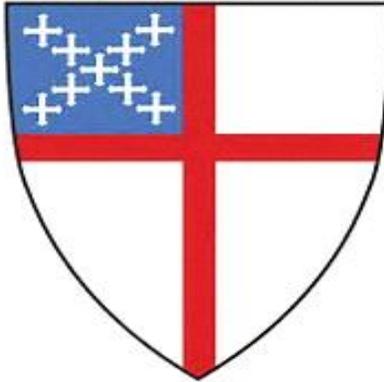


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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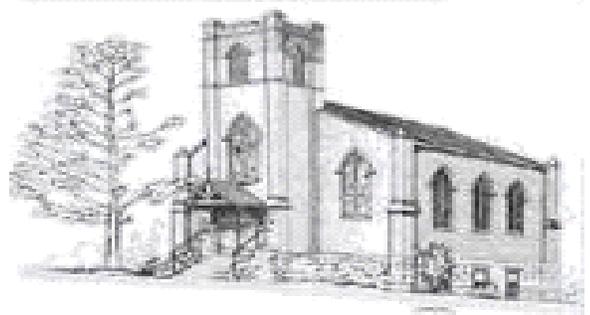
Rector: The Reverend Brian E. Backstrand
Music Minister: Dorothy Prouty

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

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

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.

For the dearly departed: We pray for the family and friends of Sharon Kostuch.

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, Kenny, Wes, Ruth, Clemmie, Anna J., David A., & James M.

March Musing: In Like a Lion

Most everyone I meet has had enough of winter. Wind and ice. And now here we are in March.

After the long grip of winter, March arrives as a month of change. *In like a lion and out like a lamb...* The vernal equinox occurs on the 19th, 20th, or 21st but hopefully early spring will begin in earnest earlier.

March takes its name from the Roman god of war, Mars, and indeed in ancient times wars resumed in this month. But perhaps the most important aspect of this month for me is that is historically (prior to 700 BC) March was a beginning point. The new year began in March because, with the arrival of spring in the northern hemisphere, March was indeed a time of beginnings, emergence, regeneration. Many cultures and religions still celebrate the new year in the month of March.

This year, for Marilee and for me, March is a season of particular change as I come to the conclusion of my time as your rector in Mineral Point. The eight weeks are passing quickly from the announcement of my retirement on January 8th and the final Sunday on March 10th. I want to thank all of you for your well wishes as we return to our farm near Argyle to live in the country and pursue a different rhythm of life. Our address is 11255 Jordan Wiota Road, Argyle, WI 53104. We look forward to being in the Mineral Point community from time to time and to staying in touch.

For us, with Ash Wednesday this year on the 6th, March also ushers in the season of reflection and preparation known as Lent. Lent – “the coming of light”—asks us to carve out some space in our lives for preparation and reflection.

To help us reflect during this season, I am pleased to present to both churches a little booklet published by The Rev. Scott Stoner’s Living Compass organization entitled *Living Well Through Lent 2019: Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*. This booklet explores forgiveness in a variety of ways including setting aside self protection, forgiving our selves, perceiving

forgiveness as a choice, exploring forgiveness within our families, and practicing confession as a spiritual dimension of forgiveness. Lectionary readings for Sundays and special days in Lent are also included.

This booklet will be distributed on Sundays in both churches, but in case you missed it or in case you are currently out of town, we are happy to also mail it out. Please email Terrie at trinitychurchmpt@gmail.com.

I hope that you enjoy this invitation to reflection and that you have a good spiritual journey in this season of Lent.

Fr Brian

Lay Ministry Schedule

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



Daylight Savings Time **FORWARD one hour**

begins Sunday, March 10th

A reminder to change your clock Saturday night when you go to bed!

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.

We urgently need two more people to volunteer for and be trained for Altar Guild responsibilities. For the coming year we have only 6 people on the schedule. Please seriously consider volunteering for this responsibility. Each person is typically responsible for only one Sunday a month.

Interested in international travel? Jill Underly is leading a trip to Ireland July 7 – 17, 2020. If you are interested, please contact her at jill.underly@gmail.com. She has led trip likes this in the past and promises a great trip! If you want to travel sooner, she still has 1 or 2 spaces open for a trip she is leading to Scotland in October this year. Again, let Jill know if you are interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Sunday, March 10th: **Final Sunday for Fr. Brian** at Mineral Point . We will gather at 5:00 pm for a dinner and celebration of Fr. Brian and Marilee's time here at Trinity. Please join us.

Sunday, March 10th: **Search Committee** Meeting in legate Hall after Sunday morning coffee.

Tuesday, March 19th: **Trinity Guild Meeting** is scheduled for 1:30 PM in Legate Hall. All Trinity women are invited.

Sunday, March 24th: **Vestry meeting** in Legate Hall after Sunday morning coffee.



March BIRTHDAYS

05 – Larry Hector

06 – Kathy Madigan

20 – Ann Chapman

24 – Fr. Brian Backstrand



March 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.



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

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News from Trinity Guild:

The Trinity Guild met on Tuesday February 19 at 1:30 PM. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's Report was given and accepted. Joan reported on her discussions at Bob's Electric about replacement washer/dryer/dishwasher for the rectory.

Carolyn will order palms for Palm Sunday.

Spring Rummage Sale dates are set for April 25 - 27 and May 2 - 4. The hanging/setup will be on Tuesday April 23. Signup sheets will be in Legate Hall.

Tea at Trinity, with the community invited, will be on Sunday May 19. We are looking for teacups and saucers that used and potentially sold at the event. Please be on the lookout and drop them off in the kitchen.

The next Guild Meeting is scheduled for 3/19/19 at 1:30 PM in Legate Hall. All Trinity women are invited.

Choir!

Choir meets most (but not all) Saturdays at 1:00 PM for one hour. We are seeking new members to join us and would welcome you with open arms. With the Backstrands leaving, we are down to a quartet, so your voices are needed. Come to a rehearsal and see how it feels for you!



Creation Care Committee:

Many thanks to Jane Stenson for providing the DVD and initiative for our movie and popcorn event this past Sunday! Thanks also to those who helped set up and make popcorn - Kathy Madigan, Mark Prouty, Joan Faull (hopefully I haven't missed anyone!) We had several people from the community attending and we all gained new information.