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Upcoming Events

- Tuesday through Thursday;
 9 am Morning Prayer,
 7 pm Evening Prayer
- Friday 9 am Morning Prayer
- Sunday at 8:15am
 Morning Prayer

 9:00 am In Church
 Service of Holy
 Communion

 All services on Trini Ity's Facebook Page
 And on Zoom except
 the 9 am In—
 Church Service
 which is on Zoom
 only



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending March 31st, 2021)

Income:	Expense	Funds (As of 5/31/21)
Pledge and Plate \$28,532	Building and Grounds \$10,799	Endowment Balance \$887,666
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plane		Memorial Balance \$230.827
Budget) \$29,031	Budget) \$10,751	Mission Fund Balance \$15,295
Endowment Income \$15,675	Office & Admin \$2,945	Operating Account Balance
(Year to date budgeted Endowment In	n- (Year to date Office and Administration	\$ 9,508
come) \$17,000	Budget) \$3,198	
Total Income \$75,690	Total Expense \$72,283	
(Includes \$24,330 PPP Grant)	Budgeted YTD Exp. \$73,262	
Budgeted Income \$72,151	Excess of Income over expense YTD	
Net Income +\$3,538	\$3.407	
	Budgeted - \$1,110	

Prayer List

Felicia, Elaine, Traci, Holton, Cecil, Jerry, McKenna, Connie, Char, Mary, Arlene, Eben, Judy, Amy, Mike, Elsa, Chuck, Abby, Maureen, Debi, Rita, Shirley, Carol, Ann, Marion, Ryan, Vicki, Cassandra, Hannelore, Janet, Dolores, Nancy, Joe, Mother Debra, Tammy, Fr. Tom, Eileen, Steve, Darlene, Susie, Robert, Sr., Carol, Bob, Kevin, Val, Chireen, Rick, Sr. Jean, Andrew David, Richard, Kenneth, Maryann, Trish, Gary, Mark, Michael, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William (in Afghanistan), Danielle, Rob L., Betty, Jane, Edelma, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Don, Tom, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Rosie, Alvin, Pat, nieces, ages 18 & 22, of a friend of Trinity, Fr. Jim, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Bobbie, Diane, Thomas, Joyce, Wanda, Cathie, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Wally, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Kris, Connor, Anne, James, Roberta, Bryan, Brianna, Bill, Rose, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Isaac, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Denise, Lauren, Gloria, Greg, Andrew, Dennis, & those suffering from Covid-19.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays	Birthdays (Continued)
June 1 - Max Hansen	July 11 - Theodore Candler
June 3 - George Gonzalez	July 12 - Ryan Cooney
June 5 - Jason Lantgen	July 12 - Karie Larson
June 9 - Abebayo Ewedemi	July 12 Cynthia Olson
June 10 - Folashade Akinyuwa	July 14 - Christine Potts
June 19 - Theresa Candler	July 17 - Temitope Akinyuwa
June 22 - James Kellett	July 22 - Grace Akinyuwa
June 23 - Devin Fitting	July 27 - Mariella Candler
June 25 - Mary Ellen Herget	July 29 - Cathie Patterson
June 27 - Bob Herget	July 31 - Elidia Gutierrez
July 2 - Jim Fauth	Anniversaries
July 10 - Ethan Lantgen	June 17 - Akimyuwa Temitope
Ç	July 14 - Denzil & Lisa Luckritz
	July 18 - Jason & Jacklyn Lantgen
	July 23 - Richard & Debbie Abner



EVELYN UNDERHILL - Mystic and Writer, 1947



The only child of a prominent barrister and his wife, Evelyn Underhill was born in Wolverhampton, England, on December 6th, 1875, and grew up in London. She was educated there and in a girls' school in Folkestone, where she was confirmed in the Church of England. She had little other formal religious training, but her spiritual curiosity was naturally lively, and she read widely, developing quite early a deep appreciation for mysticism. At sixteen, she began a lifelong devotion to writing.

Evelyn had few childhood companions, but one of them, Hubert Stuart Moore, she eventually married. Other friends, made later, included Laurence Housman, Maurice Hewlett, and Sarah Bernhardt. Closest of all were Ethel Ross Barker, a devout Roman Catholic, and Baron Friedrich von Hügel, who became her spiritual director.

In the 1890's, Evelyn began annual visits to the European continent, and especially to Italy. There she became influenced by the paintings of the Italian masters and by the Roman Catholic Church. She spent nearly fifteen years wrestling painfully with the idea of converting to Roman Catholicism, but in the end she discerned that she was called to remain as an Anglican.

In 1921, Evelyn Underhill became reconciled to her Anglican roots, while remaining what she called a "Catholic Christian." She continued with her life of reading, writing,

meditation, and prayer. She had already published her first great spiritual work, <u>Mysticism</u>. This was followed by many other books, culminating in her most widely read and studied book, <u>Worship</u> (1937).

Evelyn Underhill's most valuable contribution to spiritual literature must surely be her conviction that the mystical life is not only open to a saintly few, but to anyone who cares to nurture it and weave it into everyday experience, and also (at the time, a startling idea) that modern psychological theories and discoveries, far from hindering or negating spirituality, can actually enhance and transform it. In Mysticism, she writes: "We are, then, one and all the kindred of the mystics; and it is by dwelling upon this kinship, by interpreting—so far as we may—their great declarations in the light of our little experience, that we shall learn to understand them best. Strange and far away though they seem, they are not cut off from us by some impassable abyss. They belong to us. They are our brethren; the giants, the heroes of our race. As the achievement of genius belongs not to itself only, but also to the society that brought it forth; as theology declares that the merits of the saints avail for all; so, because of the solidarity of the human family, the supernal accomplishment of the mystics is ours also."

Evelyn Underhill's writings proved appealing to many, resulting in a large international circle of friends and disciples, making her much in demand as a lecturer and retreat director. She died, at age 65, on June 15th, 1941.

O God, Origin, Sustainer, and End of all creatures: Grant that your church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, may continually offer to you all glory and thanksgiving, and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised us by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Notes from the Director of Music

CREDO, COMMITMENT, AND CALL

We say the Creed every Sunday. "I believe..." And what follows is a statement of faith. But, we say "I believe" many times in the week. A few nights ago I was watching a program where former athletes were predicting the outcome of an important game. Each said, "I believe that a certain team will win the game." Another would counter with a different statement, but it still began, "I believe..."

The importance of this is the faith that is behind the statements. None of the former stars really knew who would win, but each of them "believed" with all their hearts that they were right. Listen to yourself this week and see how many times you say, "I believe." Did you know you were making a statement of faith?

Many seminary students have to write a statement of faith before they are ordained. Many of them have to defend their beliefs. When we say, "I believe..." do we have the knowledge, sources, translations, etc. to defend our beliefs? When we open our minds and read scholarly articles we may find that our beliefs might need some updating.

Certainly, the Dead Sea Scrolls shed new light on many passages of scripture. Other documents have made us aware of words that have more than one meaning. In any case, remember that when you say, "I believe..." you are making a statement of faith.

As Christians we have a deep commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The summary of the law puts it well:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

We do our best to live lives that show God's love to all people. But, sometimes we forget who our neighbor is. Or, maybe we don't always want to know our neighbor. It's always easier if we can get someone else to take care of our neighbor.

But, the call to be a disciple of Christ is to reach out to all those around us. It is a hard task, and an easy one too. Hard to start, easy once you've begun.

When was the last time you invited someone to a special event at the church? Or to join a group in the church, i.e., the choir, a volunteer, or a committee? When we have visitors, we do such a good job of making them feel "at home" in our church. But, what about the "follow up?" I know that there are nice follow-ups from the clergy and Vestry members. But, that's not exactly what I mean. What if they come back? What then? How do we bring new people into the fold of our Christian Community? When I came here, there were many things I was curious about. How did certain things get done? How did you know that everyone brought some special thing for a certain occasion? Let us all be aware of looking at the things we do through the eyes of visitors. They need a mentor to help them understand, and they need directions about how we do things.

The great hymnologist Erik Routley said, "Hymns are the take-home package of the Christian faith." I think the hymn Jane Parker Huber wrote in 1981 sums it up well:

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old, Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.

—Gregory Gyllsdorff



Ritual, Reason and Why Sanctus Candle



Christian churches often have at least one lamp continually burning before the tabernacle, not only as an ornament of the altar, but for the purpose of worship. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal in the Catholic Church, for instance, states (in 316): "In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." The sanctuary lamp, also called a chancel lamp, is placed before the tabernacle or aumbry in Roman Catholic churches as a sign that the Lord is present, Old Catholic, and Anglican churches as a sign that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or stored. It is also found in the chancel of Lutheran or Methodist churches to indicate the presence of Christ in the sanctuary, as well as a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The sanctuary lamp may also be seen in Eastern Orthodox Churches. Other Christian denominations burn the lamp to show that the light of Christ always burns in a sin-darkened world. With influence from Judaism in the Old Testament, God told Moses that a lamp filled with the pure oil should perpetually burn in the Tabernacle (Ex 27:20-21). This is the precedent for the Catholic Church's custom of burning a candle (at all times) before the tabernacle — the gold house where the Eucharistic Body of Christ is reserved under lock and key. In Jewish practice, this Altar lamp is known for its Hebrew name, **ner tamid** n

In Judaism, the sanctuary lamp is known by its Hebrew name, **Ner Tamid** (Hebrew: "eternal flame" or "eternal light"). Hanging or standing in front of the ark in every Jewish synagogue, it is meant to represent the menorah of the Temple in Jerusalem as well as the continuously burning fire on the altar of burnt offerings in front of the Temple. It also symbolizes God's eternal presence and is therefore never extinguished. It is also intended to draw parallels between God and fire, or light, which is emphasized throughout the book of

Exodus in the Torah. These lights are never allowed to dim or go out, and in the case of electric problems, alternative emergency energy sources are used to prevent it from diminishing. Though once fueled by oil, most today are electric lights

The eternal light is central to one of many stories behind the celebration of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. When the ancient Maccabees rebelled and reclaimed the Temple in Jerusalem, they rekindled the eternal light. However, there was only enough oil to keep the flame burning for one day, and it took eight days to bring new oil. Miraculously, according to the story as recounted in the Talmud, the flame continued to burn until the new oil arrived.

Today, Jewish celebrations of Hanukkah include the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah (Hanukkiah), which has nine branches: including one for the candle used to light the eight flames (candles or wicks in oil), recalling the story.

Such sanctuary or tabernacle lamps are often colored red, though this is not prescribed by law. This serves to distinguish this light from other votive lights within the church. In the Catholic Church, red is widely used despite the preference for white expressed by Fortescue. The use of multiple lights, always in odd numbers, i.e., three, five, seven, or more, in place of a single lamp has now become rarer, though it is still seen in some older Catholic churches and in eastern Christian churches. The lamp may be suspended by a rope or chain over the tabernacle or near the entry of the sanctuary, or it may be affixed to a wall; it is also sometimes placed on a ledge beside the tabernacle or on an individual stand placed on the floor, as seen in the image of St. Martin's church, Kortrijk, Belgium, in the article Church tabernacle. Oil lamps or candles may be used.

- From Wikipedia



AROUND THE CHURCH

- In January, it was announced that Payroll Protection Plan round two would be effective. Trinity applied and was quickly approved. Our checking account was blessed with \$24,000. We have been using this instead of Memorial Fund transfers since February. Two weeks ago we applied to convert this loan to a grant, as we successfully did for PPP1. And all the while, the congregation's financial support has been unwavering.
- To help celebrate the return to church on Pentecost, we ordered geraniums for all Aurora-area members. Those who came to church were able to take a flowering plant home. Also, one to a TEC member who lived nearby. The remaining 30 were delivered to members by Tom, Cathie and Karen. Keep them watered and happy!
- We have received a grant for \$5,000 from the Diocese of Chicago to help us expand our streaming capabilities. For those who have been following us on Zoom Sunday mornings, you know that we have been plagued with glitches and sound problems. We are in the process of having a consultant come in to tell us what we need to purchase, upgrade and install to improve this process! I expect this upgrade to be fully functional by the end of July! After the upgrade any problems can be attributed to the producer!
- Problems continue to arise with our beloved organ! The terrific work that Guy Stephen's father, Bill, accomplished in the late 1990s has 20 plus years of wear and tear on top of the wear from the years before! We are working closely with Fabry, our organ repair and maintenance company to develop a plan to make the organ fully functional again. More news to come!
- Thanks to Max Hansen who got all the cushions down from the apartment and in place in the Church! I took them up and know what a huge task it is! Thanks! He also brought down Hymnals and Prayer Books.
- Thanks to the Bloggs for ushering since we have re-opened. Keeping track of who is here for contact tracing adds a lot to the job!
- Trinity lost two beloved members this spring: John Kuney and Pat Wilson. May they rest in Peace.





Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of a loved one or for a thanksgiving. I read the lessons for that Sunday and try to enhance the Word. For instance, when we have St. Francis' Day I will try to use pussywillow, dogwood, cat tales, etc. (That is a fun time.) Sometimes people will remember their loved ones with special flowers that they liked. In order to do special requests, I would need a two week notice to make sure I can get what you want. The donation is usually around \$40.00.

In the Bible flowers are often used as symbolism for **beauty, growth, temporal things, fullness, and more**. The gospel can be seen in all of creation. Flowers are a beautiful reminder of our glorious God. You can give flowers sunlight, you can give the proper amount of water, but one thing will always remain true.

Anyone who would be interested in learning more about arrangements and helpings, please contact Linda Barber. I work Wednesday mornings and all day Thursday (630.897.7283)

Linda Barber

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Jubilee Ministries—Linda Barber



Sandwich Board notes.....

Dear Linda,

I have been out to Trinity only 4 times since the restrictions started in March 2020, a year and 2 months ago. But I have been in touch with you on a monthly basis as we provide the food on the second Thursday of the month. The caring, dedication and efficiency of the crew: you, Rob, Gale, Marcia, Scott, Maggie and Antonia is impressive and heart-warming. Every last person who has come out to serve a meal should take the opportunity to experience it.

When we bring our food out on the second Thursday, we have brought extras like serving cups and lids so Trinity doesn't have to find the money to provide them. Additionally, masks are offered and usually accepted. Cutlery, napkins and condiments are included in the bags. These are ongoing expenses which Trinity has stood during Covid time.

There are other incidentals I haven't mentioned, but they all cost money. We at St. Andrew's, Downers Grove would like to donate a piece of equipment to Sandwich Board, rather than commit to a monthly donation. I know some of the churches already do that and it's vital and much appreciated.

There's another facet of keeping this going that weighs on my mind. Every single week, your crew has seen to it that a lunch is served. Sometimes you get physical help from the designated church, sometimes only monetary help. Our church is only concerned with doing this once a month. Trinity, for the weeks when it's only monetary, you have had to plan, shop, cook and serve the meal, in addition to the weeks Trinity is regularly scheduled for. That's a lot of work and the crew does it willingly and with good humor. I don't know how it can continue indefinitely. Just saying.

After each trip out there, I come home looking forward to the next trip. What a wonderful crew you have in your regulars from before Covid. But the dedication of Scott, Antonia and Maggie in volunteering so loyal every week, for so long, just floors me! I see the hand of God working to sustain Sandwich Board!

Blessings,

Donna

(from St. Andrew, Downers Grove)

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

In May we served 743 meals or an average of 148.6 each week. We also prepared and submitted a grant to Episcopal Charities for \$9,100 for clothing, toiletries, shelter and future planning. We should know the outcome by mid-July

Amnesty Center

Getting a little busy this past two weeks, we have helped out people from the People's Republic of China and Peru. Hope the climate is becoming more friendly and will see more people in the weeks to come. Alleluia!





June 2021 Trinity Kpiscopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 8:15 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Eucharist	7	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Columba]	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 700 PM Evening Prayer [Ephrem of Edessa] St. Andrews, Downers Grove	9:00 AM Morning Prayer Saint Barnabas, Apostle	12
8:15 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Eucharist	14 10:15 AM Finance [Basil the Great] Flag Day	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Evelyn Underhill]	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Joseph Butler]	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Grace, Hinsdale	9:00 AM Morning Prayer [Bernard Mizeki]	19
8:15 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Eucharist	21 Summer begins	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Alban]	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Nativity of Saint John the Baptist St. Charles	9:00 AM Morning Prayer	26
27 8:15 AM Morning Prayer 9:00 AM Eucharist	28 6:30 PM Vestry [Irenaus]	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Evening Prayer	May 2021 S M T W T 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27 30 31	F S S M 1 7 8 4 5 11 12 18 19	Jul 2021 T W T F S 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30 31





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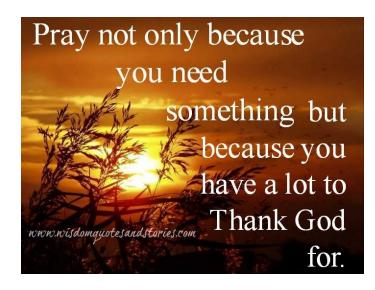
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Serving God and God's People Since 1849



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.



Trinity Vestry

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