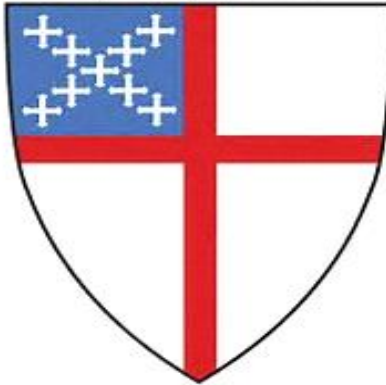


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 2018

The Episcopal Church



WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

The mission of Trinity Church is to unite all persons with God and with one another in Jesus Christ. Trinity is an inclusive Episcopal Community that lives out its Baptismal Covenant by welcoming people in all their diversity, and by supporting spiritual growth through traditional worship, social responsibility, and proclaiming the Gospel.

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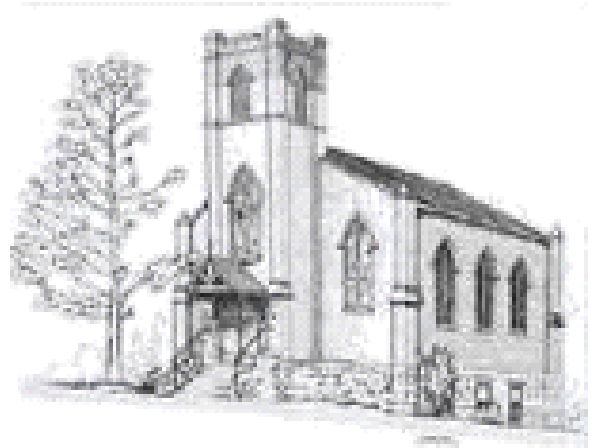
The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church: The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee: The Right Reverend Steven A. Miller

Rector: The Reverend Brian E. Backstrand
Music Minister: Dorothy Prouty

Vestry: Brent Bowers, Annie Chapman, Kathy Madigan and Mark Prouty
Senior Warden: Beth McGehee,
Junior Warden: Tom Faull

Clerk of the Parish: Mark Prouty
Treasurer: Janean Faull
Faith community Nurse: Susan Schlager

We pray for our Trinity Church of Mineral Point. May Thy gracious presence enable us to be open and receptive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Bless all who come here for worship and fellowship; please Lord, strengthen us in our journey and mission.



Come and join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Please remember prayers for Joan, Audrey, Colby, Conner, Sue, Betty, Quinn, Isabella, Kat, Jenny, Kurt, Jocelyn, Andrea, David+, Aaron, TJ, Richmond, Paul, Dottie, Bonnie, Ruthie, Patrick J., Patrick F., Jill, Derek, Brandy, Jessica, John, Sharon, Kris, Anita, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

SEPTEMBER 2018 MUSING

AN INVITATION TO REFLECT UPON THE EPISCOPAL WAY

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine Rather, speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ Ephesians 4: 14-15a

As we begin the fall season, I am issuing an invitation to individuals from both Trinity Platteville and Trinity Mineral Point to join me in a small group, informal discussion and exploration of what it means to be an Episcopalian. This is an important conversation for both persons new to the Episcopal church and for those who have known it over many years. I am hoping that a small group discussion would help us to ask questions, clarify understandings, and identify tensions that exist within our Episcopal tradition. Would you join me?

To guide our conversation, we will be using two small books. *A People Called Episcopalians: A Brief Introduction to Our Way of Life* briefly addresses such things as Episcopal identity, spirituality, authority, temperament. This will help us learn or remember some of the distinctives that mark our church world-wide. Our second small book, *The Episcopal Way*, is the first volume in a series dealing with the Church's teachings for a changing world. Here our tradition is laid alongside some of the ways in which our world is changing. There are chapters dealing with such things as *Digital Media and the Incarnation, A Multi-Tasking World and a Liturgical Church, Flattened Authority and a Democratic Church, Returning to the Via Media, etc.*

I would like to briefly present a few of these ideas in an introductory session during our mini-retreat time at Wisconsin Badger Camp on Saturday, October 6th. (If you cannot make this date, you can still be in our group and I will be glad to personally recap this initial session for you. If you are at the initial session, did not sign up initially, you will still be able to participate in the group.)

If you would like to join in, please email me or speak with me before September 12th so that I can arrange for a book order. The cost, to partially defray expenses, is \$9.00 per person. Meeting times will be arranged with a total of 4 meetings being anticipated this fall.

As the authors of *Episcopal Way* write: *We need to be confident, to love our roots, to share that love with the communities around us. If we do not remain grounded and love the story we carry, who will?*

I hope you can join us. --- Fr. Brian

Lay Ministry Schedule

| DATE | USHERS | LECTORS PRAYER READER | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER | ACOLYTES | ALTAR GUILD |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 | T&J Faull | Kathy Madigan | Pat Cole | Jill Underly | Jane Stenson Marilee Backstrand |
| 9 10:30 Combined @ Mineral Point | Mark Prouty | Pat Cole | Kathy Madigan | Isabel Bowers Nick Bowers | Claire Holland Kathy Madigan |
| 16 | Kathy Madigan | Mark Prouty | Claire Holland | TBD | Carolyn Hunt Joan Faull |
| 23 | Beth McGehee | Claire Holland | Pat Cole | Jill Underly | Ann Chapman Beth McGehee |
| 30 | Claire Holland | Jean Margaret Merrell-Beech | Kathy Madigan | Isabel Bowers Nick Bowers | Jane Stenson Marilee Backstrand |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wild & Scenic Film Event Saturday, September 8th with a 1:00 pm Storytelling Concert (free), and 7:00 pm Films with Special Guest Joseph Bruchac. Tickets are \$10 each available at the door or from Berget Jewelers or brownpapertickets.com.

Fr. Brian's schedule for September includes the following days off: Thursday September 13 through Wednesday, September 19.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, September 8th: **Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Fest** with a 1:00 pm Joseph Bruchac Adult Storytelling Concert (free) followed by a reception. That evening, at 7:00 pm is an evening of environmental films and Joseph will tell a story. Tickets are \$10 each, available at the door or from Berget Jewelers or brownpapertickets.com.

Sunday, September 9th: **A Combined 10:30 am Service** at Trinity-Mineral Point. Joseph Bruchac will be participating in this Sunday worship service. A pot-luck will follow in Legate Hall; Mineral Point will provide main dishes, Platteville to bring desserts.

Wednesday September 12th: **Type2 Diabetes Support Group** 1 p.m. in the Cunningham Center, Trinity-Platteville.

Tuesday, September 18th: **Trinity Guild** meeting in Legate Hall at 1:30 pm. Join us, we would love to see you!

Sunday, September 30th: As part of Cornish Fest weekend, Trinity-Mineral Point will host a **Welch Hymn Sing** from 1:30-2:30 pm followed by a **Cornish Tea** in Legate Hall from 2:30-3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 6th: **Combined All-Church Mini Retreat** to be held at Wisconsin Badger Camp from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Save The Date! More information to come.

Saturday, October 13th: **2018 Diocesan Convention** begins at 9:00 am at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, WI. Visitors Welcome!

DATE CHANGE October 11, 12 & 13 and 18, 19 & 20th:: **Rummage Sale** in Legate Hall. Thursday and Friday 9-5:00 (Sat. 9-1).

Sunday, October 28th: **Parish Nurse Health Presentation** – 1:00 pm in the Cunningham Center. Trinity Episcopal Church of Platteville and Trinity Episcopal Church of Mineral Point are pleased that Susan Schlager, R.N. has joined us as our Faith Community Nurse (AKA Parish Nurse). Susan already has organized a Type2 Diabetes Support Group for both churches—a group open to anyone dealing with diabetes or supporting someone who does. (For anyone interested, the next meeting of the support group is 1 p.m. on Wednesday September 12th in the Cunningham Center.) On October 28th, she will be conducting a health care presentation at the Cunningham in Platteville—an informative session open to all. Then on November 18th, Susan will be conducting a second health care presentation in Legate Hall— the undercroft of Trinity Episcopal Church of Mineral Point. This session will begin approximately at 10:15 at the church.

Sunday, November 4th: **Combined Vestry** meets at 1:00 pm the Cunningham Center, Trinity-Platteville. Come, share a meal at noon prior to the meeting!

Sunday, December 16th: **The Rt. Rev. Steve A. Miller, Bishop** of the Diocese of Milwaukee, will visit Trinity-Mineral Point.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Small Group Study on what it means to be Episcopalian. We will use two books: *A People Called Episcopalians*; a brief introduction to our way of life and *The Episcopal Way*; church teachings for a changing world. We would like to start late September. If interested in joining this study or for more information, please contact Fr. Brian by September 12th.

Trinity Guild of Mineral Point is asking anyone who wishes to have a cross pendant made of the pattern of the cross on Trinity Church Mineral Point Altar, to contact Catherine Whitford, 608 987 2545 or trehawke3@frontier.com with your request. The cost is \$45.00 each, sterling silver and is 2 1/4" long by 1 1/4" wide.

We would like all orders to be in by September 16th. Checks payable to TRINITY GUILD [M.P.T.](#)



From the Creation Care Committee:

Here we are on the edge of a weekend that supports caring for the environment - our piece of the Creation. Wonderful plans are in place for Trinity and for our outreach into the community:

FRIDAY - 12:00 - groups of 4th through 8th Grader area school children will gather at the Opera House to watch environmental films from Wild & Scenic Films

SATURDAY - 1:00pm - elementary-aged children through adults are invited to hear storyteller Joseph Bruchac in concert. Trinity thanks the graciousness of the Mineral Point Library and the Mineral Point Historical Society for the reception which follows at the library.

SATURDAY - 7:00pm – Opera House! Environmental films which take a look at how the environment fares and how people respond to important issues. Door prizes! A story from Joseph! Advocacy groups! Come and be informed and inspired!

SUNDAY - 10:30am - The Trinities combined service with Father Brian celebrating. Joseph will participate in the service, a blending of indigenous perspective and our Episcopal liturgy. A potluck will follow in Legate Hall. The committee has worked diligently for months on last spring's events and this fall event, and for that we give thanks. Father Brian, Marilee Backstrand, Pat Cole, Dorothy Mead, Beth McGeehee, Mark Prouty, and Jane Stenson, chair.

Trinity's Master Gardeners support THE STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Jane, Jean-Margaret, Kathy,
Marilee, and Pat



Trinity Episcopal Church – Platteville and Trinity Episcopal Church – Mineral Point are served by one Administrative Assistant.

To contact Terrie Hoffman, Parish Administrative Assistant, please call during office hours or email Terrie at either church email address. For placing announcements in our church bulletin, contact Terrie by 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

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