

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 2018

*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  
The Reverend Brian E. Backstrand, Rector  
Dorothy Prouty, Music Minister

**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.**

**This month we will have no musings from Father Brian as he and Marilee are busy preparing for the final closing sale of a house they've owned for over 3 decades. Please pray for strength, patience and persistence for them as they complete this important step in their lives!**

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*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, Herbert, Jessica and John.*

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**VESTRY AND WARDENS**

**Beth McGehee, Senior Warden**  
**Tom Faull, Junior Warden**  
**Brent Bowers**  
**Annie Chapman**  
**Kathy Madigan**  
**Mark Prouty**  
**Mark Prouty, Clerk of the Parish**  
**Janean Faull, Treasurer**

**Church Schedules**

**Altar Guild**

<b>July</b> <b>8</b> <b>15</b> <b>22</b> <b>29</b>	<b>C.Hunt</b> <b>Ann Chapman</b> <b>J. Stenson</b> <b>Informal service at Blackhawk Lake</b>	<b>J. Faull</b> <b>Beth McGehee</b> <b>M. Backstrand</b>
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**Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>July</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>K.Erdmann</b>	<b>K. Madigan</b>	<b>P. Cole</b>	<b>J. Faull</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>T&amp;J Faull</b>	<b>Pat Cole</b>	<b>K. Erdmann</b>	<b>B. McGehee</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>K. Madigan</b>	<b>M. Prouty</b>	<b>C. Holland</b>	<b>I. Bowers</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>K. Madigan</b>	<b>Youth</b>

**Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, July 3: Creation Care Committee will meet at 3 PM in Legate Hall to view and finalize selection of films for the September Wild and Scenic Film festival and discuss further issues. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, July 4: If you helping with the July 4<sup>th</sup> hot dog and root beer float sale, please be at the church by 9 AM. This will be the first time for me to participate, so I know nothing else about it!!

Friday, July 27: If you are not camping on Friday (our camping weekend at Blackhawk), save the date for our **Fish Boil** sponsored by Trinity Platteville at the Cunningham Center serving from 5-7:00 pm.

Saturday/Sunday, July 28 & 29: Don't forget the **camping weekend at Blackhawk**. We have reserved the shelter. Canoeing is available and I am hoping that we will also have hiking that will include foraging information and plant identification. You can camp with us, join us for the day, or just come to the informal Eucharist on that Sunday.

Saturday, July 28: **Two Summer Choir Workshops scheduled:** July 28th from 1:00-2:00 pm and Tuesday, July 31st from 1:30-3:00 pm. Members may bring along a singing friend just for fun! And, new members are always welcome. To receive choir info emails, please contact Dorothy Mead; 608-987-0388.

Sunday, July 29: We are planning a **brief 9:00 am worship service** at Trinity for potential visitors and others who cannot make the camping service.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 79th General convention of the Episcopal Church is being held July 5-13 in Austin, Texas. Resolutions currently awaiting committee action before possible submission include: Continuing the Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation, Creating Greening Loans, Planting "Paris Groves", Oppose Environmental Racism, Trial Use of Creation Care Language in the Baptismal Covenant, Studying the Intersection of Evangelism, Church Planting and the Care of Creation, and Small Evangelism Grants. Many more and diverse resolutions exist. Please go online at <http://www.generalconvention.org/legislative-information-gc2018/> and look for the Virtual Binder of Resolutions.

A new TV monitor has been installed in Legate Hall with online access and Blue-Ray technology. Funding comes from our Congregational Development Grant (the Film Grant) awarded to Trinity from the Diocese of Milwaukee.

Congratulations to Jean Margaret Merrell-Beech who recently received her 1000 hour card as a Master Gardener Volunteer!

Fr. Brian's schedule for June includes the following days off: Thursday June 7 through Wednesday, June 13.

Note: Vestry will be putting a copy of the approved Vestry minutes up on the white board in Legate Hall each month so all can know about the business of the church. Please take time to read them.

Thoughts for contemplations by Sister of Saint Joseph and Professor Mary Beth Ingham:

**What is haecceity? It's you. It's the unique identity inherent in each being. Each one of us has been given our gift, and that's our little "haec." It's what makes me, me, and not somebody else. Haec cannot be cloned. It's the part of me that is not to be replicated.**

**So, I'm not just one of a kind, and you're not just one of a kind, and we are each not just one of a kind; we are one of an eternity. No pressure! Each of us has come with a gift. And if we do not give our gift, the world misses out.**

**Haecceity is a term invented by Duns Scotus to capture the ineffable. It's that which I cannot name within myself. No amount of self-help exercises will ever exhaust the mystery that is me. So, the good news is I can never figure myself out. I can always surprise myself.**

**Since before the foundation of the world, God has longed to be one with us. Jesus is the mutuality of God in creation. The incarnation is God's presence in our world—not an event of the past. The incarnation is still**

**going on in our lives. And our vocation is to join God's dynamic, incarnate energy in the world and to be that presence wherever we find ourselves.**

**Duns Scotus writes: "You ask me, what is this haec? What is this thing from which the individual difference is taken? Is it matter or form or the composite? I give you this answer: . . . It's just this." [1]**

**You're just yourself. Live with it. Here I am. I'm just me and all I can do is be me. That's the only thing I can do, and I can do it better than anybody else. If I don't do it, nobody will do it. So often we spend our lives trying to be other people. Yet God says, "I made you, and I like the you I've made, so just do your best and be yourself, and I'll be there to help you." It's not something we have to do alone, but something we grow into.**

**Allan Wolter [a Franciscan theologian and philosopher] said that haecceity invests each person with a unique value as one singularly wanted and loved by God, quite apart from any trait that person shares with anybody else, or any contribution he or she might make to society. Haecceity is our personal gift from God. [2] Part of our vocation is to appreciate ourselves as the pearl of great price—because God does. We get to discover ourselves as the treasure in the field and to rejoice with God in the wondrous work that God does in each of our lives (Matthew 13:44-46), quite independent of any contribution we might make to society, any quantitative way of measuring.**

[Gateway to Presence:](#)

**If you want to go deeper with today's meditation, take note of what word**

**or phrase stands out to you. Come back to that word or phrase throughout the day, being present to its impact and invitation.**

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**[1] John Duns Scotus, Ordinatio II, d. 3, no. 187-188. See William M. Frank and Allan Wolter, Duns Scotus: Metaphysician (Purdue University Press: 1995), 185.**

**[2] John Duns Scotus, Early Oxford Lecture on Individuation, trans. and intro. by Allan Wolter (New York: The Franciscan Institute, 2005), xxi.**

**Mary Beth Ingham, Holding the Tension: The Power of Paradox, disc 5 (Center for Action and Contemplation: 2007), [CD](#), [MP3 download](#).**

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