it's fun. An 11-year-old genius lives with his younger brother and mother. This little family depends heavily on Henry and his unusually gifted mind as they progress through normal life.

Henry and his younger sibling go to school. They interact with other kids. And then at day's end they eat dinner and spend quiet time with their mom. At this point, you may be wondering why I'm bringing this movie to your attention; but just hang with me. Suddenly, Henry notices that the 11-year-old girl in his class, who happens to live next door, is being traumatized by her live-in stepfather, a stern and powerful sheriff in their small town. Though some have questioned the sheriff, no one is willing to confront him and explore why the stepdaughter has bruises on her arms and seems overly depressed and withdrawn.

The movie continues to build and we watch a young genius develop a master plan to help the young girl; but I don't want to ruin the ending for you. So, if you have 90 minutes to see a good movie there are some God moments to look for, including the notion that family love comes in all sizes; that love extends beyond the grave; that God works in mysterious ways and that hope and faith are never fruitless.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Now, go out and see a good movie!

God Bless,

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## *Deacon's Discernment Doodlings*

Another month has slipped by and I will try to update you on where I am in the process of discernment as I seek Holy Orders. Since I am already ordained as a Deacon, I believe that my process will be somewhat shorter than if I were starting as a lay person. It is important for all to understand that ordination is a call, not a right or a privilege. There are various requirements to be completed which form the necessary steps for study and written exams for ordination.

Each of us, as Christians, has a call that begins in baptism and take one's lifetime to fulfill. Throughout the process of seeking ordination, my congregational discernment committee (CDC), our rector, the Bishop and the various diocesan committees will be working to help determine the character of God's call for me.

My committee has been working with me in discussion and readings that focus on several aspects of a call. Every member of the CDC, as well as myself, began by reading a book on discernment called "Listening Hearts." After this, one of my first duties is to write a spiritual autobiography, 4 – 6 double spaced pages in length. This autobiography is developed by dividing my life into ten-year segments and identifying events and persons in each decade which affected my spiritual development and in what way.

Confidentiality is essential for the work of this process and the members themselves have committed much time, energy, and prayer. They also must be willing to share of themselves to ask difficult and challenging questions of both other committee members and me. I owe a big "Thank You" to each member of my committee for their continued work. The CDC writes a report for the rector and vestry, which when approved, next goes to the Bishop's office as part of my nomination. The items in this report cover everything from leadership qualities to evidence that I am called to ordained ministry.

At various stages of this discernment, it is necessary for the vestry to provide written continuing endorsements for my ordination. Medical and psychological examinations are normally part of this process but, having met those requirements in my deacon's ordination, they may not be necessary. Then, with all the "I's" dotted and the "T's" crossed, I meet in a weekend Ministry Discernment Retreat (MDR) staffed by members of the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee. This time includes interviews, time for reflection and other activities.

Theological training at a three-year seminary is expected of those who intend to pursue a full-time stipend position; however, canonical changes and the fact that I will not be full-time will allow this requirement to be waived. Normally there are more endorsements, recommendations and background checks required; but since I am a "known deacon," again I hope that these requirements can be met from my deacon's information. Naturally the ultimate approval comes from our Bishop and as a deacon I have reported to him over the last nine years and he is very aware of my interest.

I am trusting that, as we move along in this process, my previous service as a baptized Christian layperson and deacon will serve to answer many of the questions that might be raised about recent college graduate desiring to enter seminary. I look forward to continuing to serve Trinity and have offered many prayers that it can be as an ordained priest. Believe it or not, this is an abbreviated version of the 20-page manual that is provided for discernment for the Diocese of West Virginia. I ask for your prayers and support in my call.



Deacon Jim

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## *What's new?*

**Taize Service** – Beginning in September, there will be a Taize service at 7PM every second Tuesday of the month in the chapel. Taize was formed out of the French Protestant and Catholic traditions.

**Trinity Youth** – Thanks to a generous financial donation from one of our members, we are now developing new programs in support of our new youth and young families. Stay tuned...

**WV Writer's Guild** – We are working with the WV Writer's Guild to provide resources, services, and support to WV Writers. More to come...

**Christian Formation (Education)** – We are developing new resources for Christian Formation (Education) at Trinity for all ages. Contact Fr. Chip for suggestions.

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## *In Gratitude...*

We would like to thank Chuck Hazelett, our Sexton, for all his hard work in completing the fountain, working on the library, helping with The Gathering, keeping Trinity running smoothly, and his purchasing power in acquiring the needed supplies for things such as the Tea with Shortcake this past weekend. He is a great asset to this church!

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## *A Shocking Development*

Some of you might not know that Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> lightning struck the parish house roof. It entered at the apex on the south side above the dining hall and exited at the north side along the apex there. When it struck, a huge chunk broke off the south side masonry and landed in the alley. The exit 'wound' also broke little chunks out of the masonry. (Pictures will be in the next Trinitarian, I still have no internet from the damage so I cannot include pictures.) The strike also took out our phone lines and internet, damaged two air conditioning units and disabled the elevator.

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## *A History of Trinity Episcopal Church by W. Joseph Mackey*

### Chapter Three Trinity, the Building

Plans for the church building financing began in the spring of 1882, said building to cost not less than \$6,000. (\$15,1377) <sup>1</sup>

It was decided by the vestry that subscriptions be started at once to raise \$2,500 (\$63,073) in cash and pledges. Mrs. Henry Evelyn Pierrepont, Jr. (daughter of Abiel Abbot Low in Chapter One) sent \$4,400 (\$111,010). Mr. Low himself pledged \$2,500. When work began on Trinity in 1882, it was far removed from the city. Past Trinity up 5<sup>th</sup> Ave were only a few scattered houses. The only buildings on Fifth Ave itself were Trinity, the Presbyterian chapel, First Congregational church at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and 9<sup>th</sup> St, and Fifth Avenue Baptist that sat on the current site of the Herald-Dispatch building. Within a short period of time, thanks to friends in NYC,

the costs were over-subscribed by \$2,750 and the building fund stood at \$7,150 (\$180,391). With money now in place to erect a building, bishop Peterkin gave his permission to begin work.

Several design plans were offered. Originally the building was to be made of stone, which proved to be too costly, so brick was settled up; however, all did not go smoothly.

Pledges were slow in coming in. In May 1885, the treasurer reported a balance due the contractors to be \$1000 (\$27,092). Ely Ensign, chairman of the building committee, suggested \$620 (\$16,797) could be saved by leaving out the furnace. In July, the treasurer reported there was on \$1.03 (\$27.00) left in the building fund. In August, this had increased to \$105 in the fund and a bill for \$400 (\$10,837) for the stained-glass windows had arrived and due at once. Two members assumed this financial burden so the windows wouldn't be just holes in the wall.

In addition, pews would cost \$12 (\$325) each with the Ladies Aid Society to furnish \$150 in this regard which was raised by having a Dr. Buckley give public readings with admission charged. There is no record whom Dr. Buckley was. But poetry, Shakespeare and other readings were quite common at the time and he may have been a passing professional. These original windows have since been replaced with memorial windows.

In 1886, the marble baptismal font was donated to Trinity by Henry Evelyn Pierrepont, Jr. of NYC, who was very active in church affairs as well as an associate of Collis P. Huntington and the C&O RR in memory of his wife, Ellen Low Pierrepont, which was placed in the east transept, where it remains to this day. The Pierrepont's were very interested in Trinity Church from the beginning, she, being the daughter of early supporter A.A. Low. (So far as known, neither of the Pierrepont's ever visited Trinity. Nor is it known how much it originally cost).

(To be continued in the next Trinitarian.)

*Those who have been reading and (hopefully) enjoying the small histories of Trinity I have written I would like to invite you to help.*

*The articles are generally written some months in advance of publication. I am currently writing Bob Hall tenure, c. 1953.*

*I am interested in any stories, events, remembrances, etc. dealing with the times from Dr. Tyler to 2013. These can be personal ("I remember when...") or dealing with the church ("When the nave was extended to its present size/the garden was made..."), people and events. These can be humorous, serious, or both. They can be anecdotal ("I was told when X was rector..." etc. Such as the stories of Dr. Tyler inviting himself to dinner when making pastoral calls, etc).*

*They can be of events ("At a wedding the ring bearer dropped the ring and everything stopped while a search was made to find where it rolled", and so forth.*

*These will be added to the stories, AND the history of Trinity in which I invite everyone to contribute, no matter how small or great.*

*The cost is only the time to write and e-mail them to me. And, you get your name in the Trinitarian! (Or you can choose to be anonymous if you wish).*

*Thank you in advance for your help.*

*Joe - joemackey108@comcast.net*

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## *Interesting Tidbits...*

### **Jewell Matthew's granddaughters—**

Erin Songer, daughter of Maureen Matthews in New Orleans, graduated from the University of New Orleans on May 13 followed by a luncheon in downtown New Orleans. She will be working in Marketing for the Brennan Restaurant Family. Her older sister, Emily Songer, graduated from medical school at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, LA, on May 27. She has started a residency in OB-GYN in Marietta, GA.

### **Your Parish Administrator has an Alter Ego**

Some of you might know your local parish administrator as a member of Trinity, hard worker, a reliable secretary, and a mom of identical twin almost 18 year -old girls. There is a side most of you will never see unless you go to Athens, Ohio (or my office). While I was at Ohio University many moons ago, I was a music education major for the first three years of college which means I participated in several ensembles playing my clarinet. Wind Symphony, University Band, clarinet ensembles and the most important one of all, the Ohio University Marching 110. I still have very strong ties to the OU Marching Band. Currently I am the Treasurer of the Alumni Board of Directors, and participate in the Alumni Varsity Band which plays at all the home volleyball games, as well as some basketball games so I travel to Athens regularly and consider it my 'true' home.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Alumni Band participated in the Red, White, and BOOM! Parade in Columbus. We get to participate every other year in this Parade. Below is a picture of me in the parade (looking at the ground so that I did not fall!). We don't just walk in the parade: we are a very energetic group. We dance to the cadences. Please see the video posted on The Columbus Dispatch's website: <http://www.dispatch.com/article/20170704/VIDEO/307049997>, google Ohio University Marching 110, or, if you have a few hours to listen, ask me!!!

In the beginning of October, we will be at it again with Homecoming. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marching 110 and we will have more than 500 alumni participating in the parade and the Halftime performance. It truly is like Christmas to us.



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



Josh Singleton, Dick Bolen, Helen Lester, Hunter Tubert, Joe Snavely, John Cyrus, Nancy Hall, Harriette Cyrus, Lynnette Bunyan, Carolyn Gillespie



Gary and Alicia Adams &  
Dick and Cam Brammer

## *Calendar of Events*

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sunday at 7 PM and Thursday nights at 7 PM.  
Consult <http://aawv.org/site/home.htm> for information.

### **Boy Scouts**

Meets every other Monday at 6 PM in the Dining Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jeremy Reed at 304-972-9116 or [nighthawkeye@yahoo.com](mailto:nighthawkeye@yahoo.com).

### **Bridge Club**

The Bridge Club has 2 games a week – Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:30 PM. They are on Facebook at Huntington Duplicate Bridge Association. If you have questions or need a partner, contact AJ at 646.808.7404 or [huntingtondba@google.com](mailto:huntingtondba@google.com) or Mark Semanco at 304-634-3451, [markinwv@gmail.com](mailto:markinwv@gmail.com).

### **Canterbury Students of Marshall**

Meets every Monday at 6 PM in the small dining room. If you are interested in volunteering, Please contact Fr. Chip.

### **Coffee 'n Collars**

Every Thursday at 9AM, your Huntington Episcopal priests will be having coffee at the Fredrick on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Everyone is invited to join us for coffee and conversation. Come join us!

### **Dick Newman Dances**

Come to a Friday Night dance party at Trinity! Dances are from 7-10 PM in the Dining Hall on the fourth Friday of the month.  
Contact Dick at 301-544-5852 or [dnbl@msn.com](mailto:dnbl@msn.com) to send requests

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Dining Hall  
Daily Reprieve (NA#2 group) Fridays at 12:30PM, Dining Hall

## Top Hat Ballroom Dancing

Top Hat Ballroom Dancing gives dance lessons on Thursday Evenings in the Dining Hall. Beginner's class start at 6:30 PM, Intermediate Class starts at 7:30 PM. Classes are \$20 per couple per class. Contact Gail or Paul Patton at 304-412-3171 or visit their website at [tophatballroom.com](http://tophatballroom.com).

## The Woodlands Service

Every Thursday at 4 PM, please join Deacon Jim in a small service with communion.

## Yoga

Monday nights at 5:30 PM. Contact Susie Ferguson at 304-633-4953 or [mamasusanne2@aol.com](mailto:mamasusanne2@aol.com)

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## *Needs of Cridlin Pantry*

The following are the Food of the Month and Underwear needs: 48 peanut butter, Men's L Boxers

We are in desperate need of boys' and girls' clothing sizes 4T – 10 and men's clothing and toys

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## *Comic Relief*

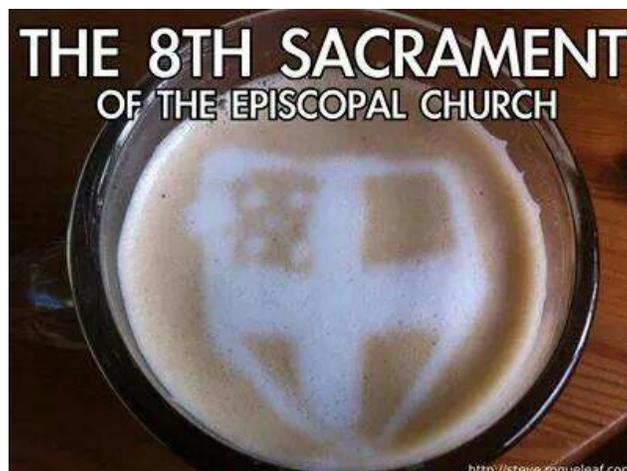
A delightful angelic little boy was waiting for his mother outside the ladies' room of the gas station.

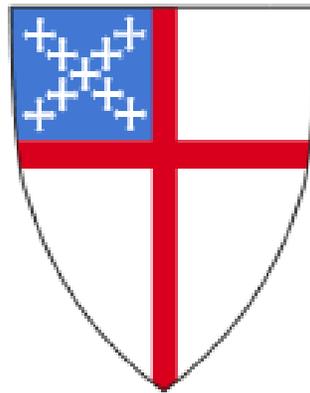
As he stood there, he was approached by a man who asked, "Sonny, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right. It's on the left."

The man thanked the boy kindly, complimented him on how bright he was and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. If you and your mommy come to church on Sunday, I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle; "You're kidding me, right? You can't even find the Post Office."





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