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Dear Friends,

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest." (John 12:24)

Ronald Rolheiser's book, <u>The Holy Longing</u>, referencing the scripture verse above, tells us that, "in order to come to fuller life and spirit we must constantly be letting go of present life and spirit." Yet, letting go is hard to do. We cling to the old and familiar. However, in doing

so, we miss out on the beauty and joy of the current moment. As a result, a great deal of our time is spent feeling either sad or bitter. The grain remains a grain.

To quote Beverly Ryle, who led Trinity's 2013 Parish Workshop: "We live in a world where change is so constant that there is no space to deal with it. Even the most painful and significant events in our lives get swallowed up in our culture's pervasive impetus to move on to the new.

The end of a relationship, job loss or retirement, illness or death of a partner, limitations on our lives caused by illness and aging are but a few of the unrecognized major transitions in our personal lives. They are also spiritual opportunities.

When we learn to look beyond the surface of the external change (what is happening to us) into the deeper potential of an internal transition (what can happen in us), we tap into a spiritual process that can transform our lives and bring us closer to God."

This wisdom gains new depth of meaning in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are collectively experiencing change in ways that are re-shaping what we thought the future would be. Old traditions are in the process of transformation. Letting go of many of those traditions may be painful and we don't know yet what will take their place.

We worship in new ways now. Will we return fully to the "way things were?" Probably not. The seed of change has in it the essence of what was, in addition to what will be. We may find we augment the way in which we worshipped in the past with new ways. Our music may look different for a time. Not only worship, but many of our ministries may look different. For example, the Sandwich Board has been in gradual transformation over the past two years as it transitions to the guidance of a formal Board formed of member parishes; Trinity is part of a larger whole. If the ministry had remained *exclusively* Trinity's, given the limitations of age, finances and energy we were experiencing, the ministry would have died. Now the seed of change not only holds the essence of what was, but the potential for new life and service.

We are assured in scripture that what dies will be reborn, yielding a rich harvest. It is important for us to recall that as Christians, we were created to be in community and relationship. We are not truly alone. Feeling like we are alone is hard. We are reminded God is always with us and His desire for us is abundant life. Lord, please give us the strength to endure this difficult season and deepen our connection with You, always trusting in your steadfast love. In Christ,

In Christ,

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Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



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### **Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday through Friday 9 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday at 9am Morning Prayer All services on Trinity's Facebook Page.
- On May 28th, Trinity hosts the Sandwich Board. .
- Upon re-opening, we will have a brass quartet!





## Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending April 30th, 2020)

Income:		Expense		Funds (As of 4/30/20)
Pledge and Plate	\$25,105	Building and Grounds	\$9,709	Endowment Balance \$601,579
(Year to date budge Budget)	ted pledge and Plate \$23,629	Year to Date Building Budget)	and Grounds \$8,867	Memorial Balance \$132,355 Mission Fund Balance \$16,984
Endowment Income	e \$18,49	Office & Admin	\$4,588	
Year to date budgeted Endowment In- come) \$21,450		Year to date Office and Administration Budget \$1,714		
Total Income	\$65,678*	Total Expense	\$65,188	
Budgeted Income	\$66,567	Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$59,108	
Net Income	- \$ 889	Excess of Income ove		

## **Prayer List**

Jay, Jane, Kathy, Peter, Linda B., Derek, Iveth, Ruth, Seon, Denise, Lynn, Karen, Edelma, Shereen, Mike, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Michael, Joe, Don, Gary, Tom, Pete, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Elizabeth, Rosie, Kevin, Alvin, nieces, ages 17 & 21, of a friend of Trinity, Brian, Chireen, Fr. Jim, Sheila, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Griffin, Sally Anne, Bobbie, Jason, Diane, Missy, Thomas, Joyce, Wanda, Cathie, Andrew David, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Dorothy, Wally, Walter, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Jeanette, Mary, James, Dolores, Bill, John, Richard, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Austin, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Greg and all those suffering from Covid-19.

## May and June Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

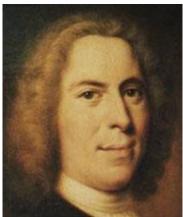
May				
v	Hannah Stephens	May 4		
	Robert Scott	May 10		
	Mary Jacobsen	May 12		
	Aiden Lantgen	May 14		
	Ruth Waters	May 14		
	Lori Fecht	May 17		
	Judy Stefanick	May 19		
	Janet Stephens	May 19		
	Robert Hansen	May 23		
	Matthew Stephens	May 30		
	Gary Gorney	May 31		
June				
	Max Hansen	June 1		
	Adebayo Akimyuwa	June 5		
	Folashade Akimyuwa	June 10		
	Theresa Candler	June 19		
	James Kellett	June 22		
	Devin Fitting	June 23		
	Mary Herget	June 25		

### Anniversaries





## Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf - Prophetic Witness, 1760



Nicolaus von Zinzendorf (1700-1760) was a Count of the Holy Roman Empire who always had more interest in religious matters than in affairs of court. Following studies at the pietist center of Halle, he developed his own "theology of the heart," which placed great emphasis on a close personal relationship with the suffering Savior. This "heart religion" was not just inner emotion, however, but was to result in a life totally devoted to the Savior. "All of life becomes a liturgy," said Zinzendorf, and even the most mundane task can be an act of worship.

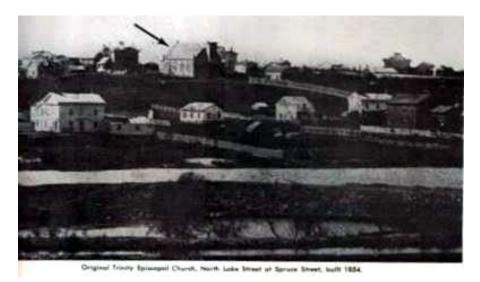
Always a champion of the underdog, he granted asylum to Czech Protestant exiles. Following a unifying experience on August 13, 1727, in their settlement of Herrnhut on his estate, the old church of the *Unitas Fratrum* or Bohemian Brethren was reborn and developed a rich liturgical and devotional life. This Moravian Church as it came to be called launched pioneer mission work, first in the Caribbean and then around the world. Zinzendorf himself became a bishop, and devoted his personal fortune to furthering the work of the church.

He was an early advocate of ecumenism, and in America he attempted to bring Protestant denominations together in the "Pennsylvania Synods." He was not a systematic theologian, but produced numerous theological writings, widely read in Germany. In addition to these, he was a prolific hymn writer, and many of his hymn texts remain in use today in the Moravian Church and beyond. His view of the church is summed up in his stanza:

Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest; has he not your love excited? Then let love inspire each breast.

Members on our head depending, lights reflecting him, our Sun, brethren—his commands attending, we in him, our Lord, are one. (*Moravian Book of Worship* 1995: 673)

God of new life in Christ: We remember the bold witness of your servant Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, through whom your Spirit moved to draw many to faith and conversion of life. We pray that we, like him, may rejoice to sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now for ever. Amen



The First Trinity Aurora

George and Odessa Jones Horton.

## Memorial Day Tribute - Tom Herget

Memorial Day is the day we pause to honor those who have served our country, especially those that paid the ultimate price.

Our church books reveal three members gave their lives for our country. Some of this information was obtained by internet research and discussions.

### **Herschel George Horton**



Herschel was a First Lieutenant in the Army Infantry. He died of war wounds December 12, 1942 in New Guinea. A funeral service was held June 12, 1948 at Trinity; he (and

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Herschel was born 1913 in Aurora and confirmed at Trinity in 1930. His parents were

his parents) are interred at Spring Lake Cemetery.

A plaque in the church commemorates his life.

#### **Robert W. Boynton**



Bob was born in 1924 and attended West High. He became a sergeant in the Army. Bob was stationed in Italy, a nose gunner on a B-24 bomber.

On July 13, 1944, during a mission over Munich, the bomber was brought down by flak. The plane crash-landed in a field but survivor Bob faced more trouble on the ground. He was captured in a nearby field and executed.

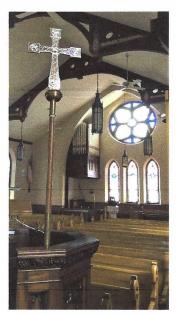




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## **Memorial Day (Cont)**

A burial memorial service was held for Bob at Trinity on November 4, 1949.



A monument was erected in Germany in Bob's memory by saddened locals, 60 years later.

Robert W. Boynton had three nephews, Robert, Richard and Thomas, a greatnephew Robert and a great-niece Jennifer who were baptized at Trinity. Robert's name is inscribed on the processional cross that stands at the front left of the church. The cross was donated by his parents Harold and Henrietta Boynton.





### **Robert Bruce Curran**

On November 2, 1968, Bob Curran married TEC member Jennifer Morgan in the



chapel. Both were 18. Jennifer was baptized and confirmed here. From West Aurora yearbook pictures, here are Bob and Jennifer.

A baby blessed this couple. In May of 1969, Robert Bruce Curran was born. The Dad dropped out of school to work to support

his newly-formed family.

But tranquility did not follow. On July 3, their baby suffered crib death (SIDS). He was buried two days later at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

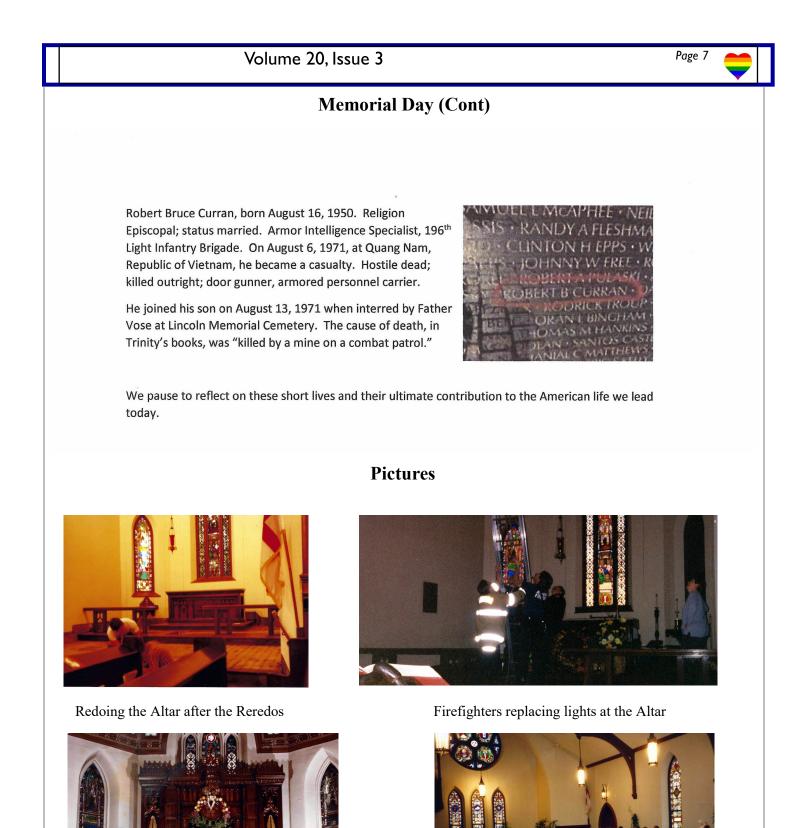
That left Bob exposed. No longer having a dependent, his draft status was changed to 1-A. Shortly thereafter, he was inducted into the Army.

From the U.S. Army casualties report,









A Palm Sunday Procession

The Reredos in all its glory.

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### NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



This has been such a strange time, that it has been hard to decide what to write about. Yesterday, I finally decided to write about what has been happening in my life with Trinity Church.

It all started on March 12. I will remember that day all too well. Things seemed to be changing almost every hour. I met the crew from Fabry, Inc. at the church around 10.30. Safe greetings and hand sanitizer seemed to be the order of the day. But it seemed more like a good idea than a necessity. While they were working, I went to my office, by noon, I had a call from university professors, and students were all being sent home. It soon became clear that we needed to cancel the Monday Master Class. There would be no students to perform. I was sad and frustrated. And all that was happening was beyond my ability to change. I picked up Aaron Tan, our guest artist at 7:10 pm at the train station. Two Brothers restaurant seemed rather empty, and

they were cleaning everything all the time. My waiter brought my food wearing gloves and was trying to serve it using napkins under the plates. The scene was getting stranger by the minute. I took Aaron to his hotel, and we agreed to be in touch the next morning. When I got home Fr. Denzel called to let me know that the Bishop had canceled all church activities for Sunday, and the foreseeable future. I wondered how we could cancel church, and have a concert in the afternoon. It was now surreal. Aaron called later that evening. He said he thought we should cancel the concert. I agreed and relayed what had transpired with the Bishop and hour earlier. Wow! We quickly decided that it would be best for him to return home to New York on Friday. The airlines had waved all fees, and the friend he was going to stay with in Chicago was in one of the high-risk groups. We kept in touch throughout the day, and determined that we would postpone the event until the 2020-21 Concert Season. Whew, that was a lot to process in one day.

Then, there was church on Sunday. Fr. Denzel and I were on a high learning curve to get something going for worship. Looking at what is happening today, our first attempts were rather poor. Learning curves are supposed to be spiral, but ours was a straight line going up! I had been in Zoom conferences before with the American Guild of Organists National Professional Certification Committee, so that was not new. What was new, was trying to have music as part of the meeting, or having multiple people speaking at the same time. To say the sound quality was not so good is putting in nicely. After a number of telephone calls, and a lot of fighting with computer programs, we discovered that recording the music in advance got the best sound quality. One of my students, Aaron Mertzenich agreed to sing while I played the pipe organ in my home. (Andrew is the Organist at Court Street Methodist Church in Rockford, and is and attorney in a law firm.) We discovered that the microphone in my cell phone was better than the stand mike we had. Since then, I have learned how to edit videos, and find music that is more compatible with the worship we have planned. The worship services are on screen with "easy on the eyes" background colors. Pertinent pictures are part of the presentation, and many adjustments to margins and frames have been made to make it all easier to read.

We now have daily Morning and Evening Prayer, at 9:00 and 7:00 respectively, and our Sunday worship at 9:00. I suppose it is the "new normal." I like the fact that I see a great group of people every day, and I like having the ability to check-in with most of my choir and ringers each Sunday.

As I was reading about the history of "O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded," a few weeks ago, I found that it was written during the 40 years war. A time of great suffering and pestilence. I looked up and said to God, "please, not 40 years of this."

Well, things are getting better. Slowly. We are adapting to new ways to communicate. All will be well. We just need to stay the course. When it is safe, the choir, bells, concert series, etc. will all be back. I can't wait. But, slow and steady wins the race. Be well, Stay safe.



## **Trinity and Aurora Schools**

#### **School Names**

The ongoing scrutiny of our sacramental records has revealed that five members of Trinity have been specially honored by the community. These five parishioners were educators and have had schools named for them.

### **Clifton Franklin Simmons**

Simmons Middle School was named for C. F. Simmons. His daughter was baptized at Trinity in 1951 and another daughter was married here in 1960.





The school opened in 1961. Mr. Simmons served for 20 years on the East Aurora school board during the 1940s and '50s. For ten of those years he was board president. A 1920 graduate of East High School, Simmons played quarterback for East's 1918 lightweight and 1919 heavyweight

teams. He earned All-State honors in his senior season. Simmons was one of the founders of the East High Football Old Timers' Association.

#### **Edna May Rollins**

Rollins Elementary School was named for Edna. She was baptized 1916 and confirmed 1929 at Trinity.





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E. M. Rollins Elementary is located on Kane Street on the east side of Aurora and opened in 1990. Edna Rollins served district 131 as a director of finance and administrative services before becoming a school board member.

#### Lucia Goodwin

Goodwin Elementary was named for Miss Lucia Goodwin. Lucia's burial service was at Trinity in 1941. She was born in 1877.



Lucia Goodwin began her teaching career in Aurora at South Lake Street School (later known as Abraham Lincoln School). From 1903 to 1936, she taught math at West Aurora High School. Later, she became



the head of the math department at West High.

Goodwin was a master of her subject and had a profound impact upon her students. She stood just over five feet tall, but could "face down the biggest football player who wanted to go out for practice without getting his assignment done."

Goodwin is in North Aurora and opened in 1968.

#### **Robert Louis Herget**

Herget Middle School was named for Bob Herget. He arrived in Aurora in 1949 and served Trinity in many capacities over the next 30 years, including Sunday School Superintendent and Senior Warden.



The Pekin, Illinois native taught at Lincoln and West High, where he also coached football and basketball. He was principal at Franklin, Jefferson, Washington and West High North Campus. He spent

# Transcribing The Church Registers - Tom Herget (Cont.)

a year as principal of Thornton High School then returned to Aurora and served as administrator in district #129.

Herget Middle School is on Deerpath Road and opened in 2005.

### **Rose Elizabeth Krug**

Rose E. Krug Elementary School opened on Aurora's south east side in 1965. Rose was first a godmother at Trinity in 1943. Her funeral was here in 1978.

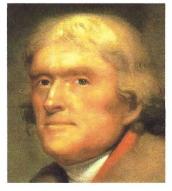


Rose was born 1891 in Wisconsin and attended Rockford Hospital Training School for Nurses. After serving in World War I, she took a nursing position at East Aurora High School which she held for decades.

### A stretch



Aurora has George Washington Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Both our first and third Presidents were Episcopalian, but truth be told, neither was a member of our parish.



Tom Herget Article

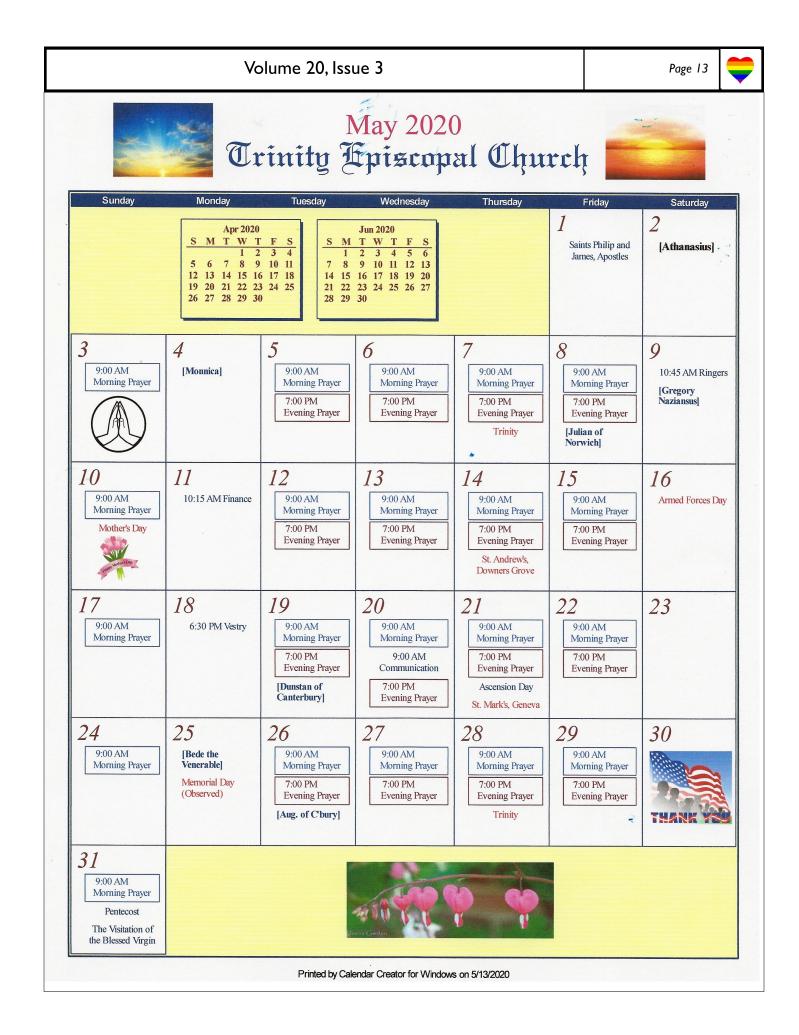


# Around the Parish

- Please note that the office is open weekdays from 8:45 until noon.
- While Tom has been entering events from our Parish Registers, I have been busy scanning old pictures I've located around the office. I've scanned over 900 images. Which leads me to ask the question; Do any of our faithful readers have church pictures that you would be willing to share with us so we can scan and return them to you? Also, I have poor name retention and would love to have people review the pictures and add names and dates to the occasions! If so let me know and I will send you a CD with the pictures and a program to review them with at your leisure!
- Thanks to the generosity of the patrons of our concert series, we have just signed a contract with Fabry Pipe Organs to "furnish and install a new Peterson 8 stage electric shutter action." Now, I have no idea what they are doing, but I know it's an upgrade. I can't wait until we are all back in Church to hear it!
- Our Sexton, Gary, is finally back to a full work schedule after his two operations. Since our normal cleaning regimen isn't required we have prepared a fairly extensive lists of projects to keep him busy making the Church and Parish Hall sparkle!
- My continued thanks to the Trinity Sandwich Board Volunteers: Pat, Jean and Scott who pack and hand out sandwiches every Thursday. It seems we are back to the very beginning of the Sandwich Board when over 33 years ago they started handing out sandwiches to our local families in need. The tradition continues!
- Fr. Denzil and Greg have become quite adept at holding services on Facebook and Zoom. Currently Morning Prayer is Tuesday through Friday at 9 am, Evening Prayer is also Tuesday through Friday. Then there is the Sunday Service at 9am. The service on Facebook remain available at any time after the event, so if you miss one and want to catch up later it wil still be there.







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Trinity is a congregation that strives to be a thriving, vibrant, open and affirming, diverse community of hope that, with God's help, heartily welcomes the stranger, joyously worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and lovingly serves 'the least of these,' a church that changes people's lives for the better.

IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, PRAISE GOD. IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS, SEEK IN QUIET MOMENTS, THANK GOD. IN EVERY MOMENT, THANK GOD.

### **Trinity Vestry**

Senior Warden: Marilou Clohessy Junior Warden: Ken Adam Members Rob Borchert Karen Dolan Mary Jacobsen Cathie Patterson Guy Stephens Trish Tousignant