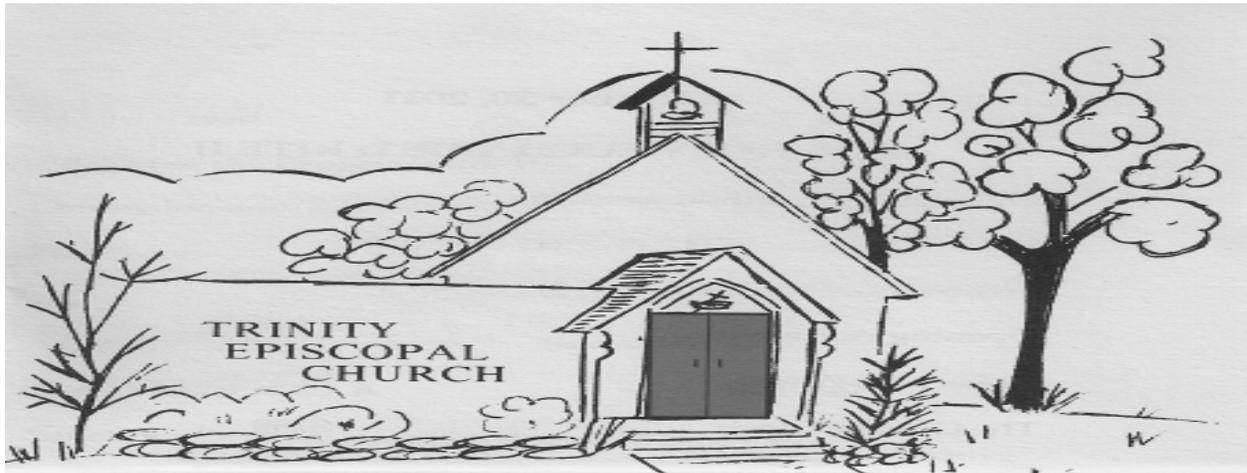


TRINITY TIDINGS

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From Behind the Altar

Ash Wednesday falls on March 1 this year. The Ash Wednesday liturgy will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is a fast day in the Episcopal Church and those who are able are encouraged to observe it as such. Tracts about fasting are available at the church in the tract rack.

It is customary to add additional study opportunities during the Lenten Season. Starting on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m., the Stations of the Cross will be made every Wednesday. A Lenten potluck will follow, and after supper, Father Miller will lead a class entitled, "The Rule of Saint Benedict for Everyday Life." The classes will consist of videos, selected readings, and discussion.

The Wednesday noon Bible study will continue during Lent. However, the class will not meet on Ash Wednesday. Currently, the group is working its way through a series of videos about the New Testament.

Finally, Lent is the season of reconciliation, renewal, and forgiveness. In the Episcopal Church, reconciliation is celebrated in the weekly public liturgy (general confession) and in the sacramental rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (confession) (see Book of Common Prayer, page 447). If you desire to celebrate the Reconciliation of a Penitent, please contact me.

Father Miller

Altar Guild News

Richard Mount, as some of you know, is a "fixit guy". The candles we use for the front altar needed tweaking to get the right fit in the candlesticks. Richard came up with a solution. So thanks go to Richard. I mention this not only to thank Richard, but to illustrate how you can help with altar Guild in other ways than setting up the altar for services. I mentioned at annual Meeting that we could use brass and silver cleaners. With Easter coming in April we want to have polished look. Think about volunteering for this service/ministry in the church.

Karen Miller

Youth News

Youth ministry has many things on the horizon and getting closer. In addition to the Diocesan-level events of Happening, Junior High Retreat, Camp, EYE, and Missionpalooza, the Southern Youth Network will be having a Good Friday Lock-in in Springfield followed by a Confirmation retreat for those interested in being confirmed. (Contact Fr. Jerry about confirmation.) More fun details and plans to come as we continue to minister with and to the youth of West Missouri. As always, if you have any questions, please ask!

February 24-26 - Happening #75 at St. Phillip's, Joplin

April 14-15 - Good Friday Lock-in, Christ Church, Springfield

April 15 - Network Confirmation Retreat, Springfield

March 31 - April 2 - Jr. High Retreat at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

June 11-16 - Camp WEMO at Camp Wakonda

July 10-14 - Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Edmond, Oklahoma

July 25-30 - MissionPalooza at St. Paul's, Kansas City

Amanda Perschall

Evangelism Workshop Shows That We Are All Called to Spread the Love of Christ



Clergy and laity from all 48 parishes in the diocese were represented at the Evangelism Workshops that took place February 18th in Kansas City and February 19th at St. James in Springfield.

Father Jerry, Maryann Campbell, Amanda Perschall and Stephanie Hasty represented Trinity Lebanon at the three hour afternoon event in Springfield. It was a chance to find out more about evangelism from an Episcopal viewpoint.

It began with a short message from Bishop Marty via a prerecorded video and an introduction from Canon Steven before Evangelist Carrie Boren Headington opened with prayer and a jubilant spirit for the Lord.

For many, evangelism is an ugly word bringing up images of snake oil revivals and unwelcome visits. However, Carrie shared many ways that people can share their fire for the Lord without using lots of money and without being invasive.

She focused on the following topics:
Cultivating an Evangelistic Church,
Cultivating a Community of Good News,

Cultivating a Community for Others and Cultivating a Community of Blessing. She pointed out that Adam and Eve's fall, Jesus' birth, crucifixion and resurrection, all show us God's grace and mercy. This is the 'Good News' we have been called to deliver.

At each step Carrie made it clear that we must be willing to share our stories and share our experiences with others; we must get to know our neighbors and our neighborhood. We do this through evangelism.

Amanda Perschall and Evangelist Carrie



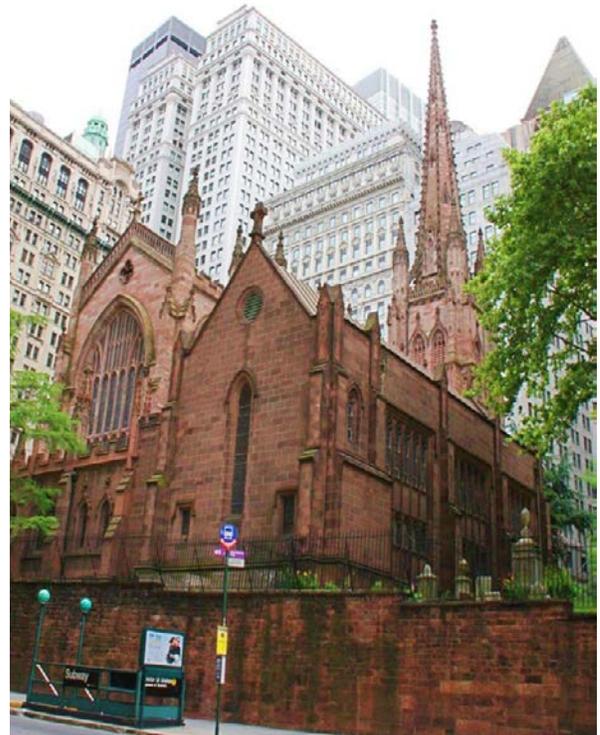
"I will commit to pray and also be open and willing to sharing my experience and 'story' with someone I know," said Campbell in response to the workshop.

What is your story of coming to the Lord? How can you share this story with others? We look forward to "The Awakening" as we expand the Episcopal branch of The Jesus Movement. This training workshop comes before the major event of the Presiding Bishop's visit to The Diocese of West Missouri on Saturday, May 6th at the Kansas City Power and Light Stage 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7th at

Hammons Field in Springfield 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Stephanie Hasty

Sacred Places in the United States: Trinity Church, Manhattan, NY



Trinity is a common name for churches around the world, including a most unusual Russian Orthodox church constructed of Siberian pine wood on the tip of King George Island, Antarctica. Manhattan's Trinity Church is probably the most famous with its well-endowed and remarkable part of the New York City skyline. It's long history is closely entwined with the American Revolution and the evolving financial district that now surrounds this sacred edifice of Anglican/Episcopalian worship. Land was purchased in 1696 for the construction of the first of three churches to occupy the

original 14 acres (later increased to 215 acres) in Lower Manhattan. The following year, King William III of England granted a charter with an annual rent of one peppercorn. Queen Elizabeth, during her visit in 1976, received a gift of 279 peppercorns representing unpaid rent if England still owned Trinity. (Imagine the value of 215 acres of land in the heart of Wall Street.) Construction of the original church was aided by the pirate Captain William Kidd who loaned his ship's runner and tackle to lift the heavy stones. The first church was destroyed by fire in 1776. Following the war for independence (in 1784), New York ratified a new charter for the church which no longer had to declare loyalty to the King of England. Many of the now Episcopalians started attending St. Paul's Chapel (the oldest surviving church in Manhattan). This is the church George Washington attended the day of his inauguration as President of the USA.

The second, short lived Trinity lasted only about 50 years as it suffered structural damage during the 1838-39 heavy snows. The third and current Trinity was consecrated in 1846. Its 280 foot spire made it the tallest building in Manhattan until the era of modern skyscrapers. Enduring the bombardment of falling debris and ash from the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers a few blocks removed, Trinity's bronze doors have served as an impromptu memorial to the victims. The building suffered some damage, notably to the historic pipe organ which had to be replaced.

Visitors (Mon-Fri 9-11:45 am, Sun-Fri 1-3:45 pm, and Sat 10 am-3:45 pm) can enjoy a small museum displaying historical documents (including the 1697 church charter from King William III), photographs, replicas of the Hamilton-Burr duel pistols, and other items. The churchyard (during

daylight hours) contains monuments from American history including a tribute to martyrs of the American Revolution, Alexander Hamilton, Robert Fulton, and many more.

David Daniels

In The Spotlight

How well do you know your fellow Trinity Church members? Featured in this newsletter, is the first of a new series of articles to help you get to know the people with whom you worship. Each issue will feature a different member of our congregation. This week, Shari Percy is in the spotlight. Here is the story of her life in her own words.



I was born and raised in Sycamore, Illinois, the third generation on both my mother's and father's families in the same area. I am the oldest of seven children, four of whom were adopted from the 70+ children that my parents were foster parents for. The Lutheran church was our family church where I was baptized and confirmed.

After completing high school in 1962, I attended Rockford Memorial School of Nursing and graduated there in 1965 and from Northern Illinois University with a BSN in 1981. During the 40 years that I actively worked in nursing, I worked as a staff nurse

in a nursing home; a private duty nurse and staff nurse, charge nurse, supervisor and director of med-surg units in local hospitals; clinical instructor in the RN program at the local community college and ended my career as a CNA instructor at the same local college. During our first few married years, I was taught how to drive a tractor, plow and cultivate, raise chickens, help with livestock, and most importantly - feed hungry men.

Tom is the brother of my best friend in high school and we started dating my last year in nurses' training. He proposed on February 14th that year, we were married on August 14th, and our son, Bob, was born on February 14th of 1967. (Fourteen has to be our lucky number). Karla, our premie, was born 22 months and 6 days later and our youngest daughter, Maria, was born 22 months and 6 days after Karla. God works in mysterious ways. Our three children are happily married and we now have 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren – all of whom we adore. We thank God everyday for our family and the blessings he has bestowed on us.

In 1976, we made the decision to join the Episcopal church where Tom had been raised. I was confirmed and we became active members. Together with Tom, we developed the Sunday school program, I was active in ECW, served on the Vestry and a term as Senior Warden, and was a founding member of Daughters of the King in that church. Now living in Lebanon, we are very grateful that we have found such a warm and welcoming family here at Trinity. I look forward to continuing as an active member as long as God allows.

Crosslines Ministry Report

February 2017

Trinity Episcopal Church is having a Crosslines food drive during the month of

February. February is generally a month when there are no major food drives but the need for food continues. During 2016, Trinity collected 148 food items. As of February 19th, 120 items have been collected. At that rate, there should not be a problem beating our 2016 collection total. The greatest needs for February are canned meats, canned fruit and children's cereal but any type of food is welcomed.

During January, 576 families were helped with a total of 1585 individuals. Besides U.S.D.A. Commodities and Ozark Food Harvest, Crosslines received donations of merchandise or money from VF Outlet Store, Walmart, Emerson, Aldi's, and five local churches during January.

Peggy Graydon

Yard Report

It is getting to be the time of the year when our church grounds need attention. February 22 some of the most obvious jobs were tackled such as cutting the dead growth from various locations, pruning the spirea, trimming the roses, and racking leaves. Thanks to Bonnie Lyst, Karen Miller, Willetta and Richard Mount, Tom Percy and Peggy Graydon for their help. There are still other jobs that need to be done so don't hesitate to ask for a job. In fact if there is an area that you would like to maintain, I'm sure that can be worked out too.

Peggy Graydon