Grounded in Grace, Growing in Love

Stewardship at Trinity Church

Each year all Episcopal churches, and most mainline congregations partake in a season of financial stewardship. Of course Christian Stewardship is about much more than money. Christian Stewardship is about how we use all that we have, all of the time to the good of the Kingdom of God. We believe this is the right perspective because we believe that all that we have, our money, our talents, our words, our bodies, is a gift from God. Yet, at this time of year our congregation takes a moment to ask all her members to make a financial pledge or what has really become an “estimate of giving” for the coming year. There is no difference between a “pledge” and an “estimate of giving.” However the phrase, “estimate of giving” more properly recognizes the fact that your gift is always between you and God. You are in control of your financial gifts to Trinity Church. Unlike almost all other membership organizations, where “dues” are mandatory, your gift to Trinity is meant to come from the heart.

The theme for our 2018 campaign is, Grounded in Grace, Growing in Love. Trinity Church is a place where the Grace of God abounds and a place where the Love of God is our guide.

On October 22 we will welcome the Rev. Becca Stevens to Trinity. Becca is not primarily an author, though she has written a book, or a speaker, though she does travel to tell her story. Becca is primarily a priest who, by God’s grace, has built a community of compassion and love for women who are seeking reconciliation from prostitution and addiction. The clergy were attracted to Becca coming to Trinity because she is not primarily someone who talks about following Jesus but rather one who does it. Becca has been instrumental in growing communities grounded in the compassion and Love of Jesus. As she says in her new book, “When we cultivate compassion for others, we can feel the loving-kindness God offers to us.”

There are so many ways we “do” the ministry of Jesus at Trinity. One of those ways is highlighted in the accompanying article by Trinitarian Hank Methvin. His story is one of so many different ways we at Trinity are Grounded in Grace and Growing in Love.

Collective Creativity

I believe that God offers each of us the gift of creativity. This Divine gift links our lives to God’s Creation and God’s continuous presence in this world. Practicing God’s gift of creativity gives us the power to connect with unnoticed communities in unexpected ways.

As Christians, we must address the human challenges in our midst. The mystery of “the other” or “the outsider” is part of God’s invitation to us. Responding to the life and example of Jesus encourages each of us to face “the other” and encounter folks we have forgotten in the pursuit of our daily routines.

Taking part in The Church of the Advocate gives me a glimpse into marginalized communities in Downtown Asheville. We work together on art projects before Sunday service as a meditation and a reflection of our lives. I learn something new about God’s world during each of these sessions.

Working among this community challenges my preconceptions about folks I often disregard. But ultimately I am offered a treasure of new relationships and new insights. My belief in the power of God’s gift of creativity is supported by this sacred time.

One of our tasks as Christians is to share our experiences with each other. If this ministry matches your interests, please join us at 12 noon on Sundays or join our new daytime art program on Thursday mornings.

Please ask me to give you more information about this wonderful community and the collection of programs that support The Church of The Advocate.

Hank Methvin is new to Asheville and Trinity Church. His professional life includes work in architecture, environmental/urban design, and education. Hank’s lay ministry and study includes environmental theology, community creativity, and spiritual direction.

Trinity Adopting Lake Logan Cabin

Trinity is “adopting” a Lake Logan cabin. We will be looking for volunteers to help paint Ash cabin. If you have questions or would like to help, call Paul Dismukes at 828-231-7997 or email Paul at pdismukes@gmail.com. Work will begin October 3.
St. Francis

Dogs and cats, horses and hamsters, rabbits and lizards.

Bring your four-legged and winged friends, be they scaly or furry, big or small, feathery or fuzzy for Trinity’s annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday Oct. 8 at 4 p.m.

Held outside in the Chapel Courtyard, our priests will be present with holy water and short prayers to bless your beloved -- and even your problematic -- pets. Though we don’t promise perfect behavior post-blessing, this service is always full of joy, laughter, barks, meows, and the holy reminder of the gift of an animal’s companionship.

St. Francis loved all of God’s creation and blessed all of God’s creatures. This brief service in the Chapel Courtyard will offer God’s blessings on our beloved animal companions, using prayers and music from the tradition of St. Francis.

All Saints Sunday

The First Sunday in November (this year Nov. 5) is known as All Saints’ Sunday. All Saints’ Day is on November 1 and the feast can also be celebrated on the following Sunday. On this day we remember all the Saints of God who have gone before us. Here at Trinity this also includes all those from our own community who have died since last All Saints’ Day.

Love Heals

Love Heals is the newly published book by Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms, www.thistlefarms.org. From November 5 to November 26 we will hold a Forum where Becca’s book will be our guide. You can pick up a copy at your favorite bookstore, electronic reader, Audible, and we have some copies here at Trinity that will offer for a donation on Sunday mornings.

Steffens will give us firsthand examples of how Christ is present and transformative in the midst of culture, even amid the most challenging circumstances. Since 1997, Thistle Farms has served as a sanctuary for survivors of abuse. For two decades, Thistle Farms has welcomed women with free residences that provide housing, medical care, therapy, education, and income-earning enterprises. Stevens will share with us how Christ’s love really can change the world as our speaker during Forum, held in the Nave on this Sunday, and as our preacher at our morning services.

Becca will have a new book, Love Heals, which promises to heal and transform a broken and hurting world. It promises to be a timely book to engage. Copies of Love Heals are available at the church office for $13.00 as long as the supply lasts.

Steffens will be bringing with her at least one of the women who have benefited from the holy work of Thistle Farms, giving us a chance to hear firsthand what such transformative ministry is like to experience. The Rev. Stevens’ new book, Love Heals, will also be the subject of our next Forum series, exploring all the ways the love of Christ can engage. Copies of Love Heals are available at our morning services.

Shifting Roles at Trinity

By Scott White

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Sandy Grant, a former Jr. Warden and leader of much at Trinity, will assume the new role of Breakfast Coordinator. The role is a paid, temporary, part-time role. We will reassess the Job Description for the 2018 budget year.

Sandy will be assuming the role of Breakfast Coordinator in place of Debbie Cox. Debbie will therefore be “freed-up” to focus on youth ministry on Sundays, including leadership of our Acolytes.

Which brings me to our second transition, moving Debbie Cox into the role of Acolyte Leader. Our current Acolyte Leader, Anna Whisnant, graciously understands the reasoning of this change. She even describes how when she was starting as an acolyte at Trinity many years ago the youth minister was Acolyte Leader. Our prayer is for our youth to experience a more seamless connection between all youth activities at Trinity. As well, our younger acolytes will be able to begin a relationship with Debbie in the acolyte ministry. With Debbie as Acolyte Leader, this melding becomes more of a possibility. Debbie, Anna, and I will be working on this transition in the weeks to come. Of course, Anna will continue to be available to sub and support training, etc.

When you see Sandy, please thank her for her service. Sandy will begin her role right away. No doubt you have already see her on Sunday! And when you see Anna, please thank her for amazing dedication service and for her more than gracious understanding of our goals in this transition.
Panharmonia

“On this Harvest Moon”

Thursday, Oct 5 at 6:00

Come after work and enjoy the music! Revel in the beautiful soundscape of flute, bassoon, and guitar this October, as Pan Harmonia celebrates the Harvest Moon in an admission-free community concert at Trinity. Music will include works by Swedish sound designer Fredrik Holm, JS Bach, and Brazilian Choro master Ernesto Nazareth. Enjoy an acoustic show with a varied yet inclusive program for all music lovers in the signature style of Pan Harmonia. Awaken your senses and join us for a special musical experience. Kate Steinbeck, flute • Rosalind Buda, bassoon • Amy Brucksch, guitar

Make your advanced dinner reservations at Chestnut Restaurant, and in return, they will make a donation to Trinity Place, our shelter for runaway teens.

Parish Retreat Follow-Up

The last weekend of August saw the first Trinity Parish Retreat in many years. Sixty some members gathered at Lake Logan Episcopal Center from Friday evening to Sunday noon for a time of fellowship, relaxation, and recreation. The feedback from those who attended is overwhelmingly complete satisfaction and joy. We gathered in fellowship around the campfire each evening, prayed together, played together and had fun. There were hikes, boating, golfing, fishing, swimming, yoga, reading, and napping.

The greatest piece of feedback, however, was how wonderful it was to get to know other Trinitarians in ways that no other event would have allowed. Since we did not pre-arrange a date for a repeat in 2018, we find ourselves not being able to secure Lake Logan. So, we move forward with plans for a repeat in 2019. We sent all participants an evaluation after the weekend. Here are some of the responses:

Q: What went well from your perspective?
R: Everything!; Well organized; Wonderful mix of spirituality and fellowship in a beautiful setting; All of it!, the cabins were great, the kids were great, social hour was fun!

Q: What would you like to see different next time?
R: Nothing!; More athletics, like tennis; Maybe a speaker on Saturday morning; I would like to do the labyrinth.

Q: How did you like the mix of organized time and free time on a scale of 0-100?
R: Perfectly balanced at 50.

Q: How did your time deepen your faith and help you encounter God?
R: Meeting more members enhanced my connection to everyone and to God; Being in a beautiful place with a great group of people always increases my faith; The worship services in such a beautiful place helped me see God anew.

Celtic Choral Eucharist for All Saints’

November 5 at 5:30 PM

Celebrate this festive day, led by the Chancel Choir singing anthems by John Goss, Charles Wood and Margaret Rizza.
**Godly Play Teacher Gathering**

*Sunday, Oct., 6:30- 8:30*

Our Godly Play teachers meet periodically throughout the year to connect with one another and to touch base on what is happening in the classroom. This is a time for us to share a story and wonder about it. Just like the children! We take time to check in with one another in a personal way and to be a support for each other in our spiritual development. We also spend time tackling any issues that may arise in the classroom.

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**Godly Play Open House**

*Sunday, Oct. 29th*

All parents are invited to attend class with their child on Sunday, Oct. 29th from 9:30-10:30. This is a chance to see Godly Play in action and hopefully come away with a better idea of why we do the things we do and how the children are brought into the stories of our faith. You will be participating as a full-fledged class member-NOT observing! We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Club 345 Goes to Asheville Science Museum - Sunday, Oct. 22nd**

Our October outing will be just down the road at the science museum! We are going to have our own specially led program called “MediEvil Motion”. Using creativity and material science, students will build mini projectiles! Students will test launch their designs of different weights, shapes and patterns. They will be measuring and graphing results! Should be fun!

Pizza will be ordered (donations, please) and we will eat in Tuton Hall and then walk to the museum to start at 12:30 pm. Pick up time and cost yet to be determined. Get this on your calendar and rsvp to Beth!
October Sunday School for grades 9-12
“The Journey of Acts” with Glenda McDowell
Acts is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote Acts to record how believers were empowered by the Holy Spirit and to spread the Gospel.

Jr EYC (Grades 6-8)
Zipline Canopy Adventures
Sunday, October 1st • 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Cost: $40.00
Please RSVP by September 28th.

“Holy Grounds”
October 3rd and October 5th at 7:00 am
First Tuesday of every month at City Bakery on Biltmore Ave.
First Thursday of every month at Starbucks (across from Carolina Day School)

EYC (grades 9-12)
October 8
Blessing of the Animals and Asheville Pizza
Bring your pet! • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Trinity Night at the Movies
(Grades 6-12)
Join us at River Hills 10 Cinemas in Asheville for a free showing of WONDER on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 pm.
Please reserve your seat now! Limited space available!

Cuba Reunion
We are having a reunion!
Please join us Sunday, October 22nd, at 5:30 pm, for the Celtic Service and Dinner
All youth who went to Cuba Mission Trip 2017!
(Below)

Diocesan EYC Fall Conference
Grades 9-12
October 27th - 29th • Valle Crucis Conference Center
Please register at www.diocesewnc.org.

Welcome, Rebecca
We warmly welcome Rebecca Knecht as our new assistant for children and youth. Rebecca will be helping Debbie with EYC and Beth with Children’s Hour. She is 21 years old and an Asheville native, currently studying Ethics and Social Institutions at UNC-A. As a child, Rebecca went to Camp Henry for 12 years and has been on staff as a counselor for the past 3 summers. We are very excited to have Rebecca on board and invite all to welcome her to Trinity!
Adult Forum
Through October 22
In The Undercroft

The Episcopal Church is one denomination of Christ’s holy Catholic Church and our identity is unique. Our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, says, “We are the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.” In this seven-week class, led by the Rector, we will learn how the Episcopal Church came to be and how it continues to offer a unique expression of life in Christ. We will look through the lens of the Book of Common Prayer to understand the Episcopal church’s expressions of faith: theology, sacraments, scripture, prayer and holy living. We will also take some time to explore the particular identity of Trinity Church. This class is especially appropriate for those who are new to the Episcopal Church or new to Trinity. Those who take this class will be prepared to be confirmed or received by our bishop when he visits Trinity.

October 22
Love Heals
Featuring the Rev. Becca Stevens
In The Nave
See page 2.

October 29
Mission Focus Sunday
In the Undercroft

Since its inception, Trinity parish has been profoundly committed to mission with its members planting churches through the region, founding Mission Hospital, and having a formative hand in almost every significant social services organization: ABCCM, Meals on Wheels, and the local Habitat chapter. But Trinitarians have also been involved with mission throughout the world with a variety of organizations. On this Sunday, we will hear about a few of these.

Adult Christian Formation

Oct 1
1 Adult Forum: Exploring the Episcopal Experience
2 Adult Forum: Beyond the Belly of the Whale: Jonah and Jewish-Christian Relations
2 Parents in Conversation: How to Read the Bible (with your Kids and Teens)
2 Becoming Beloved Community (3:30 every other Sunday)

Oct 8
1 Adult Forum: Exploring the Episcopal Experience
2 Parents in Conversation: How to Read the Bible (with your Kids and Teens)

Oct 15
1 Adult Forum: Exploring the Episcopal Experience
2 Parents in Conversation: Open Topics

Oct 22
1 Adult Forum
3 Adult Forum: Love Heals: Rev. Becca Stevens
3 Parents in Conversation: Love Heals: Rev. Becca Stevens

Oct 29
3 Mission Focus Sunday: Organizations

October 1
Becoming Beloved Community
An Episcopal Journey to Racial Healing, Reconciliation, and Justice
First Sunday of every month in the Conference Room
Led by the Rev. Dennis Fotinos, and using The Episcopal Church’s resources to address racism in American culture, this group represents not so much a set of programs as a journey, a set of interrelated commitments around which Episcopalians can gather our many efforts to grow as a community of reconcilers, healers, and justice makers. The group meets on the first Sunday of each month at 3:30 pm, representing Trinity’s first adult formation offering prior to the Celtic Eucharist. This group meets September through June.

October 1, 8
Parents in Conversation:
How to Read the Bible (with Your Kids and Teens)
Clark Room
Who are the most important spiritual influences in the life of your child or teenager? It’s probably not your priest or even your youth or children’s ministers. It’s probably you. So how do we go about passing on the Christian faith within our families? During the first four weeks in Parents in Conversation, we are going to explore the basics of reading the Bible with the help of theologian Alan Storey and the “Manna & Mercy” series. The Bible can be a daunting book, full of ancient customs, wisdom, and stories that can be confusing to modern ears. Storey and “Manna & Mercy” offer us an accessible and engaging look at how to read the Bible and why to read the Bible, without relying on simplistic literalism or complicated source criticism. The Senior & Junior High classes will also be following the same schedule.

October 15
Open Topics
In The Clark Room
Honoring the foundational roots of Parents in Conversation, come join us on this morning for an open, free-ranging discussion about the trials and joys of parenting.

October 29
Godly Play Open House
Join us in the Children’s Ministry area to see and be a part of the wonderful Godly Play programs at Trinity.
Have You Heard ... ?

... that Christiane Pheil, who attended Trinity and Camp Henry from 1994 until she left for college in 2008, plays for the United States Women's Rugby team, which trains predominantly in San Diego, California. She is a Flanker (position #7) for you rugby fans. Christiane’s home team is Chicago North Shore, where she serves as co-captain.

The United States was one of the top twelve countries represented in the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup, held last month in Ireland. Team USA went in at the world ranking of #7 and had an impressive finish at #4!

Christiane maintains an extensive travel schedule throughout the US and abroad with rugby while working full-time as Assistant Director of Brand Experience for Red Frog Events, headquartered in Chicago. One of Red Frog’s premium events is Firefly Music Festival, held each summer in Dover, Delaware.

... that Jack Rubisch, son of Karen and Joe Rubisch, is going to school for his senior year at St. Paul’s Episcopal School in Mobile, Alabama.

... that Isaac Boulter, 20-year-old lifelong Trinitarian (and now junior at UNC-Chapel Hill) spent eight weeks in Russia this summer? He took part in a Russian language program with American Councils, lived in St. Petersburg with a kind and lovely host mom, and studied at Herzen State Pedagogical University. He had an excellent experience in St. Petersburg! Isaac attended classes and went on a variety of excursions with the program, visiting many interesting places... Oroshek Fortress, the Mariinsky Theater to see an opera, the museum located in Dostoevsky’s apartments, the tsars’ palace complex, and more. He tells us it was a wonderfully enriching time and that he has grown to love the city of St. Petersburg.

Isaac will be spending this fall semester as an exchange student at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, and is excited about beginning classes there in another week. During the month in between the end of the program in Russia and the beginning of the semester in Scotland, he traveled around Europe, train-hopping and staying in youth hostels. He visited Vienna, Salzburg, Berlin, Prague, Amsterdam, and London before coming to Glasgow last weekend. Isaac was lucky during that time to see a few familiar faces... his girlfriend Bella went to visit him in Amsterdam, he got together with a friend named Laura (from the Netherlands) who several years ago was an exchange student at our own Mountain Heritage High School in Burnsville, and he also got to visit with Trinity’s own Roberto Flores in Prague, who was a terrific guide around that beautiful city.

Isaac would be glad and thankful to know that his Trinity family are thinking of him and keeping him in their prayers!

... that at 15, Trinitarian Katie Stevens is already an event-planner and philanthropist, and joining her in this endeavor are fellow Trinitarians, Jack Anderson, Riley Oswald, Jenna Hunter, and Gracie Stevens.

On Oct. 14, her vision for a kids-for-kids cabaret benefiting Arts for Life will come to fruition. Arts for Life is an Asheville nonprofit that brings music and art to local pediatric patients, and Katie’s passion for this organization is rooted in personal experience.

“When I was 6 years old, I experienced this program firsthand and it made such a difference in my hospital stay,” Katie said. “Because I was so little, I don’t remember much about the pain or the procedures, but I do remember how much joy the Arts for Life lessons brought me.”

So, Katie dreamed up a night of music and fun benefiting the nonprofit, recruited her theater friends from Asheville Community Theater and TC Roberson to help out.

Come out and support the exceptional work of our students in the community, an inspiration to all of us as a way of creatively living out our baptismal vows and using the gifts God has given us to benefit others.

“Kids Healing Kids”
A musical Revue to Benefit Arts for Life
Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 7:30
Asheville Community Theatre

Trinity Night at the Movies:

WONDER, hosted by Family Fridays

Join us at River Hills 10 Cinemas in Asheville for a free showing of WONDER on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., a full month before it debuts to the public. This family-friendly movie, starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson, chronicles the experiences of a fifth-grader named Auggie, born with a facial difference, as he enrolls in school for the first time. An uplifting story about kindness, true beauty, and empathy, WONDER is a tale for all generations. Check out the trailer on Youtube. Search for “Wonder Trailer”.

Hosted by Family Fridays, all ages are welcome to attend. We will have the theater all to ourselves! So bring the family or bring your friends. But make sure you register! Even though it’s free, registration is required since seating is limited. Find the link on our Web site’s front page at trinityasheville.org. River Hills 10 Cinemas is located at 121 River Hills Road. Contact David+ at david@trinityasheville.org if you have any questions.
Thank You from Help Mate

Dear Trinity Parishioners,

A formal (and huge!) thank you from Helpmate will be forthcoming for Trinity’s unbelievable Red Bag Sunday effort on behalf of Helpmate. 72 bags! I must just take this opportunity personally to thank you all and the outreach committee for such an amazing and generous effort on the part of the parish in supporting our domestic violence clients who often find themselves and their families escaping abusive environments with just the clothing on their backs.

Much love and heartwarming support can be found in each and every bag.

Thank you again.

My best,

Bonnie Spradling
Vice President, Helpmate Board of Directors

A Trinity Homecoming

We recently had a visit from the Rev. Robert Pollack who now lives in Palm Beach, FL. Robert was raised here at Trinity and is a member of the Redwood family, his mother being Gladys Redwood. He made a visit to the Redwood chapel and in the photo you can see him standing by the chapel memorial to the Redwood family.