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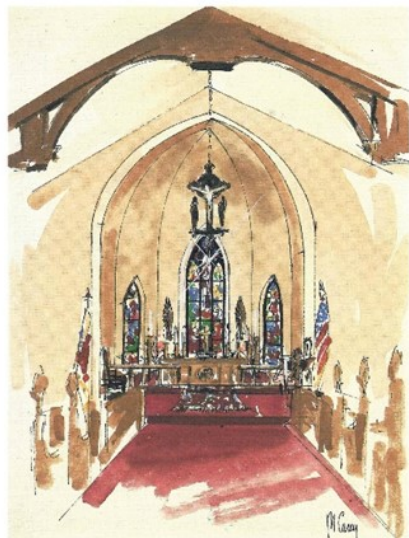
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Dear Friends,

Once again, I begin this year's Stewardship letter by thanking you for making 2020 another successful one for Trinity Church. Because of your steadfast commitment, our parish community and its ministries have remained strong and vital during this very difficult pandemic year.

I invite you to consider your commitment to each other and our parish community for the coming year. Your Vestry is working hard and preparing for when we will be able to return to our beautiful facilities. Until such time, we continue with our worship online with 9 weekly services (Morning and Evening Prayer, Tuesday – Friday and our main Sunday Service). In addition, we continue to work to stay in

touch regularly and to be there for one another.

Trinity's leadership is profoundly grateful for every member and friend's participation in our parish's life. You demonstrate tremendously faithful commitment, and the transforming power of God's love. We are truly blessed.

I am exceedingly thankful for your contributions. With your support the Gospel is articulated with clarity and focus. God's people, in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, are nurtured and you truly make a difference, transforming lives. I ask your continued support in the coming year. In order to plan ahead as a community, it is important for us to know what our available resources will be.

Enclosed as part of this November's Newsletter is a form for you to use to indicate to those who oversee the finances and activities for the coming year your intentions. Pledging is one way for you to participate. If you are unable to make a pledge, but intend to support that parish, simply indicate that you will be a Giver of Record. Your participation is essential! Sunday, November 15th is designated "**Commitment Sunday.**" Simply return the enclosed form by mailing it to the office. Your faith and your participation is the promising future of Trinity Church. If you have never before pledged, ask others why they do. Experience God's blessings first hand!

Peace in Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



Don't forget to turn your clock back Sunday Morning the 1st of November.

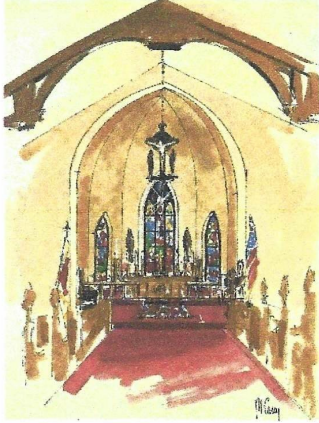
And don't forget to vote!

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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.



✠ Stewardship 2021 ✠

My Commitment Form

Supporting the Ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church

In Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings I have received:

_____ I will pledge the following:

\$____.____ per week or \$____.____ per month or \$____.____ per year

_____ I am unable to pledge, but wish to be a Giver of Record.

Additionally, please consider participating in the following activities and check all those that interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work |
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Signed _____ Print Name _____

Date ____/____/____



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Please return to Rob Borchert by 11/15/2020



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending September 30th, 2020)

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Funds (As of 9/30/2020)</u>
Pledge and Plate \$46,555	Building and Grounds \$13,836	Endowment Balance \$687,824
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget) \$47,322	Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget) \$16,462	Memorial Balance \$221,800*
Endowment Income \$34,942	Office & Admin \$6,153	Mission Fund Balance \$ 13,553
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income) \$34,064	Year to date Office and Administration Budget \$3,603	Operating Account Balance \$22,684
Total Income \$146,563	Total Expense \$129,471	*Received \$100,000 from an estate.
(Includes \$25,412 PPP Grant)	Budgeted YTD Exp. \$128,258	\$
Budgeted Income \$127,784	Excess of Income over expense YTD. -	
Net Income - \$121,151 (W/O) PPP funds	\$-474	

Prayer List

Robert, Sr., Carol, Bob, Kevin, Val, Chireen, Rick, Nick, Sr. Jean, Andrew David, Richard, Doug, Mary, Kenneth, Maryann, Bella, Eileen, Albert, Gary, Mark, Patti, Michael, Dorothy, Eleanor, Cecil, Joe, Elizabeth, Suzanne, William (in Afghanistan), Danielle, Rob L., Betty, Jane, Kathy, Denise, Lynn, Karen, Edelman, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Don, Tom, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Rosie, Kevin, Alvin, nieces, ages 17 & 21, of a friend of Trinity, Fr. Jim, Sheila, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Griffin, Sally Anne, Bobbie, Jason, Diane, Thomas, Joyce, Wanda, Cathie, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Wally, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Jeanette, Tanya, James, Dolores, Roberta, Bryan, Brianna, Bill, John, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Gloria, Greg, fires in California & Colorado, and all those suffering from Covid-19.

October and November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

October

- Oct. 2 - Linda Barber
- Oct. 7 - Margaret Plaskas
- Oct. 18 - Miranda Hansen
- Oct. 20 - Lisa Luckritz
- Oct. 23 - Guy Stephens
- Oct. 30 - John Kuney
- Oct. 30 - Olubunmi Savage

November

- Nov. 1 - Denzil Lucktitz
- Nov. 12 - Carrie– Ruth McMillan
- Nov. 16 - Ken Adam
- Nov. 16 - Jeffries Eilert
- Nov. 16 - Sophia McMillan
- Nov. 18 - Jean Borchert
- Nov. 18 - Doreen Jahr
- Nov. 18 - Angelika Wackerlin
- Nov. 24 - Aaron McMillan
- Nov. 27 - Brian Fitting
- Nov. 30 - Madison McMillan

Anniversaries

October

- Oct. 14 - Aaron & Carrie - Ruth

November

- Jason & Amanda Gutierrez





The Sandwich Board

Lunches continue to increase. We have been blessed by donations of dollars and clothing. There is a commercial/ ad on television stating that the most needed item for homeless people is socks. We have received some very nice quantities of them.

We will be having a meeting with our Trinity volunteers to discuss how to serve hot meals in the coming months. Already we are seeing snow in the northern areas. We will most likely continue to serve from the doorway as there are lots of rules and sanitation issues for having anyone come into the building. I am back working on Wednesday mornings and Thursdays. Thank you to the volunteers who took over for my when the Corona Virus slammed us. I want to personally thank: Gale, Scott, Marcia, Maggie, Antonia, Jean and Rob. We have a great core of workers! Our partner churches have continued to “step up to the plate” by providing lunches.

Since we are no longer recycling, we (the churches) have been taking a lot of it home. This really helps with sustainability. Right now I am looking into ways to help reduce our waste as this has really increased in what we throw out.

What we do recycle: we are currently recycling **aluminum cans** (recycle container in the kitchen or drop by). **Wine bottle corks** – they go to a country in Central America where the people make sandals out of them. **Tabs** – from cans, they go to either Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude’s Hospital (container on window sill in kitchen). My last recycling had over 5# of tabs!

We are still looking for a sponsor or group of sponsors to donate at least \$25 weekly so we can continue to give out toiletries to our guests when needed. Donations of white socks are also welcome!

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.

Linda Barber, Director





A short History of our Organ's Restoration

Dear Denzil,

You asked me a while ago to email you some particulars as to the organ. He took and salvaged what he could from the old Moller that had been left dirty and in some cases in the mud - literally - at the bottom of the Great chamber, as well as gathering dust in the Swell. We found the organ console case in the basement. I think the old pedals were in a furnace room. The rest, who knows?

With the help of several at Trinity, principally Gale, a team cleaned, glued and re-varnished, etc., wooden pipes, re-leathered wind chests and the like. The idea was to use as much of the old organ as feasible, as would fit the plan and where sweat equity could suffice to do the job. Some things, like the old blower, he got the church to find a 'motor man' (not an electrician, I remember him saying, but someone who knew about old motors, to redo it. It gave good service, but finally gave up the ghost years later, and Father Rosa replaced it with a new one.

Some things, like the echo organ chimes, just needed cleaning and re-wiring. There were some things - certain ranks of pipes, e.g., that were past repair or missing from the plan he had in mind that to create a versatile instrument. These he bought used or new as needed (I remember Mother saying they had bought some and basically donated them to the effort).

I know that the console was something of a compromise, again reusing and repurposing an available piece.

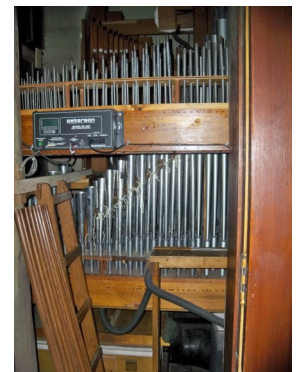
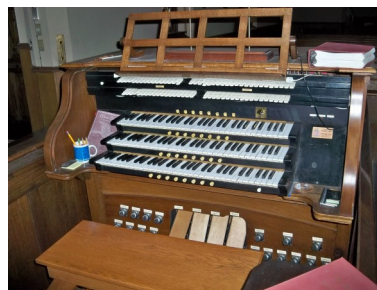
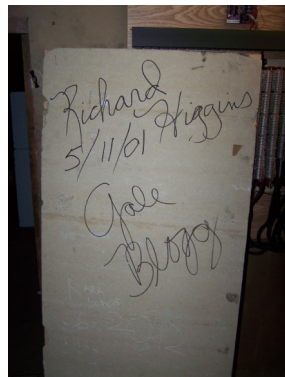
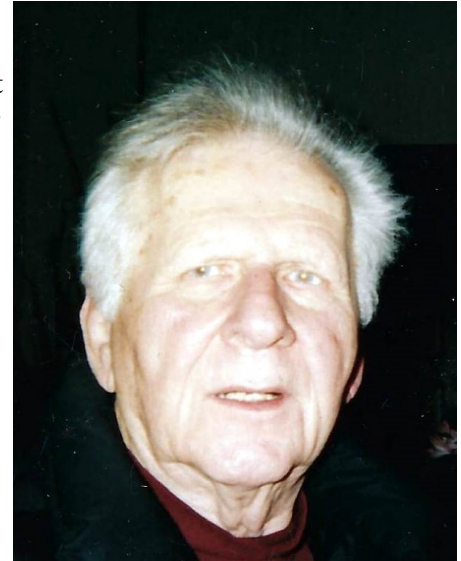
He and his assistant(s), as well as the aforementioned church volunteers, put in many hours over months to this, keeping in mind that money was an object for the church, and it had to take out a loan to justify/pay for this project. Certainly the church got a bargain over what most firms would have charged.

Near the end of the work, Daddy expressed the desire give the organ something it lacked - a zimbelstern. He had built these before - I remember him collecting bells - like those strings of "camel bells" over the years, looking/listening for ones that had the right quality (He had a *very* particular ear) So he did this one and, as they say nowadays, 'gifted' it to the church.

He continued to check on the organ afterward, and made repairs and adjustments when he could get up here. It was not all that long after one of these visits - where he, basically blind due to macular degeneration (as he had been for years, even before starting all this) crawled up and down ladders and along catwalks in the Great to reach pipes that needed attention -- that he died suddenly in Lawrence after returning with my mother from getting some things at the store. As I told Father Charlie at the time, he strode through life, and died in mid-stride.

This is very much an abridged view. I have other memories, but Gale could tell you more. She also acted as his chauffeur, since I often wasn't available (being in DeKalb or watching young children) to do so. She and others did a lot. My main contribution was being there. I think it gave him an excuse to do something for his family (and his family's church), which grew into doing something for the Trinity family that embraced him, as they did us.

Guy Stephens
9/2020





Notes from the Director of Music - Greg Gyllsdorff

CONCORD - IT'S NOT JUST A GRAPE

The daily Morning and Evening Prayer services that we have been doing the past few months have been so good for me. Perhaps, if you have joined us, they have helped you as well. They help me to center myself for the day, or reflect on the things that have happened. While we are not able to gather yet, I have particularly enjoyed recording music videos for both our Sunday and daily worship. I think I miss singing together the most. And, through the videos, there are hymns and songs that are being sung.

Zoom provides us a vehicle to meet together, to get to visit with one another and to pray together. There are very meaningful prayers in both Morning and Evening Prayer. One of those begins, "O God the lover of peace and of concord..." And, then it fired off in my brain, "What is concord?" and the only thing I could think of was concord grape jelly. Well, that wasn't right. So, I looked it up. The dictionary said, "agreement or harmony between people or groups." Well, I know about harmony and good harmony is beautiful, especially when it happens in groups. Now, that prayer means more to me.

But, wait. Suffrages? I wasn't sure, so back to the dictionary. Suffrages means "the right to vote in elections." Well, I understand the suffrage movement, and I'm glad we have the 19th Amendment. But, I don't think that is what the BCP was talking about.

Suffrages: Episcopal BCP: These petitionary versicles and responses precede the collects in the Daily Offices. The suffrages in the BCP are based on those in the Sarum offices, although Suffrages B for Evening Prayer are from a Byzantine evening litany. **They are responsive prayers of petition** which are usually concluded with a collect.

Suffrage, from old French, was a prayer or a plea for someone else.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R. And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.



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ONE-TO-GROW-ON PROJECT 2020



As of 10-23-2020, because of you, we have raised \$5,672 of the \$8,800 it will cost when we complete the berm project. It is on hold at the moment as our contractor waits for his supply of bricks from Unilock Corporation which has been effected by the Pandemic.

We are quite hopeful that it will be completed before the end of October. It will be quite stunning when it is complete! More to come!

Ritual, Reason and Why

What must I do to be saved? On many an occasion, Jesus was asked this very question. Although the words might be different, the intent of the person asking the question was the same. And even though we cannot personally ask Jesus that very same question, we also need to know the answer.

And once again, our Episcopal church has found a way to address that question, by telling us stories of people who have lived godly lives. Those stories can be found in the book entitled Lesser Feasts and Fasts. The use of the word 'lesser' is to indicate that these feast days are to be celebrated only if there is not a major holy day, such as All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, or Epiphany. Additionally, Sundays are termed feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ, and always take precedence over other feast days. There are other holy days that also take precedence over these weekday celebrations.

So, back to the 'stories.' What we find in this little book are the feast days of those people who have lived lives worthy of our study. Many of these individuals are people we may never have heard of; some of them, on the other hand, are very familiar to us. There is, for example, Anskar, who was a missionary to Denmark and Sweden, and died in 865, or Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr of Carthage, 258. On the other hand, we also see the stories of Patrick of Ireland, Joseph of Arimathea and Augustine of Hippo.

What each of these individuals have in common is their great love of God and their powerful need to follow where God would lead them. The beauty of this collection is in the variety of personalities examined. Here we meet Francis of Assisi, lover of all God's creation, Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, whose abbey, because of her leadership, drew leaders of the church to meet, and at that meeting, choose the Roman tradition of Christianity over the Celtic, and Martin Luther King, Jr., whose great love of his Lord and his example of non-violence in the face of hatred and bigotry lead our country into a new path of justice for all men and women.

Hatred and bigotry lead our country into a new path of justice for all men and women.

Each of these feast days has a Collect, psalm, and two readings from the Bible. These prayers and readings can be used for either a Eucharist or during Morning or Evening Prayer. Also accompanying these prayers is a short biography that gives us highlights of the life of the person we are remembering. In the preface to the Third Edition, the editor states: "Quotations from poets and preachers such as John Donne, from pioneers such as Jackson Kemper, from mystics such as Dame Julian, have been incorporated into the accounts of their lives." This is in order to "give the worshiper a clearer sense and 'feel' of the qualities of the person commemorated."

We have many opportunities to meet these people from our past. Any time there is a morning or evening prayer service, you will meet these folks. You will find that they struggled with who they were and what God wanted them to do, but ultimately they listened to the call of their Lord and followed Him wherever He lead them, trusting in Him every step of the way.

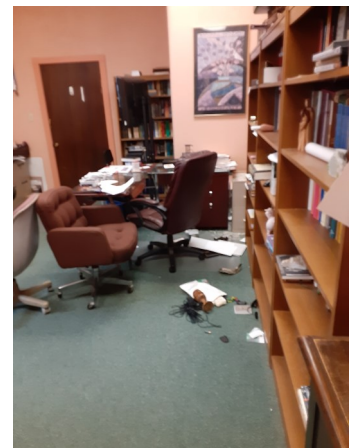
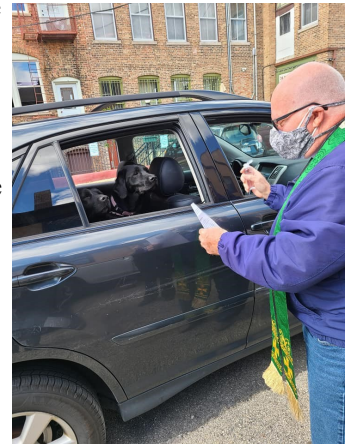
C. L. Basso



AROUND THE CHURCH

After returning from vacation, I noticed that a lot happened while I was gone!

- Thanks to Tom and Marilou for holding down the fort in the office while I was gone. Terrific Work.
- Work has started on replacing the limestone entrances to the parking lot: The limestone has been removed and the berms shaped to our desired contours. Fr. tells me that the contractor is waiting for materials to arrive. To date, supporters of this one-to-grow-on project have donated \$5,636 of the \$8,500 expense. Thank you!
- Despite the pandemic, Denzil managed to have a pet blessing this year on October 4th. He said there were five pets in the drive by blessing. There are copies of the Blessing and blessed water are available in from the office
- The Vestry continues to work on re-opening plans. Protective materials have been researched
- Yesterday, Michel's Plumbing was out replacing a 30 foot section of pipe below the east end of the Church floor. The pipe they repaired already had four patches on it with more threatening to occur this year. Hopefully we will have another great year with our now two year old boiler.
- Father Luckritz presided at Brian Dunn's internment on Wednesday, October 14th. May he rest in peace, free from pain and in that special room that Christ reserved for him at the beginning of time.
- Gary continues to work on projects. The hall in the cloister has been stripped and rewaxed. It looks wonderful. The tile in the Chapel has been removed. He has touched up a lot of paint around the exterior of the Church. And that's just what I noticed as I walked around.
- Marnie dropped in to say hello and tell us that she passed her drivers license! She's been taking the test every year for the last 10! Bless her and keep her.
- On Friday, October 16th, the office was invaded by a squirrel falling through the ceiling over Father's desk! I walked in and there was stuff all over the floor and a ceiling panel was out. The squirrel had built a nest our of books on the top of the bookshelf! I madly called around and found a pest removal guy. He tried to catch it by hand but had to leave a trap. When I came over Saturday afternoon he was trapped. Gone but not forgotten. Cost \$350!!!! Lesson learned - call Gary and he will borrow a trap from a person he works for, for nothing!.





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