

# The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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## LENT - THE CHURCH'S SPRING RETREAT



Each year the church engages in a lengthy spring retreat; we call it "Lent." The word "lent" comes from an Old English word meaning "to lengthen," a reference to the lengthening of daylight, at least in the Northern Hemisphere. The concept of a church-wide retreat dates to the early Christian practice of period of

instruction and preparation of those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Most of these candidates for baptism were adults (although whole families would also be baptized) and came from pagan backgrounds; they needed significant time and energy to "bring them up to speed." By the end of the third century, the forty days preceding Easter Day were devoted to this instruction. Those who because of serious sins had been separated from the church, but who wished to return to the community, joined in this time of preparation. Once Constantine made Christianity the state religion, once "everybody" was baptized and a member of the church, religious practice and devotion all too often became habit, form without substance. Church leaders realized that all Christians needed to engage in a period of repentance and instruction. Lent became the church's spring retreat, a time set aside to focus on one's spiritual life and health.

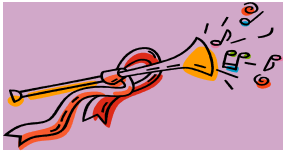
Our retreat begins on Ash Wednesday (services at 12:30 and 7:00 pm) with the Litany of Penitence and the Imposition of ashes. We alter our Sunday worship in several ways: we will use the *Kyrie*

*eleison* (Lord have mercy) rather than the *Gloria in excelsis* as our Hymn of Praise; we shift to Form IV of the Prayers of the People which allows time for silence after each petition; we use Eucharistic Prayer A which focuses more on Jesus' sacrificial death; and we kneel together for the confession and the Eucharistic Prayer to emphasize our solidarity during this season of retreat, even as we will stand together to emphasize our celebration during the season of Easter.



Every good retreat includes time for spiritual reading and study. This year, our Sunday readings will come from Matthew and John, focusing on the identity of Jesus. Each member of the church is encouraged to embark upon a personal discipline to deepen his or her spiritual life. Fasting from certain types of food (meat on Fridays, sweets, chocolate, designer coffees, etc.) or certain activities (blogging, TV, computer games) can be useful in focusing our attention on God. Alms-giving is encouraged; our special Lenten offering will go to ER-D (Episcopal Relief and Development), to be used in area of greatest need. There will be coin jars in the parish hall, the office and the day school for anyone who wishes to participate in this project.

- Fran Stanford -



# FRANFARE

It seems the groundhog was right and we are having an early spring. At the very least, this has been a mild winter.

While some, no doubt, are happy about that, preferring warm weather and absence of frozen precipitation, this Southern Girl actually likes winter. This year's winter has been all too much a "Memphis winter" with cold rain and little snow.

I love winter. I love dressing in layers of warm clothes, wools and polar Tec, mittens and earmuffs. I love to sit in a chair by the window watching snow fall. And nothing is better than to stand outside, after sunset after a snowfall, when the sky has cleared of clouds and silence reigns. I find myself wanting to sing, every so quietly so as not to break the spell silence.

Perhaps it's the silence after a heavy snowfall that I find most attractive. The normal animal sounds are missing or muffled and drivers are not yet out and about with the accompanying car noise. You can stand on your porch, or at your open door, or in the middle of the yard and soak in the sound of silence.

Our lives are so noisy. Computer keyboards clack, computers beep, computer games are accompanied by background music. Phones ring, reminders chime on our smart phones, the TV runs non-stop in the background. It's hard to find a moment to be still, to be quiet, unless forced to by a mega snow. The sound of silence.

The Old Testament prophet Elijah had grown frustrated as people failed to pay attention to his warnings and to return to the worship of the one true God. Elijah despaired. God told him to go to a cave and wait, God would speak to him there. Elijah went and waited. An earthquake rattled the cave, but God was not in the earthquake. Wind whistled by the cave entrance, but God was not in the wind. After the wind came fire, but God was not in the fire. Finally there was only silence, sheer silence, and it was in the silence that God spoke to Elijah.

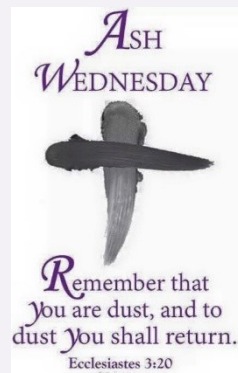
We need silence if we are to hear God speak to us. Since its unlikely that there will be any snow days this Lent, each one of us will have to carve out moments of silence for ourselves. In the silence, in the stillness, whether in the morning or the middle of the night, if we listen, we will hear God speak. Make room for times of silence in your busy lives this Lent.

Fran+



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 with services at **12:30 & 7:00 pm**. The liturgy includes the Litany of Penitence and the Imposition of Ashes.



## Four Corners Ministerium GOOD FRIDAY OBSERVANCES

Looking ahead to Good Friday – The Four Corners Ministerium will host two services on Good Friday. A traditional Seven Last Words of Christ service will be held at Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren, 4800 Long Green RD. Glen Arm, and an Evening Vigil and Cross Walk will take place at Sweet Air Park in Phoenix at 6:30 pm. Trinity will participate in these services instead of holding our own Good Friday Liturgy.



## LENT OFFERING

Lent Offering 2020 supporting ER-D, Episcopal Relief and Development – Returning to a former practice, this year's special Lenten offering will go to ER-D to be used as needed for disaster relief, etc.

## EAGLE PROJECT– SUNSHADES

I would like to start out by saying thank you to all of you. I really appreciate you all showing your support and guidance with my Eagle project. The sunshades for the outdoor worship are complete. And ready to be used. I also installed the two flag poles in the front for the parish to use for event banners and to display the Episcopal and Maryland State flag. There were many challenges along the way, but with your help and guidance I was able to achieve my goal. Thank you for all your support in helping me to achieve my project goal.

Yours in scouting,  
Brendan Fitzgerald



## BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



We will celebrate Trinity Church's 200<sup>th</sup> year in Long Green Valley on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Bishop Sutton will join us for a 4:00 pm service followed by a catered dinner. While we don't have all of the details completely ironed out yet, we do know that we will need help from the congregation to make sure this event is a success. We will need volunteers for the following areas: invitations (electronic is preferred to keep costs down), decorations, set up, and clean up. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you feel you can help in any of these areas, please sign up ASAP so we can get started!

As previously stated, we are looking to cover the cost of the event but not raise additional funds for the church. If you have fundraising ideas, please take them to the Vestry for discussion. We look forward to celebrating with Trinity families, past and present!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jonathan Deford and Chrissy Cook

## BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

The window restoration and protection project is underway and will be completed mid-April. One of the lancets had to be removed to be repaired as there were multiple panes needing replacement.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Bicentennial Capital Campaign – the campaign to raise funds presented at the Annual Meeting and in last month's Trumpeter is shaping up. Early gifts, including those given for the Stained Glass Window project, Memorials, and other gifts made since the vestry announced the beginning work on restoring the roof, outer walls and windows of the church, will be honored as part of this Capital Campaign. You can expect to receive a letter from the vestry soon explaining the need and how to contribute. Don't forget to mark your calendar for May 3 at 4 pm when Bishop Sutton will celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday with us, followed by a catered dinner (there will be no morning service that day). More details about the dinner will be distributed as soon as they are finalized.



## THE BIG CLEAN

The vestry has called for a **Big Clean** on March 21, 9-2. Work that is planned for that day includes cleaning of mildew from the wood paneling in the church, cleaning and organizing the shed, cleaning the windows in the Parish Hall, cleaning and organizing the attic, cleaning and sorting out the Nursery toys, etc. Plan to participate in the Big Clean, we will find a job for everyone. The camaraderie will be fantastic and lunch will be provided.



## LENT MADNESS

This year, during Lent, instead of a formal teaching program on a particular topic, we will engage in Lent Madness! College basketball fans are familiar with March Madness, the final tournament, with brackets, the Sweet Sixteen, the Final Four, all leading to declaring the College Basketball Champion. Well, Lent Madness draws on this concept, with brackets and a final winner – the winner of the Golden Halo.

The Rev. Tim Schenck came up with the idea in 2010 as a way for people to learn about the men and women who have inspired generations of Christians. It all begins with 32 saints paired off against one another. Voting is open for 24 hours and the winners move on to the next bracket. Along the way, we learn the saints' stories and quirks, no doubt discovering saints we have never heard of before.

To join Lent Madness and have a vote, go to the website [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and subscribe to the site via email. You can order the Sainly Scorecard from Forward Movement ([www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org)) to get brief bios on each saint, or google them if you prefer. You can like it at [facebook.com/lentmadness](https://facebook.com/lentmadness), follow on Twitter [@lentmadness](https://twitter.com/lentmadness) or watch videos at [youtube.com/lentmadness](https://youtube.com/lentmadness).

Past winners of the Golden Halo are: Martha of Bethany, Anna Alexander, Florence Nightingale, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Francis of Assisi, Charles Wesley, Francis Perkins, Mary Magdalene, C.S.Lewis and George Herbert.

A poster will be place in the front room of the Parish Hall so everyone can keep track. We can discuss the players during coffee hour, plug our favorites, maybe even show some of those YouTube videos as we join this fun way to learn about our ancestors in the faith.

**2020 LENT MADNESS.ORG**

**THE GOLDEN HALO**

**Mostly Modern**

- Thomas More
- James the Less
- Elizabeth of Hungary
- Herman of Alaska
- James Solomon Russell
- Evelyn Underhill
- Harriet Tubman
- Julie Billiart

**Monastics & Martyrs**

- Gregory of Nazianzus
- Elizabeth the New Martyr
- Hildegard of Bingen
- Romanos the Melodist
- Brother Lawrence
- Patrick
- Margery Kempe
- Eustace

**FAITHFUL 4**

**ELITE 8**

**SAINLY 16**

- Eva Lee Matthews
- Hervé
- Margaret of Castello
- Simon Gibbons
- Elizabeth Fry
- Florian
- Clare of Assisi
- Isidore of Seville
- Joanna the Abbess
- Junia
- Jude
- Bartimaeus
- Joseph
- Joshua
- Andrew
- Elizabeth

**Miscellaneous**

**Biblical**

Forward Movement  
www.forwardmovement.org

# Barn Bash 2020

TICKETS ON SALE starting March 2!

What: Trinity Barn Bash and Silent Auction

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020 6-10pm

Where: Grimmel Farms  
3859 Federal Hill Road  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

Who: TCDS Friends and Family

Why: Funds raised at this event will go to purchase new playground equipment, buy supplies for our classrooms, make improvements to our school, and provide community outreach through our financial assistance program.

All while having a great time with an amazing group of people!



Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes a delicious buffet dinner, dancing, and open bar (beer and wine); in addition, you will have access to raffles, 50/50s, wine toss, money wheel, and a silent auction. Please see the attached form for information regarding a shuttle bus from TCDS to the venue!

To purchase your tickets, return the bottom portion of this form to the office or  
Call Laura at (410) 592-7423!

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Please make checks payable to TCDS Parents' Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH CHECK# \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in a shuttle from the TCDS parking lot to Grimmel Farms: YES NO



COME JOIN THE FUN!  
TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL'S  
**SUMMER NATURE PROGRAM 2020**

June 1 - June 26  
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Register March 2 for Trinity's Summer Nature Program. Each week will feature a different fun and engaging theme. Our schedule is as follows:

- Exploration/Arrival Activity
- Morning Meeting
- Snack Time
- Singing and Movement
- Outdoor Activities
- Craft Activities
- Story Time
- Lunch
- Clean-up and Closing Meeting
- A Water Play Day (1x per week)
- Organized Game Day (1x per week)



Themes:

- Week 1: Rainforest
- Week 2: Under the Sea
- Week 3: STEM
- Week 4: Cooking and Nutrition

Afternoon Extended Day is available (June 1-5 and 8-12 is guaranteed, June 15-19 and 22-26 will be available if enough students sign up in advance) until 4:00 p.m. Bring your brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors! Program is open to all children ages 3-6, although children must be potty-trained to participate. Additional applications are available in the school office or online at [www.trinitychurchdayschool.com](http://www.trinitychurchdayschool.com).

\*\*Savings coupon available on our website (coupon expires May 1)\*\*

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Roderick MacDougall
- 5 Charles Cook
- 8 Cora Hicks
- Sue Luba
- Bruce Nelson
- Abigail Turner
- 12 Grant Talbot
- 13 Becky Fraser-Hand
- 15 Judy Wiseman
- 17 Eric Meyer
- 18 Brendan Fitzgerald
- 19 Kevin Fitzgerald
- Justin Rims
- 22 Danielle Wirth
- 25 Dex Nelson
- 26 Jane Franklin
- 29 Calvin Cook



Let the church office know if we have mistakenly omitted your special day

## FAMILY NEWS CORNER

NICHOLAS FIORELLI, son of Tina Fiorelli and grandson of Susan Embich will graduate from Pittsburgh University in April, 2020 with a BSBA Degree in Marketing. NICHOLAS will continue his graduate degree in Multi-Media Photography and Design at Syracuse University. Our CONGRATULATIONS to Nicholas and his Proud Family!

-Bobbie Nelson-

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- 21 Gerard & Melissa (Berry) Meyer
- 26 Nate & Diane Pierce
- 27 Bill & Claudia Troy



## ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for Altar Guild volunteers. The commitment is one weekend per month and the duties for each service for a given weekend can be shared between volunteers. Call the church office if you would like to volunteer.



## DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**March 8, 2020**

**Spring forward 1 hour. Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed.**



## TRUMPETER ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please submit your April articles to [marthab28@verizon.net](mailto:marthab28@verizon.net) by March 24, 2020.



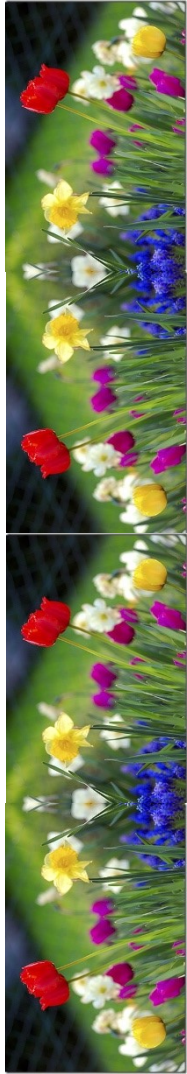
## TIP OF THE HAT



- Gina Messersmith for joining the Altar Guild
- Everyone who helped with the Pancake Supper, especially Calvin Cook and Justin Milio who organized everything.
- Nancy Bainbridge and Mike Berry for making Pastoral Care visits.
- Carol and Bob Knight, and Roger Eve for their continued dedication to Paul's Place
- Jonathan Deford and Chrissy Cook for chairing the Bicentennial Celebration, and all those who have already signed the workers list to help make it a great day.
- To the anonymous donor who gifted new white altar hangings to be available by Easter and in time for our Bicentennial Service.





# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sunday School Fun 11:00am Coffee Hour	2	3	4	5 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	6	7 
8 <b>TIME CHANGE</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	9	10 11:00am : TAT	11	12 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	13	14
15 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	16 6:30 Vestry	17 	18	19 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	20 6:30 Movie Night	21 <b>9-2 THE BIG CLEAN</b>
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29 8:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	30	31				



*Hey!*

*Let's go to the  
movies!*

*March 20, 6:30 pm*

*Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like! Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's still free.*

*For more information please call the church office.*

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