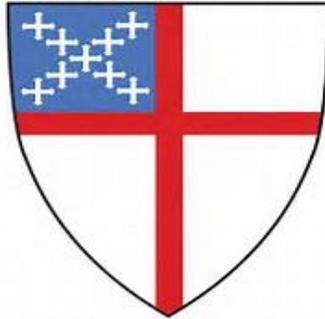


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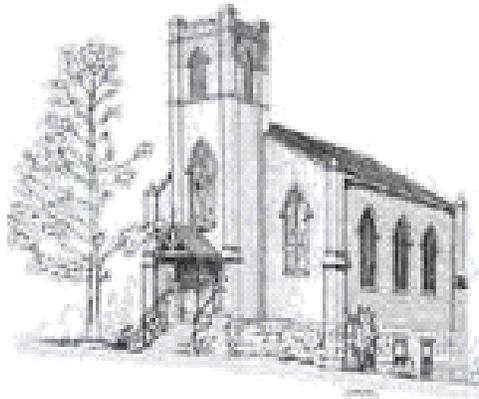
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 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.

MUSINGS *Thinking About Stewardship* -- The Rev. Brian Backstrand

November brings us to windy days, swirling leaves, frost on the pumpkin and, among other things, wonderments about the first snowfall. We bundle up. On the 5th we “fall back” to Central Standard Time. And in this month --which also includes the celebration of Thanksgiving-- here at Trinity, in the midst of giving thanks, we begin thinking of the year ahead 2018 and stewardship.

Our collective thinking about this important dimension of our faith begins on Sunday November 5th—All Saints Sunday—in which we will have a Combined Worship at Trinity Platteville (10:30 a.m.) followed by a buffet and discussion on what we value.

Stewardship reminds us that we are to be good stewards of all of our treasure. For me, ‘treasure’ is an expansive term. It includes health, energy, vision, the ability to give thanks, our individual talents and gifts, our willingness to share, the time presented to us in each and every one of our days on earth. And-- in addition to all these things but never without them-- it includes our monetary resources. Our treasure, properly considered, is an expansive term. We are to take care of our treasure, value the riches of our treasure. To be a good steward we are to look at our treasure, at all that we have, and be *grateful*. Jesus says, *Where your treasure is there will your heart be also*.

This month there will be conversations about being good stewards and about stewardship. Of course it will include Trinity as a featured topic. But we shouldn't begin there. Instead we should think about all that we have been given: gifts tangible and intangible; collective gifts that we share together when we gather; and individual gifts that have come to us in the course of our living. So let us cast a wide net of gratitude as we survey our lives. How has the Spirit journeyed with us, renewed us, created hope and vision? How have we grown spiritually during the past year or years?

All of this and more is our treasure. How do we express our thanks? How do we lift up our hearts and give thanks in the midst of both challenges and blessings? How can we be good stewards?

Fr. Brian



WORSHIP

Do you have a church family, a spiritual place to call home? Whether you are a person of faith or a seeker or spiritual truth, Trinity Church invites you to explore your faith journey as part of our faith community.

This newsletter and our webpage will provide some sense of who we are, but ultimately a church is its people.

Most Sundays we worship at 11:30 following an order of worship that is Catholic in nature. That is, we celebrate communion together using liturgical prayers that connect us with the devotional spirit of the ancient church.

We follow this up with a time of food and fellowship. To learn more about Trinity, please contact:

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Please remember prayers for Ray, Dottie, Craig, Bonnie, Zach, Ruthie, Patrick J., Patrick F., Jill, Derek, and Brandy

Also remember the departed: Mary Anne

LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 10th

6:00 p.m.

at Trinity - Mineral Point

On Sunday, December 10th, our traditional Lessons and Carols begins with prelude music from the Wand'ring Minstrels, a flute quartet, and Monica Dunn, soprano. The traditional service of Lessons and Carols follows and will last about an hour, followed by a reception. We look forward to having the Chough Singers (the Cornish men's chorus) participate in the service. And, we will sing and sing!

More Music

A Women's Chorus is being formed for all those interested. The chorus will be led by Laura Anderson, Chair of Liberal Arts Education, UW-Platteville. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Platteville. The first meeting will be on Thursday, November 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Compline will follow choral practice at 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship, Food, and Discussion

On Sunday, November 5th, Trinity Episcopal Church of Mineral Point and Trinity Church of Platteville will worship together in Platteville. A Trinity Buffet (potluck) will be held in the Cunningham Center. Platteville will

provide the main foods, and Mineral Point will bring salads and/or desserts. During our meal, we will be asking the question for each of our congregations. What does Trinity Episcopal Church value? Pat Cole of Trinity Mineral Point will lead this discussion. The Joint Committee of our two churches will also be meeting at Trinity Platteville in the Cunningham Center before worship at 9:30 a.m.

Mindfulness and Ice Cream

All interested persons are invited to a special presentation *Mindfulness and Ice Cream* from 9-12 noon on Saturday, November 11th at Trinity Mineral Point. Led by Jan Johnson, this initial presentation is part of an occasional series dealing with Wisdom. Especially as we get older, but at any time in our lives, what are the traditions of wisdom that could inform our living, and provide resources and understandings for living more fully? This series seeks to provide some answers to that question. Please join us on the 11th! For more information, please contact Jan at Janice.kay.Johnson@gmail.com or Clare Holland at cholland@myfrontiermail.com

I SEEK COMFORT ON A GREY AFTERNOON

Virgen de Guadalupe
I light your candle
Seeking comfort
On this cold
October [November]
Afternoon:
The sky is fat
And wild haired
With the grey
bags of rain
that would be marked in
stencil
if they were to be
unloaded
on a dock
somewhere
near here
for distribution

to
every sorrowing heart.
Who nearly naked
In
Their rags
Stand patiently
In line
With their cups:
Re assure us
Our Lady
Please
That you still groom
The sea gulls
with salt combs
Still
Whisper hymns across
The craters of the moon
And deepen them;

That the sea
Still mumbles its prayers
In utmost sincerity
Morning and night
Upon your sandaled feet,
On the sand
In Mexican Texas,
And I will watch the geese
Tumble up
And afar.

by James Johnson

Stewardship This Fall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

COMBINED SERVICE -- 10:30 YOUTH GP SKIT

WHAT DO WE VALUE?? A DISCUSSION OF WHAT WE VALUE AT TRINITY MINERAL POINT & PLATTEVILLE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

PERSONAL WITNESS

COFFEE HOUR "HUDDLE" -- WHAT WE VALUE FOR MP: A BRIEF SUMMARY FROM 11-5.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 At our 7 p.m vestry meeting at the rectory~

PAT COLE & VESTRY, SETTING CHALLENGE GOALS

VESTRY -- WILL WE SUPPORT THESE GOALS BY PLEDGING 2018 TO SUPPORT THEM?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET "CHALLENGE GOALS" IN CHURCH

PERSONAL WITNESS

PLEDGE LETTERS AND FORMS DISTRIBUTED.

COFFEE HOUR "SNAP SHOT" OF OUR CHURCH FINANCIAL GIVING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 ADVENT 1

PLEDGE SUNDAY



Future Dates to Keep in Mind

- November 4th The Finance Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 4th, in Legate Hall.
- November 5th What do we value? Stewardship discussion with Pat Cole of Trinity Mineral Point along with a special skit from our Youth Group – all following worship. Please note the time change and our special service time of 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Platteville.
- November 9th Women’s chorus meets at Trinity Platteville at 5:30 p.m. with Compline at 6:30 p.m.
- November 10th There will be a Music Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 10th at the PEAR.
- November 11th All interested persons are invited to a special presentation entitled *Mindfulness and Ice Cream* from 9-12 noon.
- November 17th The Trinity Mineral Point Vestry will meet at the Rectory at 7:00 p.m.
- November 18th The Parish Nurse Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. in The Parish Building (next to the Cunningham Center) at Trinity Platteville.
- November 9th Stewardship discussion after coffee hour. Pledge cards will be distributed at that time.
- November 24th - November 30th
Fr. Brian is away on retreat.

*Do not forget to contribute to the Food Pantry basket. **The need is always there.**

*Choir practices will be announced via email. If interested in singing with the choir, please contact Dorothy Prouty or email at proutyme@gmail.com

VESTRY AND WARDENS

Joan Faull, Senior Warden
Beth McGehee, Junior Warden
Claire Holland
Kathy Madigan
Jane Stenson
Mark Prouty, Clerk of the Parish
Janean Faull, Interim Treasurer

Altar Guild

November 5	A. Chapman	B. McGehee
12	M. Backstrand	J. Stenson
19	C. Holland	K. Madigan
26	C. Hunt	J. Faull

Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers

	Usher	Lector	Acolytes	Eucharistic Minister
November 5	C. Holland	K. Erdmann	B. McGehee	C. Holland
12	K. Erdmann	I. Bowers	J. Faull	P. Cole
19	K. Madigan	P. Cole	I. Bowers	J. Faull
26	A. Chapman	C. Holland	pending	K. Madigan

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Lay ministry schedule, bulletin, announcements, and prayer concerns are welcome.

