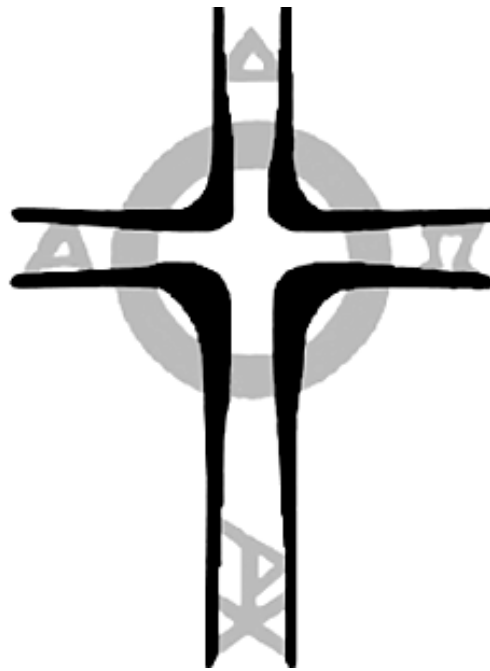


# TRINITY CATHEDRAL

# 2018

# ANNUAL REPORT



*Trinity Cathedral is a growing community making disciples who love and serve Christ and His world.*

## ANNUAL MEETING

## MARCH 3, 2019

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# AGENDA

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA MARCH 3, 2019

- 5:30 PM: Opening Prayer & Dinner
- 7:00 PM: Call to Order and Appointment of Clerk
- 7:02 PM: Election of Vestry and Convention delegates  
– balloting open
- 7:10 PM: Stewardship Report
- 7:20 PM: Financial Report
- 7:40 PM: Senior Warden's Report
- 7:50 PM: Interim Dean's Report  
Dean's Awards
- 8:15 PM: Introductions and Election Report  
Retiring Vestry Members  
Newly elected to 2019 Vestry  
Introduction of Senior Warden
- 8:20 PM The Blessing and Adjournment

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2018

**Dinner:** 5:30 pm with prayer by Rev. Pamela Anderson

**Annual Meeting Opened by Dean Baker at 6:42pm**

**Handouts:** 2017 Annual Report, Agenda, and copies of annual meeting slides.

**Message from the Dean:** The church needs to be engaged with the community. **Overview of the Dean's ministry, programs at Trinity, challenges related to the financial deficit, and recent changes in clergy and clergy duties.**

**Introduced new programs to come:** Caring Angels (a program that will partner with other churches of color) and new software system, "Realm."

**Meeting called order by Dean Baker at 7:07pm.**

**Laurie Moulton appointed as Clerk of the meeting.**

**Introduction of vestry nominees:** Pat Ronne, Chris Sanft, Ted White, Shane LaVigne, Bismarck Maddy, Jessica Wallace, and Burt Douglass.

Peter Perera nominated Bill McGrath.

**Balloting limited to 7 nominees.**

**Balloting of convention delegates:** Limited to 11 people out of the 22 candidates. Results will be presented tomorrow via email.

**Facilities Committee Report by Peter Perera:** The state of our campus is much healthier than 3 years ago. Current and completed projects were reviewed as well as future projects.

**Senior Warden Report by Kirk Bone:** We are currently looking at some new property development in the area but will wait until finances are stronger.

**Stewardship Report by Nathan Daily and Chris Tzimenatos:** Thank you to those who gave personal testimony to the congregation. We are at 2.2% ahead of pledgers than we were at annual meeting last year.

**Discussion of planned giving and overview of this program.**

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**Financial Report by Pat Ronne:** Actual 2017 results are still preliminary and were reviewed as well as current expenses and allotment of funds to areas of need. The long-range plan was also reviewed for both 2017 and 2018.

**The vestry has not approved the budget. This will be completed when the budget has been balanced.**

**Stained Glass Windows Appeal by Jerry Paré and Randy Cheek:** There has been a lot of concern raised regarding the status of the windows and those that need repair. There has been discussion regarding a separate fund for the repair of the windows. The Eucharist window (facing Capitol Avenue) is the oldest window and most in need. The next windows are the Sacrament window, the Paschal Lamb Window, and the Trinity Window with Saints Peter and Paul. Total cost to repair is around \$46,000. There will be recognition for those who donate \$50 or more and \$100 or more, but all amounts will be accepted. Donation forms are available.

**Dean Baker announced that Kirk Bone will be continuing as Senior Warden.**

**Senior Warden's Report by Kirk Bone:** Explained the search process for the new Bishop, as he is serving on this committee. The search for the new Dean is just beginning but will be similar to the process of that of the bishop.

**Presentation of the Dean's Award:** Presented to Susan Hotchkiss, Pat Ronne, Bruce Townes, Kathy Twibell, and Beverly and Don Gerth. The latter will be presented during church as the recipients were unavailable tonight.

**Thank you to outgoing vestry members.**

**Our newly-elected vestry members were announced as:** Burt Douglass, Shane LaVigne, Bismarck Maddy, Pat Ronne, Chris Sanft, Jessica Wallace, and Ted White. Next vestry meeting is February 20th at 7pm.

**Blessing by Canon Walker and adjournment by Dean Baker at 8:15pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Moulton, Clerk of the Vestry

# INTERIM DEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL

*The Rev. James Richardson*



Dear friends,

This past year, Lori and I have been delighted to rejoin the Cathedral congregation after 12 years away. We are much enjoying getting reacquainted with old friends and making new friends. Being among you is a true joy. Trinity Cathedral is a healthy, caring and giving congregation, with a talented group of volunteers, staff and clergy. I am especially grateful to Bishop Barry Beisner, the Vestry and wardens, for extending this invitation to be with you in this interim period. I am very grateful to everyone in helping me get reoriented in the life of the Cathedral.

The first half of 2018 at Trinity Cathedral was marked by farewells. The Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker stepped down as Dean of the Cathedral after 12 years of faithful service. The year also saw the departure of other staff members, including the Rev. Megan Anderson and the Rev. Pamela Anderson. Later in the year, Cherie Chamness retired as bookshop manager and Thomas Bush retired as one of our custodians.

The cornerstone of Trinity Cathedral is worship on Sundays and weekdays. Our Sunday worship and music remains vibrant and touches many lives. We also hosted the Cathedral music series, the Annual Diocesan Choir Festival, Education for Ministry graduation, and ordinations, including our own Grant Bakewell to the priesthood.

We have many challenges ahead, including the calling of a new Dean of the Cathedral. But there is much else on our plate in the months ahead. We will be welcoming our Bishop-elect, the Rev. Canon Megan Traquair. We expect she will be ordained our bishop on June 29, 2019, and then will be formerly installed in her seat – the “cathedra” – here at Trinity Cathedral on June 30, 2019. We will be much a part of the festivities.

Trinity Cathedral this past year finished two major building projects: replacing the Great Hall floor and installing new canopy umbrellas in the courtyard. But we have much else to do, including renovating restrooms, installing a wheelchair ramp and repairing our 64-year-old cathedral building. I will have more to say on that in the days ahead.

Candidly, we still face financial challenges. We have trimmed the budget deficit that could have ballooned this year to more than \$360,000 to less half that amount, primarily by reducing staff and not filling vacant positions. Our treasurer, Pat Ronne, and the Finance Committee have spent many hours working on the budget.

We should not lose sight of the fact that the heart-and-soul of Trinity Cathedral are the many ministries we have that continue to thrive – our hospitality teams, worship teams, the Wednesday dinners for people on the streets, the Floyd School partnership, Sunday School and Children's Chapel, Thursday Night At the Cathedral adult formation, and so much more. I highly commend that you read this report with its portrait of this amazing Cathedral congregation. All of this happens because of you! And thank you for letting me be a part once again of Trinity Cathedral.

*-The Rev. James Richardson, Interim Dean*

# STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

*Find your passion*

*Feed your soul*

## Pledges and Amounts since 2014

Year	Pledge Count	% Change from Prior Year	Amount Pledged	% Change from Prior Year
2014 at Year End	362	--	\$ 923,227	--
2015 at Year End	359	-0.8%	\$ 946,941	2.6%
2016 at Year End	347	-3.3%	\$ 978,989	3.4%
2017 at Year End	326	-6.1%	\$ 935,556	-4.4%
<i>2018 at Annual Meeting</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>-2.1%</i>	<i>\$ 900,854</i>	<i>-3.7%</i>
2018 at Year End	348	6.7%	\$ 922,128	-1.4%
<i>2019 at Annual Meeting*</i>	<i>314</i>	<i>-5.7%</i>	<i>\$ 892,527</i>	<i>-0.9%</i>
2019 Year to Date #	314	-9.8%	\$ 892,527	-3.2%

51 new pledges and 263 renewed pledges.

\* Compares current progress to last year at the Annual Meeting.

# Compares current progress to 2018 at Year End total.

*March 3, 2019*



# ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL/CANON RESIDENTIARY

*The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker*



The Annual Report is a great exercise in taking time to reflect on the past year and to cast a vision for the year to come. Last year we said goodbye to Dean Baker and his family and were able to welcome back Rev. Jim and Lori Richardson. It's been a wonderful gift to be able to make this transition with someone already known and loved by this community. Our goal during this time is to right-size our budget, replenish monies we spent doing critical capital improvements, and to position ourselves to be an attractive call to applicants feeling drawn to be our next Cathedral Dean. This Annual Report gives all who read it a chance to better understand why we are a million-dollar operation and to appreciate all that happens in this sacred space.

I have served as Canon Pastor for many years and am so proud that Rev. Anne Arthur now shares in that responsibility. Pastoral Care at the Cathedral involves Stephen Ministry and Hospital Chaplains. We have a new Health Ministry that is forming to meet needs not covered by the other two. Jennifer Bianchi leads our weekly healing ministry and Elba White and Rev. Grant Bakewell, Jr. work together leading the Order of St. Luke, a lay order whose focus is healing.

My other role has been to tend to the details of Worship. I am responsible for all of the liturgies at the Cathedrals which include Sunday mornings and all special events like Diocesan Ordinations, weddings and funeral/memorial services. I am looking forward to preparing the liturgy for the Seating of the Bishop on June 30th. I have oversight over the Rota of clergy who serve at the Cathedral, and see that Altar Guild, Bread Bakers, Flower Committee, and Canon Link's music program have the resources they need to do their most remarkable work.

I also serve on the Finance Committee and oversee the expense side of the budget. I am pleased that we begin 2019 in a healthier place than prior years and am grateful for people's stewardship that makes the "nuts and bolts" of the Cathedral possible so that ministry can happen here for the glory of God. The Finance Committee is a group of faith-filled, mindful, and holy people.

This past year Dean Richardson called me to serve the Cathedral as Associate Dean. Over time, some of the responsibilities I have had in the past may change. I look forward to new challenges and to support those who are relieving me of some of my current charges.

Dean Richardson and I decided that this summer would be a good time for me to take some sabbatical rest before we transition into our next phase and the calling of a new Dean. I will be off July and August and will take my final month at a later time. Pat and I are hoping to get some travel in as well as enjoying our country place at Omo Ranch, California. I am so grateful for the times we have together as well as the deep friendship we have here with our Cathedral Family.

Trinity Cathedral is a holy place and space. We need such pockets of joy so that we can better manage the chaos and noise of the world around us with compassion and grace. May God continue to bless our work together and bring just the right Dean to lead us into a yet to be imagined future.

Blessings always,  
Lynell+

The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker, Associate Dean

# CANON OF CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

*The Rev. Canon Kathy Hopner*



Our programs serve over 140 children, youth and their families. These include: Sunday School, Children's Chapel, First Sunday Family Service, Parenting Matters group, various activities to grow in faith and community, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF) and Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (LEVN).

**Sunday School for four-year-old children through high school:** Our teachers, Rachel Henne-Wu, Josephine Hein, Andy Domek, Mary Hustler, Kelly Mieske, Jennifer Pennington, Linda Ford, Kelly Catlett, and Laura Basini are wonderfully creative! From a Lego recreation of the Cathedral's sanctuary and Godly Play stories to the Lord of the Rings trilogy, they

welcome and encourage our children and youth to explore and develop their faith.

**Children's Chapel:** Offered at both the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services, we gather to explore the gospel story, sing, pray, and create some art. This year, with the help of Rick Kenealey, we've been learning to play hand bells!

**First Sunday Family Service:** On the first Sunday of each month, we hold our First Sunday Family Service with arts and crafts along with a kid-friendly brunch. We usually gather in the Great Hall, but this year we've begun holding some of our Family Services in the Cathedral. Our interactive service is designed for children and their families; everyone is welcome to join us! We're grateful to our musicians: Rachel Henne-Wu, Elie Wu, and Desmond Muhlhauser. This service and activities gives families time to build relationships with one another.

**The Nursery:** Open every Sunday from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, the Nursery is a beautiful place to explore and play for Trinity Cathedral's youngest members! We are very grateful for our new team of caregivers: Lucy Hein, Alicia Chapa and Kathryn Echandia-Monroe! They've all grown up at Trinity Cathedral, and bring such love and joy to their work!

**Parenting Matters:** This group meets on the third Sunday of the month. This gathering provides an opportunity for parents to share the joys and challenges of raising children. We explore questions, concerns and issues facing families; a recent conversation ranged from Lenten practices at home to suggestions for surviving potty training!

**Variety of activities for children, youth and families to grow in faith and community throughout the year:** We marked the beginning of school with the Blessing of the Backpacks, carved pumpkins for Halloween, celebrated Advent and St. Nicholas Sunday with the great saint himself, presented two pageants on Christmas Eve with over 70 participants and little Henry, our baby Jesus. On the Sunday before Lent, we hid our Alleluias. As Easter approached we had a special Maundy Thursday service for children and families. On Easter Saturday we made Easter art and hunted for lots of Easter eggs! We celebrated Pentecost with streamers, and the end of our program year with ice cream and cupcakes.

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# CANON OF CHILDREN, FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

*The Rev. Canon Kathy Hopner*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS):** This was our fifth year! In August, we again spent a week at St. Michaels exploring Jesus Stories with 30 children. Several of our participants from our first years have now become junior counselors, and our older high school youth from Trinity Cathedral now help staff this week – they are all amazing!

**Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF):** EYF continued their work with River City Food Bank at St. Matthew's center and again participated in Nightwatch at Grace Cathedral. We were partners with 60 youth in the diocesan pilgrimage program, Pathways. We traveled to Sonoma State with retired Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Bishop Barry Beisner to explore the issues of racial reconciliation and environmental justice – two of the most important issues facing the church along with being the focus of the work of the House of Bishops. It was a transformative week, and we look forward to travelling to Humboldt County this summer.

**Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (LEVN.):** Over the last six years, Trinity Cathedral has supported the LEVN program as a part-time job placement site for one of their interns. We provide training in work with children and youth as young adults explore vocations for their future. Our very first intern, Julia Boudray is now an ordained Lutheran minister! This year's LEVN intern is Remington Willis, joining us from Virginia.

Many, many people – more than I can name here – make this ministry possible: Sunday School teachers, aides and substitutes, Gladys Hustler, all the youth and acolytes who help in Children's Chapel, our dedicated nursery staff, Rick Kenealey, Elie Wu, Rachel Henne-Wu, and all our musicians, the Men's Group, Sue Clark, Chris Sanft, and the altar guild, Kathy Twibell and the Flower Committee, Randy Cheek – our venerable St. Nicholas, and all those who make our special events possible. I am very grateful to all of you, and most especially to our parents who have been so supportive of all our ministries – you all make this possible! It is such a joy to serve here at Trinity Cathedral – thank you!

*–The Rev. Canon Kathy Hopner*

## CANON PASTOR

*The Rev. Canon Anne Arthur*



To my great joy, I have been asked to serve as Canon Pastor at Trinity Cathedral.

As a long-time member of this Cathedral, I have repeatedly witnessed and experienced the active, faithful, and tender hearts that form the Cathedral's core and energize its ministries, lay and ordained. It is a privilege to serve with and among such a remarkable group of pastorally dedicated ministers.

Much of the pastoral network that exists at Trinity Cathedral today is thanks to the vision and instigation of the late Canon Winifred Gaines, and to the nurturing engagement of Associate Dean Lynell Walker. Since the 1980s, Stephen Ministers have been a vibrant arm of pastoral care for persons experiencing difficult times; that embracing arm continues today under the faithful and energizing leadership of Mark and Jean Lacher, Cherie and Dana Chamness, Carolyn Meyer, and Walt Wiley. The Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs), also launched in the 1980's, bring elements of our communal worship to those who cannot come to church and create a vital communication link between the homebound and our church. Today, the LEVs are passionately shepherded by Jackie McGrath.

Launched under the leadership of Associate Dean Lynell Walker, we now have a ministry of lay hospital chaplains who bring Trinity Cathedral's presence into hospitals and sick rooms. In 2018, our lay chaplains were Mark and Jean Lacher, Jackie McGrath, and Cherie and Dana Chamness.

Many and varied forms of pastoral care emanate from our Cathedral to serve our congregation and/or engage the wider community. On an individual level, Jennifer Bianchi and her transept team offer healing prayer every Sunday during communion. The prayer list and the prayer chain actively respond to community needs; and Randie Strike connects by telephone with a long list of parishioners and newcomers.

Using a wider scope, The Rev. Art Lillicrapp and The Rev. Grant Bakewell take God's table and God's Word into residential facilities—The Chateau and Eskaton, respectively. In the fall of 2018, Trinity Cathedral hosted a two-day symposium, "Healing, Thank God!", organized by Elba White and others. Jackie McGrath regularly facilitates an Alzheimer's/Dementia caregivers support group. And, since the spring of 2017, it has been my ongoing and tender privilege to serve with Rhonda Canby and Canon Elizabeth Kenealey in facilitating bereavement groups for persons mourning the death of a loved one—a ministry that continues to unfold.

Pastoral care, as it has evolved at Trinity Cathedral, is a broad net that holds care receivers and care providers alike, lay and ordained, and wraps us in the sure knowledge of God's presence in our times of need.

*—The Rev. Canon Anne Arthur*



## SENIOR WARDEN AND JUNIOR WARDEN



It has been a great honor to serve as your Senior Warden for past year. You have been represented by an outstanding Vestry. Together we said goodbye to Brian Baker as our Dean and welcomed back a friend from the past, Jim Richardson as our Interim Dean. We began processes of searching for a Dean, saying goodbye to Bishop Barry Beisner and post-election – welcoming our Bishop-elect Megan Traquair to her *cathedra* (chair). We must continue to remind ourselves that the Cathedral is the Bishop's church in the Diocese.

The goodbye to Brian culminated in a fabulous dinner for over 400. The energy and love in the room that evening was overwhelming and represented the Cathedral congregation family at its absolute best. The logistics of hosting 400 with all volunteers, including meal preparation, could be overwhelming but it wasn't and turned out to be a beautiful event.

This summer we welcomed back Jim and Lori Richardson. Again, the welcome for Jim represented the Cathedral congregation family at its absolute best. This fall we began the process of searching for a Dean. The enthusiasm, energy and interest in this effort were evident with the number of applicants we received for the two committees, Profile and Applicant Review. I want to thank those serving on each committee and their Chairs: Tom Pace (Profile) and Ginny Douglas (Applicant Review).

We also hosted a walkabout for the candidates for Bishop in January. That evening the Cathedral sparkled and was a very special place. Thanks again to the Cathedral staff and volunteers for their work and effort. The Cathedral was well represented at the Special Convention that elected Megan. The announcement of her election was greeted with cheers and genuine enthusiasm. When she appeared on a television screen, she received a spontaneous five-minute standing ovation. I hope she felt the love. Let's also remember to thank Bishop Barry for his service. We will have several opportunities to thank him – this evening, at Easter and at an event later this year.

It has been an eventful and challenging year and we can be confident that together we can face challenges, reach our goals and live into our mission. As we start a new year, let's think of the words from George Bernard Shaw: "Let's not see things as they are and say why; Let's dream things that never were and say why not."

*-Kirk Bone, Senior Warden*



It has been an honor to be your Junior Warden this last year. A number of projects were completed. The umbrella project that started under a previous Junior Warden was completed. We installed drip irrigation and will be installing flowers on the 27th Street side of the Cathedral because of a generous donation. We had the alley parking lot restriped and security cameras installed in the alley. We commissioned an engineering report about the settling buildings. The report was mostly positive but there will be some repairs. Interim Dean Jim Richardson will be discussing that at the annual meeting and in other meetings as we start a fundraiser. We have several major projects that we hope to start fundraising for this year including bathrooms in the office area, a handicap ramp and accessible doors. We will be losing general access to Classrooms D and E above the Great Hall. The stairs in the back alley need to be replaced and we are discussing whether that is an expense we can afford. If the stairs are closed off, we do not have two fire exits that are needed so those rooms will be turned into storage. We updated our alarm system which had not been updated for over 20 years. We also added some new signs to the front of the cathedral, some directional signs, and welcome signs. It has been a busy year but hopefully you will consider it a productive year as well.

*-Chris Sanft, Junior Warden*

## ADULT FORMATION

*Susan Hotchkiss, Director of Adult Formation*



Adult Formation at Trinity Cathedral went through a lot of transition during 2018. I am pleased to report it is alive and thriving.

Our ongoing small groups are: Tuesday Morning Group, Lunch Bunch, Sunday Morning Spiritual Journey Group, Writing Group, and Order of St. Luke Prayer and Healing Bible Study. They continue to meet and pick up new members.

Our summertime Voices of Faith series gives participants a chance to learn about those who are wonderful examples of living the life Jesus spoke about.

Thursday Night At the Cathedral (TNAC) offers a delicious dinner, several opportunities to learn and discuss topics like social justice, liturgy, early Christian faith and history as well as Bible studies of Old and New Testament scriptures.

The highlight of this year was our Cathedral wide study of the Gospel of Luke. There were 12 small groups formed. Many met in facilitator's homes; others met here at the Cathedral; one group met online; and two additional groups were facilitated in Eskaton Monroe Lodge (Sacramento) and Eskaton Village Carmichael. Several are continuing on with different topics which is the magic of small groups. A bond is developed through trust, and relationships are formed that can last a long time. Look for more occasions to become a part of a small group at Trinity Cathedral.

None of this amazing ministry could happen without the help of our custodial staff, the volunteers who cook, and those who spend time putting together these formation events. Thanks to all who helped make 2018 a great year for adult formation at Trinity Cathedral.



*Education for Ministry (EfM)* is a four-year program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. The EfM program developers at the School of Theology of the University of the South believe that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a Church empowered by an active, theologically articulate laity. In the EfM group, participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The EfM groups work under the leadership of mentors who have attended training and have been accredited by EfM program staff. Mentors are not expected to impart information about the Christian tradition. Instead, EfM mentors serve as guides and administrators. The mentors for the 2018-2019 year are Pat Ronne and Susan Hotchkiss.

The participant registration fee is \$375 per year. Trinity Cathedral EfM alumni and parishioners have created a scholarship fund for those who need assistance.

## ADULT FORMATION

### *EfM; Sunday Morning Spiritual Journey Group*

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The EfM group at Trinity Cathedral currently meets every Sunday afternoon from September through June. Each year, Trinity Cathedral hosts the EfM graduation service for all EfM graduates in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Are you interested in joining an EfM group? Look for our information meeting in May or contact Susan Hotchkiss at [susan\\_hotchkiss1@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_hotchkiss1@hotmail.com).

– Susan Hotchkiss

### *Sunday Morning Spiritual Journey Group*

The Sunday Morning Spiritual Journey Group meets most Sunday mornings in the Conference Room between the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services to work on our spiritual faith journeys through discussions, prayer and studying the bible or some other faith-based book. We are a group with a variety of experience with church and faith; some just starting to join the church to some who have been cradled Episcopalians. We all learn and grow from each other!

This past year we tended to focus on reading the bible and sharing.

For the Epiphany Season, we used *Forward Day by Day* as our guide to reading the bible and reflecting.

As we moved into Lent, we used *Living Well Through Lent 2018: Loving with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* – a Lenten meditation guide put out by Living Compass.

For the Easter Season, we joined the National church in the Good Book Club and read ACTS.

The Summer is a natural time for us to break from meeting.

For the Fall we joined the congregation in reading *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*.

For the Advent season, we joined the congregation in reading Luke and were a Luke Small Group. This group has continued reading Luke into the Epiphany Season.

For this Lent, we will once again embark on the Lenten Meditation Guide by Living Compass entitled *Living Well Through Lent 2019: Practicing Forgiveness With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*.

–Amy Dierlam

## ADULT FORMATION

### *Trinity Cathedral Writer's Group; Trinity Cathedral Men's Group*

#### *Trinity Cathedral Writers Group*

In 2018, long-time facilitator and mentor June Gillam resigned her “first chair” in the Conference Room and now resides in Fairfield with her daughter, Karen Freeman, the new priest-in-charge at Grace Church. We gratefully acknowledge and thank June for her years of service. June still visits occasionally and remains a life-long member of Trinity Cathedral.

Bruce Roy now oversees the schedule and agenda as the new facilitator, while drawing inspiration from a talented and diverse group of writers who are devoted to the weekly spiritual practice of written expression, whether by pen to paper or laptop computer.

We have regular participants from Trinity Cathedral's community of faith as well as a few attendees from neighboring churches.

This past season of Advent into Epiphany, the Writing Group took on the added role of meeting as a “Luke Group” and using the questions from the discussion guide as prompts for our writing and subsequent conversations. The quote from the notes in our orientation to the Gospel of Luke, “Today the Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing!” was amplified by the scripture being fulfilled in our writing, an outward expression of the impact the word had upon our scribes.

The Trinity Cathedral Writers Group meets Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. Bring a pen, pad and an open mind to join us with no expectations other than good fellowship and open hearts. No writing experience or talent required. Everyone has a story to share that is well worth the telling.

*—Bruce Roy*

#### *Trinity Cathedral Men's Group*

In 2018, the Trinity Cathedral Men's Group helped pay for the umbrellas out of funds that had previously raised. We continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month for fellowship and formation. We continue to be involved with the Floyd school project including the annual dinner and auction. We will have Mardi Gras night the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday – as we have done for many years. We will continue to organize several Sacramento River Cats games during the summer for the whole congregation. Watch your e-news for dates and times.

If you are interested in joining us for breakfast and fellowship just show up on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Great Hall.

*—Chris Sanft*



# AT THE CATHEDRAL

## *Cathedral Library; Cathedral Bookshop*

### *Cathedral Library*

It is disappointing to report that last year we checked out only 48 items! Our previous average was 75 so this represents a dip. The Cathedral has added even more classes on Sunday mornings so it is difficult to make it to the library. But on the positive side, the library is now open two Sundays a month because of a new volunteer, Bethany Faith Muhlhauser. The scheduled days are the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Also on a positive note has been the online exposure of library assets provided by KK, our Desktop Publisher.

We have about 1,900 books in our collection, and we added 89 new titles this year. We removed even more titles because shelves were so crowded. Since we have reached maximum capacity, we have to be very selective with our acquisitions. The goal of collection development has been to support denominational interests, Cathedral classes and personal requests. There is a continuing stream of new material on religion, history, environment and social justice issues. And we have quite a variety of children's books to take home.

One question is why use a library when "everything" can be found online? But if a person, for comparison, looks up what is in print, it becomes obvious that sources like electronic tablets provide momentary material like best sellers and not really things of substance like religious topics. Books continue to offer real information; and libraries offer the economical alternative of loaning a book which a person will read only one time.

*–Phyllis Ehlert, Librarian*

### *Cathedral Bookshop*

As the Cathedral Bookshop continues to serve our congregation, the Sacramento Community, our Diocese and beyond, the bookshop management has experienced a recent transition. Cherie Chamness, long-time manager, retired at the end of 2018. In 2019, Mark Lacher assumed the role as manager on a volunteer basis. Mark appreciates all current bookshop volunteers, and encourages others who may have an interest in assisting to contact him at [bookshop3@gmail.com](mailto:bookshop3@gmail.com).

Highlights from 2018 also include taking the bookshop "on the road" for the:

- ♦ Diocesan Clergy Conference in May
- ♦ Diocesan Convention for the Diocese of San Joaquin in October
- ♦ Diocesan Convention for the Diocese of Northern California in November

Current Bookshop Volunteers include: Tina Campbell; Matt and Ruth Fitch; Lorna Griess; Jean Lacher; Candace Miller; Mary Myrick; Lis Padula; Kevin Sanders; Chris Sanft, Technical Support; Sandy Thompson, Card Selection and Ordering; Susan Wilson, Bookkeeper; and Vaughn Wolff.

*–Mark Lacher, Volunteer Bookshop Manager*

# PASTORAL CARE

## *Stephen Ministry*



The Stephen Ministry program is a national non-denominational ministry. It provides one-to-one lay Christian care by listening, supporting, and encouraging while maintaining confidentiality.

Trinity Cathedral has been extremely fortunate to have had Canon Winifred Gaines mentor our program. We are one of the most successful groups nationwide, both in size and history.

Associate Dean Lynell Walker is now mentoring our Stephen Leader group of Walt Wiley, Doss Miller, Carolyn Meyer, Jean and Mark Lacher, and Cherie and Dana Chamness.

Sadly, with the Millers impending relocation to Fairfield, Doss has relinquished his Leader's duties. We appreciate Doss's contribution and support of the Leaders' group.

Welcome to our new Leader, Todd Spivey!

In 2018, we opened our Continuing Education meetings to include all Trinity Cathedral members and friends. We have had interesting and motivational speakers from outside agencies and our clergy.

This year's training class includes Charles Ziegler, Ben Thomas, Linda Taeger, Liz McClatchy and Karen Lawler. They have all exceeded our expectations. We are proudly looking forward to their commissioning in May.

After completing their year of training, Stephen Ministers can qualify as Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors or Lay Chaplains.

We welcome people who are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers or those who would like a Stephen Minister. Contact Cherie Chamness (cchamness@gmail.com) or Mark Lacher (mjlacher@comcast.net)

*-Cherie Chamness*

# PASTORAL CARE

*Eskaton*



## Leaning into the Eskaton *"Shall We Gather at the River?"*

"On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. (Rev. 22:2)

Twenty-three years ago, this year, I became a member of Trinity Cathedral, having met our former Dean, Don Brown, in 1988 while finishing my Social Work degree at Cal. State, Sacramento.

Simultaneously, I began my resident chaplaincy program at UC Davis following graduation from CDSP in 1995.

And what a blessing these years have been! Professionally, this eventually led me to board certification as a professional chaplain (BCC) while serving at VITAS hospice, and, now--in my ninth year--as primary chaplain at Eskaton Senior Programs and Services. Throughout my journey, I have been supported and encouraged by the many people, clergy, and staff of Trinity Cathedral. Finally, last October, thanks to our Bishop, our Diocese, and our wonderfully supportive Commission on Ministry, I was ordained a Priest in our Church. Thank you all, again, for your many prayers, good wishes, and very helpful training as you have encouraged, supported, and hounded me in this process! I am very, very grateful.

While I now join you as a part-time pastoral associate at Trinity Cathedral, I continue my ministry of spiritual care at Eskaton to, for, and with a very diverse community of patients, residents, and staff. This now includes six volunteer chaplains and a growing ministry which seeks to integrate spiritual care into the life of all our residential communities. As an Episcopalian, I am grateful to have had the liturgical training to shape both our worship and our pastoral care at Eskaton in a way that is both thoughtful and inclusive: from offering a twice-weekly Ecumenical communion service at two skilled nursing communities to a memorial service for a Jewish resident and a Taoist staff member, to a weekly Buddhist-Christian-Multifaith "centering prayer" meditation group, using the rich resources of Fr. Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach. I continue to welcome both your referrals and any ministry support as we grow our chaplaincy program at Eskaton. Volunteers with Stephen's Ministry or other reputable training are always welcome, and musicians, knitters, quilters, artists, and life-story review scribes and videographers are also most welcome!

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# OUTREACH

## *Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sacramento ACT)*

Since 1991, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (Sacramento ACT) has been the public voice of the progressive faith community, creating public policy change in Sacramento. Trinity Cathedral is proud to be one of the founding congregations of this highly respected organization. Today, ACT's 56-member congregations and the 60,000 families we represent draw on our shared faith values as we lift up voices that are often silenced in our community: youth, communities of color, immigrants, homeless residents and new voters.

Within ACT, Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) are subgroups of congregations who organize around a common issue. Our LOCs include groups working to improve education and safety in our community, increase access to healthcare, direct funding away from incarceration and towards eliminating homelessness and supporting human services, advocate for immigrants and refugees, and to engage voters to vote their values.

Working alongside congregations from St. Mark's United Methodist and the Unitarian Universalists, Trinity Cathedral clergy and congregation members have chosen to tackle the issue of homelessness and affordable housing in our community. Consistent with ACT's organizing model, we also learn about and support the actions of other LOCs.

In specific, our LOC has worked tirelessly to urge the City and County of Sacramento to develop a comprehensive plan to end homelessness. Because we currently have no coordinated roadmap for addressing the issue, the system is a navigational nightmare for those who are homeless and those who wish to help. Often our work involves meeting with a key elected official or speaking before the city council or Board of Supervisors. Some of our LOC members are especially well-versed in the intersection between homelessness and mental health and they guide our work to expand mental health resources. Given that Sacramento rent increases were the highest in the nation last year and our county's poorest residents are forced to spend nearly 60% of their income on rent, we are working with other community partners on ways to assure that rent is stabilized and that more affordable housing is available and distributed through the region.

When new members join us, there is a lot to learn, but we help each other.

Our planning meetings are held monthly, generally at 10:00 AM on the third Friday of the month at St. Mark's United Methodist, but other meetings accommodate the schedules of people who cannot attend a weekday meeting. If you would like to learn more, contact Shireen Miles at [shireenmiles@comcast.net](mailto:shireenmiles@comcast.net) or Deacon Tina Campbell at [tinarcampbell@comcast.net](mailto:tinarcampbell@comcast.net).

*-Shireen Miles*

# OUTREACH

## *Family Promise*



Family Promise is a national non-profit organization with branch offices all over the U.S.

Its mission is to transition homeless families into stable housing and jobs, with the long-term goal of giving them the ability to live independently. Families admitted into the program must sign a pledge promising to actively work towards these goals for themselves. Over 82% of families in their shelter program find housing in less than nine weeks because of intense case management and community support.

During the day, the families are at work/school, and can use the facilities at the Family Promise home base, but they rely on their network of churches to host the families overnight.

Trinity Cathedral was one of the founding members of this network in Sacramento, which has now grown to include 14 faith communities.

The families, usually 2-4, arrive at 5:00 PM and leave at 7:00 AM. We host them for one week, four times a year.

Family Promise provides cots, and we provide bed linens, dinner, a small breakfast, and most of all, hospitality.

Does this sound like a program you'd like to support?

**We need volunteers of all kinds:**

- ♦ People to make and serve dinners
- ♦ Evening hosts to greet the families, serve and help clean up dinners
- ♦ Overnight hosts
- ♦ Folks to help on the Sundays and Saturdays of our host week.

Won't you consider helping these families who are working so hard to gain independence and stability?

*-The Rev. Donna Arellano, Deacon*



## OUTREACH

### *Leatatta Floyd Elementary School, our Adopted School Program 2018*

Trinity Cathedral has been serving Floyd School (previously Jedediah Smith) since 2001. Floyd School is located at 1401 McClatchy Way, Sacramento. The name of the school was changed in September of 2012 to Leatatta Floyd Elementary School. To date we have sent volunteers to help in classrooms, the writing project, the office, the school garden, the Back Snack and Clothes Closet programs as well as Secret Pals.

**Clothes Closet:** The Clothes Closet project is going well. In 2018, we served 48 families, with some families coming multiple times to get clothing for their children. Not only does the Clothes Closet serve the families and children, it is a resource for the Floyd School Staff. The closet helps when the children get wet and muddy in the winter months, when teachers notice that students do not have warm jackets or other articles of clothing, when younger students have accidents, or when students wear clothing that does not follow the dress code. The Clothes Closet is open to the Floyd School community on the fourth Friday of the month. We focus mostly on baby clothes and clothing for children – especially, pants for boys – sizes 5, 6 and 7, socks and underwear (most often asked for). Thank you to all who donate gently used clothing for this project. We are always needing more clothes. Special thanks to Ann Hall and Josephine Hein for chairing this valuable resource at Floyd School.

**Back Snacks:** In the first half of 2018, we served about 15 families per week (which is about 80 to 100 people) with snacks to see them through the weekend. We are now finding that our services in this area are not as needed as before so we are stopping the Back Snacks until we see what is needed. Special thanks to Ruth and Matt Fitch, Ann Hall, Josephine Hein, Hector Arellano, Cheri Olmstead, Mark James, The River City Food Bank and The Bread Store for helping with this project.

**Welcome Back to School Tunnel:** For the third time, a group of us met at the school at 8:15 AM on the first day of school. We formed a tunnel and welcomed the students back to school with pennants, pompoms, high fives, and applause. Some of the Floyd Staff City Year volunteers joined in and it was great fun. We want to send a message that school and learning are important and we care that you, the students, are coming to school.

**Trips for Kids:** Our third annual Trips for Kids Benefit Auction and Dinner on February 3, 2017, raised over \$12,000 to assist students at Floyd School go on field trips by paying for buses and admissions. The students went on trips to the Capitol, the Sacramento Ballet, the Sacramento Zoo, the Crocker Art Gallery and Effie Yaw Nature Center. All had a fun time at the dinner and auction.

**Secret Pals:** Since Floyd School does not have a PTA, and we know that working in a 100% poverty school is a challenge for the staff, Trinity Cathedral supports the staff with the Secret Pal Program. In September, staff members fill out a form to tell us about themselves. It includes: their birthday, favorite authors, cookies, sports teams and hobbies. Each staff member is then matched with a parishioner who signs up to be a Secret Pal. The Secret Pal sends notes of encouragement,



### *Leatatta Floyd Elementary School, our Adopted School Program 2018*

(there are some really hard days) and small gifts or remembrances each month to cheer them up. At the end of the school year we have a reception at the school where Secret Pals and staff members meet. Special thanks to Mary Hustler for chairing this program.

**Teacher Appreciation TGIF Luau:** We hosted this appreciation celebration for the teachers at the Tennyson home in May. Fun was had by all.

**Mother's Day Gift Shop:** All of the children in the school were given gift bags to decorate for their mothers. Then the Friday before Mothers Day, the Mother's Day Gift Shop opens at the school. Each child selects a gift for their mother and Trinity Cathedral volunteers help wrap the gift to put in the bag for Mother's Day. Special thanks to Dale Reinhard and family who sponsor this very special event for the children. It is always touching to see how carefully the children select something for their mother.

#### **Holiday Projects: Christmas Shop**

Our Christmas for parents to select for toys for their children went very well. We were able to provide 60 families with gifts that reached approximately 150 children. Parents were able to select the gifts for their children and a wonderful group of volunteers helped wrap and tag the gifts. Thank you to all who donated toys for this event.

#### **Holiday Projects: Christmas Bags**

As a Christmas gift to each child in the school, we collected items for Christmas bags. With donations from the congregation, we were able to buy 350 books, Christmas glasses, socks, candy and pencils. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were donated from the California Dental Association. Trinity Cathedral Volunteers decorated the bags and the congregation helped fill the bags on December 11.

On December 22, a group of elves delivered the bags to the classrooms at school, while Santa and his elves sang songs and talked to the children in an assembly. Thank you to Margo and Gil Hayes for purchasing the candy for the bags and Gladys Hustler for preparing materials and decorating some of the bags. A big Thank You to all who collected items for the bags and for those who bought books. Special thanks to Marion Welch for co-coordinating the Christmas bag project.

The Floyd School Project has been well supported by Trinity Cathedral. Some of our volunteers have persuaded other groups to help with this project. To all who contribute items, time, talents, skills and money, Blessings and Thank You!

*-Canon Nancy Tennyson*



# OUTREACH

## *Trinity Respecting Earth & Environment (T.R.E.E.)*



Since 2007, T.R.E.E. has provided leadership in raising the consciousness of members of Trinity Cathedral regarding care for God's creation and the earth's environment. We work towards protecting the earth's ecosystems, safeguarding public health, and ensuring sustainability in harvesting the earth's resources.

T.R.E.E. meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in a member's home.

The T.R.E.E. account has a positive balance of approx. \$1,100.00.

**Active members:** the Rev. Canon Tina Campbell, Ann Rothschild, Lyle Gramling, the Rev. Grant Bakewell, GayAnn Barnsley-White, Anita Williams, Gail Bakewell, Michele Chouinard, Doug Dierlam, Kathie Nelson, Amy Dierlam, and Dorian Manke.

### **Regular activities:**

- T.R.E.E. hosts coffee hour for the 9:00 AM service on the fourth Sundays of even months.
- T.R.E.E. has a used battery bucket in the office and takes batteries to the recycle center.
- Members write monthly T.R.E.E. Tips for the e-Newsletter. Articles in the seasonal Cross are by various members of T.R.E.E.
- T.R.E.E. is listed on the Trinity Cathedral Website under the "Connect" button, and in "Fellowship Groups."
- T.R.E.E. presents its ministry regularly to Newcomers' classes.
- T.R.E.E. hosts a Second Harvest table every Sunday to share parishioners' extra fruit and vegetables with other parishioners. We have an ongoing raffle for those who bring their own coffee cups to church and award monthly prizes.

### **Actions during Year:**

- T.R.E.E. members attended informational meeting about REALM: Trinity Cathedral's new database.
- Members met with the Rev. Jim Richardson, Interim Dean, to discuss goals for the coming year: Jim asked for another SMUD audit of Trinity Cathedral's energy consumption and needs. He encouraged us to be Green leaders as the Cathedral of the diocese, and asked for a specific list of our goals and needs, such as an electric car charger station, china coffee cups for Coffee Hour on Sunday, and Fair Trade coffee.



## OUTREACH

### *Trinity Respecting Earth & Environment (T.R.E.E.)*

- Recycling is an ongoing challenge as City and County recycling rules have changed. Additionally, volunteers in the kitchen are insufficiently educated, motivated, and understaffed in cleaning and recycling eligible materials. We need to inspire people to see that recycling is as sacred an act as preparing and serving food. We need large, informative signs; procedures to identify, clean and store the items during processing; people to coach and encourage kitchen recycling; and adequate staffing to perform this duty during food service functions.
- T.R.E.E. held its 12th Annual Earth Day Fair in April in the patio, with free tomato plants to all.
- We resumed the Alternative Christmas Fair on Nov 25 and had a very successful day with approximately 14 vendors.
- In March, in a T.R.E.E. tip and with e-mails, we specifically encouraged our Youth and Family programs to participate in Sacramento's Annual Creek Week, where volunteers clean up creeks in the area, and to consider activities with Soil Born Farms Citrus Harvest program and the Sacramento Valley Conservancy hikes and programs.
- Members' field trip to High Hand Nursery in Loomis included a tour of the nursery and lunch.
- When Dean Baker left Trinity Cathedral, T.R.E.E. gave him a stole as a farewell gift.
- In October, Canon Kathy Hopner hosted an excellent retreat for all ministries: "The Art of Hosting Conversations that Matter," that provided valuable interchange between ministries. Tina, Ann, GayAnn, and Grant attended.
- In October, T.R.E.E. member the Rev. Grant Bakewell was ordained to the priesthood.
- Funds come from a solar power purchase bonus, mugs and water bottle sales, Christmas Fair vendors fees. We could buy reusable supplies for the church kitchen. Our funds pay for Christmas Fair decorations, charity donations, Earth Day tomato plants, membership in California Interfaith Power and Light, and purchase of promotional coffee cups, water bottles, and reusable vegetable bags.

*-Ann Rothschild*

## OUTREACH

### *Community Dinner; Pilgrimage Sacramento and Winter Sanctuary Evening Service*

#### *Community Dinner*

Trinity Cathedral's Community Dinner ministry welcomes all who are hungry, lonely, need companionship, or need shelter for a few hours. Our guests enjoy a light meal, off the streets, in a safe place, in the Great Hall at Trinity Cathedral. Community Dinners are served from 6:00 - 7:00 PM on the first, second, third and fifth Wednesday of each month.

Attendance and volunteerism increased in 2018. The people who are our guests for Community Dinners are our sisters, brothers and siblings—and God is in them. We who volunteer do so because we believe this is what Jesus would have us do. All are children of God, made in his image. Volunteers provide, prepare and serve the meal, and may work as many dinners, or as few, as their schedule allows. There are many opportunities to help. A team captain, the designated representative of Trinity Cathedral for the evening, is in charge of all aspects of the dinner. Our team captains in 2018 were Sue Clark, Lyle Gramling, Donna Howard, Constance Rubio, Loren Weatherly and alternate, John Kraynak.

All are welcome to volunteer. Volunteers love to talk about these ministries, and we always welcome new volunteers. Please join us. To volunteer, contact [LyleGramling@gmail.com](mailto:LyleGramling@gmail.com), [Loren.Weatherly@gmail.com](mailto:Loren.Weatherly@gmail.com), [Randie.Trinity@gmail.com](mailto:Randie.Trinity@gmail.com), or any of our team captains, and we will help you get involved. We are so richly blessed by our Community Dinner ministry! We grow and live our faith, the communities we serve grow, and the volunteers live and grow with us all. God is good.

#### *Pilgrimage Sacramento and Winter Sanctuary Evening Service*

Lay members of Trinity Cathedral lead an evening service of scripture and prayer for guests attending Pilgrimage Sacramento and Winter Sanctuary. Each fourth Wednesday, Pilgrimage Sacramento or Winter Sanctuary dinner is served in the Great Hall at 6:00 PM and the service in the Cathedral begins at 5:45 PM.

This evening service invites those who are marginalized, dispossessed, unhomed, outcast, or alienated from God, into a sacred space. Some have never been inside a church. Many, from a variety of faith traditions or none at all, have been chased away from houses of worship and told they are not welcome. Scripture and prayers in this service speak to the special needs of the people who are our guests. At the conclusion of the service, guests may light votive candles, or kneel and pray privately, or meet with members of the Cathedral who are available for private, one-on-one prayer. Those who lead these evening services want to share this very special ministry. Come and see.

In 2018, leaders were Jean Alford, Shelley Mydans, Susan VanDyke, Loren Weatherly, and Marion Welch. For further information, please contact Clergy Advisor Associate Dean Lynell Walker at [lwalker259@aol.com](mailto:lwalker259@aol.com), or any of the leaders.

*-Loren Weatherly*

## NEWCOMERS AND VOLUNTEERS

*Randie Strike, Newcomer/Volunteer Coordinator*



Working with Newcomers and Volunteers at Trinity Cathedral is a wonderful experience. I have met the most wonderful people. Those who come to Trinity Cathedral looking for a new church home are very special people. They are all so very moved by our ministry to our homeless and hungry neighbors.

We have a lot of Newcomers and visitors each Sunday morning. I just love looking for those visiting Trinity Cathedral for the first time or even for several times. It is fun and really makes my Sunday. I can't tell you how confirmed I am that Jesus wants me to do what I'm doing here at Trinity Cathedral. Sometimes I have to laugh.

I am always trying to find Newcomers so if you are one, let me know who you are and what you would like to do at Trinity Cathedral. We don't want you to make a decision on what you want to do too soon, but when you feel that it is time to decide, I would love to help you find a perfect place here.

All of us at Trinity Cathedral, long-time members and folks who are new here, could be interested in getting involved or more involved. If this is you – come be with us at Newcomers. It is fun to meet new people you don't know or to be reacquainted with people you may not know that well. Working with Outreach, Worship and Music, Adult Formation, Hospitality and all of the other ministries at Trinity Cathedral can be very rewarding. You just never know where this journey could take you. Lifetime friendships are made here.

Don't forget everyone is always welcome to come to Newcomers in Room C at 10:15 AM each Sunday. If you are a long-time member, come meet the Newcomers and if you are new, come be with us. I learn something new about the Episcopal Church and Trinity Cathedral almost every Sunday — and I've known the Episcopal Church for a long time as my grandparents were involved in the Episcopal Church.

I'm looking forward to a great 2019 at Trinity Cathedral with even more Newcomers than before and lots of Volunteers. I am glad to be at Trinity Cathedral with you.

*–Randie Strike, Newcomer/Volunteer Coordinator*

# MUSIC

## *2018 Cathedral Music Program*



2018 was another banner year for the Cathedral Music program!

The Cathedral Choir continues to maintain a standard of singing which is the envy of many Cathedral and Parish choirs across the nation. They sing the highest quality choral repertoire week after week, always striving for excellence. The choir loves to sing Choral Evensong on selected Thursdays of most months during the choir season, keeping alive one of the most beautiful of Anglican traditions. Highlights included our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and our Thirty-first Diocesan Choir Festival, which I was privileged to conduct.

The Cathedral Choir is in the planning stages of our choir pilgrimage to England in July of 2020. The choir will be “in residence” at Beverley Minster in Yorkshire (one of the largest parish churches in England), and mighty Durham Cathedral, singing the daily Evensong services, and a round of three services on Sunday. You’ll be hearing much more about this during 2019.

The Celebration Choir keeps me on my toes all year round, with their tremendous sense of community, worship, and humor. They always seem game for whatever I throw at them, always working with a smile. We have made a concerted effort to increase congregational singing, with a “song of the month” scheme, and occasional congregational rehearsals before the service begins. And we are ever expanding our repertoire from many different traditions including Jazz, Gospel, African-American, and Hispanic traditions. We are pleased to welcome new members at any time!

The Cathedral Handbell Ringers have taken a hiatus this year, with hopes to restore the budget for a paid director in 2020. Nonetheless, some members have joined the Cathedral choirs in providing handbell parts for liturgical pieces during the year.

Our small chamber choir Resurrexit sang the challenging Office of Tenebrae during Holy Week, presenting one of the most deeply profound services of the year.

I celebrated thirty-four years as Canon for Music at Trinity Cathedral in November. I have been here at the Cathedral for more than half of my life! It has been an amazing journey, and I am ever grateful for the opportunity to do this work.

I am ably assisted by a dedicated and gifted part-time music staff of Choral Scholars: Mary Wiley Smith, Bernadette Rose Mondok, Christine Miller, Derek Keller, Tyler Thompson, and Patrick Kenealey; and Kamilyn Davis, Director of Choristers.

Most of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the nearly seventy volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to make music at Trinity Cathedral. In addition to their choir duties, most of them participate in other Cathedral programs including Stephen Ministry, Vestry, EfM, Altar Guild, Flower Committee, and more. You are the lifeblood of our program, and your unique gifts and dedication are deeply appreciated, not just by me, but by all who worship here at Trinity Cathedral.

We have welcomed several new members to our choirs this year, and would be happy to welcome you as well!

*-Canon David Link, Director of Music*

# WORSHIP

## *Vergers, Lectors and Intercessors; Sacristans*

### *Vergers Report for 2018*

Vergers carry on a long Anglican tradition of assisting clergy in public worship and are seen in regular attendance at our principal services and on special occasions. Vergers organize and lead processions, escort readers, intercessors and special guests, and make certain that everything is in readiness for services. Vergers are licensed as Eucharistic Ministers and receive ongoing training.

Canon Grant Carey and Elmer Swanson, who died in 2014, together developed the role of verger for Trinity Cathedral in the early 1990s. The ministry that Elmer and Canon Carey started is evolving and growing, providing support to clergy and congregation during worship services.

Vergers serve at the invitation of the Dean. Our vergers include Janice Ranton, Mike Pinkerton, Jeff Zentner, Sue Clark, Don Taylor, Pat Ronne, Andre Jensen, Jay Elmquist and myself (Canon Verger Elizabeth Kenealey).

### *Lectors Report for 2018*

Lectors are the lay people of Trinity Cathedral that read the Bible lessons at the worship services. On Sundays, lay people participate in the worship service by reading the appointed lessons for the day. Lectors are scheduled a month ahead and receive their assigned readings so that they may practice prior to the Sunday's service. It is a wonderful way to become involved in worship. The opportunity also exists for lay people to read lessons at any of the weekday services by merely speaking to the Celebrant for that particular service prior to the beginning of the service. In 2018, we had 2 training classes, both lead by Jay Leach, and we hope to have more this year.

### *Intercessor Report for 2018*

Trinity Cathedral intercessors lead the prayers of intercession offered by the people of God for “the Universal Church, its members and its mission, the Nation and all in authority, the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community, those who suffer and those in any trouble and the departed.” (BCP, page 359). The Deacon, as the one who “interprets to the Church the needs, concerns and hopes of the world”, introduces the prayers. Lay people lead us in these prayers.

At Trinity Cathedral, we have people who write the prayers every week and others who then bring these to us during the service of Holy Eucharist. The Reverend Canon Tina Campbell, our deacon emeritus, oversees those who compose the prayers. Any interested in this, please contact Deacon Campbell. Any interested in leading the prayers, please contact Canon Verger Elizabeth Kenealey.

*-Canon Verger Elizabeth Kenealey*

### *Sacristans Report for 2018*

Our sacristan team of Canon Verger Elizabeth Kenealey, Jeff Zentner, Jay Elmquist and Chris Sanft continues to work with the vergers to help in the coordination of Sunday and other special services. I am grateful for all their support and hard work this last year.

*-Chris Sanft*

# WORSHIP

*Eucharistic Ministers; Lay Worship Leaders; Stole Stitchers, Ushers*

## *Eucharistic Minister Report for 2018*

Our teams have continued their important work of serving at the Eucharist. This year several changes were adopted including having grape juice in both transepts. In addition, gluten-free wafers are also offered in the transepts at the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services. We are currently at full staff for the 9:00 AM service but are looking for Eucharistic Ministers at the 7:30 AM and 11:15 AM services. If you think you have a calling to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please let me know by e-mail ([chris@sanft.org](mailto:chris@sanft.org)) or catching me at any service.

*-Christ Sanft*

## *Lay Worship Leaders Report for 2018*

Trinity Cathedral has a group of lay worship leaders who lead Daily Morning Prayer, Compline, and Daily Evening Prayer. The leader prepares for the service, comes to the Cathedral, opens the doors, welcomes participants, leads those present in worship, and closes the doors. In 2018, leaders were Sue Clark, Susan Hotchkiss, Kelly Mieske, Jerry Paré, Susan VanDyke, and Loren Weatherly. Catechumenate leaders Jerry Paré and Kelly Mieske lead the Thursday evening Compline service, connecting the Thursday Night At the Cathedral (TNAC) compline, dinner, and Catechumenate session. We pray that the Holy Spirit might lead you to experience this ministry. Please contact Clergy Advisor Associate Dean Lynell Walker at [lwalker259@aol.com](mailto:lwalker259@aol.com) for more information.

*-Loren Weatherly*

## *Trinity Cathedral Stole Stitchers Report for 2018*

The Trinity Cathedral Stole Stitchers prepare a stole that is given to each person being baptized at Trinity Cathedral. Member, Pat Menz, cuts out and sews stoles in three sizes: infant, child/youth, and adult (length of 30", 40" & 60" respectively), and the stitchers pick up a stole for decorating at their leisure. A Christian symbol is applied in counted cross stitch; pattern and color are the stitcher's choice. We completed stoles for 12 baptisms this year. Stitchers are Linda Aston, Sue Clark, Margo Hayes, Jaccie Irwin, Pat Menz, Laurie Moulton, Joann Sprogis, Bobbie Yelverton, Annette Braddon-Walker, Joy Ragland, Cindy Chisum, Karen Lawler, Catherine Pierce, and TCSS Coordinator Gina Schumacher.

*-Gina Schumacher*

## *Ushers Report for 2018*

One of the first opportunities to express Episcopalian hospitality is from the front doors of our beloved Cathedral. Trinity Cathedral has an army of ushers that greet each member and guest with a big welcoming smile and a service program. Every Sunday the usher brigade staffs four services as well as dozens of special events throughout the year. This past year our ushers volunteered for 34 Special and Memorial services. After many years of service, a number of our most experienced ushers retired. Please extend a hearty thank you to Joye McKetty, Rich Pruter, Gene Chilelli, Donna Chipps and Dwight Esch for their years of service.

In 2018, the Trinity Cathedral usher brigade (with the help of Randie Strike and Bob Giess) recruited and trained 11 new ushers - welcome aboard! Currently, we have a roster of 60 ushers. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact me at [kfdsac@att.net](mailto:kfdsac@att.net) or Randie Strike at [randie.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:randie.trinity@gmail.com).

*-Kevin Donohue*

# WORSHIP

## *Flower Committee*

### *Flower Committee Report for 2018*

At our commissioning, the Trinity Flower Committee offered our gifts to support the liturgy in telling the Good News of God's redeeming grace. We accepted the call to adorn the Church with flowers that we might worship the true and living God in beauty and holiness all the days of our lives. It was with those intentions, every week of the church year, a flower committee team planned for and then created flower arrangements (or other chancel adornments) for Sunday services. At Christmas and Easter, the entire committee participated in an amazingly cooperative effort to adorn the Cathedral and Great Hall. In addition, as part of our ministry, we prepared flowers for special events such as ordinations, memorials and coordinated with the occasional wedding. In a collaborative effort, we supported other ministries with our resources. Most importantly, as a part of the Worship and Music Ministry Team, we worked "behind the scenes" making every effort to be a part of the storytelling.

With continued monetary support from our generous congregation, in the form of thanksgiving and memorial donations, we maintained a budget allowing us to function week to week, season to season. We worked with and from information gleaned from the "Weekly Flowers Calendar," found on the bulletin board in the office hallway. It is placed there to remind parishioners of a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones or special occasions. Dedication lines then appeared on the front page of the Sunday service program, so that even before the Sunday service began, fellow parishioners could take note and pray for you, as you honor a loved one, or gave thanks for the blessings in your life.

We continued to streamline our weekly procedures allowing more time for fellowship and creative efforts when meeting to arrange flowers. We function, basically, from a five team format—one team for every Sunday in the month, with a fifth team covering the less frequent Fifth Sunday. Every team is led by a competent team captain; we like to have at least four members on a team. On occasion, to allow for busy personal schedules, we coordinated with any and all "available hands" by blending teams. It works beautifully!

At a fall ministry fair, we spread the word seeking new energy and talent, as the Flower Committee is always seeking new members! Going forward, in an effort to entice those of you who might be interested in joining the Flower Committee, we welcome you to visit with us on any one of our "workdays." Team members meet on Friday or Saturday mornings. But it should be made clear, it's not "work" if you are surrounded by beautiful flowers, and it is a blessing to be a part of a group of people who are eager to share their enthusiasm. So, although you might not otherwise think of yourself as particularly creative, would you be willing to join in as we learn from one another? We offer on-the-job training!

The Flower Committee looks forward to a productive 2019, as we do our very best to contribute to the sacramental life of the church with our efforts meant to symbolize new life, hope and the beauty of creation.

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Chair/Trinity Cathedral Flower Committee

# HOSPITALITY

*Rosemary Braxton, Chair*

In 2019, the Hospitality Committee is welcoming new members. Some programs, including Sunday Hospitality and the Welcome Center need new volunteers. Special events like ordinations and memorial services need some dedicated leaders.

Elizabeth Pierce (Betsey), our Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Coordinator, is a volunteer. She recruits new hosts and oversees the Sunday coffee hours, where the hot tea and coffee table and the food table are more attractive than before. With the revamped hospitality schedule, hosts' time is only 15 to 20 minutes once a month. It's a great way to meet new people. Sign up at the Welcome Center or grab Betsey on Sunday morning. Betsey also takes inventory and assists in purchasing.

Thomas Bush, a favorite custodian, has retired after 13 years. Ken Hearn has also moved on. Tracy Bieberly is now assisting in the Saturday afternoon set up and Sunday morning hospitality. We deeply appreciate all the graceful and hardworking hands that help each week. We continue to rely on our parishioners to bring goodies for the coffee hours. Anyone who does not get an e-mail reminding them can call the office and get put on the list.

Special events requiring kitchen facilities are the domain of the Hospitality Committee. They include Ordinations, Memorial Services, Annual Meeting, Christmas Eve services, the Easter Vigil, Easter Brunch, the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Blessing of the Animals and Education for Ministry (EfM) graduation services. All of these events and a few others need volunteers to set up tables, to bring food, to plate food and to offer directions to visitors.

The Flower Committee works closely with Hospitality to furnish beautiful floral arrangements for prearranged Hospitality functions. If you attended our Transitional Diaconate Ordination services in January, you witnessed the outstanding presentation of food and floral arrangements for this event. Christmas Eve services also highlighted the skills and expertise of our volunteers.

We serve pie following our 4th of July service and always ask those of you in attendance to bring a pie. Vic's Ice Cream has been kind enough to supply the ice cream we serve with the pie but we need volunteers to cut and plate the pie and to scoop the ice cream. As you can see, the Hospitality Committee offers you many opportunities to serve our brothers, sisters and siblings in the Lord.

In conclusion, we want to thank all of you for making Trinity Cathedral a welcoming and loving place to worship. We continue to covet your ideas and participation. We are particularly in need of a Special Events Coordinator and people with expertise in food preparation. Your Hospitality Team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Come join us!

*-Rosemary Braxton, Chair*



# CONGREGATIONAL COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (CCOM)

*Tom Pace, 2018 CCOM Chair*

Trinity Cathedral has an amazing abundance of people who feel called to positions of leadership in the ministry of the church. The Congregational Commission on Ministry (CCOM) is charged with helping these people discern what God is calling them to do.

The CCOM is comprised of seven lay people appointed by the Dean and our Canon Pastor, the Rev. Lynell Walker (now Associate Dean and Canon Residentiary). The Commission helps individuals in answering the question: *What is God calling me to do, and how can I be of service?* Those who feel called to lay ministries or ordination first speak with the Dean, who may then refer them to the CCOM to begin the discernment process. In this capacity, the CCOM, after prayer and confidential discussions, makes recommendations to the Dean, Vestry and Bishop.

In some cases, individuals feel called to holy orders and desire to be ordained a deacon or priest. In other cases, they are called to serve in licensed lay ministries as Eucharistic Ministers or Eucharistic Visitors, those who help serve at Communion or who bring Communion to those who cannot come to church. Still others pursue a calling as a lay chaplain, lay reader, lay preacher, or worship leader.

In the Catechism, we are asked:

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Note that lay persons are listed first as the ministers of the Church. Lay people who feel so called apply to be licensed Eucharistic visitors and ministers and lay preachers. The CCOM prayerfully studies the applications and makes appropriate recommendations to the Bishop.

Our work on the CCOM is a ministry of formation, and we recognize that those who seek God's will in their lives are changed by the very act of seeking. For the individual seeking vocation as a deacon or priest, the CCOM acts as a sounding board, offering feedback and encouragement as the individual moves through the long and often arduous process of preparatory education and training, examinations, and numerous interviews with the Dean and Vestry, the Bishop and various diocesan boards and committees.

Over the course of its monthly meetings this past year, the commission has met with several individuals who feel called to Holy Orders and has reviewed applications for licensure as Eucharistic Visitor, Eucharistic Minister and Lay Reader.

We on the commission are grateful to be part of Trinity Cathedral's ministry of raising up, training and equipping laypersons and clergy for ministry in the Church. If you or someone you know feels called to ordained ministry or licensed lay ministry, contact the Dean to start the discernment process.

*-Tom Pace, 2018 CCOM Chair*

# COMMUNICATIONS

*KK, Desktop Publisher*

In 2018, longtime Trinity Cathedral Desktop Publisher Pat Underwood retired. Under the guidance of Associate Dean Lynell Walker, Canon David Link, Operations Manager Jerry Paré, Interim Dean Jim Richardson, some Vestry members, clergy, volunteers and leaders of ministries - I was briefed with how to get things up-to-date and moving along.

In this transition, the e-News continued to be sent on a weekly basis and I was tasked to update several publications. Here are some highlights from this past year:

- ♦ **Special Programs in 2018:** EfM graduation (1), Ordination (1), Memorials (10), Special Liturgy services (3), Dean Baker's Farewell Gala Dinner & Program (1)
- ♦ **Sunday Programs:** Updated the design, along with the trial period of expansive language.
- ♦ **Announcements Page:** Updated the half-folded 8.5 x 14, 10 font to a tri-folded 11x17, 11 & 12 font.
- ♦ **Additional e-News option:** Readers could opt-in for a Daily Bible Verse & Brief Meditation – content made available through “Daily Prayer” a resource of Forward Movement called “The *Forward Day by Day* Meditation.”
- ♦ **Additional e-Blasts for special notices:** Interim Dean Jim Richardson introduced this back into e-News scheduling for the year.
- ♦ **Redesign of the e-News** – adding more content articles, images and videos; removing unsupported HTML content on the backend.
- ♦ **Updating [www.trinitycathedral.org](http://www.trinitycathedral.org):** Adding/editing content (i.e. new pages, features, tools, links, etc.), removing dead links and ensuring the site is backed up.
- ♦ **Assisting with graphics and publications for ministries at the Cathedral:** Thursday Night At the Cathedral (TNAC), Annual Diocesan Choir Festival, Cathedral Music Program, Pilgrimage SAC, Floyd School, Office/Operations, T.R.E.E., Cathedral Bookshop, Healing-Thank God! workshop, Vestry, Newcomer bag items and material, and many more!
- ♦ **Certificates created:** Membership, Completion, Faith and Confirmations, Baptism, and Godparent.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, especially Gladys Hustler and Dee Cary, for being so helpful, so kind and helping me with the distribution and presentation of the items that are published. And, a big thank you to the Trinity Cathedral community for giving me an opportunity to serve your membership with my behind-the-scenes operations.

*-KK, Desktop Publisher*

## DEAN'S AWARDS

*The Dean's Award is given annually to individuals who have distinguished themselves through their devotion and unstinting efforts on behalf of Trinity Cathedral & its many ministries in the parish, the diocese, & the community.*

### PREVIOUS YEARS RECIPIENTS:

- 1977 Dick Wollesen
- 1978 Betty Bailey, Carol Claussen, Caroline Craig, Caroline Jenkins
- 1979 Pat Lix
- 1980 Ed Hollingshead, Vicki Hollingshead, Brian Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson
- 1981 Phyllis Comstock, Becky Naman
- 1982 Robert Gaines, Charles Gray, Jr., Doug Witt
- 1983 Harry Katzakian, Norma Katzakian, Delores Wollesen
- 1984 Emma Hehn, Marsha Nemzek, Olive Whitmore
- 1985 Gavin Craig, Myrletta Downes
- 1986 Patricia Hill, Raymond Mackey, Nina Sellers, Miles Snyder, Karl von den Steinen, Susan Roman Wilson, Marge Witt, Billie Woodfin
- 1987 Kathryn MacFarland Cayler, Liz McClatchy, Sylvia Roach, Nancy Tennyson, Kathy Warriner, Carolyn Wiley
- 1988 Celeste Comings, Randie Strike, Terry Strike
- 1989 Anne Arthur, Jan Grader, Lonita Norris
- 1990 Grant Carey, Chris White
- 1991 Michael Crosse, Edith Fiscus, Jesse James, Paul Menz, Pat Menz, Charlotte Perry, Jackie Wynne
- 1992 Ernest and Susan Brown, Matt and Ruth Fitch, Claudia Woods
- 1993 Harry Crawford, Lucile Crawford, Edison MacFarland, Margaret MacFarland, Jean Hart, Kathleen Montgomery, Richard Moody, Roberta Moody
- 1994 Randy Cheek, Karen Harris, Elinor Hickey, Jim Richardson
- 1995 James Appleby, Rane'e Les Callett, Gina Schumacher, Wes Tennyson
- 1996 Noma Ratzlaff, Norma Wiley, Ted White, Hal Tindall, Frida Tindall
- 1997 Brian Kempton, Dolores Kistle, Eleanor Langpaap, Lori Korleski Richardson, Timothy Taylor
- 1998 Gladys Hustler, Jean Lacher, David Link, Joye McKetty
- 1999 Harriet Beskeen, Jerry Boyd, Mark Lacher, Susanne Phipps, Ken Piercy
- 2000 James M. Parsons, Caryl R. Learned, Nadine E. Welty, LeRoy S. Naman
- 2001 Timothy Menz, Michael Reichle, Patricia "Pat" Underwood
- 2002 Kathleen Kelly, Alan Lovett, Pat Matthias, Tina Thomas

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- 2003 George and Esther Burns, Winifred Gaines, Ben Kenealey, Alma Mason, John Tennyson
- 2004 Emily Beile, Annette L. Braddon-Walker, Anne T. Braxton, Dorothea I. "Doey" Peeler
- 2005 Robert "Bob" Reinhard, Merrill Starr
- 2006 (No Dean's Award given this year)
- 2007 Mary Hustler, Eddie Lee, Elizabeth Kenealey, Jeanette McCracken
- 2008 Amy Dierlam, Rick Kenealey, Barbara Mackey, Rob Stoinoff
- 2009 Lynn Clifford, Tony Farina, Sally Smith, Tom West
- 2010 Sue Clark, Nancy Earl, Christopher Lee, Becky Naman
- 2011 Bob and Dale Reinhard, Chris Sanft, Anita Williams
- 2012 Suzanne Armer, Bill Chisum, Cindy Chisum, Dorothy Malcolm
- 2013 Farel Brosio, Bill Simmons, Loren Weatherly
- 2014 Kevin Donohue, Cheri Meadows, Robert Phillippi
- 2015 Nelson Lucas, Susan Wilson, Vaughn Wolff
- 2016 Kirk Bone, Laura Jestes, David Lindgren, Richard Trumbly
- 2017 Dana Chamness, Karen Hustler, Ann Rothschild
- 2018 Beverly & Donald Gerth, Pat Ronne, Susan Hotchkiss, Bruce Townes, Kathy Twibell
- 2019 Thomas Bush, Rosemary Braxton, Elba Rivas de White, George Henry, Bob Giess, Rachel Henne-Wu, Elie Wu, The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker, Associate Dean



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