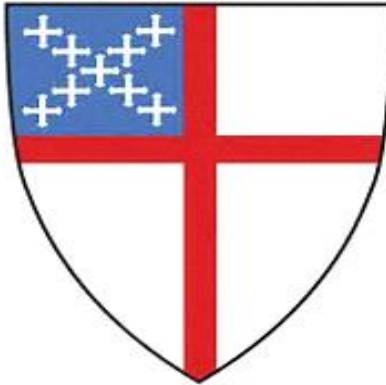


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 2019 - Happy New Year!

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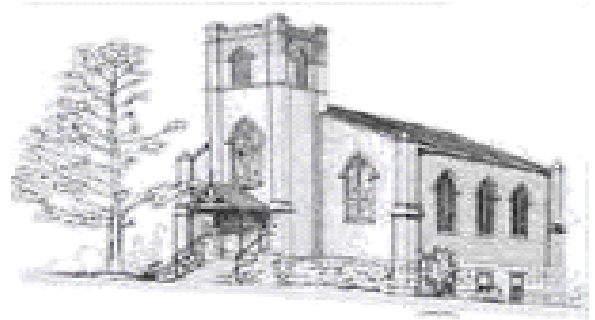
The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church: The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee: The Right Reverend Steven A. Miller

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, 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., and James M.

MUSING IN THE NEW YEAR...

January often is a time to mark transitions. Calendars are replaced; fiscal years often begin anew. This first month in a new year is named for the Roman god, Janus-- **god** of beginnings, transitions, doorways, passages, endings.

This year, January marks the announcement of my own transition as your priest.

First, I want to thank all of you for your kindness and understanding as our transition from Mineral Point in March (3/10/19) creates a transition of your own. Thank you for three plus years of ministry and of community as we worked together and looked outside of our own walls to connect in mission with others. Many things have been done, and I thank you for engaging and working together on a variety of projects and events over these years.

Looking ahead, Marilee and I will return to our farm. At the request of the Bishop, I have been asked to continue with Trinity Platteville for six months. We will spend much of our time, however, on the farm and look forward to preparing a large garden when spring rolls around. Building projects and writing projects also beckon.

My continued involvement with Platteville, also means that much of the schedule planned for the spring of 2019 can be continued. As we look ahead to the future, the combined schedule that we developed through a joint vestry meeting with Trinity Platteville will be followed as closely as possible.

Ash Wednesday	March 6	Platteville—Noon. Mineral Pt—7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 18	Platteville—7 p.m.
Good Friday	April 19	Mineral Point—1 p.m. or as announced.
Holy Saturday	April 20	Platteville—The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 p.m.
Easter Day	April 21	Mineral Point—9 a.m. (visiting clergy)

Both Marilee and I thank you for your friendship and your prayers as the doorway to 2019 opens and as we look to the future. We are pleased that we will continue to live in the area close to Mineral Point.

Peace, Brian+

Lay Ministry Schedule

JANUARY	USHERS	LECTORS PRAYER READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
6	Beth McGehee Stretch Straka	Mark Prouty	Kathy Madigan	Jill Underly	Carolyn Hunt Joan Faull
13	Kathy Madigan	Christena Bowers	Claire Holland	Isabel Bowers Nick Bowers	Ann Chapman Beth McGehee
20 Fr. Brian Gone	Tom Faull	Claire Holland	Kris Erdmann	Joan Faull	Claire Holland Kathy Madigan
27	Kris Erdmann	Carolyn Hunt	Pat Cole	Beth McGehee	Jane Stenson Marilee Backstrand

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 January includes the following days off: Thursday, January 17th through Wednesday, January 23rd. Fr. Brian will be attending the clergy retreat in Racine from January 21-23.

The 2018 Holiday Gift Fair was quite successful and well attended by the Mineral Point community, especially considering all of the other church activities happening that day. Patrons were cheerful, remarked on the quality of goods on the tables, the menu, the food. 88 meal tickets were sold, not as many as previous years, but close. The total profit for the event was just over \$4,600, which includes \$2,300 in personal donations from the community and beyond.

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

January/February DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, January 9th: **Confirmation Class** at 7:00 pm in the Cunningham Center Trinity—Platteville.

Thursday, January 10th: *Before the Flood*, Leonardo DiCaprio's film on climate change/global warming, will be shown in Legate Hall at 6:00 pm. Please come and know that this is open to the community. Bring your friends! **CANDELLED! WILL BE RESCHEDULED**

Saturday, January 12th: **Choir practice** in the sanctuary at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 16th and 23rd: **Confirmation Class** at 7:00 pm in the Cunningham Center Trinity—Platteville.

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Saturday, January 26th: **Vestry meets** at 9:00 am in Legate Hall.

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

Sunday, February 10th: 9:00 am **Eucharist or Morning Prayer**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01- Garrett Faull
03- Stretch Straka
06- Sara Hector
16- Hannah Coyne
20- Jeremy Meek



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None that we are aware of

*** 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.



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52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION JANUARY EDITION

WEEK 1: EAT THOSE LEFTOVERS!

After the holiday season you will likely have leftovers from Christmas dinner, parties, and family get-togethers. A great way to be a steward to the Earth is to consume your food. Did you know that Americans throw away 25% of the food they buy? Not only is this a waste of money but it is also harmful to the environment. Producing food takes land, water, and heavy machinery. By eating your leftovers you are not only saving money but also preventing energy waste from food production. Not to mention you are keeping them from taking up space in a landfill.

WEEK 2: RESEARCH HOW YOUR COMMUNITY REGULATES WASTE

Each city or town has their own trash, recycling, and compost system. What is the system where you live? Regulations change frequently so take some time today to update yourself. Here are some questions for you to find the answers:

1. Does my town/city have recycling curbside pick up or do I take it to the recycling center?
2. What can I throw in the recycling bin? Do I throw plastics, paper, glass, and aluminum together or do I separate them?
3. Does my city/town have a curbside composting program?
4. Can I compost in my own backyard?

WEEK 3: WASH YOUR LAUNDRY IN COLD WATER

Use cold water when washing clothes to reduce energy use. Energy is needed to heat water. You can also opt for a shorter wash cycle.

WEEK 4: DO YOUR DISHES LESS OFTEN

Instead of after every meal, consider only running the dishwasher when you have a full load or sink. This reduces your water use and saves you money on your water bill.

WEEK 5: CUT YOUR SHOWER BY 5 MINUTES

Cut five minutes off your shower to save water. According to a study done by Harvard the average american shower uses 2.5 gallons per minute. You will save 12.5 gallons of water if you shorten by just 5 minutes. Or, consider turning the water off while you lather up and only turn it on to rinse.

Share with us on social media your #CareForCreation tips and tricks and how you've used our January list!



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Find out more how you can #CareForCreation at www.creationjustice.org





THE RT. REV. STEVEN ANDREW MILLER, D.D.
BISHOP OF MILWAUKEE

December 18, 2018

The Rev. Brian E. Backstrand
Trinity Episcopal Church
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Dear Brian and members of Trinity, Mineral Point:

It was a joy being with all of you this past Sunday for my episcopal Visitation to Mineral Point.

As we work together to share the good news of the Gospel with the people of southern Wisconsin, please know that you will remain in my prayers.

Taking this opportunity to wish all of you at Trinity, Mineral Point every joy and blessing during the remainder of Advent and in the Christmas season, I remain,

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Miller".

The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller
Bishop of Milwaukee

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