

Trinity Episcopal Church

Martinsburg, West Virginia

Parish Profile



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Let us Pray:

Oh God, may your Holy Spirit be with all of us in Trinity's search for a new priest. Help us to listen to each other, as well as to our Eastern Panhandle community, and be ever mindful of your guiding hand. Lord, help us find a priest who will be able to not only fulfill our needs but also your will and desires. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen



Mission Statement and Goals

We are a welcoming, Christ-centered community:

Seeking God's will - Sharing God's wisdom - Serving God's people

As Episcopalians, we are followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We uphold the Bible and worship with the Book of Common Prayer. We believe in amendment of life, the forgiveness of sin, and life everlasting.

As Trinity Episcopal Parish, we strive to share the Good News of God, to grow as Christian disciples, and to respond to the needs of the world in the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way we look to share hope and grace. We share God's grace with each other through worship and liturgy.

We strive to live the Baptismal Covenant and express the Five Marks of Mission as developed by the Anglican Consultative Council.

All are welcome to find a spiritual home in the Episcopal Church.

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church: A Letter to our Candidates

Members of the Search Committee

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This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

February 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The members of Trinity Episcopal Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia welcome you to our community of worship and service. We are located within the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains and in the heart of downtown Martinsburg, in the center of the narrow eastern Panhandle of the State. Hopefully this Parish Profile will tell you something about us – where we came from, who we are, and where we want to go. We love our Church and are excited to tell you all about it. We want you to understand and see our potential as we see it. We are looking for a full time Priest-in-Charge who wants to join our journey into the future and flourish along with us in our community, and consider a call at a later time to be our Rector.

Norborne Parish came into existence about 1771 through the vision of the Pendleton brothers, Philip, William and Nathaniel. The original building is now gone. The current Church, located at the corner of College and King Streets, just two blocks off the city square, was completed in 1843.

Reading this profile will demonstrate that our search committee has spent many months exploring and relearning our history, where we are now, and sharing visions about our possible future. We have also discussed some of the joys and challenges facing Trinity and the Episcopal Church as a whole and how our Anglican Heritage might be better shared and expressed in our community.

For example:

- We are a welcoming Church, but we also realize we need more diversity and inclusivity among our membership especially in ethnicity and age. We want Trinity to more clearly reflect the population in our community.

- We have an active core of lay leadership and want to expand leadership and deeper involvement throughout our membership.
- The Church building is located in the heart of downtown Martinsburg, but many of the members commute to the Church from elsewhere in the city or area. Contact between the Church and its immediate neighborhood has languished, and we would like to see it revitalized.
- Trinity, like most communities, has an aging population with an abundance of both active and less active elderly persons.
- We do not provide a Rectory but do provide a housing allowance to choose their style home.
- We have an excellent pipe organ and a very talented organist. We also have a Steinway grand piano and parishioners who play it beautifully. Other members play a variety of instruments and our choir is a real joy.
- The current pandemic has provided us with many opportunities for better communication through technology. We have added equipment and volunteers that allow us to use live technologies including Facebook, YouTube and a low power FM channel.
- Many of our members are active in community charities. In fact, several of the largest in Martinsburg were begun by Trinity members who saw a need and responded.
- Having a Priest-in-Charge who is willing to help us deepen our spirituality and increase our membership is critical to our future.

Thank you for reading the Parish Profile of our beloved Trinity Episcopal Church. We will pray for you as you discern God's call: whether your purpose is with us or you decide to continue searching. Our best wishes are with you.

If the Holy Spirit inspires you to look further, please contact:

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And look for more information from the profile at the Office of Transitional Ministry of the Episcopal Church

Together in delight of the Lord,

The Search Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church

on behalf of the Vestry and People of Trinity



Our Parishioners Tell Us Their Hopes for a New Priest

The summary of many conversations about our next Priest-in-Charge is that we need an experienced person who wants to join our community and lead our parish family in the years to come. While we recognize that each candidate will have their own set of gifts and skills, an intensive canvass of our members provided the committee with many wishes and adjectives describing what they are looking for. While there were many different “words” used, several themes emerged.

Through much prayer and introspection, we are seeking:

1. A priest who values expanding community involvement; will lead us into exploring new ways to help the local population; and supports our ongoing mission of current outreach. We seek someone who is a flexible leader who values diversity and uses and appreciates the leadership abilities of Church members. He/she is an extrovert and values optimism.
2. While as a congregation we are looking for someone who is a faith role model and will be true to the liturgy, we also recognize that, in order to attract a younger and more diverse population, we need someone who is socially comfortable, has a sense of humor, and is approachable. Being tech savvy, possessing musical skills, and bi-lingual would be a plus.
3. Also high on the list is someone who attracts youth and families. It is best said by the response of one of our youth: a) “I look for a priest I feel comfortable asking questions, and someone who will use the word of the Lord to lift your spirits. I look for someone who can connect what’s happening in today’s society to the Bible and how it can be used in our lives and (b) a joyful and understanding person; c) I hope that the Church will have a space for children to learn about the Bible and connect with other children like I did growing up.”

The Great Commission

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. (Matthew 18:16-20)

Members of Trinity live in a large geographic area surrounding the city of Martinsburg with some driving as much as twenty miles or more each way to attend services and other functions. Almost half are retired and the other half are within working age. The 180 active members listed on the database live in 94 households. Members are fairly equal between male and female with two registering as non-specific. Most of the adult members are over the age of 65 (89) with 51 in the age 21-64 category and 8 in the 18-20 category. There are 8 members under the age listed on the Parochial Report.

Worship and Liturgy

Our typical schedule for worship (pre-Pandemic) includes Rite I at 8:00 (previously held at 7:30), and Rite II at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Additionally Morning Prayer Service is offered on Wednesdays followed by coffee and a light breakfast. Occasional midweek services are held at noon and later in the evening with a simple supper provided by attendees.



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:14-15

Digital Worship and Footprint

Trinity has built a digital presence for some time by using media for communication and evangelism. Trinity's website provides the history of the Church, information about connecting with the Church as well as community and local information.

Like many Churches, Trinity made a switch from a printed newsletter, "The Tempo," to a weekly "E-Tempo" using the Mail Chimp platform, and posted on the Church's Facebook page. In a few circumstances when a parishioner might not have digital access, a hard copy is provided. The E-Tempo not only provides Church and parishioner news, but also includes information from the Diocese, local and community news and notices of Pastoral Care. The goal is to make sure as many people as possible are given information. Separate Pastoral Care messages are sent from time to time along with notices regarding office hours, weather closings, or other crucial information.

Another important addition of the digital ministry is the donation portal. Members may choose to sign up for one-time or ongoing donations which are tied into the new computer accounting program in an attempt to accommodate everyone. The posted pledge form may be printed and mailed back to the Church office.

As experienced by most Churches, the third Sunday of Lent 2020 brought so many of us challenges and changes that were previously unimaginable. Our "physical" doors closed. The Church had been considering the digital world, but found it necessary to step up the process. Audio/Visual equipment was installed. Existing microphones were upgraded, allowing for the use of seven at one time. Services are now streamed live through YouTube, FaceBook and a low power FM channel available to cars in the parking lot and visitors are encouraged to come to the parking lot to watch the service on their electronic devices and participate in a safe outside Eucharist. We have gained several new members and many new followers using this format in order to conduct business and fellowship in a safe manner. The Church uses Zoom for Vestry, St. Mary's Guild, Adult Education and any other meetings, including the Search Committee.

It is our hope that our doors will open soon, but even after it is safe to re-gather, we plan to continue digital streaming services and many activities. We hope that commitment will provide access for everyone and broaden the reach of God's will, share God's wisdom and Serve God's people. None of this would have been possible without our "tech team" of volunteers who have learned how to use the equipment and spend countless hours providing on-the-spot support for the liturgical ministers and group leaders.



Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

--Anonymous

[Christian Education & Spiritual Growth Programs](#)

Trinity Martinsburg offers a variety of avenues for spiritual growth for members throughout their life-span. The following descriptions are of our pre-pandemic programs. In recent years, the number of children and youth have dwindled, but the enthusiasm of our volunteers has remained high. Sunday school Christian Education offered throughout the school year consists of three different age groups: preschool to first grade, second grade to fifth grade, and a middle/high school group. Classes range from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to an adolescent bible study and group discussion with young

adults about many of the hard decisions they must face in this complicated, fast-paced world in which we live. As of early 2020, Trinity had five Sunday school teachers who are endeavoring to instill Christian values in the hearts and minds of our children.



The children and young adults are invited and trained to serve as acolytes as early as possible. Many of our acolytes will serve for years in this role. In previous years, the second Sunday of each month was designated as the "children's service,"



using less traditional music, and focusing more on our youth in the Church. Today, Trinity would like to have liturgy at every service that reaches all ages and interests. School achievements of the kids and young adults, whether academic or athletic, are announced and celebrated with the adults in the congregation.

In the late summer Trinity has often held a Vacation Bible School for one week, normally focusing on a chosen theme, with crafts, singing, and Bible lessons. A small meal is offered for the children. Older children are also involved in the activities, assisting the adults with the lessons for the younger children.

Youth Activities

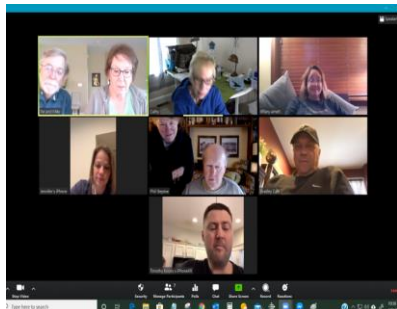
When possible the children and youth of Trinity are involved in small weekend field trips,



or an activity at one of the parent's homes. In addition, the children and young adults are encouraged to participate in local charities, such as the Crop Walk for Hunger and Backpack for Kids, as well as assist St. Mary's Guild in their many activities. Occasionally they volunteer for Church activities that take place.

Volunteerism is one of the Trinity Martinsburg hallmarks and we intend to instill that value in our younger members.





Adult Christian Formation

Our current situation has led to adult formation taking place at 4 p.m. on Sundays in the afternoon using Zoom. Discussions typically focus on the lectionary from the Sunday service according to the liturgical calendar. In the past, this group has met between the early and 10:30 a.m. services to allow those adults who wish to attend be able to do so regardless of their worship service preference.

Fellowship and Prayer Groups



In previous years, Trinity has supported Koinonia groups, formed by parishioners, where friends gather for simple meals and fellowship in smaller groups in one another's homes. It is a nice way for them to get to know each other on a more intimate scale than their own home settings. "First Wednesday's" supper group began meeting as a group at the Church for a simple supper and fellowship followed by a prayer service, Compline, or prayer session. It has recently fused into a Koinonia-style Compline to suit the schedule of those participating.



A Men's Group was formed to assist with the various needs of our facilities such as care for the courtyard, painting, and maintenance issues. They also have done projects of service for parishioners, specifically the elderly members needing work done in their homes. We have had a number of members participating in EFM, and the Alpha Series. Since 1970 a core group of members have been attending Wednesday morning prayer and then staying to enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship afterwards. A noon

Eucharist with a monthly luncheon provided by the St. Mary's Guild was also established. These are just a few examples of the fellowship groups which have existed at Trinity in recent years.

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:35

[Outreach Ministry and Social Action Highlights](#)

Trinity Church houses Norborne Daycare and Preschool. It is a non-profit preschool and day care organization founded through the efforts of Trinity Episcopal Church of Martinsburg, WV in 1969 to provide resources for low income families to enrich the whole community. It is now licensed to serve 60 children.



Two community outreach programs in our town were developed collaboratively by Trinity Martinsburg and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In 1983, the first independent-living housing facility in Martinsburg, King's Daughters' Court opened their doors and the Community Congregational Action Project

(CCAP) Loaves and Fishes was established. Trinity parishioners continue to this day providing food and emergency services to low and underserved residents of Berkeley County. Trinity's newest ministry is our endowment of two new funding sources at the Eastern West Virginia Community Fund, made possible by the sale of King's Daughters Court, a HUD-certified senior housing facility that was established as a joint undertaking between Trinity and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Martinsburg. As the duties of running a HUD facility increasingly required specialization in the policies, the Board of Directors began the process of selling the facility to a management company which would continue to run it as it is, but also be able to make meaningful upgrades and repairs as needed. The Board agreed to deposit the proceeds into an account at the Eastern West Virginia Community Fund, and to seed a new Field of Interest Fund, the King's Daughters Senior Citizens Charitable Fund, which supports programs targeted at the elderly. The Board also seeded a second donor-directed fund, which some of the Board members advise, which awards grants for smaller and more creative programs for the elderly.



Hospice of the Panhandle began through the generosity of the members of Trinity Martinsburg and their vision. Individual parishioners are active in numerous community outreach programs. Here are a few of the known charities our members support by giving their time, talent or treasure: Berkeley Senior Center, the PASS program, Board of Health, Parks and Recreation, Salvation Army, Red Cross Blood Drives, Rescue Mission, Berkeley County Humane Society, United Way, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment

Center, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, the Peterkin Camp & Conference Center, Coalition for the Homeless, the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship program, the Boys & Girls Club of Berkeley County and the multiple charities served through the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWWCF). Parishioners also partner with local schools to provide book bags and school supplies to children in need--Kidz Power Pacs. At the end of each year the Vestry makes a number of substantial gifts to local charities. In 2020, gifts totaled \$16,000.

Trinity Martinsburg is community focused. Members of St. Mary's Guild and the Church as a whole, serve on many community boards and volunteer at organizations. Outreach has always been an important part of the heart of Trinity. We hope that our new Priest-in-Charge will not only support our efforts but also point us in the directions of new and needed opportunities.

Members participate in "Faith Feeding Freedom," a feeding program which provides packed lunches for distribution to the homeless. Members also participate in the Kidz Backpack Program which meets the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, (such as weekends and school vacations) and The Mitten Tree which provides gloves to children in need.

Our most recent, exciting outreach ministry is the Blessing Box, a repurposed old newspaper box placed at the Church for use by homeless or anyone in need. We started this ministry in July 2020, of this year, and we are constantly filling it with personal care products, food, clothes, and anything we hear the homeless community needs. Donations from our own parishioners and members of the local community have been generous and we are committed to continuing this new ministry for the foreseeable future.

At the end of the Vietnam War our parishioners sponsored the relocation of a family from Cambodia, the Huor family: a father, a mother, and their seven children. Mr. Lay Huor served as the Sexton at Trinity Parish for 37 years until his retirement in 2012. This was

a huge step for the Parish at the time and is well remembered by many. Perhaps this will set a precedent and foundation for present day efforts to support our neighbors in the community and around the world.

One of the most popular annual events of the Church is the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, sponsored by St. Mary's Guild.

There is great community anticipation (rumors are we have the best sausage around!) and participation. We hope to re-energize this event post-pandemic! St. Mary's Guild supports Church families during retirements, funerals, baptisms and weddings, by hosting meals, giving gifts and providing support. Over the years, the ministry of St. Mary's Guild has expanded to become more than a group that just supports the Church members.



Support Staff

Our Office Administrator is **Lisa Miller**. She does an outstanding job keeping the business of the Church running smoothly and responding to the needs of our parishioners as they arise. Lisa also serves as the bookkeeper for the Church accounts and holds much of the oral history of Trinity in her heart and mind.



Our music director is **Coty Graff** and he is often seen with a trusted canine companion, **Sweet Pea**. Coty masterfully plays our organ and welcomes the talents of many parish musicians. **The Parish Choir** is made up of volunteers and sings at the 10:30 service. From time to time, cantors and soloists round out the excellent musical offerings.

The Great Commandment

You shall love the Lord your God with all heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and the great commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-40; Mark 12:28-40; Luke 10:25-28)

The History of Trinity Church

Trinity Episcopal Church, also known as the Norborne Parish, was formed on the first day of 1771 through the division of the old Frederick, Virginia Parish, and through geographical changes approved by Norborne Berkeley (Lord Botetourt), a popular Virginia Royal Governor. Trinity was and still is the only Episcopal Church in what is now the City of Martinsburg. The Old Stone Church and Cemetery earliest completion date is recorded as circa 1776, as recorded by Reverend, John Douglas. The oldest plat available of Martinsburg is dated (1790) and shows the Old Stone Church as being located within what is now Lot 108 in Norborne cemetery.

According to Church records housed in the archives, the Norborne Parish - Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry meeting of May 12, 1837 approved a resolution to build a new Church and locate it in a central location of Martinsburg. This central location was Lot 143 on plat (1790) at the corner of College and King Street. The Old Stone Church had become structurally unsafe for continued use and a new building was necessary. At the same time, the Vestry also resolved that maintenance of the Norborne Cemetery would be a permanent responsibility of the Church. Today, the upkeep of this historic cemetery is supervised by a group of members. It has a separate investment portfolio.

The existing Church was constructed over several years, 1841–1843 and consecrated by the Right Reverend William Meade, Bishop of Virginia, on November 8, 1843. (The Diocese of West Virginia and Norborne Parish was formed out of the Diocese of Virginia in 1877). A minor furnace fire in 1872 was quickly extinguished with minimal damage.

Building Renovations & Improvements

Major renovations to the Church on King Street began in 1954 with the excavation of the undercroft to build classrooms. In 1966, a new Parish Hall was built, and the Sanctuary was extensively remodeled including the addition of the choir loft, a freestanding altar, new offices, parish library, and a chapel. A bequest provided an outstanding Moeller pipe organ in 1981. A Columbarium was installed in the Narthex in 1994. Originally it was only on the west side. In 2011, an additional section was added to the east side. Stained glass windows, added over the years, have enhanced the beauty of the Church.

Our Facilities

We have an historic Church, built in 1837, and extensively remodeled in 1966. An elevator was installed in the 1980s. Over the last three years, we have performed extensive upgrades to our facilities, including nave and sanctuary flooring, lighting, and sound system. We purchased and demolished an adjacent building and built a parking lot for the Church and preschool. We replaced the lower level and several upper level windows with modern, thermally efficient windows. There are now ADA-compliant modernized restrooms throughout the facility.

We are currently planning to modernize the lower level with new floors, repainting, and the creation of a media center to be shared with the preschool. The stained glass windows in the Church and parish hall need repair, and we have obtained an estimate for this work. Our Church building is a work in progress, and we are striving to stay ahead on upkeep and at the same time make necessary and mission-minded improvements.

Recent Clergy

1961-1968	Reverend W. Scott Harvin
1968-1974	Reverend E. James Lewis
1974-1980	*Reverend Charlie F. McNutt Jr.
1981-1984	Reverend Robert E. Graves
1985-1991	*Reverend James E. Waggoner II
1993-2003	Reverend Jack T. Sutor
2006-2019	Reverend Julie Nan Harris

*Denotes selection as Bishop later in their service to the Church.



[The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia](#)

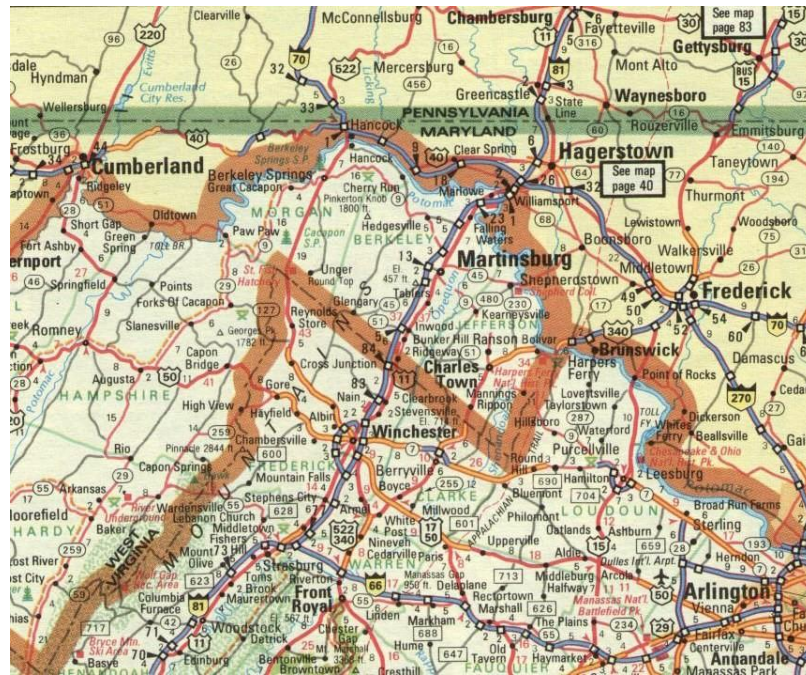
Trinity Church Martinsburg is located in the [Diocese of West Virginia](#), which encompasses the entire State, and includes sixty-five Churches and missions organized into seven deaneries. The current Bishop of the West Virginia Diocese is the Right Reverend W. Michie Klusmeyer, the Seventh Bishop of West Virginia. As of 2021, a search is underway for a Coadjutor.

The Diocese boasts a well used Retreat Center, Sandscrest, located in Wheeling, WV and a well-loved Diocesan Summer Camp and Conference Center, Peterkin, situated along the south branch of the Potomac River.

Many members of Trinity have enjoyed retreats and summer camps sponsored by the Diocese. The Diocese of West Virginia hosts a number of important programs to support low-income and marginal populations. Description of Diocesan Programs and Organizations – Some of the Diocesan programs that have been taking place over the years include “HEP,” or the Highland Educational Project in McDowell County, where residents have received assistance in anything from home repairs and food pantry items to addiction recovery support. Reading camps that incorporate using music, games and activities by teachers assist students in their learning and keeping up with the skills needed even throughout the months of the summer. Children’s and Youth ministries are each given a role within this Diocese and there is always room for growth and opportunity for new ideas.

The Commission on Racism and Diversity (CORD) is continuing to develop new initiatives, and the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are creating new programs. The Episcopal Women’s Ministries is strong in our state with great leadership and strong contributions to the United Thank Offering (UTO). Members of Trinity are found among the volunteers for these and other Diocesan programs. Trinity Church has been the site of several

Diocesan Conventions, Province III gatherings, and over the years, members and Rectors have served in a significant way in the Diocese on the Standing Committee and other Church Councils. The aforementioned are just a few of the diocesan programs of The Diocese of West Virginia.



[The Heritage and History of Martinsburg,](#)

[Berkeley County, and the surrounding areas.](#)

Martinsburg is located in one of the most historical and scenic areas in the United States. An answer on "Jeopardy" identified Martinsburg as the town that changed hands more times than any other during the Civil War. The city sits at the northern edge of the Shenandoah Valley which stretches along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountain Range in the eastern United States. South of Martinsburg is the Blue Ridge Parkway, including the beautiful Skyline Drive. Antietam National Battlefield is located 14 miles north of Martinsburg, where the bloodiest day of the American Civil War took place. The entire area is included in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage area, featuring many sites related to this great conflict in our nation's history.



Today, there are several National Parks nearby: Gettysburg is less than an hour to the north. Harper's Ferry (shown here) is a short twenty minute drive to the east and Antietam National Park is less than thirty minutes away. Just north of Shepherdstown is a section of the C & O Canal towpath and a 184.5 mile long linear park with headquarters ten miles away in Williamsport. It is on the north side of the nearby Potomac River, attracting hikers,

boaters, and bicyclists from across the world. Also close are undeveloped nature preserves Yankauer and Sleepy Creek.

I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

The central portion of the Appalachian Trail is nearby, and the area provides many opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. There are several ski and recreation areas within an hour's drive. With easy access to Maryland to the north and Virginia to the south, Martinsburg is part of a large tri-state area.



We are fortunate to be 86 miles from the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC, with many attractions such as the Smithsonian, the African American Museum, the Holocaust Museum and a wide choice of entertainment, culture and food venues. Trains from the MARC station in downtown Martinsburg, run several times a day into and out of the metro area.

(Burnside Bridge, Antietam shown here)

*If I cannot do great things I can do small things in a great way.
----Martin Luther King*

Almost equally distant from Martinsburg is Baltimore, Maryland (89 miles). Among the many offerings is a visit to Ft. McHenry National Park, celebrating our victory in the War of 1812 and the birthplace of the Star-Spangled Banner, the world renowned Johns-Hopkins Medical complex and Morgan State University, an Historic Black University. Closer to home is Shepherdstown (7 miles) one of the oldest towns in West Virginia, established in 1762. In 1787, James Rumsey successfully launched the first steamboat there. It is also the home of Shepherd University established in 1871. Shepherd University provides a variety of liberal arts four-year degree programs in science, fine arts, and pre-med, six Masters degrees and a Doctor of Nursing Practice. The town boasts a charming downtown with shops, restaurants, B&B's and the famous Bavarian Inn Hotel and Restaurant. To the west is the small community of Berkeley Springs (18 miles), known for its healing thermal waters, and a visit from George Washington, aged 16. Several of the "Founding Fathers" made land purchases in this area. The entire area offers numerous theatre offerings, concert arenas and educational opportunities.

However, it is not necessary to travel far to find lots of things to do! Within the city limits is the War Memorial Park, established in 1947. There you can swim, play volleyball, pickleball, miniature golf, tennis, and use one of the many pavilions for picnics and family events, along with concerts and other local events. One of the highlights is the Annual Labor Day breakfast. Nothing compares to arriving at the park smelling country ham and steak cooking on the grill. Add some eggs, toast and applesauce and it is an event you won't ever forget. Berkeley County boasts 18 public parks. Other county parks host a variety of activities including disc golf, in-line hockey, horseback riding, fishing, and so much more.

Sports enthusiasts will find a wide variety to attend. Berkeley County has four high school football teams which participate in AAA categories. The Martinsburg Bulldogs are five-time defenders of the State championship. They are ranked #22 in the High School Football America Mid-Atlantic Region top 25. The Musselman Applemen also hold three West Virginia state titles. College sports are available at Shepherd University, West Virginia University, University of Maryland and University of Virginia. For the pro-sports fans, DC United, the Baltimore Ravens, the Washington Football Team, Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles as well as the Washington Capitals and Wizards host games nearby.

There are several religious landmarks located nearby that mean a lot to us. Special places near to us are the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. and Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. Over the years our members have attended services and our acolytes have served on West Virginia Day, a memorable occasion for them and our parishioners.

The Morgan Chapel, also known as Christ Episcopal Church Bunker Hill, is another special place. It is the oldest Episcopal congregation in West Virginia, established in 1741, with the current building being built in 1851. During the Civil War, the chapel was occupied by both union and confederate troops who wrote recently uncovered graffiti on the walls. Efforts are ongoing to restore the building. In short, Berkeley County and the surrounding areas offer something for everyone, whether you are a history buff, a sports enthusiast or a lover of the outdoors and nature.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 100

The Community of Martinsburg Berkeley County and Eastern Panhandle of WV (Source - Chamber of Commerce)

Berkeley County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of West Virginia with a current population of 120,000. Martinsburg is the County Seat with the Courthouse and a large County complex within the city limits. In the last ten years the population grew at a rate of 14%. Its location, near to the Washington DC-Baltimore metroplex, coupled with reasonable housing value (Median Rent=\$955, Median Mortgage/housing cost=\$1,323), has made it a destination for commuters and retirees alike. The mean travel time to work is a little over thirty minutes. Seventy-four percent of housing stock is owner occupied. Over 90% of the households own computers and over 80% use broadband, making it possible to work from home, a trend which has grown dramatically during the 2020 pandemic. Median household income is \$62,515, but there is a poverty rate of 11%. The largest employers in the area are agencies of the Federal Government (IRS, ATF, USCG) and a large Veterans Hospital is located nearby. Employment is also provided by the State of West Virginia, and many private corporations (Procter & Gamble, Clorox, Walmart, Lowes, Macy's) through large warehouse and distribution hubs. There is a major medical

hub in the city, and large medical hubs in nearby Winchester and Hagerstown, employing numbers of physicians, nurses, and medical assistants. There are several noted educational facilities nearby providing training in Liberal Arts (Shepherd College) and trades (Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, James Rumsey Institute). Four High Schools and 15 Elementary Schools are located in and around Martinsburg. Trinity Episcopal Church houses one of the premiere Pre-School and Day Care Centers in the city. Norborne PreSchool has been in existence for over 50 years and recently expanded its program to accommodate on-line learning during the Pandemic. The Church and PreSchool work hand-in-hand for the welfare of the children, some of whom benefit from local subsidies for their care and education. Trinity and Norborne have been exploring the idea of expanding into a shared use for the Sunday School rooms in the undercroft, thus offering more space to the PreSchool during the week.

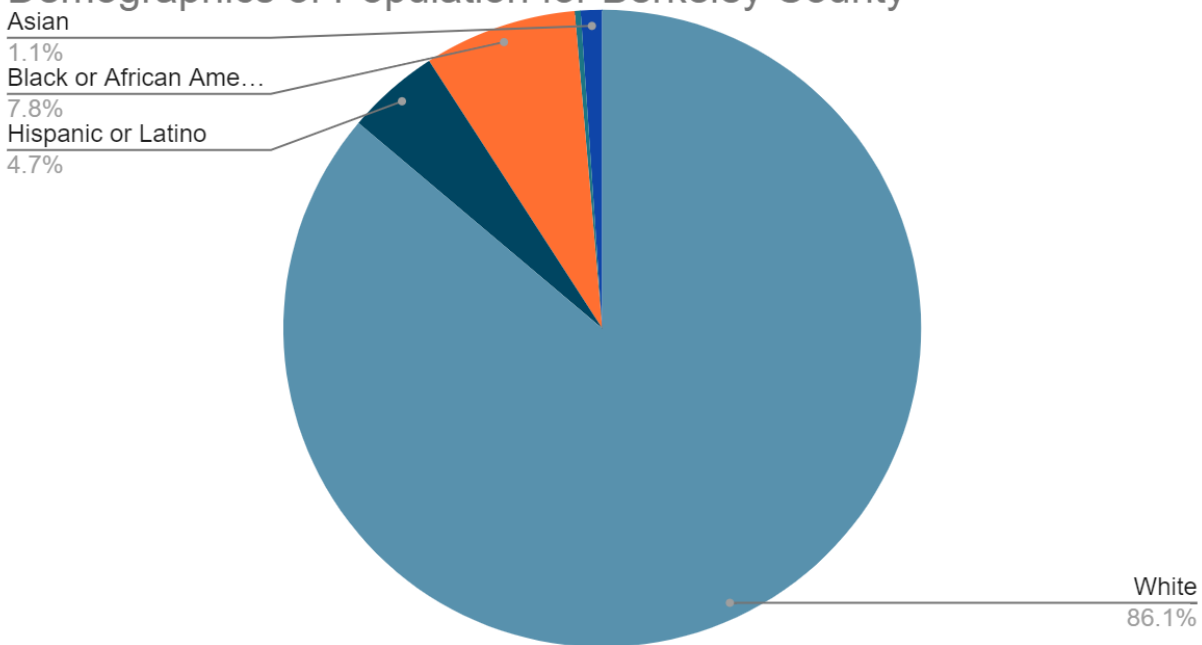
[The Community of Martinsburg Berkeley County and Eastern Panhandle of WV Source - Chamber of Commerce](#)

Current Population Census & Growth information

Population

Population, Census, April 1, 2010 actual 104,169

Demographics of Population for Berkeley County



High School graduate or higher, percent/persons 25 years+, 2015 – 2019	89%
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Bachelor's Degree or higher, percent/persons 25years+, 2015 – 2019	21.2%
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Health

Persons with a disability, under age 65 years, percent	11.5%
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Persons without health insurance percentage, under 65 years of age,	7.6 %
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Economy

Civilian Labor Force total percent of population 16 years+, 2015 -2019 65.1%

Transportation

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+ 2015 – 2019	30.6m
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Income & Poverty

Median household income (in 2019 dollars), 2015 – 2019
\$62,515

Persons in poverty,
11%

Business

Total Business Employer Establishments (2018)	1653
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Total Annual Payroll (2018) - (\$1,000)
\$1.17 B.

Medical Facilities and Medical Services Available

West Virginia University Hospital, Berkeley Medical Center (BMC), Jefferson Medical Center (JMC) Valley Health Winchester, Meritus Medical Hagerstown

Current Business Outlook – Employers

Business Outlook, 2021 - 2025

Federal Employers: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Veterans Administration, (VA), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), United States Coast Guard (USCG) Air National Guard

WV State: Division of Motor Vehicles, Division of Highways, WVU Health, DHHR

Berkeley County: County Government & Board of Education

Private Corporations: Procter & Gamble, Clorox, Walmart, Lowes, Macy's, Amazon, GM AutoParts, RustOleum, numerous agriculture and orchard operations

School Employment – Berkeley County Schools, Shepherd University, Blue Ridge CTC, American University (Charles Town)

Medical Fields: Physicians, Nursing, Medical Specialties & Assistants

Links:

Berkeley County Schools www.berkeleycountyschools.org

Trinity Martinsburg www.trinitymartinsburg.org

WVU hospitals www.wvumedicine.org

Diocese of West Virginia www.wvdiocese.org

City of Martinsburg www.cityofmartinsburg.org

National Parks www.nps.gov

Berkeley Springs www.berkeleysprings.com

Ski Resorts. www.Yelp.com

War Memorial Park. www.mbcparks-rec.org

CCAP. www.mainstreetmartinsburg.com

Norborne Daycare. www.norbornecenterwv.com

Shepherd University. www.shepherd.edu

Chamber of Commerce. www.uscensus.gov/martinsburg/wv

Minghini, Lorraine and VanMetre, Thomas E: [The History of Trinity Church and Norborne Parish](#)

Position:

Full-time Priest-in-Charge appointed by the Bishop of West Virginia

An invitation to Explore and Discern:

- ❖ Read this profile
- ❖ Take a look at our website and read the Annual Report
- ❖ Check out our location
- ❖ View our on-line worship
- ❖ PRAY!! And discern
- ❖ Check out the OTM profile
- ❖ Talk to your loved ones and colleagues
- ❖ PRAY! And discern
- ❖ Contact the Bishop of West Virginia