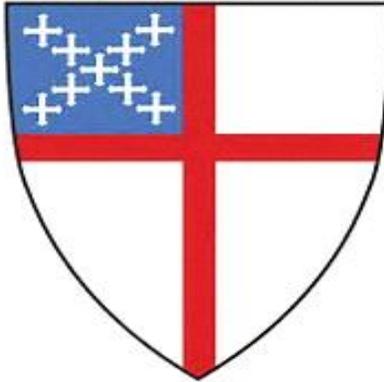


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 2019

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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Music Minister: Dorothy Prouty

Vestry: Brent Bowers, Pat Cole, Joan Faull, Jill Underly

Senior Warden: Mark Prouty

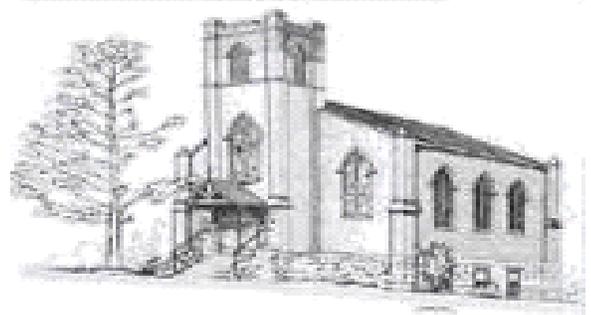
Junior Warden: Tom Faull

Clerk of the Parish: Jill Underly

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.



We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life.

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

Please remember prayers for Kate, Joan, Colby, Conner, Sue, Betty, Quinn, Isabella, Kat, Jenny, Kurt, Jocelyn, Andrea, David+, Richmond, Paul, Dottie, Bonnie, Ruthie, Patrick J., Patrick F., Jill, Derek, Brandy, Jessica, John, Sharon, Kenny, Wes, Ruth, Clemmie, Anna J., David A., & James M.

FEBRUARY MUSING:

Abundance

The Rev. Brian Backstrand

During this time of cold and ice, Marilee and I have been planning a garden for when the weather turns, and I suspect that many of you have been doing the same. In the season of white, those seed catalogues with their resplendent four-color pictures almost possess a singular power to warm us up as we thumb through the pages. Our future gardens become a perfect Eden of weed-free rows and abundant harvests.

But there also exists a shadow-side to the abundance of our dreams.

Food insecurity is defined as the disruption of food intake or eating patterns because of lack of money and other resources. According to the USDA report in 2017, food insecurity affected about 15 million households in the United States or approximately 12% of our population. Single women accounted for approximately one third of those affected and African American and Hispanic populations reported far more incidents than their white counterparts.

The USDA distinguishes between two kinds of insecurity when it comes to food:

- **Low food security:** “Reports of reduced quality, variety, or desirability of diet. Little or no indication of reduced food intake.” Food “deserts” in urban and in rural areas fall into this category.
- **Very low food security:** “Reports of multiple indications of disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.”

While we typically think of the second category, the availability of options for healthy food also reminds us that poverty is not just the absence of money, but more importantly the absence of options, choices, relationships to power connections across boundaries.

In our Gospel lesson for Epiphany 5, we come across one of many passages dealing with abundance in the life and ministry of Jesus. Here, after teaching from one of the fishing boats near the shore, Jesus invites the disciples *put out into the deeper water and let down your nets....* The result is abundance, in this case nets bulging with fish. Peter responds: *Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*

Is that how we confront abundance -- with a sense of awe and unworthiness? Does abundance spark gratitude? Perhaps as we plan our gardens for the growing season ahead, we might consider our own responses to abundance--consider how we might grow food for others, those suffering directly from the absence of sufficient food and those others suffering from access to healthy and diverse options when it comes to food.

After all, Jesus has said: *I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly* (John 10:10b).

Lay Ministry Schedule

February	USHERS	LECTORS PRAYER READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
3	Mark Prouty	Pat Cole	Kathy Madigan	Jill Underly	Carolyn Hunt Joan Faull
10	Beth McGehee Stretch Straka	Kathy Madigan	Pat Cole	Isabel Bowers Nick Bowers	Ann Chapman Beth McGehee
17	Claire Holland	Mark Prouty	Kris Erdmann	Joan Faull	Jane Stenson Marilee Backstrand
24 Fr. Brian Gone	Kathy Madigan	Christena Bowers & Isabel Bowers	Claire Holland	Beth McGehee	Claire Holland Kathy Madigan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any information that you would like included in the newsletter or the weekly email, be sure to give the information both to Terrie at trinitychurchmpt@gmail.com so it will be included in the Sunday bulletin, and to me at patcole2009@gmail.com for the weekly email.

Fr. Brian's schedule for February includes the following days off: Thursday, February 21st through Wednesday, February 27th.

Annual Meeting Sundays: As on previous years, Fr. Brian will be present only at Mineral Point on February 3rd and Platteville on February 10th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 3rd: 9:00 am **Eucharist** followed by the **Annual Meeting** and **Potluck Lunch**.
Joan Faull will bring a ham.

Saturday, February 9th: 10:00 am **Creation Care Committee**. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting and be part of the planning for what we should do in 2019.

Saturday, February 9th: 1:00 PM Choir practice. All are welcome to join in!

Sunday, February 10th: 9:00 am **Holy Eucharist II**.

Wednesday, March 6th: 7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday** Service

Sunday, March 10th: **Final Sunday for Fr. Brian** at Mineral Point

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 – Fred Bowden
04 – James Johnson
17 – Beth McGehee
21 – Joan Faull
28 – Pat Cole



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None that we are aware of.
Please let us know!

*** If you have a birthday or anniversary you would like to add, please contact Terrie at the church office*

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.



608-348-6402 – Platteville Office

Office hours are: Wednesdays: 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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What happened at the Annual Meeting? by Pat Cole

You may ask . . .

You can see from the names in the Vestry that we elected new Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Clerk and Vestry members. We will have our first formal meeting on Saturday, February 9, at noon in Legate Hall.

We also elected Delegates to the Diocesan Convention that will be held October 11-12, 2019, at the Marriott in Middleton. These include Kathy Madigan, Mark and Dorothy Prouty, and Jane Stenson. Alternates are Tom and Joan Faull and Claire Holland.

Finally, but really most importantly, we heard reports from the Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, and all the various committees and groups that do parts of the work of the church. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, you will likely find interesting the written reports that were provided there. Pat Cole has copies of those and would be willing to make copies for you if you request them.

The meeting was great and filled with the love and caring that we all have for one another – enhanced by the great meal that preceded it! Thanks to Tom and Joan Faull for the ham.

An additional note from Jane Stenson:

At Trinity's Annual Meeting we discussed extending the Prayers of the People to include thanksgivings and blessings, giving congregants the opportunity to articulate the 'pluses' of their lives. This is a chance to emphasize those things for which we're grateful, the things which make us resilient and peaceful people. I remember Catie Whitford one Sunday last year being thankful for a motorcycle ride - how wonderful! I remember Claire being thankful for a warm, sunny day. Big things, small things. So, let's try every week articulating what makes us happy. Thanks!



Camp Webb 2019 June 16—22

Registration is now open for Camp Webb's 2019 Session

Questions? Contact camp director —

The Rev. Elizabeth Tester, at campwebb@diomil.org
or call 414-272-3028.



THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

SAVE THE DATES!

All youth in grades 6 - 9 are invited!

Our theme is The Way of Love.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Madison

Youth attending are not required to have an adult mentor with them, but we welcome adult mentors who want to participate.

**Registration materials will be available at
www.stdunstans.com beginning early January.**

Email shenes@myfrontiermail.com with questions.

MARCH 1-3; Friday evening through Sunday. The retreat will be structured around the spiritual practices known as the Way of Love. It will include fun, reflection, service, and worship. Suggested donation is \$20 per child to help with food and materials, but finances should not be a barrier.

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THE LORD

[Episcopal News Service] **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**, with President Donald Trump seated at a table to his right, read a passage from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in brief remarks Feb. 7 at the 66th annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Curry was one of several faith and government leaders asked to offer prayers, scripture readings and blessings at the beginning of the morning program. The presiding bishop, who spoke for about three minutes, noted that the passage from **1 Corinthians 13** often is read at weddings – "Love is patient; love is kind" – but he also explained that Paul was writing about more than a sentimental kind of love. "He wasn't thinking about a wedding. He was worried about a community that had divisions in itself. And he wrote to show them the way," Curry said.