

The Red Door



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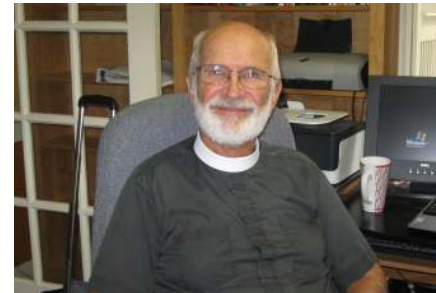
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Trinity Episcopal Church Fr. Phillip Haug, Rector in the Interim

Listen Up

Few moments are as tender as a well told Christmas story. The gift of new life at every birth is a miracle from God. The simplicity in which God chose to act through willing hearts that first Christmas arrests the imagination.



Herod the Great had expanded, refurbished, and enriched the Temple. In its grandeur, the Temple stood as a magnificent sign of God's favor to the Hebrews and an icon of the social, religious, and political power of the ruling elite. Many, if not most of us would have marveled at its beauty and flocked to its high style celebrations. Tolerance and accommodation had sullied its pristine affect, but such earned political forbearance from the Romans. God was not impressed.

would be the bearer of divine providence; her faithful and courageous espoused husband her protector. No palatial portico would bid her welcome: stable straw the bed in which to lay new life. Who would have expected God to so speak; yet watchful shepherds noticed, their social station of no importance to anyone. Ho, spoke the prophet; listen up, from such humble beginnings greatness flows.

God spoke a word into history in a far more humble way. A simple peasant girl

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Lesson and Carols : 9:30 am	01/02
Twelfth Night Celebration: 6 pm	01/05
Sunday Ministry Formation: 9:30 am	01/09
Reading Camp Fundraiser (Silent Auction): 5-7pm	02/11
Diocesan Convention in Morehead	02/17-02/19



Senior Warden's Report

This year's Diocesan Convention will be held the third weekend in February in Morehead. The vestry is soliciting names for the ballot to select delegates to represent our parish. We will elect four voting delegates and an alternate or two. If you would like to be placed on the ballot please notify the church office or any vestry member by January 10th.

The success of our recent financial commitment campaign and other contributing factors has allowed us to produce a bal-

anced budget for the first time in about 12 years. Trinity is beyond the days of discontent and uncertainty, our spirit is upbeat as we wait with excitement for our new rector.

Our investments have recovered and the vestry has approved a Finance Committee recommendation to apply funds toward reduction of the principle of our building fund loan. Combining a portion from our building fund account and a portion from our investment account we

can comfortably reduce the principle of the loan by \$64,000. We will continue to make the same monthly payment and will retire the note years early. We believe this is a timely and prudent strategy.

Thank you for supporting Trinity.

Merry Christmas and a blessed Advent.

—Ken Medaris

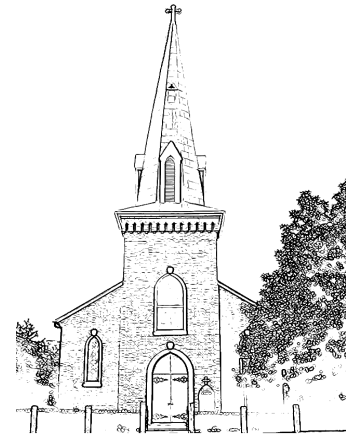
Junior Warden's Report

As everyone knows, there was some digging around the west side of the church in late November and early December. We have been laying new pipe from the downspouts leading to the water drain in the street in front of the church. These new pipes replace clay pipes that were laid sometime in the early 1950's. The clay pipes were damaged, and whenever it rained there was a puddle next to the church building. The old brick of the sanctuary was absorbing this water and that is what created the holes inside. The new pipes should last

at least fifty to sixty years and will solve the dampness problem inside the church. Everything was back in place prior to Sunday services on 12/05/2010. I would like to thank Jeff Cooper for working on this project.

During Advent and Christmas, our "Red Doors" will be spotlighted. The front stained glass in the bell tower has been lit again. If you have not seen our church at night during Advent, I invite you to drive by and see how festive it looks.

—Greg Smith



Treasurer's Report

	<u>Nov. 2010</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Income	14,703	13,867
Total Expenses	10,834	15,425
Net Income	3,869	(1,558)

Pledge income was about 10% below budget in November but is just \$650 short of budget year-to-date. Thanks to all of you for catching up on your 2010 giving. This has helped to pay for the drainage repairs made around the right side and front of the church. Other income sources actually resulted in total income for November being 6% over budget. When looking at the end of the

year trends combined with our pledge campaign, which exceeded the totals from last year, we feel good about the financial future of Trinity.

Expenses continue to be under budget through November. Gains were made in personnel expenses where we are still paying our interim rector and do not have the higher costs associated with a full-time priest. Most other areas were below budget as well. The drainage repairs will be posted in December (\$5,000+) and utility bills will be going up with the wave of cold

weather.

Overall our income versus a budgeted loss for both November and the first eleven months in encouraging. The annual budget for 2011 will be presented to the vestry on Monday, December 20 and the anticipation is that it should be very close to being in balance. This would be the first time in recent memory for that to occur and it would set a very positive tone for the future. Thanks again for all that you do financially for your church.

—Jeff Thornton

An update from your Nominating Committee:

Dear Trinity Family,

We are really in a very exciting and intense part of our search process. In November, we reviewed the 5 candidates answers to two separate questionnaires, as well as their resumes. In December, we have viewed sermons preached by each candidate and by Dec. 21st, we will have had phone interviews with all 5. After the completion of the phone interviews, we will take a break over the Christmas holidays. Early in the new year, our plan is

to move ahead with the next phase of the process, the in-person interview.

Please do continue to keep us all in your prayers as we get deeper and deeper into this discernment. While we cannot share specifics due to confidentiality, please do know that we all want you to approach us with any questions or concerns. We will try to respond as best as possible while keeping within our confidentiality obligation. We strive for you to feel as informed as possible throughout this entire process.

Prayerfully,

The Trinity Nominating Committee:
Clara Bleir, JP Brantley, Elaine Hammonds, Lisa Nesmith, Jack Pogue, Dave Seidel, and Bob Webster

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GROUP AND COMMITTEE NEWS



The Episcopal Church Women

Thanks to the generosity of many (20) of the parishioners, the ECW Alternative Gift Fair was a great success. In spite of bad weather, we exceeded last year's donations. Trinity will be distributing \$2,617 to many local and diocesan charities. If you missed your opportunity to get an alternative gift, see Carla Liverman or Carol Seidel between services.

READING CAMP FUNDRAISER ON FEBRUARY 11, 2011.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will host a Silent Auction to benefit Reading Camp on Friday, February 11, 2011 from 5 to 7 pm in the Parish Hall at the church. Light refreshments will be served. Some examples of the items available for bids are Vacation packages, Dinner packages, Horseback Riding Lessons, Shaker Wooden Boxes, Framed Photographs and MORE!!

Plan now to attend, invite your friends and do some shopping for your Valentine(s)! —Jane Brantley

Men's Club

On Wednesday, January 5, at 6:00 pm, to celebrate Twelfth Night (the last day of Christmas and the eve of Epiphany), the men's group will host a chili supper at the church. Bring the whole family and friends for food (salads, at least three kinds of chili, spaghetti for the kids, and dessert), fun (a Christmas trivia session, a Christmas carol sing), and fellowship. And who knows? The Three Kings might show up!!.—J.P. Brantley

Worship Committee: Interested in Serving?

A formation meeting will be held at 0930 on Sunday January 9th for everyone interested in serving during our worship services. Anyone interested in serving as an usher, being an acolyte or a chalice bearer, joining the altar guild, or being a lector are invited to join us for an information meeting. Everyone presently serving in any of these important functions is encouraged to attend to share personal experiences and provide encouragement. —Tom Peters

Hospitality Committee

Parish dinners were held November 14th. Twenty-seven people participated. We look forward to another round in the spring. Watch your bulletin for details.—Cindy Arnold

Outreach Committee: "Askings Calendar"

The Vestry has reviewed and approved an annual "Askings" Calendar for the 2011 year. It was the Outreach Committee's desire to develop an anticipated schedule of times throughout the church year where various groups would approach the parish to solicit funds, time, materials for projects and activities in the church. Annual events from the Back-to-School collection to the Men's Low County Boil to Diocesan Appeals were included so parishioners could be informed of anticipated "askings" and contributions. This will help both the parish and Vestry to plan and publicize various projects and events. While this is the anticipated schedule of such "askings", it does not preclude groups or individuals from initiating new projects - it is just asked that they speak to a Vestry member prior to publicizing the event so conflicts can be avoided and communication is optimized. The approved "Askings" Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.—Kandy Stroup

OTHER OUTREACH PROJECTS



Student Outreach

Thank you for doing such a great job supporting this new outreach project by volunteering to be here for the students, baking cookies, bringing other snacks and giving monetary donations. Together you created a caring atmosphere that the students recognized and appreciated. They expressed a desire that Trinity "do this again."

Trinity was open for 58 hours during finals week with 12 students using the facilities in excess of 50 hours; several students came on two days. They all expressed appreciation for a quiet, comfortable, un-crowded place to study; they were also delighted to have snacks and drinks. —Jan Peters

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project

Trinity Church has again graciously supported The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project this year.

We were asked to cover two days for ten hours per day. We had 30 volunteers braving the cold outside of Wal-Mart this year. Individuals who contributed to the Red Kettle stated that they were very happy to see us in spite of the weather. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped in this great cause!—Greg Smith



Kroger Card Update



As Trinity is wrapping up the year, we have received a total of \$2950.92 from the Kroger Card rebate program so far this year. We expect that we will exceed last year's total of \$3149 after we receive the December dividend check. Many thanks to all who regularly participate! A portion of the proceeds has been designated for the Outreach committee to use towards various projects and activities. If you do not have a Kroger Card, shop there or at Shell Gas stations, and are interested in having a card, please check with the church office or see an usher after church. —Kandy Stroup

National Alliance on Mental Illness



Dear Trinity,
So many of you have made a difference this year in the lives of many individuals living with mental illness in our community. Thanks to Trinity and especially to Jane Brantley, the annual Christmas Dinner hosted to honor those living with mental illness reached 42 "guests of honor" this year. The Consumer Connections support group meets every Thursday night for support and supper in the NAMI office in Trinity House and keeps growing. Thank you also for your participation in our walk and including us in the Alternative Gift Fair and your memberships. Next month you'll hear more about our other Trinity angels.— Lois Anderson

OTHER NEWS

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Prevention of Sexual Exploitation & Harassment Training

January 15, 2011
9:30 am—1:30 pm

New Beginnings #19:
February 11-13, 2011
For youth in grades 7-9
(brochures in the Narthex)

Happening:
March 18-20, 2011
For youth in grades 10-12
(brochures in the Narthex)

www.diolex.org

Divorce Recovery Workshop

The Presbyterian Church of Danville is planning an 8-week Divorce Recovery Workshop from a Christian Perspective to be held at 5:30 pm on Mondays starting January 10th. For more information, see the bulletin board in the parish hall.

Reminder

If you have an emergency, such as a hospital stay, please call the church office at 236-3374.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 John & Susan Ferguson
2	3 Rowen Haigh	4 Phil Garland	5	6 Chris & Sue Jackson	7	8 Jerry Brock
9 Virginia Robbins- Bugg Howard Hoffman	10	11 Gary Bugg Dan Stroup Alice Berka	12	13 Marcia Wireman	14 JP Brantley	15 Austin Williams
16	17	18	19	20 Adam Haigh	21 Tom & Jan Peters	22 David Berka
23	24 Walter & Susan Nimocks	25	26 Carol Clark	27	28 Anne Williams	29
30 J.P. & Jane Brantley	31 Mary Beth Overmyer					

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Barbara Smith	4	5
6 George & Lisa Forman	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Judy & Mickey Robertson	15 Drew Dunn	16	17	18 Jack & Jean Pogue	19
20	21	22 Brayden Swanson Norman	23 Julie Rowand Annie Capers Walter	24	25 Liz Burns	26
27	28 Gabe Pope Jeff Thornton					