

The Trumpeter

May 2019

The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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CELEBRATION OF SPRING!

Sunday, May 19 10am

In lieu of holding another Community Day at Trinity, the Vestry will be hosting a celebration of Spring on Sunday, May 19th. The 10 am service will be held in our outdoor worship area, weather permitting, bring lawn chairs or blankets if you want. After worship, there will be a pot luck cook out for the parish families. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided and everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Come gather with your Trinity community and celebrate the return of warmer weather and the joy of being outdoors. If you have a friend who you'd like to introduce to Trinity, this is the perfect opportunity to bring them along!

-Joyce Lynagh-



Coming to Communion

Carolyn Collins and Henry Cook completed the ten-week course for Coming To Communion and were honored on April 28 with certificates and a special cake. The course includes Bible stories, explanations of the various parts of the Eucharist, and connections to their daily lives.



Confirmation

On April 28, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore, Bishop Sutton confirmed Rose and Max Luba, and Cole and Larissa Maits. Dr. Fran and Mike Berry (aka Sir Mike) had met with these young people for a series of preparation sessions and proudly sponsored them for their confirmations. Confirmation marks the point at which a person takes on for him or herself the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized. We congratulate these four young people on making this milestone along their lifelong faith journeys.





FRANFARE

Dear Friend,

This year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, it was my pleasure to participate in two separate and yet related events—Coming to Communion Recognition, and Confirmation. These two events mark milestones on the faith journey and, as a result, have caused me to reflect on faith formation.

In seminary I learned about Joseph Fowler’s Six Stages of Faith Development, and it made a lot of sense to me. Within the last decade, I encountered a book by Brian McClaren, *Naked Spirituality: A Life With God in 12 Simple Words*, which I used as the basis for a Lenten Series a few years ago. Both of these writers discuss the ways in which faith changes through out our lives.

Fowler sees six stages of faith development— primal/undifferentiated, intuitive/projective, mythic/literal, synthetic/conventional, individuative/reflective, conjunctive and universalizing. McClaren proposes four stages—simplicity, complexity, perplexity, harmony. There are considerable similarities between the two systems, which suggest to me that these authors are on to something real; that faith is not a once for all thing, but a growth process.

The church calls the process of faith development Christian Formation. The Episcopal Church understands this to be a life-long process. We don’t / can’t learn everything we need to know about God and our faith in Sunday School, nor do we finish the process of being formed as Christians when we are confirmed. Never the less, all to many people are perfectly satisfied with their teenage, confirmation faith.

Somehow, I don’t think that’s what Jesus had in mind when he said, “Come, follow me.” I believe he called us to make a life-long commitment to spiritual formation and growth as Christians.

One thing I teach in my baptismal preparation classes is that by bringing a child to be baptized, the parents are inviting the Holy Spirit into that child’s life with the expectation that the Spirit will work throughout their son’s or daughter’s life to make that child increasingly holy, set apart for God. There will be important milestones along the way, places where we can say with assurance that the Holy Spirit is active, we call some of these sacraments—baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, penance, unction, holy matrimony, and ordination. We will celebrate those milestones, but need to be aware that the Holy Spirit will be active in many other times and events throughout our lives, always seeking to form us into the holy people God created us to be.

Christian Formation is that life-long process of shaping us more and more into the likeness of Christ.

We might have a particularly powerful spiritual experience, and assume that everyone should have precisely the same experience. We might have reached what we believe to be the endpoint of spiritual development. We might think we have found the truth to end all truth, to explain everything. Yet if we believe what McClaren and Fowler are teaching us, then we will realize that spiritual development is a life-long process, and may even extend into the age to come as well. We will never be “finished” or “done” or “fully formed.”

McClaren calls the most mature stage Harmony, and Fowler calls it Universalizing. Both understand this mature state to be one always open to new insights, not an over-and-done point.

So, as we congratulate the Coming to Communion graduates and the Confirmation Candidates on reaching that particular milestone on their spiritual journey, we invite them to continue with us as we explore the richness of God’s love and grace each and every day of our lives.

Ever growing in Christ,

Frant

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

ANNA GRACE "GRACIE" LITSINGER, granddaughter of Bill and Ellen Jo will graduate from Deep Run High School, Glen Ellen, VA. This fall Gracie will be attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

MEEGAN S. KENNEDY, granddaughter of Kathi Calvert will graduate from the University of Baltimore Law School Monday, May 13th. Granddaughter MAURA E. SMITH, sister of MEEGAN will graduate Franklin & Marshall College Saturday, May 11th. Maura majored in Physics and Finance and played on the college Lacrosse Team.

AVA W. TURNER, also Kathi's granddaughter, will graduate June 7th from St. Paul's School for Girls. AVA will attend Franklin & Marshall College in the fall and play on the college Lacrosse Team.

CONNER B. CALVERT, grandson of Charlie Calvert will graduate from Woodbridge Sr. High School and attend Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

Congratulations to these graduates, their parents and grandparents!



-Bobbie Nelson-

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Trinity Church has been participating in Baltimore County Public School's "Food for Thought Program" for the past 3 years. Our last packing of the weekend food backpacks for Warren Elementary students will be on Sunday, May 12th. Donations are still needed and much appreciated. Please let us know if you are willing to continue your support of this important program next year.



The staff, families, and children of Warren Elementary School appreciate our help.

Thank you all!
-Sue Berry and Liz Deford-

CONGRATUALIONS GRADUATES

Any news of 2019 graduations, recognition awards of children or grandchildren please contact Bobbie Nelson, 410-628-2107 or email robertaannnelson@gmail.com. We will include names and awards in the Trumpeter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TCDS STAR READERS!!

Our angels have been reading books for March and April and have decorated our walls with stars!

Thank you to all of the hours you have spent reading to/with your angels. Every student received a book as a thank you. Keep up the great reading!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carol House
Ann McMahon
- 2 Nancy Jones
- 4 Michele Gallagher
David Sutphen
- 5 Gabrielle Meyer
- 11 Carolyn Evans
Edward McGee
- 14 Anne Brandt
- 15 Molly Jacobs
Kevin Rast
- 19 Mike Berry
- 23 Pat Kincaide
- 28 Giselle Gibbons
TJ Talbot
- 29 Jeff Abplanalp
Scott Saunders
- 31 Douglas Anderson



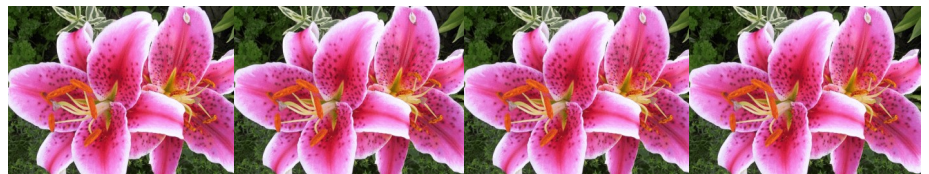
TIP OF THE HAT

- ◆ The Garden Club for cleaning the gardens for Easter.
- ◆ All movie night volunteers, especially head honcho Mike Berry.
- ◆ Sir Mike and Dr. Fran for leading the Confirmation Class this year.
- ◆ Bob Knight, Asher Collins and others who helped us identify the source of the recent oil leak in the church and manage the odor.
- ◆ Altar Guild for extra efforts during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- ◆ Calvin Cook and Roy Lancraft and their tech support, especially in seeking the best internet provider now that our Comcast contract is up for renewal.
- ◆ Roy Lancraft in managing the water pump replacement for the parish house.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 14 Joe & Joyce Lynagh
- 15 Andrew & Carolyn Lowery
- 18 Leonard & Carol House
- 19 Richard & Judy Neumyer
- 21 Roger & Liz Lee
- 23 Jake & Kristen Deford



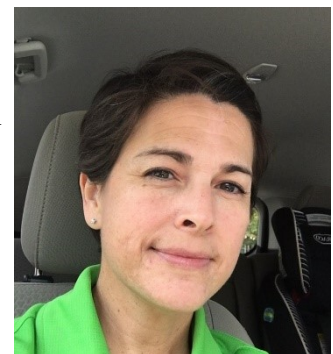
TRUMPETER ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please submit your June/July articles to marthab28@verizon.net by May 24, 2019.

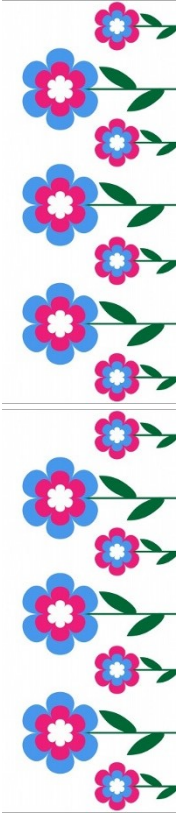



Newest Vestry Member

Kate MacDougall has agreed to fill Chris Sage's unexpired term. Kate is from Warrenton VA. She graduated from Mary Washington College in 1999 with a BA in Historic Preservation and Anthropology. She and her husband Andy and son Roddy have lived in Phoenix for four years and began attending Trinity in 2016. She has worked for Chubb Insurance for 20 years as a risk consultant/replacement cost appraiser. Kate loves working in the yard, running and historic houses.



May 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Paul's Place Lunch	2 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	3	4
5 Family Sunday 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist w/ Music 11:00 Coffee Hour	6	7	8	9 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	10	11 8:00 - 10:00 Trinity Garden Club
12 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's worship and Sunday School 10:00 Holy Eucharist w/ Music 11:00 Coffee Hour	13	14	15 Paul's Place Lunch	16 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	17	18
19 Celebration of Spring 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist outside, weather permitting 11:00 PICNIC	20 6:30- Vestry	21	22	23 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	24	25
26 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:00 Holy Eucharist w/ Music 11:00 Coffee Hour	27 Memorial Day 	28	29	30 Ascension Day 8:30pm Steps & Tradition	31	

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