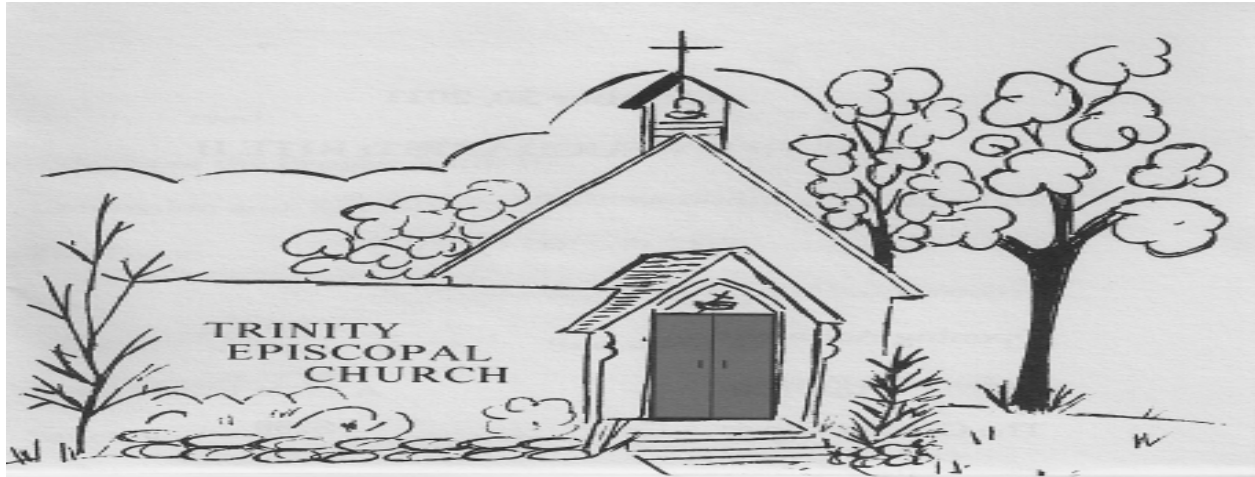


# TRINITY TIDINGS

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## **From Behind the Altar**

Many of you already know that the Bishop's Committee approved the purchase of a new instrument for the church. A new Allen Organ (digital) will replace the key board that has been in use for 25 years. The new instrument will be installed sometime around All Saints' Day, November 1. The Bishop's Committee will use funds reserved only for capital improvements to pay for the new organ.

Trinity's Sunday attendance continues to grow. Now, almost every Sunday, between 45 and 55 people attend the Sunday liturgy. A larger Sunday congregation enables Trinity to do more in its liturgy. Every Sunday Trinity now has a full complement of acolytes, eucharistic ministers, and ushers.

The choir that gathers each Sunday at 9:40 a.m. to practice hymns and service music provides strong musical leadership for the rest of the congregation. Not only is the congregation on Sundays larger, but it sounds bigger in its responses and singing.

Later this fall, Maryann Campbell, the church's organist and chief musician, will help the congregation learn a simple method of singing the psalm appointed for each Eucharist. The method uses familiar hymn tunes for the text of the psalm. The word "psalm" literally means "song." The psalter (150 of them) is theological poetry set to music. Once people get acquainted with singing psalms (songs), most realize that the words take on a new life of their own and are being recited as the original writers intended.

A couple of parishioners asked me to remind everyone that if you enter the church proper (the nave) and you see people praying (often in preparation for worship), please be as quiet as possible. If you need to have an extended conversation, please do so in the parish hall, which is the unofficial gathering place for the congregation before the Sunday liturgy.

Finally, when the Bishop came for his official visit on August 19 and 20, he met with the Bishop's Committee to discuss the life of Trinity Church. At that meeting the Bishop approved the extension of my letter of agreement with Trinity Church as its priest for one more year. I am grateful for that decision as is the Bishop's Committee.

Many blessings!

Father Miller

## **Lectionary Class resumes**

Starting on Sunday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m., the class that examines and studies the lections (readings) for the day will meet in the classroom. Study guides will be provided for each Sunday. Participating in the classes will enhance a worshipper's understanding of the Liturgy of the Word for the day and stimulate personal theological reflection. If you haven't attended before, plan on giving the class a try this fall.

## **Sunday School Classes resume**

On Sunday, September 10, Sunday School will resume meeting every week at 11:15 a.m. Once again, Sara Gottfried-Caulk will teach the younger children, and Bill Danek

and Julie Stroup will lead the class for the older youth.

## **Change in Service Time**

Starting in September, the Thursday morning Healing Service will be celebrated at **11:00 a.m.** instead of 10:30 a.m. The liturgy lasts about 30 minutes.

## **Youth News**

As summer has come to a close, there is much to be excited about in youth ministry land. Hunter and Amanda had a great time in late July at Missionpalooza in Kansas City, putting our baptismal covenant to work as the hands and feet of God in the world. It sounds like everyone loved seeing *Moses* at the Sight and Sound Theatre in ranson. (See what I did there? Ha!) It was another reminder that Christian formation is a lifelong journey, not confined to youth events or Sunday school, but is a multi-generational experience over time.

Fall is here (or at least school is now in session!) and youth ministry is excited to kick off another program year. The next Diocesan events are Happening on September 22-24 at St. Paul's, KC and Diocesan Youth Gathering November 3-5 also in KC.

Keep your eyes peeled for more info about events in the Southern Deanery this fall.

Amanda Perschall

## **Moses**

On August 12, 19 members from Trinity attended the showing of "Moses" in Branson. I think that everyone enjoyed the

show and had a good time. After the show, Tom Percy made a comment about the new members and, although I don't remember my reply, this is what I should have said. Today, nearly 80% of our congregation has joined in the last few years. There were several reasons why they visited Trinity, but the wonderful thing is that they returned and have now joined us. The thanks goes in great part to Father Miller and his wife Betty. Those of us who have been members for 30-40 + years saw the rapid decline in attendance due to several factors and weathered the financial drain on our assets. But we survived and are now part of a solid and growing Community of Christ.

Bill Danek

## **Annual Church Ministry**

### **Sign-up Month**

Each September church members are given the opportunity to sign up and commit (or recommit) to a ministry at Trinity. **Please consider your talents and volunteer to share them for the coming year (Oct. to Sept.)** Everyone is welcome to participate in one or more ways, and training will be provided as needed. Forms will be passed out on the next several Sundays. Please fill out a separate form for each family member who wishes to sign up for a ministry, then return forms to the labeled basket in the church office.

Acolyte (adults as well as youth) – Altar Guild – Choir\* - Coffee Hour Host – Eucharistic Minister - Lector – Prayers of the People – Oblationer - Usher

**\*Choir meets at 9:40 each Sunday to rehearse music of the day**

## **Crosslines Ministry Report**

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Thanks to all who donated socks and underwear to Crosslines for distribution to school aged children. The donations so far from Trinity total 125 pairs of socks, 161 underwear and 8 t-shirts. Each child will receive 3 pair of each. Nine different congregations in Laclede County have made contributions of food and undies this month.

During the month of August, 627 families were provided assistance which included 1705 individuals. For September the greatest needs are crackers, pancake mix, and ketchup.

Peggy Graydon

## **Christmas Show**

The Miracle of Christmas show at the Sight and Sound Theater runs from Nov. 4 thru Dec. 16. The following dates are available (All are Saturdays for the 3:30 show) - Nov. 4/11/18/25 and Dec. 2/9/16. Ticket price is - Adults - \$ 50.00/Children (under 12) - \$21.00. The youths' tickets will be paid by the church. If you are interested in attending, please let me know your date preference.

Bill Danek

## **In the Spotlight**

How well do you know your fellow Trinity Church members? Featured in this newsletter is the sixth in 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 Courtney Henderson is in the spotlight. As reported by Courtney, here are fun facts about her life. Since no photo of Courtney is available, let me describe her for you. She is a fairly tall, slender lady with dark hair, a beautiful smile and a wonderful sense of humor. You will usually find her sitting in a pew with Father Henderson on Sunday mornings.

Courtney Henderson is a retired teacher (She taught English Language Learners, Regular Elementary Education, and Pre-K.)

She was a professional organizer.

She has co-authored 2 books about money and how to change your relationship with it.

She is a Certified Life Coach.

She spent 2 ½ years in Sweden. She was a foreign exchange student and then went to The University of Stockholm for a year.

She is the ghost blogger for a marriage and family therapist and recently was added to the top 100 marriage blogs!

She loves houses, reading, knitting, getting to know people, and animals.

She is a sixth-generation Texan.

She makes the best coffee in the world.

She is obsessed with playing Boggle.

She has written a song about being Episcopal! To the tune of “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”

Well, I got me a bishop, and I got me some reason,

I got Scripture and tradition and liturgical seasons,

Grace in the morning and grace in the evening,

***Thank God I’m Episcopal!***

## **Sacred Places in the World Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham**



This story begins in Little Walsingham in the land of East Anglia, England, in 1061 focused upon a pious Saxon noblewoman, Richeldis de Faverches, of deep faith in God and devoted to Mary who had a reputed vision of the Virgin Mary. In her vision, Mary takes her to the house in Nazareth where the birth of Jesus was announced. After three repetitions of the vision, an exact replica of the Nazareth house, the Holy House, miraculously appeared overnight in her home in Walsingham. A spring miraculously appeared to mark the building site of the shrine. This priory was built around the Holy House and passed into the care of Augustinian Canons about 100 years

later. The sacred site is often called England's Nazareth.

People started making pilgrimages to the Shrine that was supported by Royal patronage and visits from Henry III, Edward I, Edward II, Edward III, King David of Scotland, Richard II, Queen Joan, Henry IV, Edward IV, Henry VII, Henry VIII, and Catherine of Aragon. As part of the English Reformation under Henry VIII, the original Shrine was burned to ashes.

Rebuilding of the sacred place began during the late 1800's continuing into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1922, a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham (the Virgin Mary) was established in the Anglican Parish Church of St. Mary. The statue is a depiction of a medieval seal in the ancient Holy House. Pilgrimages increased as people came to pray, asking Mary to join her powerful prayer with theirs. The spring became a holy well in the Shrine and is known for the healing properties of its sanctified water.

The increasing numbers of pilgrims led to construction of more facilities to provide support for their solemn worship. By 1938, the Shrine had been enlarged to its present form of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Hospitality and other accommodations continued to be added in the area of Walsingham to the present day as the numbers of visitors increased steadily.

Following WWII, Pope Pius XII called for a major "Pilgrimage of Prayer and Penance" to Walsingham praying for repentance of the evils of World War II and for peace around

the world. A Roman Catholic Chapel and a second Our Lady of Walsingham was dedicated in 1981 near the Anglican site.

Visitors to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will find several shrines and chapels of various denominations scattered around the village of Little Walsingham and the nearby village of Houghton St Giles. The Anglican Shrine Church, built in the 1930s is located near the center of Little Walsingham. It contains a replica of the Holy House and the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and the Holy Well. During the pilgrimage season (Easter to October), several services are held daily in the Shrine Church. At the Holy Well pilgrims receive a sip of water, the sign of the cross on their foreheads, and water poured over their hands.

Dave Daniels

## **A Personal Account of A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**



It all started about a year and a half ago. A new friend asked me if I wanted to join her on a pilgrimage to the Middle East. Without hesitation I said, "Yes." The strange thing was...I'd never thought about going to the Middle East before and I'd never wanted to go to the Holy Land, however, the affirmation felt, well, it felt right.

Fast forward months later, through several email conversations about what to bring, how to dress, purchasing of flights, other costs and when to pay, our little group began to form. Eight of us went to Israel and while we have diverse backgrounds and reasons for going we made quite the perfect group. We all had the important aspects of human life in common: a wanderlust, an inquisitive mind and a love of the Lord and the great things he has done for us.

Although the country of Israel is about one-fifth of the size of Missouri, it is more diverse not only in culture, but in landscape. Ranya Hallac, our guide from Qumri Tours (<https://www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com/>), even said that sometimes in Jerusalem it snows. We toured recently excavated palaces, dark crypts and grottoes. We hiked up hillsides and steep stairs and slippery steps in the out of doors, in warm inviting churches and wells buried deep into the ground.



In Israel we explored our faith through discussions with people from the three prominent religions of the region, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. We celebrated the Eucharist in a wadi (valley) between Jerusalem and Jericho and on the Mount of Beatitudes. We said morning prayers at St. George's Cathedral, just a walk across the courtyard from their guesthouse, where we stayed most of the time. We renewed our baptismal vows on the Jordan river and sang

hymns in St. Anne's church. We attended Sunday services completely in Arabic. We ended our 10 day journey completing the stations of the cross in the Old City of Jerusalem, spending most of our morning in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, as five of the stations are located there.



And, we met people: a lovely group of older gentlemen who found us fresh oranges to squeeze us juice even though their juice bar was closed, a young group of girls who giggled at the fact that my toes were painted silver, an Egyptian whose family has been tattooing Christian pilgrims for 700 years, a Jewish man who sold us jewelry, incense and Turkish coffee, a Palestinian chocolatier who gave me candy for free when I told him I was getting gifts for my daughter, a waiter in an outdoor restaurant in Nazareth who barely spoke English, but was hospitable and kind. The list goes on.

When I show my students the pictures that we took, and there are literally thousands, they say I look cute, and peaceful and happy. I tell them that I was and still am; I can't stop smiling when talking about my experiences and our adventures. My outlook on life has been changed in ways I did not expect or prepare for in any way. I am still overwhelmed that in a country known for its conflicts and divisions, I could learn more

ways to accept and find peace with myself and others. I attribute this to our wonderful guide and coach driver, the former of which knew how to speak to a tiny group of opinionated Americans and the latter of which had the patience to drive us everywhere, our little group, who grew into a family of people who nurtured and cared for each other, and our spiritual leader, Megan Castellan, who allowed us the space to think and explore at our own pace and in our own way.



I'm sure that our lives have been changed forever. I know mine has as I am more deeply rooted in my faith and appreciate, in a different way, my privileges and the underlying freedoms my US citizenship affords me. My friend, who spent a semester in Israel in the 1990s, said I would leave a piece of me there. I'm positive that I did.

I still can't believe that I took this journey.

I can't wait to go back. Who's with me?  
Stephanie Hasty

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