



TRINITY TOPICS: 2019

A WORD FROM REV. NANCY

The miracle of the INCARNATION never ceases to amaze me. It is through the Incarnation that God became human, or as John's Gospel says, "(The Word became flesh and lived among us"(John 1:14).

God's love for us is revealed through the Incarnation- the concrete act of God choosing to become human and enter our world. The Incarnation birthed the face of mercy, Jesus. St. Ignatius says, "Love shows itself in deeds more than words."

God showed God's love and mercy for us through many concrete acts in Jesus life:

Jesus' conception, and birth

Jesus' model of mercy shown through whom he healed and how he healed; whom he called to be his companions; what he taught; and the compassion he showed.

His sacrificial death on the cross, the Resurrection, and the gift of the Great Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

The Incarnation changed everything- and our lives will never be the same.

The gift of Jesus bestows on us the hope that God will prevail and overcome any darkness in our world through the incredible light of Christ.

Let us continue to live through our coming church year with the utmost gifts of mercy and hope.

My hope for all of us at Trinity and in our world is that we will continue to see and BE small mercies daily; that we will see glimpses of God in the everyday moments that shape our lives.

Spread mercy and hope at Trinity and in the world!

Peace and joy always,

Rev. Nancy+





Warden's World



I always wonder whether this Warden's World should be about 2018 (the past) or 2019 (the future). Since the Senior Warden is asked to submit a report for the Annual Meeting (January 27) that deals with 2018, perhaps I should look ahead.

However, I must go back at least to remind everyone that 2018 was the first year of having Reverend Nancy as our part-time priest rather than just a consistent pastoral presence as supply. The initial memorandum of understanding was basically a half-time position. This was mutually decided based on her just retiring as a full time Chaplain and not knowing how she could best adjust to additional responsibilities here at Trinity and Trinity's financial constraints. She began in January as a Contract Employee and transitioned in April to a salaried W2 employee.

In general, the arrangement has worked out well for both parties. Recently, I have had conversations with Reverend Nancy as to whether additional hours would be acceptable to her and beneficial to the Parish. She is currently prayerfully considering this question. Once I receive her input, I will make a recommendation to Vestry and include the necessary adjustments to our 2019 budget. If you have strong opinions regarding Trinity needs, please let your Vestry know. I feel very confident that whatever we agree upon will be in the best interest of all.

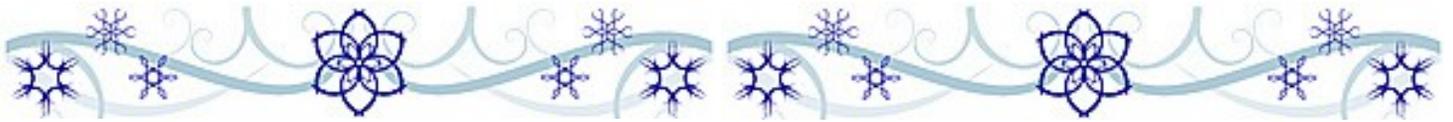
Looking to 2019, Trinity will be conducting new member and confirmation training this winter. We also have plans to begin much needed youth education and activities. More on these will come from Reverend Nancy. The new Vestry will once again spend a full day at Cobb Cabin on March 2, 2019 to focus on 2019 Goals. At this junction, we do not anticipate major changes as we continue to make the best use of our buildings and grounds to support community through relationships, worship and outreach.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year! See you on Sunday!

Peace,

Jim

First, think.
Second, believe.
Third, dream.
And finally, dare.
Walt Disney



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Dan Swank (1/1), Alan Kappers (1/4), Wiley Smith 1/9)
Caroline Rice (1/9), Addison Plessinger (1/27), Brian Wilgus (1/29),
Winnie Hackworth (1/29), Carole Van Osdol (1/30), Kathryn Cade (1/31)**

Annual Meeting, January 27, 2019

This past year has been a year of growth not only in numbers but also in our work on Becoming the Beloved:

The First Commandment is, "... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.
The Second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Becoming Beloved Community invites us to grow together as people who love God and love the image of God that we find in our neighbors, in ourselves, and in creation.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has lifted up the Jesus Movement and the Way of Love as a path forward for the Episcopal Church. We are challenged to "become instruments of the healing and reconciling love of Jesus, who loving, life-giving, and liberating way we follow." The Episcopal Church's Becoming Beloved Community vision frames a path for Episcopalians to address racial injustice and grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God. The Church sees this path in four areas: **Telling the Truth, Proclaiming the Dream, Repairing the Breach, and Practicing the Way of Love.** (*Presiding Bishop Curry*)

As we look back at the joys, the sorrows, and the challenges of the past year; we can truly say that we are reaching out to our community. We have offered programs for Health and Well Being, special events and concerts. Our Website and Facebook page are getting more and more views. Book studies have been ongoing throughout the year. A new book study will begin in mid-January! Rev. Nancy's presence in the community; working with Partners in Hope, meeting people at BakeHouse Bread on Fridays, reaching out to our homebound, and welcoming and inviting visitors to come again has given us a renewed presence in Troy. We continue to face the challenges of maintaining our buildings and property. Our dedicated Building and Grounds Committee works diligently to address these needs.

Sadly, we lost three members this past year; Mary Deisman, John Trombley, and Mary Frances Braun, who are greatly missed.

The 2018 reports for Annual Meeting will tell the story of this work in all areas of the church's life. This is a time for you to become aware of what work was done "behind the scenes" in 2018 and a time for you to give input for our focus in 2019.

Plans are underway for a Christian Formation and Confirmation classes. Our choir continues to be a vital part of our service and new voices are always welcomed. Altar Guild, Fellowship, Outreach continue their good work and also invite new members. Bring your ideas, thoughts, and prayers.

PS Committee reports are needed in the office by January 16.



In Other News . . .



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY 2018



Festive Holy Eucharist, those familiar Christmas Hymns we love, special music and candlelight. The church looked beautiful. We were blessed with 65 worshipers with many visitors. Thank you to all who were a part of this special service.



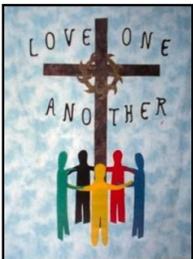
SUNDAY, January 6:

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Healing Prayers.

SUNDAY, January 13:

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TRINITY OUTREACH:



In 2018 financial donations from the Trinity Outreach Committee were distributed to Partners in Hope (as well as donations of cookies and toys for the Christmas Store), Torrence Medical Fund, First Place Food Pantry, Partners In Ministry In Liberia, Helping Hands Program, Getting Ahead Program, books for the Garden Manor Book Program, and items for their Halloween evening. They continue to have a craft day on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00-12:00 and are working on lap quilts for homebound.

The Altar Guild is looking for new members. All are welcome.

It is a wonderful and quiet ministry preparing the altar for worship and mostly behind the scenes. If you are interested, please contact one of our members, Sherry Conard, Pat Marchal, Carole Van Osdol, Phyllis Donahoe, Rita Naegele, Mary Siegel, Jo Stull, or Char in the office.



We are also in need of **USHERS:**
see or email Pat Marchal, pmarchal@woh.rr.com
FELLOWSHIP Committee members:
see or email Evanthia Owen eowen@woh.rr.com;
and volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR**
(sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Parish Hall).

NOTE: Beginning January 4, Rev. Nancy will be at BakeHouse Bread from 11-12:00 pm. (rather than 10:00-12:00). Please call ahead to be sure she wasn't called away.

