



Trinity Topics

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REPORT FROM THE WARDENS

We would like to begin this report with a look backward. Janet Cisne and Melissa Evans organized the farewell reception for the Ashmore family on January 31, and we would like to thank them for all their efforts.

We would also like to thank Sarah Van Aken for compiling the parish survey which is now being analyzed for data to be submitted to the Diocese and will then be electronically made available nationally to enlarge the search possibilities. Elisabeth Langford is helping Sarah transfer the results into charts.

Lent reminds us how much energy that fairly small group in our Church School generates as they work to fulfill their Heifer Project goals. The annual trivia contest took place February 28, but the bake sale is on the calendar. Please support these young people who represent the church's future. Mite boxes (arks) and calendars from *Heifer Project International* are available in the lobby.

Bishop Martins and Archdeacon Denney have arranged the following services for Holy Week and Easter:

- The Archdeacon will celebrate The Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday at 7:30 pm.
- He will then return for the Good Friday Proper Liturgy at 7:00 pm.
- There will be no services on Holy Saturday.
- Bishop Martins will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday at 10:00 am.

David Mumford
Parish Warden

Alice Tracey
Rector's Warden

News & Announcements

Search Committee

The Search Committee would like to thank the Members of Trinity Church for completing the Parish Survey. They have tabulated responses and will use them as they complete the Parish Profile to submit to the Diocese to use in the search for a new Rector.

Supply Priest

We were very pleased to have The Very Rev. Canon Gus Franklin with us on Ash Wednesday evening. Fr. Gus discussed ways of keeping Lent. He mentioned one way that was an easy place to start. He recommended that we turn to page 136 in the *Book of Common Prayer* and review the section, "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families." There are sections on morning, noon, early evening, and at the close of day. If you do not have a *Book of Common Prayer* at home, but would like one, let us know. We have many older copies stored in the basement.

Episcopal Church Women

We need to offer sincere thanks to the ECW. They coordinated two big events in January. First of all, they hosted the reception for Bishop and Brenda Martins on January 24. They then coordinated the reception for Fr. Kip and K-Lou Ashmore on January 31. And, of course, they always host luncheons or receptions after funerals at Trinity Church. When they host these events, all items are either donated by members or paid for with funds of the ECW. Keep this in mind when the Christmas Bazaar, Book Sale and Luncheon come around again in December. Other than a small rummage sale in the summer, all of their funds come from the Bazaar Weekend.

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of The Episcopal Church. The mission of the UTO is to expand the circle of thankful people, by encouraging daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Many follow the discipline of using the blue box, by inserting money as a way of offering thanksgiving for people, joys, blessings, and events in their lives. We at Trinity Church then gather these offerings twice a year. Even if you do not follow the discipline of using the blue box, we encourage you to make an offering on **Sunday, March 6**. If you would like a blue box, there are some on the table in the hallway and in the Parish Office.

Mothering Sunday

March 6, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, is also referred to as Mothering Sunday. This was a day when all the workers in England would return home to honor their mothers. Here at Trinity Church, the Men and Boys will prepare and serve a breakfast for all the Women and Girls. David Mumford and Forrest Keaton have volunteered to organize this breakfast. They have placed sign-up sheets on the table in the lobby. **Men and Boys, please sign up if you can help. Women and Girls, please sign up to say that you will attend. This will help them in purchasing food items.**

Special Offerings

The Ash Wednesday offering was \$277.

There are two special offerings that are gathered during the Holy Week / Easter Octave: on **Good Friday** and on **Easter Day**.

If you have offering envelopes, there is an envelope for each in your box. If you wish to make the offering by check, write it to "Trinity Church," and note either "Good Friday" or "Easter" on the memo line (so we'll know it's not part of the general offering).

As authorized by the Vestry, this money from Special Offerings is designated for Outreach.

Trinity Fellowship

The Fellowship group met in February to discuss its future studies. Members decided that the March and April meetings will be special presentations, and that a new study about St. Paul will be begin next September. The May meeting will be the traditional potluck supper.

Everyone is invited to the March 1st meeting. Dessert will be served at 7 o'clock, and then at 7:30, Jo Ann Nelson will present a program on The Madonna in Art. When she was organizing the office a couple years ago, she found a set of slides that coincided with a book written by Mary Kirk Newcomb (*The Madonna Story*). Mrs. Newcomb was a member of Trinity Church and an artist herself. She carved some of the embellishments on the Altar in The Lady Chapel.

The Heifer Project International

Through the years, Parish Members have joined the Church School Children in supporting this worthy Lenten project. Last year Trinity Church donated \$2015 to *The Heifer Project International*. February 28 is /was the annual Trivia Lunch, and the Bake Sale will be on March 13.

Parking

Parish Warden David Mumford has requested that members do not park on the east side of the driveway (next to the Health Department) on Sunday mornings. It will allow cars and emergency vehicles to pass through more easily.

Parochial Report

As required by The Episcopal Church of the United States, Trinity Church has filed its annual report. We are required to report data about attendance, services, financial resources, and clergy. A copy of it is posted on the bulletin board in the upper hallway.

Web Site

The Vestry has authorized to hire a local person to work with our web site design. Hopefully within the next month you will see many positive changes.

Death

Mary Frances Bays, beloved aunt of Charley Frank, died on February 13, 2016. The Burial Office and Eucharist was on February 24.

*May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

****If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

**Trinity Fellowship
Tuesday, March 1, 7 pm**

Jo Ann Nelson will present a program on
The Madonna in Art, based upon a study by
former parishioner, Mary Newcomb.

Mothering Sunday

**Sunday, March 6
UTO Ingathering**

The Men will serve the Women & Girls
breakfast from **8:45 to 9:45**.

**Church School Bake Sale
Sunday, March 13**

Proceeds will benefit
The Heifer Project International.

ECW

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient.
Lettuce and beverages are provided.

**Monday, March 14
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, March 15
7:00 pm**

We are pleased to have
Archdeacon Denney with us
on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday;

and **Bishop Martins** with us
on Easter Sunday.

SERVICES IN MARCH 2016

Sundays at 10:00 am:

**Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion**

March 6: **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 13: **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

****PROPER LITURGY****

March 20: **PALM SUNDAY**
10:00 am

March 24: **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7:30 pm

March 25: **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 pm

March 27: **EASTER SUNDAY**
Holy Eucharist
10:00 am

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am:
Morning Prayer**

March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23
March 30



The Parish Office is accepting donations for the
Easter flowers.

Envelopes are on the table in the lobby.
Please use the envelopes.