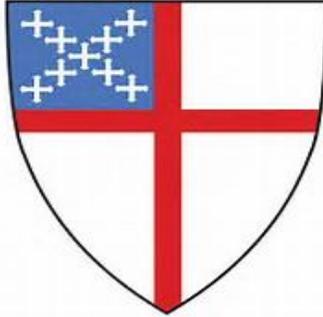


TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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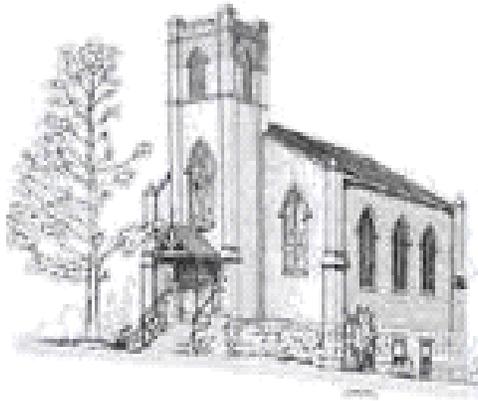
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 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.

MUSINGS from Fr. Brian

One of the pleasures for me on a Sunday morning is hearing our congregations sing.

Some of our hymns remain with me during a portion of the ensuing week. And they can become a bit infectious at times! During especially the entrance, gradual and recessional hymns, I find myself in a great surround of sound as I walk in the midst of the congregation. The hymns, along with the beautiful preludes and postludes of both of our Trinity Mineral Point and Platteville organists provide us with an offering, an outpouring of music as we come together in worship. I am impressed by the way, in both of our churches, we sit and absorb the musical offerings of the postlude before rising to leave.

Horatius Bonar has written the words to several hymns that have found their way into our hymnal including *O Love of God, How Strong and True* (455) and *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (692).

The opening lines of *I Heard...* have always been for me a powerful invitation in the midst of life:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
and in your weariness lay down*

your head upon my breast."

*I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad*

Weary, worn and sad captures some of the tumultuous places of my own living from time to time. What a gracious option Jesus presents us both in this hymn and in Jesus' own words upon which this hymn is based: *Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28).

We have this gracious option any time, but particularly whenever we come together in Sunday worship and now more recently in Compline (evening prayers) at Mineral Point on Thursdays. Compline especially has been a place of healing for me as a group of us come together, settle into the silence of the church in semi-darkness and then are drawn away from ourselves, our concerns and preoccupations into a life of prayer, contemplation, and holy quiet. These times of worship, song and prayer deepen our awareness of the world around us and sharpen our vision. And they ground us.

Jesus' invitation still stands. It always is there, before us, waiting in the midst of our multi-tasking living:

Come unto me....

Two Hundred Attend Trinity's First Film Event

Saturday, September 9th was a special day for mission and outreach for Trinity Episcopal Church of Mineral Point as two hundred attended our first Wild & Scenic Film Event at the Mineral Point Opera House. This was a church-wide project that captured our attention and involved so many of us. Approximately 24 businesses and organizations joined many individuals in supporting two hours of films dealing with the environment. Several organizations were present, drawings were held, and approximately twenty-five lingered at nearby Tequila Point to extend the evening through conversation together.

Thanks to everyone who was involved. The list is long and many acts in support of this event went on quietly behind the scenes. Special thanks to Jane Stenson, the project chair, who kept us on track! We were challenged and we responded. Caring for the environment is a spiritual issue: What is God's Spirit saying to us in all of this as we look to the future?



**Please remember in prayer:
Zach, Marilee, Ruthie, Ray, Patrick J., Patrick F., Jill, Derek, and Brandy**

Church Schedules

Altar Guild

October	22	Claire Holland	Kathy Madigan
	29	Carolyn Hunt	Joan Faull
November	5	Ann Chapman	Beth McGehee
	12	Marilee Backstrand	Jane Stenson
	19	Claire Holland	Kathy Madigan
	26	Carolyn Hunt	Joan Faull

Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers

		Usher	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Acolytes
October	22	J&T Faull	C. Hunt	J. Faull	I. Bowers
	29	B. McGehee	P. Cole	K. Madigan	K. Erdmann
November	5	C. Holland	K. Erdmann	C. Holland	B. McGehee
	12	K. Erdmann	I. Bowers	P. Cole	J. Faull
	19	K. Madigan	P. Cole	J. Faull	I. Bowers
	26	A. Chapman	C. Holland	K. Madigan	K. Erdmann

Dates to Remember

- ❖ Sunday, October 22nd – Youth Group meets at 6:00 pm in Platteville
- ❖ Thursday, October 26th – A Women’s Chorus is being formed for all those interested. The chorus will be led by Laura Anderson, Chair of the Music Department of UW-Platteville. Sessions will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 pm with the first one being held on October 26th at Trinity in Platteville. Ride sharing is available. Please speak to Marilee Backstrand.
- ❖ Sunday, November 5th – Trinity’s Combined Eucharist. Trinity Episcopal Church of Mineral Point and Trinity Episcopal Church of Platteville will gather for a Combined Eucharist to be held at 10:30 am in Platteville. On this All Saints Day, we also will be thinking about stewardship. Following our worship together, a Trinity buffet (potluck) will be held at The Cunningham Center next door with dishes to pass from Trinity Platteville and desserts from Trinity Mineral Point. Stewardship: during our meal together on the 5th, we will be asking the question for each of our congregations; “What does Trinity Episcopal Church value?” Pat Cole of Trinity Mineral Point will be leading this discussion. The Joint Committee of our two churches will also be meeting briefly.

Other Announcements

- Do not forget to contribute to the Food Pantry basket. The need is always there.
- Office hours: Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 8:30-12:30 p.m.

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608-348-6402 (Platteville Office)
- Thanks to all who came to the Pet Blessing last Sunday in Mineral Point. We had eight dogs and one cat and several from both church and community at the blessing.
- I want to thank all of you who remembered me in prayer during my recent procedure. Brian and I are so grateful for the positive outcome – Marilee Backstrand
- The Trinity Guild reports that the recent Rummage Sale had sales of approximately \$1,000. Thanks to all who took part.

- Coats for Kids collection is taking place now through October 25th. Coats will be cleaned by Platteville Cleaners and distributed to area families in need on November 2nd. If you have a gently used coat (any size) to donate, please drop off at the Platteville Dupaco by October 25th. They are also accepting hats and mittens. TO VOLUNTEER: please contact Jo Rolling at jrolling@dupaco.com or 348-4499 ext 2802.

Lay ministry schedule, bulletin, announcements, and prayer concerns are welcome. Please contact Terrie Hoffman at trinitychurchmpt@gmail.com or call 348-6402.

THE VESTRY AND WARDENS OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Joan Faull, Senior Warden
Beth McGehee, Junior Warden
Claire Holland, Vestry Member
Kathy Madigan, Vestry Member
Jane Stenson, Vestry Member
Mark Prouty, Clerk & Vestry Member
Janean Faull, Treasurer**

