

# GENESIS



Fall 2021

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## From The Rector

By The Reverend Jonathan Adams



Dear Trinity Family!

I'm so excited this morning as I write to you with these updates... I can hardly wait to "open the church" on September 12th. We will come together in one service at 10:30am to worship inside in our sacred space! It's been 18 months since many of you have been in the church for a worship service and I have yet to celebrate a full service in the church so yes! - I'm beaming with joy and counting the days! I would like to encourage each of you to attend as it's going to be an exciting day at Trinity and a great opportunity to bring a friend. Here is what you can expect:

- We will have an Easter like service with a full liturgy, including music (full choir and brass quartet) at 10:30am in the church. I know that some of you may be a little nervous moving back inside, but rest assured we will have an option for everyone. For those who feel more comfortable worshipping outside we will open the doors of the church so that folks can fully participate in the courtyard (speaker outside so everyone can hear).
- After the service we will have a coffee hour like no other. I'm encouraging everyone to bring something to share as we gather in the courtyard for fellowship.
- In addition, we will have our Ministry Fair in the courtyard highlighting the many wonderful opportunities to get involved at Trinity this year. I ask you to begin praying now about your important role in the joy of serving in one of these ministries... We all have a part to play in making Trinity a wonderful place.



- FOR THE KIDS. The Vogels have generously offered to provide a bounce house for the day, so get ready to have some fun!

I would also like to invite you to our confirmation celebration on Saturday,

September 18th. We have 13 students and 9 adults who have expressed interest in being confirmed/received. I've asked our good friend Bishop Martin Townsend to come and celebrate this special day with us. Mark your calendar and join us for this exciting day when we receive 22 people into the church family! Please bring something to share at the reception which will follow the 10:30am service.

CALLING ALL TRINITY KIDS!!! On September 19th we will kick off the Christian education year in a BIG way! Knights of the North Castle are coming to Trinity; a five week VBS-style program that we will offer each Sunday morning starting on September 19th from 10:00am-12:00pm. It's going to be a ton of fun - music, games, crafts, and a lesson on the Armor of



God. Your parents will be able to sign you up at the Ministry Fair on September 12th. You won't want to miss this, so plan to come and bring a friend!!!

There will be several offerings for adult education this year so stay tuned!

Wow, I'm out of breath... Looking forward to a wonderful year with all of you. I consider it a privilege to be your Rector and I'm grateful every day for this place that has so warmly invited my family in. Grace and Peace to you as we come to God with Open Hands – ready to give and ready to receive.

Jonathan +

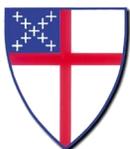
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**MINISTRY FAIR**

**SUNDAY**  
12 September 2021

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# Outreach



## Laurie Volk writes...

Despite losing its largest source of funding from the Stable Tour, Trinity continued to provide much needed funds and volunteer commitment during the most difficult times in 2020 and 2021. The necessary funds were secured through generous parish giving and pivoting to the first Joy of Giving Online Christmas Auction that raised \$24,000.

In the face of the pandemic the focus of outreach shifted to primarily essential local needs. Through our outreach ministries Trinity provided support in the form of funding, and limited volunteer engagement to the following ministries:

- Tree of Life Ministry, supplying healthy meals for pick-up in Purcellville
- Mobile Hope, funding for mobile medical services in Loudon County
- FISH, assisting local residents with urgent financial needs
- Churches of Upperville, delivering food baskets to local families at the holidays
- Thrift Shop, now under the Outreach umbrella, providing assistance to local residents with urgent needs including medical bills, prescriptions and rent.



As we emerge from the pandemic, the Outreach Committee is revisiting the needs of other local, national and international causes we hope to support including the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program in Clifton, Virginia and Tree of Life's other ministries in Purcellville providing shelter, healthcare and life skills. In the face of recent disasters, the Outreach Committee hopes to provide immediate short-term funding for Hurricane relief in Louisiana through Episcopalrelief.org and assistance to Haiti following the devastating earthquake.

The Outreach Committee is in need of new leadership and parish involvement. Plans are underway for an Outreach Reboot this fall, to clarify the mission, establish priorities and improve our methods. What do you think are the most pressing needs in our community and the world? Please get involved and bring your ideas to the next Outreach meeting.

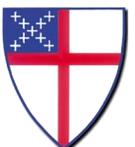
For many of us, outreach is the truest expression of what God calls us to do. Please be a part of the effort.

*What do you think are the most pressing needs in our community and the world?*



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# Helo. Mae'n dda bod yma

## Richard Jones writes...



*Getting ready to preach at Dormington Church (12th century), Diocese of Hereford, England.*

Good day! I'm Richard Jones and I'm excited to have recently joined you as the new Director of Operations and Communications here at Trinity. I'm based at the Parish Office where you can typically find me each weekday.

I'm married to Julie and we have two daughters, Evie (12) and Mia (10). We've very recently moved to Potomac Falls, near Sterling, and before that lived in Richmond.

Julie is from Georgia; Evie and Mia are from the Hawaiian Islands and I'm originally from Wales, United Kingdom; so

we really are an 'international' family!

I've worked in parish and clergy support and development roles for almost twenty years, across three dioceses; two within The Church in Wales and one within the Church of England. I have a passion for the life, work, mission and ministry of the rural church, having most recently worked within the Diocese of Hereford; the most rural diocese within all of England. Here I supported 409 churches across 1800 square miles, with a total resident population of just 325,000 people. Herefordshire is perhaps most famous for its cattle (Herefords), for hop growing (which supports many cider and beer producers) and for its amazing natural beauty and scenery..

When I'm not busy at work I'm a keen amateur photographer, genealogist (I've traced family history back to around the year 1400), a church bell-ringer (English style ringing), and a local historian (two books published). I enjoy cooking, reading, I'm a seasoned traveler., and as a proud Welshman I (of course!) enjoy singing. I am passionate about all things "Welsh" especially the early Celtic church and the lives and teaching of the early Welsh saints.

It's going to be a busy and exciting fall at Trinity and I'm looking forward to being part of it! If I haven't met you already, then do stop me and say "hi" and introduce yourself; I look forward to meeting all the Trinity family and to sharing with you in what God has in store for us. I'll be at our Ministry Fair on 12 September so hopefully we'll meet up there.

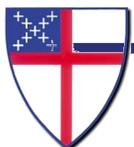
So what about the title "Helo. Mae'n dda bod yma"? Well it's Welsh for "Hello. It's good to be here". And it sure is!

Blessings,

**Connect with Richard to find out more:  
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*Left to Right:  
Evie, Richard, Julie and Mia*





# Music to our ears

## Dan Miller writes...

### Mission Statement

It is our mission to enable and to encourage all members of the parish to share in the experience of glorifying God through music; to teach together the skills of music and the practices of faith; and to build the body of Christ through worship, rehearsal, outreach, and fellowship using music as an instrument of God's peace.

Trinity's music program is committed to people of all ages and experience coming together in a nurturing, supportive environment to practice the skills of music and the ways of faith. We will continue to build on our long tradition of great music with hopes of further perfecting our praises and nurturing each other.

Trinity Church's inspiring architecture and excellent acoustics draw even the most hesitant worshipers into participating in liturgy and song. The acoustics also enhance the sound of our 3 manual, 55 rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, which is ideal for accompanying worship in a wide variety of sacred music styles.

### Children's Choirs

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Trinity has offered several children's choirs to varying age groups. The Junior Choir (age 4 years through 2nd grade), and the Chorister's (grades 3-8) learned the basics of singing and developing their vocal sound as well as skills in music reading. As we continue to rebuild, we encourage all interested children to



indicate their interest by signing up and we will determine how best to structure the program to meet the needs of our youngest parishioners.

### Handbell Choir

The adult handbell choir plays a variety of traditional handbell music, as well as accompaniments to choral anthems and congregational singing, on our 4-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells. Music reading ability is helpful but not essential. The handbell choir participates in worship approximately once per month.

### Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir, the focal point of our music ministry, sings at the 10:30 am service from September through Trinity Sunday, as well as at other major liturgical occasions. Adults of high school age and above are welcome to join. Group vocal development, musical interpretation, worship practice and spiritual growth are all emphasized. The Choir's repertoire is diverse and includes choral works of all periods, from the 16th century to the present day, sung to a high standard.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings

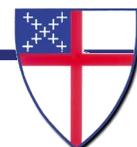


from 7:00-9:00 pm, and Sunday mornings at 9:45. All are welcome. Some musical experience is helpful, but not required.

In addition to the Director of Music Ministries and Organist, the music staff consists of a Church Music Intern/Assistant Choirmaster, and

5 choral section leaders.

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# Hunt Country: Stable Tour

## Laurie Volk writes...



After a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, we hope to return to our traditional

Stable Tour in May 2022. Hallelujah! However, to be successful, Stable Tour requires a full team of volunteers to get it up and running again. An event of this magnitude requires dedication by a large group of people with a variety of talents, an appreciation for the abilities of others, flexibility, a sense of humor, and the appreciation for the importance of attention to detail. We will need fresh energy and engagement to:

- ⇒ Identify new farms and community activities to add to the tour;
- ⇒ Establish corporate sponsors for the event;
- ⇒ Utilize the power of social media to advertise and energize our event;
- ⇒ Secure ads from local businesses in the event program;
- ⇒ Organize stewards and volunteers for



- each stop along the tour;
- ⇒ Provide lunches for volunteers and farm staff during the tour;
- ⇒ Arrange for food trucks, entertainment and vendors to make the courtyard at Trinity a welcoming nexus for the tour.

Please bring your energy and ideas to the task!

The Stable Tour is a remarkable opportunity to appreciate all of God's creation and the interdependence of the land, animals and people, while raising funds for Trinity's ongoing outreach ministries. The Stable Tour experience provides both a refreshing day and a reminder that care for the earth and for one another is imperative now and always.



We need your involvement to bring Stable Tour back with a bang in 2022.

Please join us!

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## Mens' Breakfast



### Gray Coyner writes...

The Trinity Mens' Breakfast will resume its monthly gathering on Saturday, September 18, 2021 promptly at 8 AM in Cox Hall.



We usually have a breakfast supplied by one of the attendees and this ranges

from coffee and pastries to a full country breakfast.

We generally follow breakfast with a short discussion of current events, be they social, religious or other and we end promptly at 9 AM.



All men are welcome!

Connect with Gray to find out more:  
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## Thrift Shop

### Betsy Crenshaw writes...

Great News!! The Thrift Shop is having it's Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00am to Noon.

Before the opening, there will be one more work day on Saturday, September 25 from 9:00am to Noon.

This is a hugely important ministry here at Trinity and one of our most successful and longest running. Funds generated by the shop is our source of

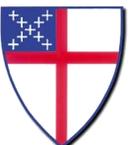


assistance when our brothers and sisters call the church for help with rent, electric and

water bills, prescriptions, etc.

For our newcomers, the shop is across the side street from the Upperville Post Office. Please give Betsy a call, she's love to share with you the enormous benefits of The Thrift Shop!

Connect with Betsy if you would like to volunteer. It's lots of fun!! 540 592-3344 or [betsy@trinityupperville.org](mailto:betsy@trinityupperville.org)





# Money Matters

**Gina Hammond, Treasurer writes:**



2021, like 2020, has been an interesting year when it comes to church finances.

We finished 2020 with a Net Income of \$135,930. The surplus came primarily from receipt of forgiveness on our Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan of \$98,100. We made the decision to move Outreach to a separate budget which we funded at \$47,426. By Vestry resolution, the Campus Renewal fund received \$22,134 and the Organ Maintenance Fund received \$3,430. This left a net surplus of \$62,348.

Our Stewardship drive for 2021 resulted in receiving pledges totaling \$566,834 from 134 pledging units. This included 24 pledges from new people and 113 pledges from existing parishioners. We lost 8 pledging units due to moves and deaths totaling \$45,345. Compared to 2020 we received seven fewer pledges resulting in a net decrease of \$331 in pledge income.

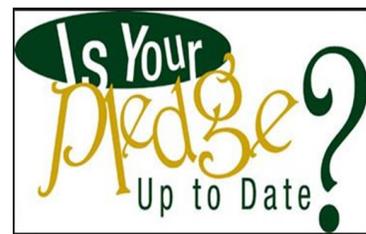
The 2021 church budget was developed with the hope that activities would return to normal more quickly than they have. We projected our 2021 income to be \$880,126. This figure did not include the net surplus noted above.

This surplus was left on our balance sheet under retained earnings. Our expenses for 2021 were projected at \$1,025,748 resulting in our 2021 net income being projected at a deficit of \$145,621. The Vestry approved this deficit because our retained earnings at the start of 2021 were \$156,918. We also secured another PPP loan for \$98,100.

The Vestry has been diligent in managing our expenses throughout the year. Now that we are two-thirds of the way through 2021, our total income from various sources (pledge payments, plate offerings, special offering, wedding and funeral income, endowment draw, flowers, and rental and utility income) has been \$553,259 or 62.9% of the expected income. Our expenses have been \$546,673 or 53.3% of the expected expenses.

We thank the 102 pledging units who have remained current or prepaid their pledges. We are still expecting to receive \$150,401 in current pledge dollars for the remainder of the year as well as \$75,000 in prepayments for 2022.

## The Giving Pledge



# Money Matters



We know our expenses will also increase as we move into resuming our program year. Our staffing levels have now returned to 2020 levels with the arrival of our new Director of Operations and Communications, Richard Jones.

We appreciate your continuing support of Trinity Church, knowing that there is much JOY IN GIVING. Thank you.



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You can also donate to your church via the Trinity Website. It's a quick, easy and secure way to give!

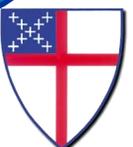
<https://trinityuppperville.org/give>

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# Open Hands: Joyful giving and receiving

## Alix Coolidge writes:

It's hard to believe that summer is over!

Time to start thinking about gearing up for fall, and that includes our favorite subject: GIVING! Please be as generous as you can this year with your pledges.

We all look forward to being able to reconnect and have some great programs planned this year for all ages.... but ... that can only happen with your help.

As we look further into the fall we are excited to share with you our stewardship theme and logo for this year: Open Hands: Joyful giving and receiving.



It is our joyous responsibility to keep Trinity the vibrant and beautiful place that it is.

Please do not depend on your neighbor to do your part!

Thank you.

## From the Wardens

### Barbara Augenblick & Melinda Gable write:

Dear fellow parishioners,

We are so excited to see the return of a regular "Genesis". We tried to fill the gap with our sporadic letters this year, but with the return of (hopefully) normal church services, and as we welcome back volunteers and activities

galore, we need better communications. We are delighted to pass this baton to Richard!

As always, all members of the vestry are available to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

Let's have a great fall!

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# Looking Forward: Key dates for your calendar.

All times are a.m. unless otherwise stated. Not all regular activities are listed here. Please see E-Genesis and notices within weekly service bulletins for these details.



## September 2021

12	10.30	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12	11.30	Ministry Fair
18	8.00	Mens' Breakfast
18	10.30	Service of Confirmation & Reception
19	8.00 & 10.30	New service times effective
19	10.00-12.00	Knights of the North Castle: Trinity Kids (until 17 October)
20	6.30pm	Vestry Meeting
23	Afternoon	Tree of Life Distribution
25	9-12	Thrift Shop Work Day
26	10.00-12.00	Knights of the North Castle: Trinity Kids

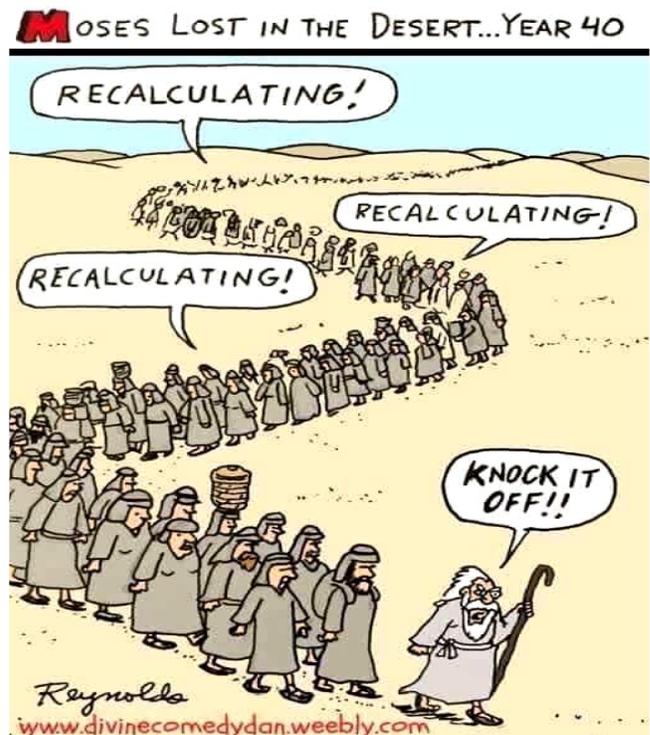
16	8.00	Mens' Breakfast
16	10.30	Funeral: John O' Brien
18	6.30pm	Vestry Meeting
17	10.00-12.00	Knights of the North Castle: Trinity Kids
28		Funeral: Ann Marie Horkin

## November 2021

7	8.00 & 10.30	All Saints Day celebration services & Stewardship Sunday <i>Open Hands, Ready to Give &amp; Receive</i>
15	6.30pm	Vestry Meeting
20	8.00	Mens' Breakfast
24	7.00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service

## October 2021

<b>Through October</b>		Stewardship Season:
<b>Until 11/7</b>		Open Hands, Ready to Give & Receive
2	1.00pm	Celebration of Life: Jay Zeiler
2	9-12	Thrift Shop: Grand Re-opening
3	10.00-12.00	Knights of the North Castle: Trinity Kids
3	4.00pm	Blessing of the Animals
9	8.00	Blessing of the Hounds
9	11.00	Memorial Service: Ruth Ripley
10	10.00-12.00	Knights of the North Castle: Trinity Kids



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We look forward to sharing your news on all aspects of faith and church life.

Thank you to all those people who wrote for this edition.



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