

The Newsletter of
the Trinity Episcopal Church
Martinsburg, West Virginia

TEMPO

For the Love of God!

You've heard the buzz!
What's coming?
In order to be in the know, come to church.

Sunday, October 7th
The Celebration Begins
Called to be a Blessing

Sunday, October 14th
Called to express our love

Sunday, October 21st
Called to serve others

Sunday, October 28th
Called to trust in God's promise

Sunday, November 4th
THE CELEBRATION
Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing

Fall is the time of year that the people of God gather to give thanks for God's abundant blessings. Have you stopped recently to consider the many blessings that you have received? We invite you to join us to rediscover the joy of fellowship as we praise God together.



Trinity—
A welcoming,
Christ-centered community:
Living under grace and
Making a difference
in people's lives

All Saints-2012

Join us for the Celebration

Sunday
November 4th
All Saints Day

7:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Worship

11:45 a.m.
Festive Meal

TRINITY IS WORKING TO:

- Build a legacy for future generations while preserving our rich heritage
- Become a diverse, family-friendly, baptismal community
- Renew wonder and joy in worship
- Create an awareness of and response to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Tell our Story

◀ More pictures of our life together at
trinitymartinsburg.org/pictures

Rector's Reflections



Being the Beloved Henri J. M. Nouwen

Being the Beloved is the origin and the fulfillment of the life of the Spirit. I say this because, as soon as we catch a glimpse of this truth, we are put on a journey in search of the fullness of that truth and we will not rest until we can rest in that truth. From the moment we claim the truth of being the Beloved, we are faced with the call to become who we are. Becoming the Beloved is the great spiritual journey we have to make.

Source: *Life of the Beloved*

In his for the Diocese on Sunday, September 23, Bishop Klusmeyer commented:

“God called Abraham. God called the fishermen. God called you and me. Not because we are special, but because we are God’s children. Our search for identity brings us to the place where we find ourselves in a vulnerable and humble place. We find ourselves open to receive all that God has to offer. We find ourselves in front of the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and we find ourselves at the foot of the Cross, giving thanks to God for the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Too often we feel that we are not ‘good enough’ or we don’t ‘know enough’ to answer God’s call to us. The 12 disciples were hung up, arguing about who was greatest. They got stuck in the upper room, arguing about who had actually seen the Risen Christ. But, by the Grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Disciples were sent – becoming Apostles – into the world to proclaim the power of God’s love. They were the same, simple fisherman that they had always been, except that now, they have been broken, and opened to the power of God.”

I have spent time reflecting on the Bishop’s remarks as we prepare for the annual commitment of our time and talent known as the Fall Pledge Drive or Stewardship Campaign. During the past several years, our vestry has been working to transform our understanding of Stewardship. We have focused our energy on “Making a Difference” and “Celebrating What’s Right”. This year, we continue that transformation by acknowledging that we are called by God and blessed to be a blessing to others. We acknowledge that we have been broken and opened to the love and grace of God and we respond by sharing that love “For the Love of God”.

By the Grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are drawn together into a community and challenged to honor God’s call to be stewards of all the blessings we have received. Jesus Christ models for us how we are to respond to God’s love. We are commanded to dedicate ourselves to the spread of God’s love.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus reminds each of us:

“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done – kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love. I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be in your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants do not understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friend because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father. You didn’t choose me, remember, I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another.” (John 15:9-17, [The Message](#)).

We have been blessed to be numbered among Jesus’ friends and to be beloved of God. When we take delight in the Lord, he will give us our heart’s desire. When we are a blessing to others for the Love of God, we will be blessed anew beyond all we can ask or imagine. Let us Rejoice and Give thanks.

*Your companion on the journey -
Rev. Julie +*

Spiritual Formation deepens our Love of God



October 7th – 10:15 a.m.

Where do you stand: The Gospel According to Whom

October 14th – 10:30 a.m.

Family Service
Commitment Service

October 17th – 6:00 p.m.

Where do you stand: Meet your Mentor

October 21st – 10:15 a.m.

Heretics R Us

October 28th – 10:15 a.m.

Scripture: A Mad Dash Through a Good Book

November 2 – 6:00 p.m. to

November 3 – 5:00 p.m.

Retreat – An Encounter with God

November 4 – 10:30 a.m.

Consecration Sunday – no class

The youth of the parish welcome your partnership on their faith journey. To find out how you can get involved contact Rev. Julie or Meg Partington.

CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening

Join us for a 9 week discussion of Diana Butler Bass's most recent book: Christianity After Religion on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the library.

"The data is clear: religious affiliation is plummeting across the breadth of Christian denominations. And yet interest in "spirituality" is on the rise. So what is behind the sea change in American religion?" Diana Butler Bass leads us in exploring a completely new spiritual awakening that offers a fresh, vital, contemporary way of faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.

The End of Religion

September 30	The End of the Beginning
October 7	Questioning the Old Gods
October 14	When Religion Fails

A New Vision

October 21	Believing
October 28	Behaving
November 4	Belonging
November 11	The Great Reversal

Awakening

November 18	Great Awakening
November 25	Performing Awakening

The book is available from Amazon:
Hardback (\$13.99) or E-book (\$12.99)

Nursery Care

Nursery Care is available for children from birth to 3. Welcome to our new attendant: Ashley DeRito

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1

Children, ages 3-6, experience God in the atrium, a room prepared for them. Catechesis is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and Montessori educational principles.

Encountering Christ through JOY

Children, ages 6-10, experience God through an engaging program based on the Sunday lessons to explore Jesus, Others and Ourselves.

Family Worship Service

On the second Sunday of each month, we invite our children to participate in a contemporary worship service. The service, aka – "Holy Chaos", encourages all participants to engage the liturgy in casual, joy-filled prayer and praise.

God calls us to be Faithful Stewards “For the Love of God”

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church’s mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation’s finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?”

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church’s missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.



The Practice of Christian Stewardship

God the Father calls us to be stewards.
God the Son models ideal stewardship commitment.
God the Holy Spirit fuels our passion for stewardship.

Evangelism

Challenges us to commitment

Discipleship

Expresses our commitment

Community

Supports our commitment

Christian Spiritual Formation

Deepens our commitment

Worship

Celebrates our commitment

Blessed to be A Blessing *2012 Stewardship Reflection Series*

Welcome to the Blessed to Be a Blessing Stewardship Narrative Series, designed to complement and support your congregation's annual giving campaign. Six contributing writers explore stewardship as a response to the blessing of who we are and all we have received in connection with Mark's Gospel beginning Sunday, October 7th through November 11th.

God's initiative is always to bless, and that blessing is never earned, it is freely given. Christians primarily know the blessing of God's grace in the gift of our baptism. The Book of Common Prayer tells us that in our baptism the bond that is established cannot be dissolved. We share the same blessing given to Jesus in his baptism: "This is my beloved, in you I'm well pleased." By virtue of our baptism, we are blessed to be a blessing.

God blesses what God creates. As the Book of Genesis reminds us, the recital of God's blessing is infused into the created order. Each day of the creation story ends with the refrain: *it is good, it is good, it is good*. We too are part and parcel of the created order, each of us designed for goodness and blessedness. The Hebrew word for blessing is *barak*, which means "the life force of creation itself," says Walter Brueggemann. Through God's blessing, all of creation is destined for abundant well-being. Through God's blessing, there is always enough.

We, in turn, bless God by offering praise and thanksgiving for the goodness of gifts given. To worship God is to offer something of value. We offer praise and thanksgiving not only with our lips but with our lives. The annual pledge campaign can be an opportunity to bless God and bless the community from the offerings of the labor of our lives. Through our commitment to proportional giving, we offer a pledge of thanksgiving for all we have received and for all we will become as we grow into the image of Christ.

The first Sunday of this year's stewardship narrative series will begin on October 7, the day that many congregations will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. In honor of the saint's pledge to care for creation, people from throughout the church will bring their animals—dogs, cats, goats, bunnies, hamsters, even horses-- to be blessed. We experience great delight in bringing our beloved creatures forward for a blessing, recognizing how their sheer presence blesses our lives. My hope is that these reflections will spark conversations and exploration of all the ways we praise God through whom all blessings flow—including our intentional proportional giving.

Yours in faith,
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Sharing our Time and Talent ~ For the Love of God

In addition to our money, we also commit our time and talent to serve God's people for the Love of God. How do you live your stewardship in the world? Do you assist the community in its worship life? Consider serving in the choir, reading the lessons, setting up the altar, assisting at the altar. Do you enjoy connecting with others? Consider volunteering to visit a shut-in, send a birthday call, send a "just checking in e-mail" or making a phone call. Do you like to work on a computer? We have a need for people with graphic arts, reporting, and web skills. Do you like to work with children? Consider reading to a Norborne Day Care class or assisting with our Children's ministry. Do you feel moved to give, advocate our volunteer on behalf of the poor? Consider volunteering with CCAP/Loaves and Fishes, Promise Neighborhood, Habitat for Humanity or United Way. Whatever your gifts, we invite you to share them to build up the kingdom of God.

This and That



St. Mary's Guild Holiday Fair
November 10th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Attic Treasures / Soup and Salad / Baked Goods

Soup is available for Pre-sale -- \$6.00 per Pint

Sign up to help:

Donate treasures / Price treasures / Host a Station
Bake / Provide soup
Set-up/Clean-up

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Is your information update? Please check with the parish office to ensure that we have current contact/photo for you.

1st
Wednesdays
Alternative Worship Journey

November 7, 2012

Join us for Soup, Salad & Fellowship - 6:00 p.m.
Worship - 6:45 p.m.

"A New Home for Liberty"

An Inspiring and Dramatic Story of Human Rights,
Slavery, and the Creation of West Virginia

Frank Arts Center Theater
Shepherd University
Shepherdstown, WV

Saturday, October 20 at 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 21st at 3:15 p.m.

For tickets or more information:
304-345-7663 or www.jrclifford.org

Seeking Hosts for Coffee Hour!

Do you attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service?
Do you enjoy gathering with friends for food and
fellowship following the service? If so, consider whether
you might be called to host coffee hour.

A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board



Congratulations!

Baby Girl-Kailey Emma arrived at 8:14 p.m. on Sept.
28th weighing 7 pounds, 14 oz, and 20 1/2 inches.

Mama (Samantha Maroney) and baby are doing fine.
Thanks for all the prayers. Keep them coming
please....

We're here to serve you!

Sr. Warden: Pat McMillan
Jr. Warden: Greg Janes
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Term Expires Jan 2015
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Chip Hensell
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Staff

Parish Administrator:
Lisa Sorrentino-Miller
Sexton: Joshua Miller
Organist: Coty Graff



Shall We Gather at the River *135th Diocesan Convention*

On September 21 and 22 the Eastern Panhandle hosted representatives from throughout the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia at the Holiday Inn here in Martinsburg. It was a festive weekend attended by almost 250 Episcopalians, including Rev. Julie+, Pat McMillan, Peggy Lasecki, and Lynne Seibert-Steptoe.

We gathered together at Trinity on Friday afternoon for a joyous celebration of Holy Eucharist and Bishop Klusmeyer hosted about 60 folk at Christ Church, Bunker Hill for Eucharist on Sunday morning.

In and around these worship services, we shared fellowship with one another, shared conversations about how we live into our Baptismal Covenant, and conducted the business of the Diocese. Highlights included:

- Review of 2011 Financial Statements
- Approval 2013 Budget
- Election of members to Standing Committee, Trustees, Sandscrest Board,
- Resolutions Adopted:
 - Expressed support for the Diocese of WV companion relationship with the Diocese of Columbia and asked each parish to give \$100 to support ministry in Columbia.
 - Expressed support for Partners-in-Care Points of Contact (aka Care-Net) program through the WV National Guard to serve military families.
 - Sent greetings to the Rt. Rev. W. Franklin Carr, the Rt. Rev. Francisco Duque-Gomez, and Most Rev. Ralph Dunkin.
 - Sent greetings and condolences to Mrs. Rose Mary Atkinson and Mrs. Victoria Smith.
 - Remembered the ministries of Jim Churchill.
- Approved Canonical changes to reflect consistency with Episcopal Church Canons.

Dear Members of Trinity –

I just wanted to send a quick note to you all to say thank you for your work in making this year's Convention a wonderful success.

I thank you all for welcoming us to Trinity for our Opening Eucharist and for all you did to make so many people feel welcome and at home.

It was a great pleasure to have the Convention in the Eastern Panhandle, and many people felt that they had gotten to know the 'rest of the Diocese' through this one event. Your hospitality helped to make it so.

I thank you, and I continue to hold you all in my prayers.

God bless you.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer





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It's Coming! ~ November 4th

Worship Services

Sundays

7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Friday

Wednesdays

7:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Noon - Eucharist/Healing

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

