

# The Trinitarian



February 2017

## *A Letter from our Rector*

We are just weeks away from the beginning of Lent, the church season preceding Easter. And I hope you will join us for the many special events and worship services at this time beginning with our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM in our dining hall. The next day we will have Ash Wednesday worship services on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM in the chapel (with Communion), a 12 Noon service in the church (no Communion), and a 7PM service at St. Peter's.

Furthermore, we will continue our Lenten worship with 4 consecutive weekly Soup and Supper events beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (Compline Service in the chapel, followed by supper upstairs).

Beyond the seasonal Lenten changes to purple and Rite I worship, what is Lent? Why do we celebrate Lent? Lent is a time for pondering, a solemn time to meditate and think about God. Lent traditionally lasts forty days, in commemoration of the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert and being tempted by Satan, before beginning his new ministry in Galilee.

*Oh Lord, what are you calling me to do in this season of Lent...*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends just before Easter Sunday. Historically, the purpose of Lent is to prepare Christians through prayer, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Lent is observed by Christians in the Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches throughout the world.

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The Lenten season comes to a climax during Holy Week, marking the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians take on special practices such as fasting or giving up certain habits as a form of penance. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, drawing themselves closer to God.

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Other Lenten practices include the Stations of the Cross, a commemoration of Christ carrying the cross and of his crucifixion. We will do the *Stations of the Cross* here at Trinity. Stay tuned for more on this amazing tradition. Furthermore, Roman Catholic and some Protestant

churches remove flowers from their altars, while crucifixes, religious statues, and other religious symbols can be veiled in violet cloth as a solemn observance of Lent.

*Oh Lord, what are you calling me to do in this season of Lent...*

*Father in heaven, during this most holy time, let us ponder the world about us. Let us be thoughtful of all gifts bestowed upon us. Let us be thankful in our practice of prayer. Let us be bountiful in praise to you. Let us be ever climbing higher in our faith and understanding of you through your Son, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

God Bless,

Fr. Chip+



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### *A Note from our Deacon*

It seems to me, the time to write a new article for the Trinitarian rolls around more quickly every month. When I got the final reminder from Kristi that another article was due, I was just finishing up my weekly homily for the Woodlands. So I spent some time wondering what might be of interest in this article and I decided to make it a potpourri of a few things happening around the church.

Since the weather has not been very good to wander in our garden, many of you may not have seen that footers have been poured to construct two new sections of our columbarium. As with many small construction projects, we have had some delays but the brickwork should be finished within the next two or three weeks. Matching new bricks with old bricks seems to be a challenge. As the years have gone by, colors and size of bricks have changed, who would've thought?

Thinking of the columbarium reminds me that it is very difficult for any of us, or our children, to realize that some day, we may need a niche there. Two things I would like to suggest: be thinking about what your needs or those of a loved one will be upon their death and using the funeral planning guide that Trinity has available, ask in the office, will let you provide directions for a service that you want. Like many things in his life, if we don't make our desires known, somebody else will make that choice for us.

In the basement of Trinity, we have the Cridlin food and clothing pantry which is a joint project of many churches in the community. While we do supply the space free of charge, I think there is only one of our members who works there. This last week, because of your help with my discretionary fund, I was able to purchase two shelving units and help clean up some of Trinity's unused items and provide better storage for the acolyte's albs also giving the pantry more space for newborn items.

From the Gospel reading last Sunday, Jesus calls us all to be the salt of the earth and the light to the world. Offering your time, talent, or your treasure, to the Cridlin closet would be an excellent way to fulfill that calling.

Reverend Kevin Kelly, rector of St. Michael and all Angels Episcopal Church in Savannah Georgia, opens his Facebook page with this quote, "Jesus calls us daily to respond to his love for us and to all of his brothers and sisters in a hurting and broken world. We are to be disciples, evangelist, and reconcilers." This is a good thought for Lent which starts with Ash Wednesday on March 1.



Deacon Jim

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### *Pentecost Kids*

Our Sunday school students made get well cards for the children at the Hoops Family Children's Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital. We are also making necklaces and bracelets for them. The necklaces, bracelets, and cards will be blessed during the 10:30 service on February 19th, before being delivered to the hospital on the 20th. This is one of many community service ideas the Pentecost Kids would like to do in the coming months. We are learning a lot about how God calls us to reach out our helping hands to those around us, and how to put our faith in action.



Whitney Justice, Sunday school teacher

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### *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.

### **Bridge Club**

The Huntington Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday and Wednesday from 12:30 – 4. Contact Mark Semanco at 304-634-3451, markinwv@gmail.com or contact AJ at 646.808.7404 or huntingtondba@google.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 River and Rail Bakery shop in the Heritage Square retail center off 11th St and Veterans Memorial Blvd. 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 to send requests

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

Meets Tuesdays at 7 PM in the 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.

### **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

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### *Needs of Cridlin Pantry*

The following are the Food of the Month and Underwear needs:

48 MAC & CHEESE & MEN'S L BOXERS

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

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# January was National Stalking Awareness Month.



The Mayor's office gave CONTACT a proclamation that said they recognized CONTACT for trying to prevent stalking.

In case you haven't met the CONTACT ladies, you need to! Sharon Pressman, Liz Deal, Donnel Horn, Jackie Wheeler, Kerri Thomas, Amanda Mullins, and Amy Stowasser are wonderful hard-working people!

Sharon was a guest speaker at our Sunday Brunch on the 5th of February. She discussed how contact is funded, what they do, and how the relationship between Trinity and CONTACT works.

## February Birthdays



Lilah Doddridge, Kelly Sellers, Catherine Dennison, Jennifer Hamilton, Maggie Gibbs, Andrew Dennison, Lawrence Hite, Campbell Gibbs, Becky McNeer, Hannah Singleton, Bill Zitter, Chuck Hazelett, Julia Morgan, Josh Ray, Susan Shields

## Trinitarians in the News

### Joe Mackey

Born and raised in Huntington (with side trips during life to Proctorville, Chesapeake, Colorado Springs and Trinidad, CO, Parkersburg and Morgantown). I also served in the US Navy, starting as



a bosun's mate and ending as a sideboy to the admiral and also a honour guard member. Back here since 1979. Had a varied career including clerking in stores, selling new and used cars, driving a cab, working for 13 years in wholesale produce, Kelly temp worker at a number of places, and as a security officer for Pinkertons, Securitas and A One Security, retiring in 2016 after 14 years in parking enforcement at Marshall. While retired, I still work every now and then with A1.

I was raised a Roman Catholic (attended St Joe, Fatima, Sacred Heart while here and Catholic schools in Colorado). Joined the Episcopal Church at age 18. Been a member of Trinity since 1980. I served on a search committee in the early '90s and on the vestry in the mid-90s. Have attended 8 o'clock service for several years.



*Side Note: Joe was queried by the Administrator as to what a sideboy is:*

“That's a boy that stands beside the admiral. It's a group of six or so sailors who stand by the gangway and salute when a dignity (military or civilian) arrives on board ship.

“There is also a man who blows a bosun's pipe to cue us when to salute and to hold it until the pipe is blown again. Then we stand at attention until we are released. From start to finish its usually only about 10 minutes. That was my work day for months.

“The honour guard I was on was when based on shore. We raised and lowered the flag and gave gun salutes at funerals. I worked soooo hard....

“On board ship if someone was expected we were in full dress uniform including anglet and white gloves. We were NOT

allowed to do any work of any kind and no one short of the admiral could make us. We were on his staff and he was our boss.”

(The Administrator thought you would find the *Side Note* interesting especially since it is impossible to imagine Joe being serious about anything. Love you, Joe!)

## *Debbie Martin*

I am originally from Portland, Oregon. I am a Civil Engineer who worked for, and traveled with, the Department of Transportation for a number of years. Currently I am employed by the Army Corp of Engineers, Huntington District Office, which is why I am here. I love animals and the outdoors.

I have been very active with The Gathering dinners every Wednesday.

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## *Dave Coster*

I am the oldest of four-divorced with no children. I have lived in WV all of my life except for eight years in West Palm Beach, Fl. An early interest in antiques / collectibles led to 56 years of a thoroughly enjoyable career/hobby. I recently closed my retail store in Central City and now I stay busy with estate sales and an occasional antique show and sale in a larger market.

I have been an Episcopalian since May of 1989 and have held positions on vestry and served on many committees. Trinity is quite special to me and I recognize and appreciate this opportunity.

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## *Joanne Maynard*

I was born April 10, 1941 in Dayton, Ohio At Good Samaritan Hospital (coincidentally the name of my favorite of Christ's parables) to John and Martha Ambrose Bieler. I have one sister, Susan.

I have a BFA in Painting from the University of Dayton in connection with the Dayton Art Institute a MS in Education from the University of Dayton, and a MS in Information and Library Science from Pratt Institute

I married an artist (deceased) and with him lived in Ireland and Maine. I also lived in Ohio and New York City. I retired in Huntington, WV

I am a painter. I have worked as a commercial artist, art teacher, and school librarian. My favorite job was a part time one as an art teacher at the Dayton Art Institute Saturday School for Children. I attended classes there from the age of 5 to and including the 12 grade. It represents my foundation understanding of art and education. My other foundation was my parents. My sister and I often comment on how lucky we were to have kind and loving parents with high ideals that they did not preach, rather they lived it every day. Certainly, they didn't. call it ideals. It was simply how they lived. My dad always implied that girls or women could aspire to anything a boy or man could. We never heard a critical a word or seemingly innocent joke made about anyone's race, religion or national background. My parents never saw people with more money being automatically better than people with less. I grew up in a family and extended family of Roman Catholics and Protestants. I understood early on that good people came from many faiths.

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## *Mike Oliver*

Grew up in Hurricane and then attended **Ohio University** earning a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1972. Married Bonnie, a native of Wayne, 43 years ago. Retired from Shell International Petroleum after 25 years of international service during which time we lived and worked in numerous places including Holland, Saudi Arabia, Australia and Thailand. We have 2 grown children. Recently relocated to Huntington from Ripley where we had a small horse farm and attended St. John's Episcopal.



## *Jeff Collins*

If you have ever been in Trinity Episcopal Church and have heard the strange sounds coming from the basement (and Mark is NOT here!), don't panic. It's just Jeff working on the bikes. Jeff began coming to The Gathering two years ago to have a good dinner. Not long after, he began helping prepare the meals and clean up. He soon began coming to help whenever needed. He has been a true blessing for Trinity filling in for Chuck

when he is off and helping with big projects.

Jeff is an avid cyclist who you will always see him riding around Huntington and the surrounding area. He also helps a lot at the Veteran's Center because he was in the USMC.

## *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

Fellow Trinitarians we are planning a little something different for this years' Shrove Tuesday celebration!! You know what the old adage is 'what was old is new again' well in planning for the beginning of the Lenten season we (meaning Harriette Cyrus, Susan Gilpin, Father Chip and Cam Brammer) thought that this old adage might well serve us for the beginning of Lent!! So we are planning to return to the age old pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday!!

Shrove Tuesday is February 28th. We are cooking homemade pancakes with blueberries and strawberry toppings! Of course, hot maple syrup and butter also!! To compliment these mouthwatering pancakes, we are going to prepare sausage patties and links, with cooked spiced apples!!! Coffee, tea and milk will be served as well.

Because we didn't want to totally abandon the Madri Gras theme from the past, there will be two King cakes!! And if this isn't enough...there will be wonderful music and song!! Finally, because we are aware there are a lot of you who do not like to come out after dark! We will start to serve at 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.

Please come join us for a wonderful 'early evening' of good food, good music, good friends and a few prayers!!!`

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*Lenten worship service followed by supper which will consist  
soup, salad, bread, and dessert.*

*(Food will be provided.)*

*6:30 PM on Thursdays, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, March  
23<sup>rd</sup>, and March 30<sup>th</sup>*

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### *Trinity Dinner Club*

Once a month members of Trinity are gathering together to enjoy fellowship and conversation. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with Fr. Chip the week before the dinner and arrive at the designated restaurant by 6:45 PM.

03/09 – Lenten Dinner 6:30 PM, Trinity

04/14 - Christopher's Eats - 6005 U.S. 60, Barboursville

05/11 - Outback Steakhouse - 3417 U.S. 60, Barboursville

06/08 – Cracker Barrel – US RT 60, Barboursville

7/13 - Hwy 55 – 801 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

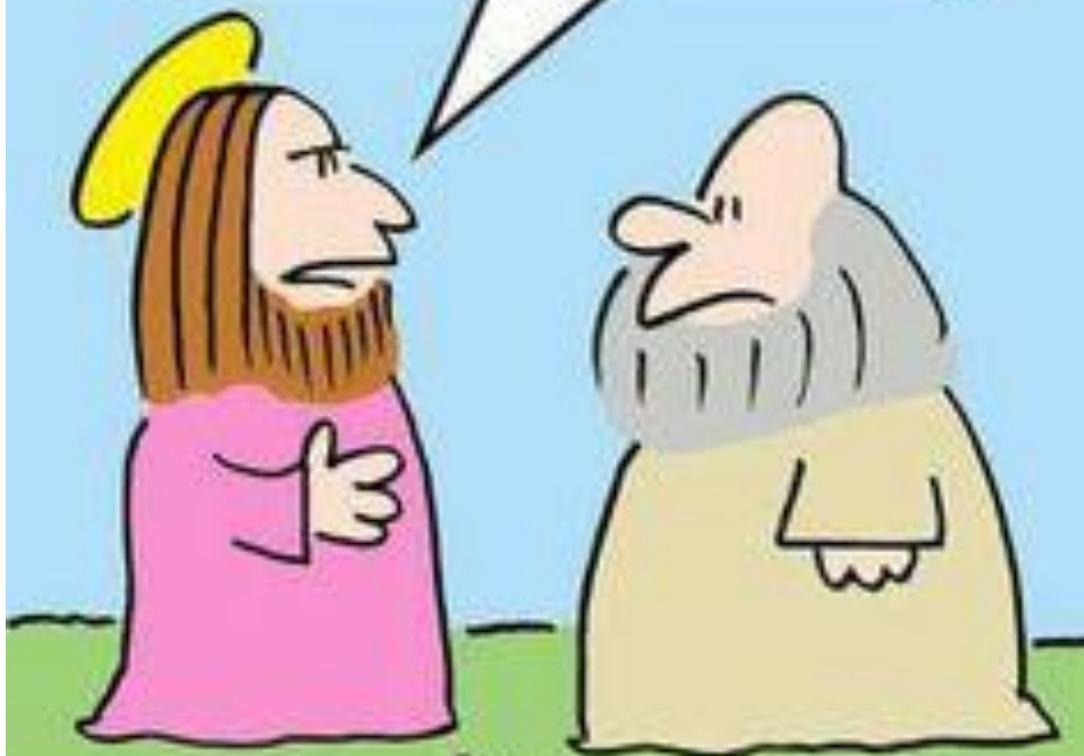
**We are taking suggestions for more restaurants for future meetings.**

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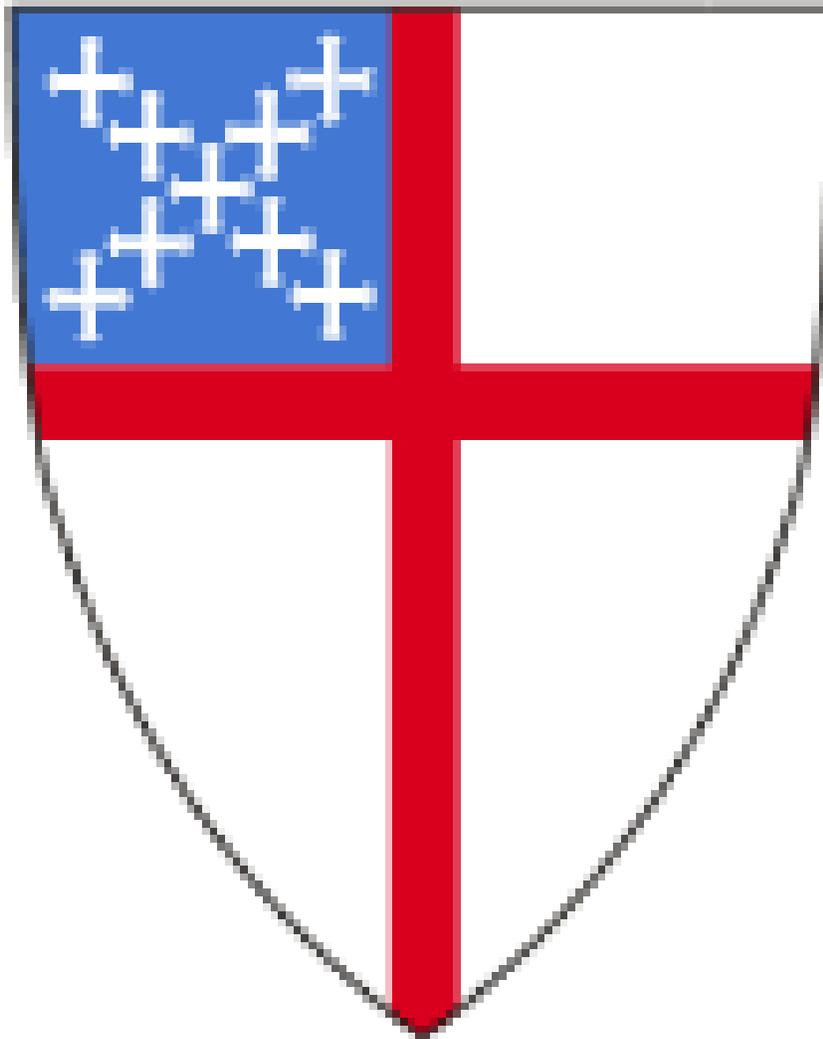


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I TURNED THE  
WATER INTO WINE,  
AND THEN  
EVERYBODY WANTED  
**FREE REFILLS!**



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**Deacon: The Rev James H. Morgan**

**Administrator: Kristi Meadows**  
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