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From The Rector

The Rev. Jonathan V. Adams

Dear Trinity Family,

Wow, it feels good to finally say that! I am so glad to be here in person in the great state of Virginia as the Rector of Trinity Upperville. Your kindness and hospitality in the midst of the Coronavirus has been beautiful. I would like to say thank you to the many of you who have provided meals, wine and cheese, cards, emails, calls and especially the Gow's who opened up their guest house for us while we were moving in. We have been blown away... the parade last Sunday was over the top!!! WOW thank you to all who pulled that together. When we left, my son said, "Dad, I think these people like you". Indeed that is true.

As we enter this new relationship with one another, I want you to know that first and foremost I am your priest... I am here for you and my phone is always available to you. I want to walk with you in the good and the bad, the celebrations and the heartaches, the joys and the trials. That is my calling and commitment to you.

Second, I want you to know that I'm here to be your pastor. I'm here to preach the good news of Jesus every week. I'm here to offer a time of confession and absolution, and I'm here to put the bread in your hand and the wine to your lips. I will be faithful to that calling, and I will remind you that you are loved, forgiven and in the family of God, not because I say so but because Jesus says so. You might wonder why the gospel every week (A.K.A the good news)... Martin Luther was once asked that question by a class of seminarians and he said, "I preach the gospel to you every week because you forget it every week". We humans tend to think the gospel is the thing that gets us into heaven and that is true, but

it's also the thing that keeps us in His grace. Tim Keller once said, "The gospel is not the ABC's of our faith but the A-Z's of the faith"! It's the beginning, the middle and the end! And so, you will hear the "good news" proclaimed week in and week out.

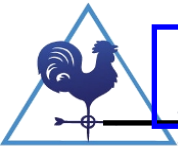
Finally I'm here to be your Shepherd. I'm here to listen to God and lead the congregation spiritually toward Him. This means I will spend a lot of time praying and reading the scripture. In my prayer time, I will be praying for you so please keep me up to date on how I can pray for you. Trinity is a wonderful place and we have so much potential. I truly do believe the best years are ahead! We will get through this season of Pandemic, and we will come together soon.

In fact, I have asked the re-opening committee, with advisement from the worship committee to roll up their sleeves and get us back together ASAP! This means we may have to add a new service so that we all can come together. In so doing, I want to ask that you begin to pray for the committee, that they would have wisdom as they advise me in making the best decisions we can for the community. It may also mean we will have to be creative in how we meet, which may mean we need to adjust the budget. Your faithfulness in giving allows us to move in that direction without budgetary restraints. So let me thank you in advance for praying, being creative, and giving not to me, not to Trinity, but to GOD.

I can't wait to meet you FACE-TO-FACE! This will happen soon. Until then...

Grace and Peace to you
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Trying times indeed, with an uncertain duration - especially insofar as a return to jobs and normalcy. Trinity Outreach has managed to keep the faith and show our love for the community through a strategic alliance with



Mobile Hope - where a growing movement is showing great promise in our local area.

COVID-19 and the economic turn-down has hit vulnerable families extremely hard and continues to do so. Mobile Hope has responded by delivering food and vital supplies to families affected by job loss, poverty, food insecurity, health issues, limited language proficiency, and lack of transportation. Trinity Upperville provided a leased refrigerated truck for 3 months to Mobile Hope to expand their ability to deliver fresh, perishable food to those with food insecurities through their outreach program; **Listen For The Honk**.

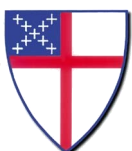
To date, Mobile Hope has served 67,393 family members with over 36,000 food bags. The Reefer Truck Rental is helping the cause directly and with positive impact, but we only were able to sign up for a 3 month lease. There is much more to do here.

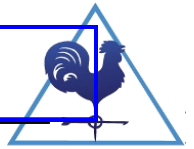
As a further tie to an end-to-end temporary stop-gap for those in need of quality sustenance, JK Community Farm will distribute fresh produce at the Mobile Hope, [Sterling](#) bus stops, on [July 8, 2020](#). JK, as food producers, will continue to explore options for an ongoing partnership with Mobile Hope facilitated by Trinity Outreach. The need is great and expected to increase in the coming months. Mobile Hope is expanding its service and Trinity is looking at ways to directly help those closest to our parish, but for now the overwhelming need is Eastern Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. We (Mobile Hope /JK /Trinity) are looking at opportunities in Warrenton and Front Royal to provide the Outreach that we are obligated to deliver.

I encourage you to come out to Sterling (Eldon N of Dulles Tollway) on one of the **Listen for The Honk Stops** and see for yourself how important this is.

We are all in this together.

God's Grace,
Jennifer Moore, Outreach Chair





Join Our EfM (Education for Ministry) Class:

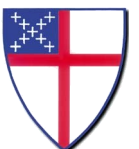
Want to dig deeper into the Christian faith, study the Bible with greater intellectual integrity, learn more about church history, theological ideas and, most importantly, connect your faith (and doubts) more strongly to your own life experiences? Then consider enrolling in Education for the Ministry – or “EfM. EfM is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and brings it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

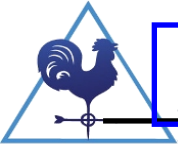
The class convenes once a week on Tuesdays from mid-September through May for 3 hours (11AM—2PM) at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg. Studies include

- Year 1 - the Hebrew Testament,
- Year 2 - the Christian Testament
- Year 3 - Church History
- Year 4 -Theology and Christian Spirituality

The class includes students in all four years and does require weekly personal study. Created by Sewanee Seminary and administered locally via the Diocese of Virginia, the tuition is \$375 per year and scholarships are available. You only need to commit to one year at a time.

Feel free to contact EfM Mentor Gina Hammond (540-655-5744) or graduates Sandra Markus (540-878-5577). Laurie Volk (540-539-1734), Jolly de Give (540-592-3889), Melissa Neal (540-255-8596), or Joe Fluet (540-496-8999 for more information and their personal experiences with the program.





Drive-By Welcome Parade

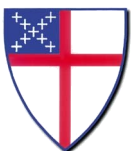


On June 28th a Drive-By Welcome Parade was held for Jonathan and his family. Drivers met at the Upperville Farm and Feed and drove through the overflow parking lot to greet the Adams family. They were thrilled and truly felt loved.

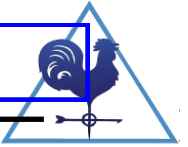
Thanks to Martha Williamson, our Parish Life Chair, for making this happen in a safe, social distancing manner.



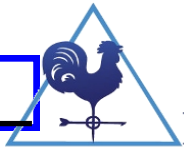
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So Glad You Are Here!



Clock Tower Repairs



What is missing from this photo? If you guessed the clock hands you are correct.

The Verdin Field Technician was here at Trinity to remove the clock hands and the shaft to begin the work for the new clock mechanism. The original clock hands will be returned to Trinity once the design and fabrication work is complete.

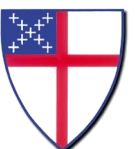
We expect a completion date sometime this fall.

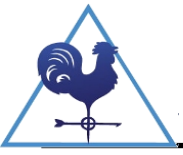
As of June 8th, 2020, the Piedmont Child Care Center is open again. Albeit, with some different rules, we are accepting applications for children from 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We do not allow any family members into the building. The children are met at the front door, their temperature is taken, their hands are washed and then they are escorted to their age appropriate classroom. They play, eat and sleep with the same group throughout the day. They don't interact with other classrooms.



We like to have the children in place by 9:00am, the front door is locked, until pickup time 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The children must bring their own lunches and PCCC supplies prepackaged snacks and juice. When Gov. Northam opens the state to Phase 3, we will be able to have more children per classroom. It's the same wonderful enriching place for children, just with a Covid-19 slant to it.

Do give us a call, 540 592-3908. Looking forward to seeing you at Piedmont.





Richard McPherson, Organist
mcpherre@comcast.net

Perhaps it is divine providence, or maybe just dumb luck, but sometimes you are just in the right place at the right time. And so it was in the Fall of 2013 when Trinity Church found itself in need of a new organist on somewhat short notice. There was no need for extended study or a lengthy search process because the best organist in the area just happened to be immediately available and was willing to come here. We hired Dr. Richard McPherson on the spot as the interim with the understanding that if all went well, of which there were no doubts, he would move into the permanent position. This was not a typical way of filling such a position but all involved were completely comfortable with it because of who it was. Richard was widely known in the community, was a friend of Trinity church having played here for special events, and we all knew that of all the organists in the area, available or not, he was quite simply and undeniably, the best.

For the past seven years Trinity Church has not only been blessed with Richard's immense skill but also his thorough humility. Week in and week out Richard has quietly prepared and presented concert quality music for Sunday services, weddings and funerals, and major church festivals. His voluntaries are thoughtfully chosen to fit with the themes of the day, his leadership of congregational singing is inspiring, and his accompaniments of often difficult choral anthems are always perfection. Along the way he is completely reliable and conscientious, a team player, supportive of the total ministry of the church, modest beyond measure, and just an all around wonderfully nice guy with a great spirit.

Back in January Richard told me it was time for him to retire. He and Michael had bought a house in Rehobeth Beach and were planning to split their time between there and Winchester which would not allow for his continued commitment to the church. Just as we were beginning to make plans for both his departure and replacement, the lock-down started bringing things to a standstill. As things started to open up in May we were far behind being prepared for his intended last Sunday of June 7. With his usual grace and dedication, Richard has agreed to continue through as much of the summer as we need. Plans are again underway for his replacement but, most unfortunately, current circumstances will not allow for the kind of send off Richard deserves. Of course, Richard, with his usual modesty is happy to go without fanfare, but since most of us will likely not see him in person, I hope we might all take a few minutes to send him a note of appreciation.

For the last seven years it has been the greatest honor and privilege to work with Richard and share in his tremendous artistry. He has been an inspiring collaborator, trusted colleague, and dear friend. Richard, we will miss you greatly and wish you the very best in your well deserved retirement. Thank you ,with all our hearts, for your years of dedicated service to Trinity Church.





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