

The Newsletter of  
**the Trinity Episcopal Church**  
 Martinsburg, West Virginia

# TEMPO

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

**All Saints**

**Victory Belongs to God!**

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

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

*Decorate a window in the sanctuary to display your Team Spirit*

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

The Celebration Begins  
 "Kick-off Sunday"

*Share your team spirit by wearing the colors of your favorite team*

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

The Half-time Show

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

"It's Fourth and Goal!"

*Come cheer on the saints of God*

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

"It's Game Day"

"Victory Belongs to God – To God be the Glory"

*Reserve your place for the Tailgate Party and Celebration*

**Join us for the  
 Celebration**

**Sunday – Nov 3rd  
 GAME DAY!  
 All Saints Sunday**

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

11:45 a.m.  
 Tailgate Party

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



**Show your team spirit!**

Decorate a window in the sanctuary with artifacts from your favorite team. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to claim your window. Windows will be up Oct. 6 to Nov. 3

## Rector's Reflections



### Psalm 126:1-4

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,\*  
Then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,\*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,\*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us,\* and we are glad indeed.

This year has truly been an extraordinary one with God's abundant blessings everywhere! For these blessings and your dedication to our ministries and generous spirit, I am extremely grateful.

Over the next six weeks, we will have an opportunity to deepen our faith and commitment to the ministries of Trinity.

Each Sunday, we will show our team spirit. Members of our community will share reflections about how their life has been transformed by life at Trinity and invite us to consider what God is calling us to give back to God for his work in the coming year. In addition, a bulletin insert will include a reflection on the weekly Gospel lesson and the theme "Flourish in Faith." I invite you to join me in reading these reflections, spending some time considering the questions and examining what it truly means to "Flourish in Faith."

This is a time for reflection on all of life as gift from God: relationships, family, vocation, environment and material wealth. By returning to God a portion of this abundance, we become more like the generous God in whose image we have been created. How we earn, save, spend and give makes a significant difference in the life of others. Perhaps even more importantly, these activities impact our own spiritual well-being and our ability to flourish in faith.

This year, the vestry has set a goal of receiving financial commitments from 100% of our membership. These commitments will enable Trinity to grow in ministry, serving as the hands and feet of Christ in the world. I invite you to consider the many blessings in your life and how your giving reflects the image of a generous and loving God. If you are currently contributing 2% or 3% of your income to Trinity, consider "taking the next step" by increasing your commitment to 4% or 5%. With a significant and faithful commitment to God's work through Trinity we will be able to expand our hospitality and care for one another, increase our outreach to the hungry in Martinsburg, and work to make a difference for young children.

We hope the "Flourish in Faith" series will be a blessing to you and your family. We encourage you to take time to pray and listen to God during this pledge season. The Apostle Paul challenged believers to use the spiritual resources available to them - love, the power of the Spirit, and the intellect God gave us. Remember the Holy Spirit is at work quietly among us. Trust God to enable you to "Flourish in Faith."

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

## “Victory Belongs to God”

Scripture tells us that God first placed human beings in a garden to practice stewardship: cultivating, tending, toiling and caring for God’s garden (Genesis 2:15). From the opening verses of Genesis, God blesses and calls all of creation to be fruitful and flourish. As God’s stewards, it is our highest privilege to use the gifts that have been entrusted to us – relationships and resources – to ensure that the entire created order reaches its potential of life abundant.

Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic, theologian and Benedictine nun, named vitality and vigor of God *veriditas*, which means the green energy of great love pulsing through the entire universe. Wherever Hildegard looked she saw a green force animating every creature and plant with verdant divine love. Over and over in her writings she chose *veriditas* to express God’s goodness, mercy and love charging the whole world with life, beauty and renewal. She understood the tree to be a sign of God’s ongoing fellowship and humanity. The patriarchs and prophets who predicted Christ were “the roots” of the divine tree, from which sprouted the most delicate bud, God’s Son Jesus Christ. From Jesus grew the fruits of the twelve virtues: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

How do we find a ground in faith in this God of vitality and vigor? How do you flourish in faith in a culture that tells us not only that there is not enough, but so often, that you are not enough? Flourish can be defined as a bold or extravagant gesture of action, made especially to attract the attention of others. What is it that you can do to boldly trust God? The annual giving campaign is an opportunity for us to flourish in our faith. When we are intentional and faithful in our giving, we boldly tell the world that we want to grow in putting our trust in God. We trust, like Hildegard, in the green force pulsing through the universe. We trust, like Jesus, in God’s desire for life abundant.

Our congregation embraces these biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship. We do not view the money we give to Trinity merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, we 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 income.

Our Stewardship efforts are 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. We encourage 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 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, GAME DAY, 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.

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. Every attendee and member then completes an *Estimate of Giving Card*. And then, we party. During October and November we invite you to share your Team Spirit and help stewardship blossom at Trinity.

Join us on Game Day – November 3<sup>rd</sup> - to celebrate the victory as we gather to “break bread” together at our catered tail gate party.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation of Team Trinity.

**We're here to serve you!**

Sr. Warden: Pat McMillan  
Jr. Warden: Greg Janes  
Treasurer: Scott/Kiley Budka  
Asst. Treasurer: Peter Dufourny  
Clerk: Lisa Miller

Term Expires Jan 2014  
Greg Janes  
Pat McMillan  
Buzz Poland  
Vickie Smith

Term Expires Jan 2015  
Dan Harman  
Chip Hensell  
Leslie Jones  
Jim Seibert

Term Expires Jan 2016  
Peter Brewster

Phil Steptoe  
Peggy Whetzel

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Trustees  
Nina Arnett  
Hick Hamilton  
George Karos

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Staff  
Parish Administrator: Lisa Miller  
Organist: Coty Graff

**Join the Trinity Team ~  
Share your Time and Talent**

We invite you to join Team Trinity! No special talents required.

If you want to grow in your knowledge and love of God and have a willingness to experience joy. Come help us dream dreams. Come help us live into the future God is calling us to.

In addition to our money, we also commit our time and talent to serve on God's Team. 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.



**Rector's Discretionary Fund**

The loose cash offering on the first Sunday of the month helps to support the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This Fund helps to provide emergency assistance for food, housing, and utilities for those in need.

**"I was hungry and you fed me . . . "  
Help Fill the "Food Wagon"**

**CCAP/Loaves & Fishes**

Join Trinity parishioners by volunteering to help collect and deliver food to those who are hungry. Bring extra non-perishable food items to church on Sunday mornings to help fill our wagon.

**Kidz Power Pacs**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month our food collection at the family service will focus on support for Kidz Power Pacs. Ready to eat and microwavable single serve items for backpacks are especially desired.

# This and That

St. Mary's Guild  
Fall Festival - Fun, Food, Fellowship

Soup and Sandwich Sale  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Donations of gently used items for St. Mary's Attic Treasures and Baked Goods for sale are gratefully accepted.

Pre-orders on Soup and Sandwiches available.

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**HOLY SMOKE BAR-B-QUE**

**CANCELLED !!!**

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Wednesdays**  
Alternative Worship Journey

Join us  
November 6<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. – Soup, Salad & Fellowship  
6:45 p.m. - Worship



We Pray for One Another

Copies of the Parish Prayers for October are available in the front of the church. Please pick up a copy and include the parish and members of our community in your daily prayers. Note: Birthdays and Parish Prayer List are included in our Prayers

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## Seeking Reporters

We are in the need of individuals to assist with developing and implementing Trinity's Communication Strategy – TEMPO, Press Releases, Social Media, and Web Based Communication Presence. See Rev. Julie if you are interested.

## 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



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**Return Service Requested**

# Game Day ~ November 3<sup>rd</sup>

***Worship Services***  
Sundays  
7:30 am. - Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist  
  
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
  
Wednesdays  
Noon –Eucharist/Healing  
  
***Parish Office Hours***  
*Mon-Thrus.*  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Reserve your space for the Celebration!