



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

JANUARY 2021



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

It is now 2021. We leave behind an eventful, to say the least, year of 2020. Our struggle has been real, and unfortunately continues. But it will be done **sooner than later**. The mitigations our wise Governor has employed, and the roll out of the vaccine, will prove to finally and ultimately address this disease that affected our world. And once we pass this time, we will have many questions to ask in terms of how we responded or reacted to this crisis as faith bearers of the Jesus the Christ. For now, we might make some spiritual, personal resolutions for the New Year.

Unfortunately, but perhaps fortunately, we have some time to assess areas that have not been our individual strong suit. One such area is our willingness to participate in the only opportunity to connect. If we have not been inspired by Zoom, that is certainly understandable. If the Facebook or TV recording did not “do it” for us, well, might, as the faithful, we give it another go? You see we have time to assess and address. God is really good at being open to that. Are there projects that we can coordinate virtually that maybe we have just been too tired to share? Boy, do I understand. But if there are ideas you think would address our inner church community, gatherings online, virtual cocktail parties, etc....could you share with me and maybe decide to help make it happen? Have you been reluctant to share certain technical prowess you bring to the table that perhaps now you could share with the church family? There is plenty of time to take care of business. God is so good about accepting our offers whenever they come. Perhaps, you have some ideas for daily reflection, a book study, etc... that you'd share with me. Now, is a good time. In the near future, we will meet for the annual meeting after the 9 am service on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021—virtually—to do the business ordinarily part of that time. At that meeting, I will share an opportunity for us, on a date after Annual

meeting, to brainstorm and share creative ideas about projects and emphases for the future. I know you have had ideas about fun stuff, and projects we want to consider taking on in the future. Once the pandemic is done, there will be so much we will wish to address in our community of Franklin County. How might we help? How might the buildings be of assistance? Are there projects that require hands on? What about a dramatic first Sunday plan for when the building doors are once again open? What sort of gathering will we have for our first Sunday back? What sort of gatherings and celebrations do we want to continue? What sort of plan will we have to address lament, healing, and renewal?

These, and many more, are resolutions of a spiritual nature for the people of Holy Trinity, the Church, and how our time away may inspire us to new vigor, renewed focus, and assessment of the wider community's needs, the assessment of Christian ed. needs for children in our parish, choir restarting, etc. All in planning for, and in anticipated thanksgiving for, being able to be together, safely, in person once again. As we move out of COVID pandemic life, sooner than later, what will we resolve to be and do? How might we resolve to be part of God's solution of love and compassion, forgiveness and healing, unity and commitment? When you think about it, the possibilities, it really is so exciting!

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Rob+



## Upcoming Events

Wed, Jan 6 – Feast of the Epiphany

Mon, Jan 11 – 5:30 pm VESTRY

Sun, Jan 24, 2021 – Annual Meeting following 9 am service, election of new vestry members, election of delegates and alternates to Diocesan Convention



Upcoming! More information to come soon.

A new offering for Adult Christian Formation: **Suffering, Lament, and Incarnational Theology**

### Stewardship

Pledges can still be turned in. The budget is figured with everyone participating in their gift to God in the form of a pledge. As you know, it is our way of giving to God but through God's vessel here on earth, the Church. And as I have said, much of your pledge is able to go to outreach. As a generous congregation, we want to continue our generosity and hopefully continue to increase it, with your help.



### Giving Tree

Fr. Rob wishes to acknowledge those who contributed to the Giving Tree with monies for CVOEO Heat for Homes. We raised \$1200.

These are the people who donated:

Helen & Frank Short	Mary & David Wood
Charlie & Sheri Moore	Linda Wirts
Les Stutzman & Mike Ellis	Laura Simon
Barb & Steve Trushaw	Mary Hartman
Molly Hartman	Erica & Jacob Greenia
Wally & Natalie Good	Katherine Winchester
John & Deanna Edwards	Shelley Robtoy
(3) Anonymous	

## Reports for Annual Meeting

Kiley is beginning to compile the reports for the Annual Meeting. As this is her 1st year doing this, it's a bit of a learning curve. If there is anything you think she should include, please let her know. She is in need of the following reports:

- Senior Warden's Report
- Junior Warden's Report
- Acolyte and Youth Report
- Altar Guild Report
- Music Ministry Report
- Children's Christian Formation Report
- Adult Christian Formation Report
- Fellowship Team Report
- Finance Commission Report
- Morning Prayer Report
- Outreach Report
- Pastoral Care Team Report
- Sheldon House Commission Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Columbarium Commission Report

WE realize 2020 hasn't been your typical year so a lot of the reports will probably be very different from years past. Get your reports to Kiley asap as she wants to get a jump on compiling the report.

Thank you



### Vestry at a Glance:

- \*Xmas Eve crèche Zoom service 4pm with Eucharist and video montage
- \*2019 audit approved
- \*2021 Annual Budget balanced and approved
- \*Vestry reviewed and approved Fr Rob to preside and host the crèche service from his daughter's home in South Carolina
- \*Vestry slate of 5 candidates approved for presentation at Annual Meeting January 24, 2021 - 3 who agree to serve 3 year terms and 2 who agree to serve 2 year terms. Wallace Good

## Anti-Racism Book Discussion Dec & Jan

An Anti-Racism Action book discussion will be held on the first three Thursdays of December and January, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Participants will discuss "A Scriptural, Ecclesiastical, and Historical View of Slavery" (1864) by John Henry Hopkins, the first bishop of Vermont, and the film "I Am Not Your Negro," a documentary on the African-American writer James Baldwin. You can download the book for free online and watch the film on Netflix. Please email Pamela Van de Graaf to receive the Zoom link to join the program and let her know if you do not have access to Netflix.



### Leading From Behind: The Shepherd's Way

Guy Saffold in [Leadership](#), [Servant Leadership](#)

Shepherds lead from the rear of the flock, helping them navigate and creating an environment where the more nimble and agile are able to run ahead so that the others can follow. The task of the leader is to help individuals flourish in their roles, setting boundaries for the flock, and helping to resolve tensions. Leading from behind is particularly important when the goal is to encourage innovation, discovery and implementation of new ideas and processes. Innovation flourishes where leaders both unleash and harness the creativity of the team, Linda Hill, Harvard professor says. "You have to create an environment in which" all the participants are "engaged and in which the collective talent of team members is tapped by having everyone take the lead at some point."

In more recent time the concept of "leading from behind" has been associated with President Barack Obama and said to be a foolish idea. This confuses politics with leadership, and seriously fails to understand the concept. "Leading from Behind" is not about hanging back and failing to lead. Nelson Mandela, a leader admired world-wide for his strength of character explains the true meaning of "leading from behind."

"It is better to lead from behind and to put others in front, especially when you celebrate victory when nice things occur. You take the front line when there is danger. Then people will appreciate your leadership."

(Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom, 1995, 22).

## *In Memoriam*

### *[Ring out, wild bells]*

Alfred Lord Tennyson - 1809-1892

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

(Ed. Note: this poem appeared in two Christmas cards that I know of this year. There is nothing new under the sun Ecclesiastes 1:9)



### A Prayer for 2021

I pray that I remember this no matter what 2021 brings. Happy New Year!

Hello! welcome to Flight #2021. Where our Captain is, the Great I am, His Copilot Jesus, the flight crew, will be the Holy Spirit and the Angels of Mercy. At this time we are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive and doubt devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer.

Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers. There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. Our GOD The Captain has cleared us for takeoff. Our Destination is GREATNESS, AND BEYOND!



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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Lorie Bullard
3	Jackson Gagne
4	Paul Leduc
14	Marc Poissant
17	Mary Hartman
18	Brigit Reyes (Our Little Rose)
19	Shirley Barratt
20	Audra Lovelette, Tony Martin Spainhour
25	Eadoin Murphy
27	Alex Longe



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4	Bev & John Monteil
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### In New Life

**Dec 4**            **The Rev. Donald R. Morris**  
**May he rest in peace & rise in glory**