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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A COMPASSIONATE COMMU-NITY DEDICATED TO SHAR-ING GOD'S LOVE

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, I find it hard to believe that we are still struggling with

the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. I pray that this finds you and your families and friends, safe, healthy and well. The events of the past several months have been unprecedented. While the coronavirus pandemic has impacted each of us in

some way, the long-term effects are still very much unknown for so many within our communities. All that we can do is proceed thoughtfully with compassion and care for one another, reaching out in Christ's Love.

The Diocese and parishes have been monitoring the spread of the virus and preparing for ways to return to worship and community activities. Some have attempted to re-open and others, such as Trinity, are still very much in the preparation process and in discernment. Originally, your leadership was looking at an August date, but that has been pushed forward. We knew that there would be significant impact on the parish, but none of us envisioned just how significantly things impact on the parish, but none of us envisioned just how significantly things would change. In March, we started implementing plans that led us to transition to online worship and alternative modes of pastoral care, meetings, and ministry. Through each phase of this work, we have sought to keep our parishioner's spirituality and the health and safety of our entire community front and center in our decision making.

As we began to execute these changes, amazing stories began to emerge that demonstrate the care and compassion of our Trinity community for one another and our neighbors. Reaching out and making certain that each member of the parish family was contacted and assured that we would be there as needed began and has continued. With the delivery of Easter lilies and then additionally Kallanchoes at Pentecost/Memorial Day, a very personal touch was shared. We have attempted to make it possible for everyone to have the necessary protection, including masks, as well as some financial assistance where necessary and possible. The Sandwich Board continues to function under new and remarkable conditions and the transition has managed to maintain a strong commitment to feeding those in the transition has managed to maintain a strong commitment to feeding those in need. As of this writing, the number of people making use of the program contin-

I pray that when you read through this month's newsletter you feel a deep sense of pride in Trinity and our response to the pandemic. While it is true that the conclusion of Epiphany and our response to the pandemic. While it is true that the conclusion of Epiphany and beginning of Lent led to abrupt and difficult changes, we are emerging from the challenge as a community bonded together through acts of compassion. Every member of our community, each of you, gives us reason to be proud and to give thanks to God. Thank you!

We are not through with this chapter in our parish's history just yet, but the accomplishments and the continued work being done to eventually bring us back together in our beautiful building for worship and a return to our activities, gives me a great deal of confidence that we will make it through these challenges to ful-

me a great deal of confidence that we will make it through these challenges to fulfill the dreams of future ministry and a vibrant sharing of God's gifts to each of us and our blessed parish family of Trinity.

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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.
- Trinity hosts the Sandwich Board on September 3, 2020



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending July, 31st, 2020)

Income:		Expense		
Pledge and Plate	\$40,894	Building and Grounds	\$61,372	
(Year to date budge Budget)	ted pledge and Plate \$40,028	Year to Date Building Budget)	and Grounds \$56,590	
Endowment Income	2 \$26,800	Office & Admin	\$5,489	
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Total Income	\$130,152(Includes	Total Expense	\$106,805	
\$25,412 PPP Grant)		Budgeted YTD Exp.	\$102,261	
Budgeted Income	\$107,538	Excess of Income over	expense YTD	
Net Income - \$ 2,7	797 (W/O) PPP funds	\$2,070 W/O PPP	\$23,347 W PPP	

Funds (As of 7/31/2020)

Endowment Balance \$673,403

Memorial Balance \$124,653

Mission Fund Balance \$ 14,589

Operating Account Balance

\$26,952

Prayer List

Maryann, Dorothy, Eleanor, Cecil, Joe, Elizabeth, Suzanne, Charlene, William (in Afghanistan), George, Tim, Danielle, Rob L., Vita, Betty, Albert, 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, Wally, Walter, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Jeanette, Mary, James, Dolores, Bill, John, Richard, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Rodney, Leo, Ted, Lynn, Gloria, Greg and all those suffering from Covid-19.

June and July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Gregory Gyllsdorff

Anniversaries

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Malcomb Blogg	August 03rd	Denzil & Lisa Luckritz	August 06th
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Allyson Herget	August 19th	Akinyuwaa	August 10th
Kimberly Rubis	August 22nd	Richard & Gale Blogg	August 26th
Angel Gutierrez	August 24th	Tom & Sonni Herget	August 29th
Gabriel Akinyuwa	August 26th	Ç	C
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September		Chireen DeKing &	
Jacklyn Lantgen	September 07th	Brian Dunn	September 08th
Yetunde Igbalajobi	September 09th	Bob & Cindy Hansen	September 18th
Trish Tousignant	September 09th		
Jusutmisin Savage	September 10th		
Bobbie Fenwick	September 16th		
Rob Borchert	September 28th		

September 30th





Letters to the Editor (New Feature!)

Dear Rob,

I would like to thank Denzil and all of the participants for the morning, evening, and Sunday prayer services. When I join in on Zoom, or watch on Facebook, I know that I am still part of the Trinity parish. I'm sure that it takes considerable effort to do the research for the homilies, and to prepare and utilize the necessary technology to make the services available. And each service involves organ music by Greg, vocal music by someone whose name I don't know, and a closing vocal prayer. The participants in reading the service emphasize the sense of community that exists even over the internet.

I'd like to urge anyone who has not yet tuned in to the Zoom morning, evening, or Sunday service to give it a try. I think you will find it rewarding. I join the service only once or twice a week---they don't take attendance.

With love and best wishes to all,

Mary Maudsley

(Daughter of Gloria Maudsley, raised at Trinity under the tutelage of Father Samuel Vose, and Music Director John Lewis)

(Editor's note: If you want to join the Zoom Service, email me at <u>rob@trinityaurora.org</u> and I will send you the link.)

Comment Many of you have written lovely notes to the Church about our on-line Services. I have included Ms. Maudsley's because it was specifically sent to the Newsletter. I do think it is a valuable Newsletter column. So in the future, if anyone has something they would like to add to the Letters to the Editor column, please send them to me at rob@trinityaurora.org and state that they are letters to the editor.

Around the Church

- Father Luckritz presided over the remembrance service for Larry Taylor on July 10th
- Greg Gyllsdorff has been busy taping performances in the Church for use on our Zoom Services. So far we've heard from Cathie Patterson, Matthew Stephens, Missy Athos, Paul Kraus and Guy Stephens. They have been wonderful!
- The word has finally gotten out about the Sandwich Board giving out free lunches on Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. We had been averaging 18 to 25 until about 4 weeks ago. We are now up to 52 and looking to continue to increase that number. Our thanks to our volunteers: Scott, Gale and sometimes Jean and all the wonderful supports from our participating churches; St. David's, St. Andrew's, St. Mark's, St. John's, St. Charles, St. Mark's, Grace and Trinity.
- In the second quarter of the year we served 279 lunches of which Trinity provided 81 of which Linda Barber made 50!. In July we served 211. Thank you for your support.
- Last issue I promised to share some of the projects our Sexton, Gary Gorney, has accomplished during the shut down. A.) Straightened and rehung the Trinity Parish sign on Benton. B.) Redid the 128 address sign. C.) Took up the water damaged tile in the Chapel. D.) Painted yellow warning stripes on the steps to the Parish Hall. E.) Repaired and painted all the peeled paint under the pews in the Church. F.) Removed the broken pew from the back of the Church. G.) Painted and repaired the steps up from the Congregation to the Parish Hall. H.) Panted the door on the South side behind the Choir pews. I.) Regularly, cleaned and maintained the Church and the Parish Hall. J.) Kept our lawn mowed and beautiful. The list continues to grow. More next issue!
- Tom, after entering the data from our Parish Registers is now scanning in copies of our newsletters. When he's done we will have electronic copies of our Newsletters from 1972 through 1999 and 2010 through 2020. I am hopeful that somewhere around here are the 2000 through 2009 ones. What a feat! Thanks, Tom! (As we go to press, the missing Newsletters have been found!)
- Teaser, Rumor has it that a major upgrade for our Organ is in the wind! Fabry has been out measuring, bills are arriving, and the tension builds!



RITUAL, REASONS and WHY... Prayer

To the popular mind, prayer is a series of petitions recited to God attempting to bend His will to that of the person praying, and which God is honor-bound to fulfill if it is "in accordance with His will." But prayer is no such thing at all! Since God has conferred free will upon His creatures it is no longer possible for Him to accomplish anything with or through them without their consent. No matter how insistently God may knock at the door of one's heart, that door can only be opened from within by oneself. And prayer is the means by which one voluntarily makes contact with the wisdom and power of God and opens up the channels through which the divine grace may flow into one's life. Prayer is, then, not an attempt to conform God to one's scheme of things, but the means of adjusting one's life to God's plan. - from An Introduction to the Episcopal Church by J. B. Bernardin



Florence Nightingale Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820. She was trained as a nurse at Kaiserwerth (1851) and Paris and in 1853 became superintendent of a hospital for invalid women in London. In response to God's call and animated by a spirit of service, in 1854 she volunteered for duty during the Crimean War and recruited 38 nurses to join her. With them she organized the first modern nursing service in the British field hospitals of Scutari and Balclava. By imposing strict discipline and high standards of sanitation she radically reduced the drastic death toll and rampant infection then typical in field hospitals. She returned to England in 1856 and a fund of £50,000 was subscribed to enable her

to form an institution for the training of nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital and at King's College Hospital. Her school at St. Thomas's Hospital became significant in helping to elevate nursing into a profession. She devoted many years to the question of army sanitary reform, to the improvement of nursing and to public health in India. Her main work, *Notes on Nursing*, 1859, went through many editions.

An Anglican, she remained committed to a personal mystical religion which sustained her through many years of poor health until her death in 1910. Until the end of her life, although her illness prevented her from leaving her home, she continued in frequent spiritual conversation with many prominent church leaders of the day, including the local parish priest who regularly brought Communion to her. By the time of her death on August 13, 1910, her reputation as a healer and holy person had assumed mythical proportions, and she is honored throughout the world as the founder of the modern profession of nursing.

O God, who gave grace to your servant Florence Nightingale to bear your healing love into the shadow of death: Grant to all who heal the same virtues of patience, mercy, and steadfast love, that your saving health may be revealed to all; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**





Our Sexton - Gary Gorney

In addition to continuing much of what he usually does; mowing the lawn, trimming trees, killing weeds, cleaning the Church (Not as often, but it still needs to be cleaned) Gary has been attacking a long list of projects that was developed when Covid 19 seemed to shut the world down. I will describe dome of them for you!

 I don't know about you but the peeling floor underneath the pews drove me crazy: Not any more!



2. The step up from the Church floor to the area by the organ looked horrible! Not any more!



3. The Door to the organ chamber was a funny shade of brown. Not ay more!



4. The tile was coming up in the Chapel. Not any more!



5. The broken pew at the back of the Church is gone!



6. The Church has been stripped. (Ok, he had some help on this one,)



7. The tile in the Church and the Cloister has been stripped and awaits several coats of wax.



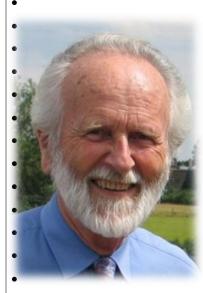
8. The windows in the Cloister have been caulked, sanded and painted!



And there is more to come!



Notes from the Director of Music - Greg Gyllsdorff



Choosing hymns for our worship is a lot of fun. Sometimes the hymns nearly choose themselves. The relationship between the lessons and the hymn-texts is so strong, that the messages kind of jump off the page and into our minds.

Over the past several weeks, I have had a hymn that has been pulling at my coattails. It just sort of appears in front of me on different occasions, and says, "over here, choose me." It is a new text and tune, and I've been kind of shy about introducing new things during the pandemic. Never-the-less, it is an amazing text, and the tune, by John Ness Beck, has a wonderful syncopation in the rhythm that keeps the motion moving forward. The story of the author is definitely inspiring. I wonder how he survived during those troubled times. Here is an article about this hymn written by Fred Kaan:*

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

During the 1960s and 1970s, four English-language hymn writers emerged on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean and became the leaders of the "hymnic explosion." Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) and Brian Wren (b. 1936) all were born in Great Britain.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009), [sought to address issues of peace and justice. He was born in Haarlem in the Netherlands in July, 1929. He was baptized in St. Bavo Cathedral but his family did not attend church regularly. He lived through the Nazi occupation, saw three of his grandparents die of starvation, and witnessed his parent's deep involvement in the resistance movement. They took in a number of refugees. He became a pacifist and began attending church in his teens. Having become interested in British Congregationalism (later to become the United Reformed Church) through a friendship, he attended Western College in Bristol. He was ordained in 1955.]

Kaan explains the origins of the hymn, "Help us accept each other": "This text was set in motion upon reading a Bible study article Mrs. Jackie Mattonen had written for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the USA. . . . It was almost accidentally and at the last moment included in the fourth edition of *Cantate Domino* [an ecumenical and crosscultural hymnal published by the World Council of Churches in 1974], . . . and it so happened that my "Hymn of acceptance" was just the right length to fill the two blank pages that needed filling."

The text appeared in Kaan's collection *Break Not the Circle* (1975) for the first time in the U.S. The words became more widely sung when they were set to music by American composer John Ness Beck (1930-1987) as an anthem. Beck's anthem setting was then adapted as a hymn tune ACCEPTANCE.

This is one of the most powerful hymns on reconciliation and forgiveness composed in the last half of the 20th century. Romans 15:7 provides a scriptural basis for stanza 1: "Receive one another, then, just as Christ also received you, to God's glory." The hymn also reflects Ephesians 4:15: "But practicing the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head."

Stanza two asks for grace to accept all people unconditionally:

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

In stanza three we find that accepting others changes us. One of my favorite lines in this hymn is a Eucharistic reference to forgiveness followed by the healing power of laughter:



Notes from the Director of Music (Cont.)

... until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

We find in stanza four that forgiveness and acceptance "free[s] us, make[s] us one!"

During this time of pandemic, I hope that these words of Fred Kaan help us all to feel the need for inclusion of all people, and a desire to celebrate our differences.

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The Sandwich Board



The Pandemic could not have hit the Sandwich Board at a worse time. Through March 12th, 2020 we had been averaging 90 plates a Thursday, and thanks to The Sandwich Board's Chairperson, David Arch, we had filed applications for a not-forprofit 501(3)c status with the State and IRS. Things were looking Terrific! Then the Pandemic hit and all of a sudden we were back to square one 35 years plus ago when we started handing out lunches to those in



need in the neighborhood. The first few weeks were learning experiences; how many lunches to prepare?, would our partnering churches continue to contribute? Was there a need? And for the next 13 weeks we kind of floundered along serving 18 one week and 24 the next; averaging right at 20. WE aske contributing Churches to prepare 30 lunches, just in case. So every week we would have an excess.. What to do with the extra lunches. After contacting a few other not-for-profits, the Wayside Cross Rescue Mission said they could use the extra food. We started taking the extras down there. They were supposed to go to the kitchen, but I suspect many of them were eaten by the dock workers and pals before ever getting there.

Meanwhile, our friendly Governments needed more and more information, some of it non-existent, some of it hard to dig up. The application process continued!

Then On June 18th the upswing began! 26, then 28, then 30, then 41, then 45, then 45 and last week 50 lunches! What changed? We purchased some advertising boards. Word of mouth finally spread and many of our old friends returned, mixed in with many new faces!

Then the approvals came in! First the Federal Government approval and then today as I write this the final approval from the State arrived.

We are forever grateful to our volunteers; Scott Mois, who has been our rock, Gale Blogg, Jean Borchert,, Pat Wilson, and today, two mega—supporters: Maggie Murchison and Marsha??



Where are we headed? The last two weeks we have served hot food; one week hot dogs and hamburgers, This week pulled pork sandwiches. Discussions continue about what we will be doing when the weather turns. Our set up has evolved. We thank you for your wonderful support!

Linda Barber and Rob Borchert





THE ARCHITECTURE OF OUR OWN JOHN KUNEY







Presbury Home





Tanner Road Home

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August 2020 Trinity Kpiscopal Church Welcome



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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.



Trinity Vestry

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