

# THE ANNUAL REPORT
# - 2017 -
# Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
## Reno, Nevada

*Our Mission is to welcome all people*
*to know and live as Christ in the world.*

**28 January 2018 – Parish Hall – Luncheon at 12:30 P.M. and Meeting**

AGENDA

Table Grace and Luncheon
Meeting starts with Dessert and Coffee, Opening Prayer
Sign in of Members in Good Standing, and Quorum
Accept Agenda
Minutes of January 2017 Meeting (on the tables)
Committee Reports and Programs (Annual Report)
Election of New Vestry (Term: Feb 2018 – Jan 2021)
- Biographies of Candidates *(see pages _____)*

Election of Delegates for 2017 *(see page __)*
Presentation of the Budget
Report of the Associate Priest, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden
Announcement of the New Senior Warden
Report of the Rector: State of the Church
- The Dean's Award – The Triquetra

Closing with Celebration of the Vestry Transition
- Vestry Meeting for Elections following in Conference Room A
  (elect Junior Warden and appoint Clerk and Treasurer)

*The Very Rev. Dr. William L. Stomski, Dean*
*The Rev. Canon Rick Millsap, Associate Priest*
*The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, The Rev. Julius Rogina, The Rev. John Steinfeld, Adjunct Priests,*
*The Rev. Patsy Pumphrey, Deacon*
*Dr. Matthew Estes, Music Director & Organist; Parish Administrator: Coco Luna*
*Custodian: Carmen Lopez; Maintenance Assistant: Harold Campbell; Security: David Chute*
*Senior Warden: Janice Williams; Jr. Warden: Julie Dembler*

# ANNUAL REPORTS

The five purposes of a church community are Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship (Growth), Ministry (Human Needs) and Mission (Evangelism). There will be two vestry persons in charge of each of these five categories that will serve as the vestry liaison for these categories of ministry and all the programs and projects under such categories.

## 1. WORSHIP




### St. Martha Altar Guild

- Ann Crase, Pat Ikehara, Juliette Leneaux, & Carol Roman

The Altar Guild continues to actively function with four teams of women and a few men. We lost three members this past year.
We continue to welcome new people to assist us in setting up our Saturday/ Sunday worship Eucharistic services, and special services such as weddings and funerals.
There is also two annual cleanings or housekeeping day events that take place prior to Christmas and Easter. The months in which we have five weekend, that Saturday is a social and general meeting to deal with any concerns.
This 2017 Advent Season was decorated gradually with a process that each Sunday had added decorations; therefore the season was done gradually with each Sunday rather than all at one with Advent I.

### Acolytes - Sara Oliver Erwine



Our young acolytes serve at the 10:30 service plus feast days. According to their preference they can do one or more of these activities: Crucifer -- carry the cross for Procession, Gospel Reading and Recession Torch -- before the service light the Office Candles and altar candles if any and extinguish them after the service is ended; they also carry torches for the Procession, Recession and Gospel Reading; Bell Ringer -- during Holy Communion ring the bells at specific times to bring attention to what is being said at the moment; Lavabo -- pour water into the lavabo (bowl) over the hands of the Celebrant who then uses a linen to dry them. These children are aged 9 through High School. We have 7 Acolytes: Jon Burleson, Aubrey Dixon, Leah Dixon, Abi Hull, Abi Lardner, Luke Wolfe, and Sofia Zepeda. They serve one or two Sundays a month -- the second and fourth. As the Acolyte Master I train and schedule, but I am blessed to be in relationship with each of them. They fill me with joy. They take their parts very seriously, yet bring wonder and the thrill of being a member of the Altar Party. I love to see these young people serve God through their ministry. I am honored to know each one, and to be a part of their life in the church.

## Trinity's Music Program

- Dr. Matthew Estes



Trinity's music ministry offers a number of opportunities for parishioners and members of the larger Reno community to find intellectual, artistic, and spiritual enrichment. The general philosophy of our program is very much influenced and encouraged by the church's mission and outreach statements. In a way, there are two strands to the program – strands that intersect with and enhance each other.

### Music for the Children

MUSIC FOR CHILDREN takes place during our *Education Wednesday* offering. Children of all ages enjoy music in small groups as it partners with a lesson and a crafts activity. The curriculum is modeled on one created by the Royal School of Church Music in England and is adapted for use by American parishes and cathedrals. Activities include singing, as well as playing rhythm instruments (including rain sticks), hand chimes, and recorders. The children prepare the music for the pre-dinner chapel service and enjoy leading the adults in this part of the service. We are grateful to Dr. Matt Estes and Sally Turk for their excellent leadership.

### Trinity Cathedral Choir / St. Cecelia Choir




Trinity Cathedral Choir continues the fine tradition developed under Philip Manwell's leadership. The music program keeps one foot in the past with one foot in the future. The choir strives for everyone to do their best. Each week there is a faithful 20 to 25 people who come and sing.

The choir has sung at several special events. The Consecration of the Cathedral service brought 39 singers to sing a newly commissioned anthem. This was the largest diocesan convention choir since Bishop Dan Edwards has been Bishop. Several special rehearsals held in Las Vegas helped make this possible. Most importantly it was about relationship building, and getting Episcopalians in other faith communities to see Trinity as their Cathedral.

The choir sang as part of the Reno Ecumenical Choir, with over 120 people singing. The mass choir sang Randell Thompson's "Alleluia" which was beautifully done. Interacting musically with the wider community is the main goal. For the Dean's installation service, the choir stepped up and had extra rehearsals in order to prepare several anthems for the service. The dedication was noticed by several people, including the Bishop, and produced a quality musical experience.

Under Dean William Stomski's direction, the choir space in the sanctuary has changed. The result is having a space that allows the music to be better heard. Many people on several different Sundays commented that the tenor and basses can be heard better and the overall balance of sections is better.

This is a direct result of having choir members on different "riser" heights allowing the row behind to be heard. By not having the sound trapped inside the pews allows more sound to move out into the worship space. The comfort level of choir members under hot lights has been improved with increased ventilation of the chairs as well as the purchase of almost totally silent fans.

The amount of volunteer hours choir members give is amazing. An army of people prepare the music, copy, distribute, collect, and file away each week. This choir has a mission to include those with disabilities. Special large copies are made for those with limited sight. Thicker card-stock paper allows those with hand tremors to turn the pages more easily and quieter.

Several choir members have stated that communication has greatly improved by using the "White" board" in the choir room listing all the needs of the music program. When something is written up as a need, soon it is filled by someone. All the concerts for the month are listed on the white board. During the week, several people (not in the choir) look at this board and take pictures with their phone or enter upcoming concerts into the calendar.

The choir is a small community within the church that takes care of one another. Several rides have been offered to those who need it to get to rehearsals or to worship. There have been more than 30 informal gatherings (2 to 8 people) meeting after church at a restaurant or bar. Talking about God or different ways to worship through music are common topics, but mostly it is about knowing your neighbor. Sacred Harp, made of Trinity Choir members and people living in Reno, has met to share a common meal while singing historical religious music. Lastly the choir community prays for those in need each week.

Over the last few months the music program has undergone a major transition through changes in several staff members as well as new visions from Vestry and Dean. Yet key fundamentals such as a world-class organ, key choir members, and the love of doing our best remain to keep a solid music program. New people are stepping up volunteering in new ways to grow the program. The future and opportunities for the Cathedral music program are bright!



## Hand Chimes Choir

The HAND CHIMES CHOIR is a recent addition to our Music Ministry. In early 2016, a three octave set of hand chimes was purchased for use in church services. The hand chimes were paid for via a donation given specifically for the purpose of adding this very comforting sound to our musical offerings. Led by Jim Heller, who is an experienced teacher, music was selected at an easy level so that parishioners with little or no music experience would be able to participate. Initially there were 30 minute rehearsals right after the 10:30 service on Sundays which culminated in a piece titled "Lenten Prayers" being performed as a prelude in March. Since then, the rehearsals after church on Sundays have become inconvenient for some and we are now looking for an alternate rehearsal

time and day. In the mean time, the children are putting the hand chimes to good use on Education Wednesdays and it is our hope that we can form a dedicated group of adult ringers who can play occasionally during services. We need 11 participants to perform the music we have but would welcome more so that we can cover all parts when there are absences on performance days. Please consider participating to help add this unique sound to our Music Ministry. Contact Jim or me to express your interest and your availability.

(For Community Music Programs like "Pipes on the River", see **Mission/Evangelism**)

**Centering Prayer** - Judy Anderson and Joan Peyser



This group, currently facilitated by Judy Anderson and Joan Peyser, began to meet at Trinity Church in the All Souls Chapel in October of 2012. At that time three centering prayer practitioners desired to gather as a supportive community for each other in this ancient Christian meditative practice. Since that time, approximately 8 to 11 people now gather every Tuesday at 12:10-1:00pm in the Church Library. This is an ecumenical ministry to the community as the participants who practice centering prayer are from various faith traditions. What we have in common is a deep desire to take a "contemplative stance" in our daily lives. The "fruits of the spirit" (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) may be experienced in the daily practice of centering prayer.

"Centering prayer is. . . silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.



Centering prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer. . . into a receptive prayer of resting in God." *contemplativeoutreach.org*

The people who participate in this weekly prayer practice have expressed their gratefulness for the community that supports and enhances their practice of centering prayer in solitude.

*Silence of the Heart*, *Reflections of the Christ Mind*, by Paul Ferrini, in using the blessing *Namaste*, says "I accept your humanness and mine. And I also bow to the divinity in each of us. . .Each self is the unqualified Presence, yet each must approach God in [his or her] own unique way. Within oneness, paradox abounds. Here we dwell together, my brother and sister." This is the beauty and gift of practicing centering prayer together in the "sacred space" of Trinity Church's Library!

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Sara Oliver Erwine

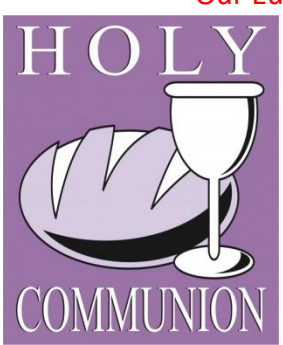
Eucharistic Ministers serve the consecrated wine during Communion. They participate in all of the church services, including each Saturday, Sunday and weekday Eucharist, weddings, funerals, and additional celebrations and Feast Days. Most are considered Acolytes and as such they may also light and extinguish candles, carry the Cross or torches, ring bells, be thurifer (censor), banner bearer, and/or assist with setting the table at Eucharist. Each will serve at least once, often twice, each month. Each is highly trained and absolutely dedicated.

A mandatory training was conducted in the Autumn of 2016, for a total of 2 1/2 hours. Additional training occurs for special services throughout the year, as we do with Christmas Eve and The Easter Vigil

The Eucharistic Minister for the Thursday 12:10 service is Juliette Leneaux; Saturday 5:00 service has a total of one lay minister, Susan Lombardi. The Sunday morning 7:45 AM (As of Advent 2016 it has become a 7:30) service has a total of 9 people involved. They are: David Morgan, Eloy Ituarte, Nora Conn, Ann Morgan, David Chute, Bob Snavely, Larry Kirk, Diana Sauerbrei and Bob Sauerbrei. The Sunday morning 9:00 AM service has a total of 5 people involved. They are: Rich Jolly, Gretchen Wolf, Christine Pezonella, and Jeanette and Matthew Smith. The Sunday morning 10:30 AM service has a total of 22 people in this ministry. They are: Will Aldrich, Ann Morgan, Anne Towner, Carolyn Hoffman, Cathy Brewster, Dave Bennum, Dave Mueh, David Neidert, Diane Sheldon, Frank Baird, Guy Moreno, Jane Stoneback, Joan Peyser, Juliette Leneaux, Laura Neidert, Lindsay Campbell, Lisa Otterson, Marilyn Hadley, Mary Nelson, Robert Annan, Victoria Samberg, and Sara Oliver Erwine (who is the scheduler and coordinator of EMs at 10:30 AM. Matt Smith Coordinates the 9:00 AM Service.)

I remember the first time a new EM served the wine. Afterwards she came to me with radiance and said, “That was the most holy experience I ever had”. Another EM is usually early in her seat in the congregation so I often ask her to fill in for any EM who cannot serve. She gracefully and happily gets “suited up” in her vestments and thanks me since she loves serving so much. This community of EMs share so much love that I am filled with awe and humility. I feel holiness simply being with them. I feel closer to God because they carry out their part in the liturgy with beauty and reverence. Because of my ministry with these EMs my life is fuller and I feel the joy of serving God. I am grateful to serve them, God and Trinity.

**Eucharistic Visitors** - Father William Stomski




Our Eucharistic Visitors are Howard Craig-Aakervik, Lucy Bouldin (piano accompanist), Lindsay Campbell, Ruth Frazier, Su Cothren, Mary Gainey, Dave and Laura Neidert, Joan Peyser, and Diane Sheldon are our trained and commissioned Eucharistic Visitors who take the blessed Sacrament

to those who are homebound or infirmed. This important ministry keeps members in touch with the spiritual family, as we uphold them in prayer.

This past year the entire crew was retrained and are certified for a five year period till their renewal in 2020. Mary Gainey has stepped aside after many years of service in coordinating the visitations; Laura Neidert has now picked up that responsibility with the new 2017 year. We thank Mary for you deep devotion and commitment to this vital ministry.

## Lectors - Sara Oliver Erwine

Lectors are lay ministers who read the assigned Scripture at each Eucharist service, funerals, weddings and special occasions and feasts. They may read the Old Testament lesson, the New Testament lesson, or occasionally the Prayers of the People. When the Psalm is not sung, the Old Testament lector will lead the congregation in reciting/reading the Psalm.

Each lector is quite dedicated to this ministry. This requires much time on their part to learn the scripture and read it in such a way as to be understandable to each congregant. Indeed, bringing the Word of God to the people is an awesome and reverent ministry. A training session was held for lectors this past Fall, and make-up sessions were held for those who could not be in attendance.



The lectors for the Saturday 5:00 service were becoming organized and scheduled during the Autumn. We are just now creating a roster of names for those willing to serve at the service time. The 7:45 AM (changed with Advent to 7:30 AM now) service requires the Lector to also serve as Eucharistic Minister. A mandatory training for all Lectors was held in the Autumn of 2016 for a total of 2 1/2 hours.

The Thursday 12:10 service has one lector, JulietteLeneaux. The Sunday 7:45 AM service has nine Lectors. They are: David Morgan, Eloy Ituarte, Nora Conn, Ann Morgan, David Chute, Bob Snavely, Larry Kirk, Diana Sauerbrei, Bob Sauerbrei. The Sunday 9:00 AM service has children and/or adults present the Gospel Reading.

The Sunday 10:30 service has nineteen Lectors. They are: Will Aldrich, Ann Morgan, Anne Towner, Cathy Brewster, Chris Chrystal, Dave Bennum, Dave Mueh, David Neidert, Dorothy Walrath, Frank Baird, Joan Peyser, Juliette Leneaux, Lisa Otterson, Marilyn Hadley, Mary Nelson, Nancy Peterson, Robert Annan, Victoria Samberg, Ernie Westbrook, and Sara Oliver Erwine who does the scheduling.

One Lector told me that as she reads she feels that God is speaking through her for the sake of each person in the congregation. Another loves to spend the week understanding what God is saying in her assigned lesson. She compares translations, reads the surrounding Scripture for context, and prays, then she reads aloud many times. Each Lector loves to serve, and many would like to be scheduled more often. Their devotion to communicating the Word of God has deepened my own appreciation

and love for Scripture. As they read I feel fed. I am humbled and filled with love as I serve them as coordinator for the 10:30 AM Sunday service.

**Prayer Chain Ministry** - Lindsay Campbell

This ministry consists of numerous, dedicated individuals from the Parish, including Vestry members, past and present, who include prayer requests in their regular prayer regime. Currently, the Chain of "Prayer Warriors" consists of approximately 52 participants. The prayer requests are usually received through the Church office or they can be sent directly to the Prayer Chain coordinator.

Typically, the requests are for healing and comfort for family and friends who are suffering physically, medically or emotionally. They can also be requests for safe travels for family and friends, for the souls that have passed on, or for any reason that may be needed. There is never a request that is too big or too small!

I have heard many times from some of the participants in this ministry, that they feel a real connection with those we pray for. They tell me how important the prayers are to them and how important this ministry is in their lives. This type of commitment goes above and beyond the participation in a Prayer Chain. This is true love of others in need. I am often pleasantly surprised by such compassion, which is why I continue to be involved in this ministry.

The power of prayer is never more evident than it is with our group of "Prayer Warriors"!

For more information or to become a "Prayer Warrior," contact: Lindsay Campbell, Coordinator.

**Oblation Bearers** - Helen Paganucci

The oblation bearers are part of the Offertory presentations during our Eucharist, bringing up the bread and the wine to the altar from the center aisle. The symbolism is that we present gifts that God has first given us. Our job is very simple. The frequency of participation depends on the number of folks who sign up. Schedules are posted in advance and are very flexible. It is a good way to get to know fellow members and feel more an active part of the congregation. Please contact Hel3n if you wish to be a part of this ministry (775-229-0679)

The Oblation Bearer Ministry involves 21 current members. We gained one new member. The current members are Will Aldrich, Jacob and Sean Annan, Lucy Bouldin, Sandi Brooke, Lindsay Campbell, Helen Heller, Carole and George Hess, Karen Henke-Hill, Pat and Clyde Ikehara, Juliette Leneaux, Ted and Carol Moore, Laura Neidert, Ginny Nelson, Linda Newman, Helen Paganucci, Roman Peck, and Jodie Rossi. Helen Paganucci schedules the bearers for the 10:30 service.

**Prayer Ministers** - Sara Oliver Erwine



Prayer Ministers, or PMs, serve at the 10:30 AM Sunday morning service. Their ministry is to pray with and for individuals who seek prayer during the communion portion of our service. Each knows the power of prayer and the need for the community of Christ to bear each other's burdens in this way. They serve with reverence and compassion. They also rejoice with those whose requests have been fulfilled or who have come closer to God in their needs.

As the coordinator of this ministry I am humbled by the devotion of each PM. Although they are scheduled to pray only once per month some will serve with another, thus doubling their commitment. One PM told me she loves this ministry so much that she feels she can't do it often enough My faith has been deepened because of their quiet commitment to and belief in the power of prayer. I am filled with love because of their love.




We have five Prayer Ministers. They are: Dorothy Walrath, Jodie Rossi, Ruth Frazier, Joan Peyser, and Sara Oliver Erwine.

(In 2017 we hope to see that the Daughters of the King will also be involved with this prayer Ministry and will receive special training from Father William Stomski to do such.)

(**Greeters and Ushers** – see "Mission/Evangelism")

## 2. FELLOWSHIP

**A Lot of Good Men (ALOGM)** - Clyde Ikehara, John Hill and Tom Anderson

ALOGM has "no agenda" monthly gatherings where we share meals (breakfast and lunch usually) at various venues in Reno. The E-Mail distribution has increased to 44 men during 2015 and the monthly attendance averages about 20+ men. Several events have seen the attendance exceed 20+ men. The "First Saturday" breakfasts are obviously always on a Saturday and other monthly events are scheduled during different days of the week with weekend events drawing the higher attendance. We encourage all men of Trinity to come and know each other in a more causal environment.

One Service Project we took on this past year was the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Parish Hall. The men set up the hall and prepared and served the dinner. There was an excellent attendance of over 60 persons.

**Coffee Hour** (10:30 AM; first of the month 7:45 AM)

**7:45 AM:** (As of Advent 2016, moved to 7:30 time slot) The Eucharistic Minister team created a Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month to promote fellowship amongst the "regulars" that attend this service. Attendance at this function has increased steadily since it was started in 2015. Coffee hour is served in the Bishop Lewis Chapel.





**9:00 AM:** The reception has a sign-up sheet for the families to sign up to sponsor snacks. The second Sunday of the month involved a brunch for the children down in the Gather Space. After the Summer Break this was discontinued with the development of Education Wednesdays, so as to move educational programs away from the Sunday worship hour and put the focus on Wednesdays. Families continue to be asked to donate treats and serve them.

**10:30 AM:** The Coffee Hour is hosted by volunteers at the back of the church, usually organized by Howard Craig-Aakeravik and Joy Hamilton. (*The Church does all the beverages and purchases all condiments and paper products*.)

**Divinely Fine Women (DFW)** - Karen Henke-Hill

The DFW is a wonderful social outlet for the women of Trinity Church. Every month emails are sent to approximately 70 women announcing the venue for our monthly luncheon. In addition to the luncheons being an opportunity to catch ups, we also send cards to those who are having a hard time of it. We meet in people's homes and in restaurants. A joint potluck dinner of the two groups is held every year. Karen Henke, Anne Towner and Jacquie Reinhartsen have been the organizers for the past five years. New leadership has stepped up with Jeanne Walpole and Liz Boog.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** - Rev. Rick Millsap

In September, I began facilitating the Youth Group here at Trinity. We have 5-6 kids who attend regularly, but many more on our mailing list who we are hoping to see in the new year. When we meet the first and third Sundays of the month from 12:30-2:00 PM, we start out with prayer and a shared meal, a short worship experience, then we have a planned topical discussion, and activity. In the last five months, we have discussed topics ranging from homelessness to racism, unloaded water for the homeless, created portraits of saints, colored a beautiful Advent Mural, and raised over $1,000 from our holiday evergreen sales. We are looking forward to a local mission trip at the end of the school year where we help older parishioners with spring lawn work.



**Foyer Groups** - Sandi Brooke

***What is a Foyer Group?*** This is a program designed to bring members, new members and prospective members together strictly for fellowship with a meal; this is not about holding "church business" but a fun and simple way to get to know one another better. Groups of 6-8 persons are formed and each takes an opportunity to host the group at their home. The host person usually provides the main course or meat dish and a plan for side dishes. The remaining group members volunteer to bring food items and beverages.

We have discussed for some time now the restoration of Foyer Groups since Father William is now on board. Sandi Brooke and Father William have organized a planning session for January 8, 2017 as a way to begin this New Year. Families have been asked to sign up and will meet with a Soup Luncheon on Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 to get acquainted with the their assigned groups and plan the calendars and hosting schedules.

## Hospitality - New Comers Dinners, Thanksgiving Dinner

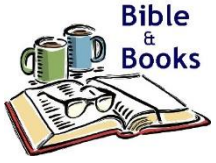
Sandi Brooke and Robert Andrade have consented to take the reins and lead out Hospitality events. Sandi typically has hosted the New Comers Dinners about twice a year. This event helps us to meet with potential new members and talk about the ministries of Trinity Parish and how these folks may be involved. This is an opportunity for them to ask questions and get to know better a few of the parish leaders.

This was our FIRST Thanksgiving Dinner with a most successful outreach especially to members who are alone or have no family visiting or to be visited. Sandi and Robert took over the kitchen and prepared the turkeys (a ham and crown roast was donated also!) along with stuffing, gravy, and mashed potatoes. Guests were invited to bring favorite Thanksgiving side dishes and desserts. A few homeless persons were also able to join us. A wonderful time was held with 50 people in attendance. The fellowship and share meal meant a great deal to many who otherwise said they would have been alone. Many were able to take "doggie bags" of left overs home.



## 3. DISCIPLESHIP (Growth)

## Bibles and Books - Rev. Rick Millsap




Part of my responsibilities as the Associate Priest for Parish Life includes planning the readings for Bible & Books. In Bible and Books on Sunday mornings in January, we shared *Making Sense of the Bible*

*Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. During Lent, we enjoyed *A Circle of Quiet* by Madeline L'Engle. We concluded our education year with the book *Interruptions: A 40-Day Journey with Jesus*. In the fall, we began with *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor, a book that had been recommended by one of the folks in our group. For Advent, we chose the unusual book and DVD series, *Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem*, which begins with Mary at the foot of the cross and then journeys backward to Christmas night. For Epiphany, we are reading *Solve: Finding God's Solutions in a World of Problems.*

## Communion Milestone

- Father William Stomski

The first Communion Milestone class was held during Lent of 2016. This program was developed by Father William with his Doctoral Studies as a means to bring parents and students together to learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Often parents are unaware of the importance of their own spiritual leadership in the home, and this is a means to enable them to feel better equipped to talk about faith, worship and the Bible.

Led by Father William, we had twelve (12) children along with fifteen (10) parents involved in this program during 2016. We met in the Parish Library at 12:30 PM following our last worship service during Lent with the months of February and March. The Milestone event took place after Palm Sunday/ Easter because of the school break and families away, on the First Sunday of Easter, April 10. We held a brunch celebration during the 9:00 AM worship spot (canceled the Service) prior to the 10:30 Service celebration with the families.



## Education Committee

Members of the committee are Joan Collins, Kate Flocchini, Gretchen Wolfe, Marion Tammany, Rev. Rick Millsap had worked very hard this past year as they with the guidance of Dr. Philip Manwell, Father William and Rev. Rick explored the model of an Education Wednesday program. This was a way to address the fact that the Sunday setting does not allow our clergy and professional staff to be involved with educational leadership. And we cannot expect to run programs into the afternoon. This solution is a way many of our urban Episcopal Churches have addressed the same situation – by having a mid-week program with a strict focus on programs for all ages.

The Committee worked on costumes for the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM impromptu pageant. We especially thank Debbie Zalmana, Helen Heller, and Diana Sauerbrei for their sewing skills.

## Education Wednesdays

- Rev. Rick Millsap




It has been a pleasure to work with kids and parents again this year. I have produced the worship bulletins for each season. At our Music Director's recommendation, we have increased the numbers of hymns available in each

bulletin to provide more variety. The greatest innovation we have made this year is the inauguration of Education Wednesdays in September. Beginning shortly after school, children rotate through art, music, and a Godly Play story while the adults study the Gospel of Mark. We conclude with a short chapel service, a shared dinner, and then the adult class repeats. Our current attendance is about 30-40 (20-30 adults, 10 - 12 kids.) Volunteers from the congregation have stepped forward for training and have become teachers. I'm excited that Trinity is following the growing trend in churches that have discovered that we need to create a mid-week experience for parishioners. This is especially a good model for churches like ours with a small staff whose time is already filled on Sundays.

We continue our invitation-membership Facebook group specifically for parents at the 9:00 AM so they can communicate and share ideas; I also make sure there is a weekly posting of information of interest to parents in the group. We continue to have a weekly E-mail to parents about what is coming up on Sunday and other news of interest to parents.

## Episcopal 101 - New Members/Inquirers Class - Father William Stomski

This class is designed to focus on those who are new to the Episcopal Church, planning to be married, wishing for a baptism or their child's baptism, inquiring about becoming an Episcopalian, or seeking membership with the Trinity parish community. Some are present members looking to review what the Episcopal Church believes and teaches. This class is designed to address all of these concerns as adult spiritual developed is addressed and nurtured. The class also serves for those doing special training as Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, or even to begin a discernment process for Holy Orders.

Typically the course is taught in the Fall and /or Spring depending on the need at the moment to prepare new members for reception with the Bishop's annual visit.




With the classes, both afternoon and evening sessions, offer a shared common supper time. It is a seven (7) week program of study, discussion, and fellowship. The book, "*Those Episkopals*" by Dennis R. Maynard is used. Each attendee is encouraged to purchase the book. The course was taught by Father William Stomski, with some assistance from Rev. Rick Millsap, and Fr. Julius Rogina.

## Librarian - Lucy Bouldin

Many may ask, "Where is the Library?" It is located downstairs in the crypt, precisely below the Bishop Lewis Chapel, on the east side of the building. If you go down the Southeast stairway to the Ladies Room and continue down the hall you will find the Library on her right.

Our Library continues to expand and we are grateful for the tremendous resource it offers to our members. Lucy Bouldin along with the help of Dorothy Walrath have worked tirelessly in organizing and labelling our books. We invite members to

please make use of this resource and there is a binder to sin-out and sign-ion books that you may borrow.

- The circ system for the Trinity Episcopal Church Library is Surpass CL – Church Library Edition. There is basic automation including administration, cataloguing and circulation. This edition was renewed November 2016.
- Still using regular numerical barcoding.
- Two book cases were donated during 2016 – each in excellent condition.
- Wonderful volunteer work (well over 120 hours) done by Dorothy Walrath.

The Collection

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| Audios already in collection | 167 |
| DVDs already in collection | 13 |
| VHSs already in collection | 101 |
| Books already in collection | 1,793 |
| CDs already in collection | 35 |
| Books donated in 2015 (six donors) | 181 |
| DVDs donated in 2015 (one donor) | 3 |
| Books donated in 2016 (five donors) | 129 |
| Total Collection | 2,422 |

Volunteered 49 Thursdays in 2016. One hundred ninety-six (196) hours.
Main task 2016: Continue adding items correctly to system.

## Spiritual Retreats

- Rev. Rick Millsap



In March, we held spiritual retreat allowing people to take a break from the rush of their everyday world and spend some quiet time with God with the Season of Lent. Joan Peyser led a retreat where people could pray, walk the labyrinth, learn about praying with icons from presentation given by Father William.

Because of the busy activities already occurring with Advent, especially with the adult and children's classes with the new Education Wednesday Program, an Advent Retreat was not held in December of 2016.

**The labyrinth** is an ancient form of walking meditation. The participant walks on a "lane" which twists and turns in a circle toward a center. Trinity Episcopal Church has a portable, painted canvas labyrinth. It is in three sections which, when assembled, stretches across the Parish Hall. Often one or more person while it is in use.

Eleven people are involved in this ministry. They deeply love the labyrinth and I am honored to be one of this group. They are Ruth Frazier, Jodie Rossi, Nancy Petersen, John Malinowski, David Chute, Karen Henke, Joan Peyser, Natalie Michaelson, Dawn

May, Joan Collins, and Sara Oliver Erwine. Leslie Marlowe and Sheila Lester have reently moved.



My closeness with God increases when I walk the labyrinth. Even when I watch others walking the labyrinth God's Presence seems more powerful to me. I feel such thankfulness to the people who love and work with the labyrinth. Their dedication and wish for a permanent labyrinth is an inspiration. One time I walked the labyrinth with two women who do not attend Trinity. They were deeply moved by the experience. I felt joy sharing the labyrinth with them. - Sara Oliver Erwine.

In September of 2016, a women's group from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Carson City used our labyrinth as part of a weekend prayer retreat.

**4. MINISTRY (Human Needs)** – This Ministry is divided into three components: *Personal Support*, *Outreach to Our Community*, and *Outreach into the World*

## A. Personal Support

**Catching Our Breath** (A Support Circle for Caregivers)

- Rev. Rick Millsap

We continue to be one of the only support groups in our area for all caregivers, regardless of faith tradition, focused on spirituality and prayer. This year, we have also opened up our support groups to our sister Episcopal congregations in Reno.

Now, in its seventh year, we have regular folks attend every month. Often people can find disease-specific secular support groups, e.g., an Alzheimer's or MS support group, but that leaves a spiritual hole and sometimes is not enough. So, Trinity has stepped in to fulfill a vital community need for those caring for others who don't fit into neat categories. Often people want a spiritual dimension in addition to secular support. Together, we learn to accept their caregiving is in itself is a calling, a mission, and in some ways, a blessing as they share God's love with those for whom they care.

**Circle of Friends** - Dorothy Walrath

Circle of friends is a ministry of care and support, mainly for those persons living alone. It is arranged so that each day, usually in the morning, each member calls one person and in return each person will receive a call. The purpose is to touch base with others on a daily basis. Conversations are usually brief and the idea is to convey care for one another on a daily basis. I maintain the schedule of who calls who each day. I redo the schedule about every three months so there is a chance to speak to a variety of people. At the present time there are eight people participating. Participants are: Joy

Hamilton, Ruth Frazier, Jewell Talkington, Sandi Brooke, Julie Martinson, Jacquie Reinhartsen, Kathy Doyle, and Dorothy Walrath.



**Naomi & Ruth (Grief Support)** - Rev. Patsy Pumphrey & Dorothy Walrath

Naomi and Ruth is a grief support group that meets on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00 am. Facilitated by Dorothy Walrath and Deacon Patsy the group offers prayers, scriptural readings and other readings selected to be supportive to the group participants. The meeting time is set to precede the regular Thursday midweek Eucharist. During this past year the group definition was expanded to include anyone experiencing a life changing event such as job loss, divorce or difficult medical issues.




**You are Not Alone: A Support Group**
(for those suffering from severe or chronic illnesses.)
- Rev. Rick Millsap

Trinity has begun a new support group called "You Are Not Alone", to give comfort and support to people suffering with serious medical issues or chronic illness.

It is not our goal to fix one another, but simply to listen and pray for one another. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 4:00 PM, in Conference Room A, downstairs in the Parish Hall.

**Senior Ministries (Game Day & Breakfast)**
-Joan Peyser; Jim & Helen Heller; Dorothy Walrath

Interest continues in Game Day, although the numbers ebb and flow. Dominos seems to be the game of choice these days. Everyone can play the same game at the same time! There are lots of laughs, snacks to share, and music to tap your feet to while playing! Some members choose to meet for breakfast at a local establishment once a month for good food and conversation.

## B. Outreach to Our Neighbors

**Angel Tree Project (Daughters of the King)** - Laura C. Neidert

The Order of Daughters of the King St. Hildegard Chapter at Trinity Episcopal Church was restored and re-dedicated after about ten years if inactivity, and was celebrated with new members taking their vows on Sunday, September 18, 2016.



The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church. Members undertake a Rule of Life, incorporating the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of service. A Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life for her parish.

The Order of the Daughters of the King here at Trinity took on the Angel Tree Christmas Project as their service project since no committee was willing to volunteer to come together to handle it. Rather than let is fade away, a new model was adopted with reaching out to children at both Libby Booth and Grace Warner Schools. 125 children were gifted with shoes, a clothing article, and a toy. It was an amazingly successful dinner and program (thanks to Robert Andrade and Sandi Brooke for being chefs with a "catered meal"!).

With 2017 we will be assisting with the current Prayer Ministers at the 10:30 AM service. After some training from Father William Stomski we will begin to accompany the present Prayer Leader Ministers.

**Angel Tree Project 2016:** This year our Angel Tree Project looked completely different. Through the counseling staff at Libby Booth Elementary, several families were identified. 110 tags were put on the tree and were quickly gone. 36 additional generic tags were put on the tree they quickly disappeared. Monetary donations were collected to provide a $25 food gift card to the 37 identified families. In addition we received a call from Grace Warner School and took on 10 more children.

A little history on Libby Booth Elementary School. Libby Booth is one of many Title One schools in the Reno/Sparks area. 100% of the children that attend Libby Booth live in poverty. 40% of those children are either homeless, living in a shelter or in foster care. The average amount of time a child is enrolled in school at Libby Booth is six months. Six months is the time allowed for a family to stay in a homeless shelter.



37 families, 115 children will not be forgotten this Christmas season. Prayers are prayed daily for our clergy, fellow parishioners, family, friends and all those who are on our prayer lists.

On a personal note; my ministry has shown me the opportunity to grow my spirituality much deeper than I ever thought possible. - FHS, Laura C. Neidert

**Baby Bundles** - Sandi Brooke (for Ann Crase & Susan Lombardi)

This past year Baby Bundles has continued to prepare and deliver basic layettes to both Renown and St. Mary's Hospitals. The layette contains newborn diapers, wipes, onesie, sleeper, outfit, receiving blanket, quilt or afghan, a pair of socks, a bib, washcloth and a hat. If we have extra items, each layette gets a bonus item. These layettes are given

to new mothers that are determined by hospital staff as unable to provide for their new baby. With the generous support of Trinity members and our fellow Episcopal Church, St. Catherine's in south Reno, this outreach program has been self-sustaining.

### Back Pack Ministry

In August of 2016 we put out a drive for school back-packs and school supplies. This is an outreach that we have been doing for Libby Booth School for some years now. We received an overwhelming number of back-pack donations (at least 75!) along with supplies. Many of the packs we filled with paper, pencils, crayons and other supplies for the children to start school.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry - Helen Heller

The Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet on Thursday afternoons in the Library, 2:00 to 3:30 pm. for knitting and fellowship. 26 shawls were made this year and all but 8 have been distributed. There are about five members who contribute shawls regularly but weekly attendance is diminish-ing. Several knitters have moved on to regular employment and other activities and some members to their eternal rest. The group would welcome others to join in sharing knitting patterns and fellowship . Helen Heller is the contact for this group. **You are invited to join us – and we can teach you!**



### Saint Paul's Food Pantry - Stephanie & Ron Wolffe

For two years we have delivered the food on the third week of each month to St. Paul's after it has been blessed. This small ministry is still a valuable outreach program to the community and to Trinity Episcopal. Our congregation continues to be very giving and supportive, contributing generously to the food pantry anonymously every week.

### Sack Lunch Program - Howard Bennett

God has richly blessed this ministry throughout 2016. Through the time of this report (Nov. 26, 2016) the team has served the needs of the community 140 days with 11,149 lunches being given to the needy. That number averages to 80 lunches given out each time we open our doors. With a projection for December, it is anticipated the total number for the year will reach approximately 12,500. We were gifted for the 2016 year to have had the blessing of a large sum of money from the Shirley Asher's Estate that covered much of the year's expenses.



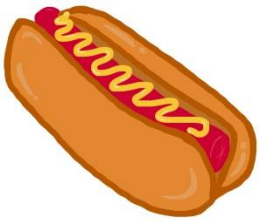
We gather three times weekly, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and work from 9 a.m. until around 11 a.m. We currently have 25 members on the roster, most of whom serve on a biweekly basis. Our leaders serve weekly with Ginny Nelson heading the

Monday team, James Peterson in charge of the Wednesday team, and Howard Bennett leading the charge on Friday. David Chute is our go-to man who is able and willing to pick up a leadership role in one of our absences. David was in charge of Wednesdays for a long period of time.

Other members who have served during 2016 are Julie Brown, Hal and Barbara Goss, Ruth Frazier, Debbie Zalmana, Bill Beeson and Dianne Dunn, Ginger Ware, Diane Sheldon, Bob and Janie Somps, Bill Roche, Victoria Larkin, Joan Johnson, Eugene Muir, Linda Newman, Kimberly Jones, Amy Edget, Kate Marshall, Steve Peeck, and Carolyn Hoffman. Our work has been greatly supported by Kait Flocchini and the EYC in keeping our water supplied and the work of Lisa Otterson in shopping for supplies and keeping our pantry filled has been essential. In all, it's a team effort and we all look forward to being a helping hand and a warm smile for all our clients. We pass out not only sustenance in the form of food, but a healthy dose of dignity to those less fortunate in downtown Reno.

A special thanks goes to the members of Trinity who serve as "Angels" providing dog and cat food on a constant basis. We distribute a great deal and our clientele do have pets and take very good care of the creatures in their lives who offer unconditional love on a daily basis.

In asking many of the members about their personal feelings in doing this ministry, the most common response was humility and an intense joy in serving others while a part of this important outreach.



As an adjunct to the Sack Lunch Program Diane Sheldon has led the ministry of providing hot dogs and coffee to the needy of our community. Always done as an extension of the regular Sack Lunch Program, hot dogs were served in February, November and early December of 2106. Folks pick up their sack lunches and are encouraged to enjoy a cup of hot coffee and hot dog in Trinity's Parish Hall. This ministry is financially supported by the Vestry of Trinity Church.

Diane arrives around 8 a.m. to prepare the coffee for our guests, and her crew of volunteers arrive between 8:30 and 9 a.m. to prepare the hot dogs and set the tables. Members of Diane's crew include Ted Moore, Hal Goss, Terry and Virginia Katzer, and David Chute. Serving between 85 and 100 persons, the crew completes their work and clean up by 11 a.m. This work is greatly supported by Lisa Otterson setting the coffee urn and arranging for other supplies. Diane does the shopping for the dogs and buns. Folks who come regularly for sack lunches eagerly ask when we will have the hot dogs again. In reflection, Diane stated this ministry makes her feel very humble.

## C. Outreach to the Wider World

**United Thank Offering, Episcopal Relief and Development and** KIVA - Peg McCall

Members of Trinity give of their personal financial resources to many assistance programs around the world. As a parish Trinity contributes to three specific programs – **United Thank Offering**, **Episcopal Relief and Development** and **KIVA**.

The UTO boxes provide an opportunity for individuals to give a simple prayer of thanks and a few coins any day of the year. These gifts are gathered together once or twice a year to be sent to the national UTO office which provides grants for special ministry projects beyond the resources of an individual parish or diocese. ERD provides a channel to respond with financial gifts when a community anywhere in the world is coping with disaster or unmet basic needs. Individuals are encouraged to respond either with direct gifts to ERD or through a parish gift.

**KIVA** is a non-denominational program providing loans to individuals for their attempts to find a way out of severe poverty. Micro-loans are used to purchase inventory for small businesses and for livestock, feed and seed for farmers. The monetary account established by Trinity with KIVA continues to provide assistance to individuals in impoverished communities as previous recipients repay their loans. To date Trinity sponsored loans have helped people in 29 countries around the world.

## Kairos

- Ruth Frazier

Kairos (k.eye-rowse) is an outgrowth of Dias Con Cristo and Cursillo. It is a prison ministry that has been in existence in Nevada for over thirty years.

Christians go into the minimum security prisons with the message of God's love and forgiveness. The Ultreyas (meetings) are once a month in the Nothern Nevada Correctional Center, on a Sunday afternoon and every other month in the Lovelock Correctional Center. We also have an Episcopal Service before the Ultreya in Lovelock. The Lovelock Ultreya is the second Saturday of the month. The Rev. Trudy Erquiaga serves with an Episcopal Service on alternate weeks.

The leadership for the Services alternates between the inside and outside teams. The outside teams has as many as 10-34 people.

Labor Day weekend in Lovelock is a three day renewal experience where 36 new and 30 inside team members are in attendance with about 30 from the outside. At the Christmas Ultreya there were 137 inmates from the general population and 50 in protective custody.

At NNCC, in October there was an R and R one day event with the maximum, allowed to attend. Since there is a medical unit there, several elderly inmates were able to attend.

It is always a joyful, inspirational experience to attend and experience God's word, music, and the sharing of stories, as well as the directed small group discussions. **Outside teams are needed**. Please see Ruth Frazier.

## Recycling – Caring for God's

- Peg McCall

Many in our parish have made an effort to recycle at home or at church. Time is involved in sorting and delivering to Whole Foods, especially bottle corks and paper grocery bags.



**Refugee Resettlement** - Peg McCall & Rev. Patsy Pumphrey

In the fall of 2016 Trinity joined with four other Episcopal parishes to participate in a refugee resettlement program coordinated by the Northern Nevada International Center. Sponsorship of a refugee family includes furnishing a home, providing welcoming meals, friendly support and transportation as the family settles in their new environment. In early October the Episcopal group welcomed its first family from Syria. Support has included almost daily contact with the Yaqub family by members of the four parishes. A designated fund has been established at Trinity with generous contributions from all four parishes. It is expected that the group will sponsor another family in early 2017. Patsy Pumphrey and Peg McCall have been the primary representatives on the coordinating committee. Many other members of Trinity have contributed time and gifts to this important community outreach.

## 5. MISSION (Evangelism)

This ministry creates the public face for our city and community. These ministries have changed and transformed lives – A woman who attends Pipes on the River recitals shares that she loves the opportunity to have a break in the middle of the day and take in the beauty of the building and a fine concert. She sent a check for $100 along with her note of appreciation. The first impression of Trinity on Saturdays is the many participants that volunteer with the readings and the prayers of the people. It is followed up by people greeting newcomers during the passing of the peace.

Our volunteers look forward to their ministries and the fellowship that is shared in their work and service. This is how your support and giving touches and transforms lives. It is our intention to help you find your talents and gifts to find a way to serve in expanding and strengthening our ministries and outreach in this community and beyond our walls.

**"Icons in Transformation"** - Father William Stomski




In August of 2015 with my first week as the new rector I was faced with an invitation to host for three months the "Icon in Transformation" Show. Two time frames were offered and one happened to overlap with the month of July Artown community

event. This would be either an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work among us with a fabulous and unique art event for the community, or it would be my demise. After conversation and seeing the enthusiasm of the women from Trinity who were involved with past Trinity-Artown events, I decided we would take the risk – and it became not only a miracle but a blessing despite the fact that my ambivalence and trying to figure out how to organize and tackle this event robbed us of four months of work.

Soon a Planning Committee was operating under the most capable leadership of Robin Powers. Sandi Brooke, Jan Moor, and Robert Andrade were asked to handle the Gala fund raiser and the Community Leaders Reception; Lou Rossi, Jean Carbon, and Kate High did fund raising and sponsorships; Jodi Rossi handled the art classes; Dan Erwine oversaw the movie nights; and Debbie Zalmana handled communications and publications; Laura Neidert and Lou Rossi organized the docents; and Dr. Philip Manwell organized all of the music events with Thursday night concerts and the Friday noon Organ Recitals. David Chute and Lou Rossi organized loading, unpacking, and setting up and tear down. And many others volunteered and gave of their time for which we are grateful!.

We succeeded in many ways in opening our doors and involving the community. We contributed 12 events to the Artown July event, and our events were extremely well attended! We are grateful to the community for the volunteers that came forth from our neighbor businesses – the museum, galleries, and the like.

We are blessed to have purchased and have on display four icons by Ludmila Pawlowska. An additional one was gifted in honor of Mary Gainey. Jan and Mila reported that more icons were sold here at Trinity than with any show they have had here in the states – a total of 18 pieces of the 101 that were shown in our worship space.

## Blessing of the Animals

Frs. Rick Millsap and William Stomski

Blessing of the animals took place on Sunday, October 2 as we observed the afternoon as the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year that cat population was small. The dogs were well behaved and everyone braved very cold and windy weather. A special service is spoken and sung. Reverends Rick and Julius blessed the dogs, Father William the cats. All the four legged participants received a certificate of participation. This year we had an on-line pre-registration form for attendees to fill out. The youth Group assisted in making the certificates for the pets.



**The Evangelism Committee** is overseen by the two Vestry persons: Julie Martinson and David Neidert. They have concentrated time this year on examining how we are reaching out into the community. Signage became important and not only do we hang a banner at the north entrance for major events (Christmas and Easter Service, but also the Icon Show) but a banner with Service times was created for the east entrance of the Parish Hall for visibility with traffic passing by at Court and Rainbow streets.

David has been examining web programs as we prepare to "retire" Rev. Rick from this work as well as we became aware of the fact that the web program we use is no longer serviceable.



## Music and the Arts: Pipes on the River; Artown; and Musical Programs

Dr. Philip Manwell

The **PIPES ON THE RIVER** organ recital series on the first and third Fridays of the month at noon offers parishioners and community members an opportunity to hear music played by world class artists on our Casavant organ. We have gained considerable attention throughout the organ world and bring players from throughout the region and, increasingly, from throughout the US. I receive many inquiries from concert organists from Western and Eastern European nations though scheduling dates that coincide with other American appearances is a challenge.

**MUSIC AT TRINITY** welcomes outstanding choral and instrumental ensembles as well as soloists to our sanctuary for full concerts on weeknights (usually Fridays) and Sunday afternoons. Among the ensembles are "resident" groups – *The Nevada Gay Men's Chorus* and *Musica Antiqua West* – as well as *Bella Voce* and the UNR Choral Department. We are pleased that an increasing number of UNR undergraduate and graduate students are presenting their degree recitals at Trinity. This year we also hosted in December the *Silver Dollar Chorus* (men's barbershop) along with groups from five of our local high schools music programs.

**ARTOWN** provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our extraordinary facility. We have presented/hosted as many as twelve events during this great festival and have welcomed many community members who have never entered our doors.

Essential to all of these musical offerings is that, with occasional exceptions, they are all free and open to all so that no one is kept away because of their inability to pay. Free-will donations allow this arm of our program to be entirely self-sustaining.

We sponsored **The Reno Chamber Orchestra Festival** Series this past year, with their opening program, "Bach by Candlelight" on December 26. Since this music was composed for a sacred setting, the church, the Chamber Orchestra was excited to have it in our cathedral setting. About 325 were in attendance with a sold out performance.

Refurbishing the organ (along with the interior of the church) and acquiring a concert caliber piano (we have already received a grant of $25,000 toward the piano) will provide even further opportunities for musical activities and outreach.




**The Hospitality-Welcoming Committee** is supervised by two vestry persons: Sandi Brooke and Tom Anderson. They see to it that special events are planned such as New Member Dinners, Foyer Dinner Groups, and special receptions. We are grateful that Robert Andrade with his chef-skills has stepped up to assist with this ministry. He and Sandi did a great job along with Jan Moor with our *Icons in Transformation* Gala and Community Leaders Reception, as well as our FIRST Thanksgiving Dinner. We were also blessed to have their cooking with the Angel Tree Kick-off Dinner.




**House Keeping Ministry** - Jan Moor

This house-cleaning ministry consists of four (4) teams. On a weekly basis, each team spends an hour or so on a Saturday morning, each month, making sure the pews are "in order". They see that the prayer books, hymnals, welcome cards, envelopes, and pencils are available in each pew and that things are tidy. The members cherish the quiet time they have there and pride themselves to have experienced sitting in every pew at Trinity. **We would gladly welcome others who might enjoy this experience.**

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**Greeters** - Sandi Brooke

Greeters are at each major entrance at the beginning and end of the 10:30 service. The greeters prepare the welcome table and pass out the welcome bags when the newcomers are identified during the 10:30 announcements. They also send the congregation on their way at the end of the service. Sandi Brooke and Tom Anderson set up schedules for this important part to reach our visitors.




**Ushers** - Tom Anderson

Ushers are a big part of our worship ministry in welcoming members and visitors to their pew with our worship services. They also take up the offerings, take a head count, and assist people to go forth to receive communion at the front of the church.

Tom Anderson and Peg McCall have done a great job in directing this ministry.

This ministry is extremely important when we have major festival worship Eucharists with a full attendance. We are always in need of more volunteers to assist with this ministry. Please speak with Tom Anderson.

## Welcome Bags - Sandi Brooke

The welcome bags are provided primarily to the 10:30 Sunday service visitors because that service has greeters every week. The bags contain a welcome letter from Father William, a Trinity Times, an information card, pen and magnet with service times and church contact information. We recently added an *Icons in Transformation* mug.

## Web site / Facebook - Rev. Rick Millsap

**Trinity Website & New Cell Phone App**

After more than ten years of doing Trinity's website, I have stepped back from that ministry to focus more on my duties as a priest. Last year, I updated portions of the website weekly and did major changes every time we have a change of the season or other important event. The website hosted an entire new section this year for the *Icons in Transformation* show. I also helped organize and design our new Android and Apple app that allows parishioners to stay in touch with Trinity and do their giving to the Church online; I will continue to work on this app.

## Interior Advisory Renovation Committee

Father William Stomski put together this committee as we begin a 2017 Project to renovate the interior of our worship space. The situations that address this need are numerous – from a chancel that is unsafe, hazardous and not adequately serving our worship needs, adequate room and seating for a growing choir, a need to repair walls and paint, replace carpeting, update and unify what is inadequate lighting, to a desire to complete our organ (that all varieties of organ repertoire may be performed) and enhance our music outreach programs with a better piano and uncluttered, open space. The team consists of Dr. Philip Manwell, Father William Stomski, Scott Callahan (who will be Project Manager), Will Aldrich, Mimi Butler, and Julie Demler.

To date we have secured the service of the Aloiau Architecture Group (who worked with us on the Accessibility Ramp Project), and we have interviewed three contractors. We will need to complete the project by the end of September in time for Diocesan Convention. We estimate at least closing down the church for 5 months; we will worship in the Parish Hall with the use of a piano. We will know soon if we will be closing the church in April or May so as to do initial demolition work and set up with scaffolding.

We will also be launching very soon an extensive Fund Raising Program for this work. Under the most capable wisdom of our Stewardship Commission and Jean Carbon specifically, we will have a

"Naming Book" with opportunities to seek financial support for this renovation work, especially through grants and foundations and community donors.

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## Administration

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| Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese in Nevada | - The Right Reverend Dan T. Edwards |
| Chancellor | - Ann Morgan |
| Parish Administrator | - Gayla Gianchetta |
| Office Volunteers | - Heather Pirie, Jodie Robinson, Dorothy Walrath |
| Rector/Dean | - The Very Rev. Dr. William L. Stomski |
| Associate Priest | - The Rev. William R. (Rick) Millsap |
| Treasurer | - David Morgan |
| Adjunct Clergy | - The Rev. Ruth Hanusa, The Rev. Dr Julius Rogina and The Rev. John Steinfeld |
| Deacon | - The Rev. Patsy Pumphrey |
| Organist and Choir Director | - Dr. Philip Manwell |
| Assistant Musician | - Michael Lynch |
| Senior Warden | - Will Aldrich (2014-2016) |
| Junior Warden | - Mimi Butler (2014-2016) |

## Maintenance

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| Maintenance Man | - Harold Campbell |
| Property Committee | - Mimi Butler, Scott Callahan, Julie Demler and Lisa Otterson |
| Sexton | - Lisa Otterson |

## Finance

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| Treasurer | - David Morgan |
| Assistant Treasurer | - Mac Wieland |

### Finance Ministry

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| Bookkeeper | - Bob Snavely |
| Counters | - Frank Baird, Dave Carbon, Richard McCoy, Peg McCall, Jodi Robinson, Lou Rossi, Diane Sheldon, Bonnie Strader, Jacquie Reinhartsen |

### Capital Campaign Committee

Some minor projects needed to be completed by the end of 2016 so we could close off this major financial campaign of the past several years. The Historical Society of Reno paid for half of our renovation of the historic wood doors – and a beautiful job was done! Some window trim work on the west side exterior was completed and some landscaping was performed (in the Spring a couple of tree are being replaced that had been damaged or lost.) We are waiting soon to have the handicap accessibility door installed at the rear of the Bishop Lewis Chapel.

A decision was made by the Vestry that we would not pursue the repair and renewal of the parking lot at present. With future plans to see if we will be able to secure any of the Ilescu Property next door could open us to a whole new plan for parking as well as campus expansion.

## Endowment Board

- Bonnie Strader

The Trinity Endowment Fund has met another milestone this year; we now have holdings in excess of $650,000. This allows the Fund to assist the Vestry with special projects now (up to 50% of the earnings from the previous year), with the bulk being held for the future fiscal needs of Trinity Church, Reno. On reaching the $1,000,000 mark, more can be made available for use or securely continue to grow.

The Endowment Board continues to meet for regular quarterly meetings, with a focus on safe growth for our investments. There are 3 members (who serve 3 year terms) and a vestry liaison and the rector, all of whom are voting members. There are 2 others: a treasurer and a secretary who serve one year terms and have voice but no vote. Each member attends meetings, reviews financial statements and manage the accounts for our future. An average of 50 hours was spent in 2016 in this ministry; however this is only the beginning of their ministry. The Board was again designated a 100% Giving Board in 2016 by the Community Foundation - each of the 7 members giving not only their time and talent, but also their financial support to the Fund.

There is a Endowment Fund Donor Plaque at the entrance of the church which currently has 68 names of those who founded and others who have supported the Fund with donations of $3,500 or more over the past 15 years.

The donors are as follows (room dictates first initial only - see Plaque for full names):

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| R. & M. Willcourt | J. & M. Woodbridge | E. Gottschalk | T. & C. Harrah | H. & C. Marshall |
| V. Plath | D. & K. Johnson | M. Tasker | J. & D. Garey-Sage | J. & N. Hodgin |
| T. & P. Cafferata | C. & R. Hopping | D. & R. Thayer | L. & T. Dilley | E. Mollath |
| W. Filter | R. & R. Van Allen | A. & B. Bakewell | B. & B. Feltner | P. & G.Gillette |
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| S. & S. Katzmann | H. & D. Walwrath | N. & B. Carasali | M. Hadley | J. Sharp |
| J. & D. Dunsworth | D. & K. Dunham | C. & C. Nelson | O. & R Rambeau | B. & R. Brewer |
| R. & J. Sage | H. & N. Fennell | D. & S. Kintner | J. & K. Webster | D. & L. Morgan |
| E. & M. Robinson | J. & S. Scott | S. Smith | R J. & K. Megguire | A. Oglivy |
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| A. & C. Walker, Jr. | G. & D. Brighton | C. Ellison | F.W. Steiner Jr. Trust | C. Steiner |
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| E. 'Yasoo" Lau | B. Perdue | D. Smith & Family | | |

2016 donors include: Mimi Butler, Harvey Fennell, Brooks Mancini, Dave Morgan, D. & M. Rovig, Bonnie Strader, Janice Williams, and Fr. William Stomski.
We will be adding more donor names to the plaque in the upcoming year and hope that you will being a part of this ministry. Donations of *any amount* make a difference! Your

donation, added with those of others will be invested and grow over the years. All donations will be tracked and listed separately on your annual Trinity giving statements. If you would like more information, please contact David Morgan, treasurer, or Father William, or the new Chair (who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting).

The members of the Board would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Brooks Mancini for his dedication to the board and the continuing members Harvey Fennel and Dan Rovig for their service.

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

People may not know, but the Rector's Discretionary Fund covers the funds all the clergy use to help address the needy that come to our door. The requests may range from housing, food, gas, utilities, transportation, etc. The Discretionary Fund is supported by congregant donations, the plate offering from the fourth Sunday of the month (required by canon law), and by fees paid to the clergy for weddings and funerals, and sometime baptisms. In this last year, the clergy through a relationship established by Rev. Rick Millsap, have continued a partnership with the Officer Carter of the Reno Police Department to screen and help people get back home by purchasing bus tickets.

## Stewardship Commission

Members of the stewardship Commission are David Morgan (treasurer), Jean Carbon, Robyn Powers, Bob Sauerbrei, and Bob Snavely. The committee discussed and made plans to organized for three major arena: The Annual Pledge Campaign, Planned Giving/ Estate Planning (with a workshop we had hoped to offer in the Autumn but will now organize for Spring of 2017), and for Major Gifts (of which a Naming Opportunity Book is being created).

## **The Four Nominations for Vestry** (2017-2019)

### Julie Demler

I was born in the Allegheny Mountains of Virginia, raised and educated within the state, began a teaching career that took me at times beyond the US borders

My last years of teaching were in Washoe County School District music department.

I moved to Reno in the mid-1970's. I planted myself by the Truckee River and had my membership transferred from St James Parish in Bucks, Pennsylvania to Trinity. This Sacred Place has been my anchor ever since.

I have worked over the years in various areas of our ministries. I have served a term of three years on Vestry in the past and also served as Junior Warden. On occasion I have played a piano prelude for our worship services.

I am honored and humbled to even be considered for Trinity's Vestry.

## Jim Heller

I was born and raised in San Diego, California where I was the youngest of a blended family of eight. I was baptized in the Catholic Church but my mother later became dissatisfied with the Church and I grew up in the Christian Science Religion which was founded by Mary Baker Eddy, originally an Episcopalian.

My early interests were centered around music which had me participating in school and extracurricular music programs, and accompanying hymns in Sunday School. Playing both piano and saxophone, those rich experiences led me to matriculate to San Diego State University where I pursued my passion for teaching and received a BA Degree in Music Education.

My teaching career was delayed due to a property tax roll-back in California that put a freeze on public school hiring and I worked for about 10 years in the tour and travel industry. When the prospects for teaching improved, I relocated to Victorville, California to complete work on my teaching credential at California State University San Bernardino. That is when that I started attending St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and became an Episcopalian.

Helen, my future wife, had called the music store where I was teaching private piano lessons looking for someone to play the organ at St. Timothy's. I later accepted the position and was soon selecting and playing hymns and other music for church services while also serving as a reader. Not long after that, I completed the requirements for my credential and embarked on a 24 year teaching career. During that career I also earned a MA Degree in Conducting from Southern Oregon University.

Eventually, I had to give up the organ position due to the demands of the teaching profession, but I didn't lose my love for the Episcopal Church. Helen and I were later married by Father Peter Browning who was the Rector at St. Timothy's. Towards the end of my teaching career, we started looking for a place where we would retire and decided on Reno because of the culture, art and music opportunities. We arrived in June of 2012 and started attending Trinity Episcopal Church soon after when Reverend Stefani Schatz was rector. It has been our church home ever since.

I am currently playing clarinet in the Reno Wind Symphony and singing in the St. Cecelia Choir here at Trinity. I have given piano recitals locally and in the church to benefit our youth group and have played concertos with our organist, Dr. Philip Manwell, during Artown. I also direct the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Chorus offered through the Extension Program at University of Nevada, Reno.

When I was asked about my interest in being on the Vestry a year ago, I

remembered that in all the time I had attended The Episcopal Church I had never been Confirmed and was thus not eligible. My wife Helen took steps to rectify that situation and I was finally Confirmed by Bishop Dan last Spring. I am now ready and able to serve on the Vestry.

**Guy Moreno**

I've lived in Reno my entire life. I was brought up in the Roman Catholic tradition and attended parochial school as a child. I graduated from the University of Nevada in 2015 with a Dual Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Sociology and now work as a Talent Recruiter for CVirtual- a small, family-owned business in Reno. I discovered Trinity shortly after graduating from college. I've come to appreciate this community so dearly because it truly welcomes and brings Christ's love to people from all walks of life.

I serve as a Eucharistic Minister as well as perform other duties for the 10:30 AM service, attend the Bible and Books discussion group on Sunday and the Adult Bible Study Group with Education Wednesdays.

I am also a part of the Discernment Group that has been established by our rector, Father William Stomski, as I seek direction with perhaps a church career.

**Dorothy Walrath**

I grew up in Oregon and graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland. I have a master's degree in Christian Education and a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. My college degree is in medical technology and I have enjoyed a 40 plus year career in hospital laboratory work. I am currently retired.

My husband, Fr. Harry Walrath and I came to Reno and Trinity in 1969 and I have been active in Trinity since 1993. I am a past vestry member and former senior warden during the time of The Rev. John Goddard, a previous interim rector. I have represented Trinity at several diocesan conventions. I am very active in our music programs, having been in the church choir and I now serve as a host for our Friday organ concerts as a member of the St. Cecilia guild. Currently I am a lector and prayer minister at the 10:30 service. I participate in the Bible and Books study group that meets on Sunday mornings in conference room A. I am looking forward to the future of Trinity as a cathedral and the new ministries that will result!

We thank our Vestry Nomination Committee for their Work! (Will Aldrich, Mimi Butler, Peg McCall and David Neidert who have completed their three year term on Vestry; and at large, Heather Pirie and Lucy Bouldin.)

## 2017 Nominations for Delegates and Alternates

The 2017 Convention will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on October 5-6, 2017 (Th-Fr)

**Nomination Committee for Fall of 2017**

Class of 2015-2017 Going Off:
Sandi Brooke
Joan Collins
Julie Martinson
Victoria Samberg

At Large:
Heather Pirie
Kate Flocchini

**Ten Delegates**:

1 Dorothy Walrath
2 Jim Heller
3 Helen Heller
4 Laura Neidert
5 Kate High
6 Debi Kihorny
7 Celeste Jolly
8 Guy Moreno
9 Sandi Brooke
10 Joan Collins

**Five Alternates**:

A1 Ernie Westbrook
A2 Mimi Butler
A3 David Chute
A4 Paul Hewen
A5 Larry Kirk

**Vestry Nominations for 2017**

1. Julie Demler
2. Jim Heller
3. Guy Moreno
4. Dorothy Walrath

*(Their bio's are on page 28-29)*

## 2016 Parochial Statistics: Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, New Members Groups




### 1. Baptisms

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Day, Justin (Fr. William) | (child) | January 10 | |
| Hull, Abigail Malan (Fr. William) | (child) | January 10 | |
| Thomas, Cole Walter | (child) | August 2, 2015 | (Fr. Julius) |
| Thomas Cameron William | (child) | August 2, 2015 | (Fr. Julius) |
| Keller, Jaime Marie | (child) | January 3 | (Fr. Rick) |
| Jolle, Alice Winter | (child) | March 26 | (Fr. William) |
| Jolle, Nevada Delaney | (child) | March 26 | (Fr. William) |
| Tornquist, Hailee Cameron | (child) | March 26 | (Fr. Rick) |
| Tornquist, Lorraine Joanne | (adult) | March 26 | (Fr. Rick) |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Greenhaw, Callie Leigh | (adult) | March 26 | (Fr. William) |
| Moffat, Morgan Alice | (adult) | March 26 | (Fr. William) |
| Scott, John Govan | (child) | April 17 | (Fr. William) |
| Stickney, Atticus Clayton | (infant) | April 17 | (Fr. William) |
| George, Theodore Lloyd | (infant) | May 15 | (Fr. William) |
| Szafranowicz, Tristan Bryce | (child) | June 5 | (Fr. Rick) |
| Sherin, Ryan Joshua | (child) | July 24 | (Fr. Rick) |
| Lassiter, Paige Ellen | (adult) | August 14 | (Fr. William) |
| LeMay, Zachary Michael | (adult) | August 14 | (Fr. William) |
| Rodriguez, Adrian Peter | (child) | September 11 | (Fr. William) |
| Overall, Harry Alexander | (adult) | September 11 | (Fr. William) |
| Kossow, Benjamin James | (child) | November 6 | (Fr. William) |

## 2. Weddings

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bartholt Clagett and Adam Bloomfield | May 2 | Tahoe Vista, CA | (Fr. Rick) |
| Hanna Dimla and Scott Dozois | July 17 | Trinity | (Fr. William) |
| Bailey Bortolin and Alexander Quagge | August 21 | St. John's Glenbrook | (Fr. Rick) |
| Paige Lassiter and Zachary LeMay | September 10 | Trinity | (Fr. William) |
| Angelica Leland and Gary Cronk | December 9 | Trinity | (Fr. William) |

## 3. Funerals

| | | Age | Death Date | Service & Date: | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pierson, Lois M. | F | 86 | 2/3/16 | Columbarium Service: | Feb 25 |
| Morehouse, Harold G. | M | 88 | 5/5/16 | Trinity | Jun 10 |
| Menzel, Steven T. | M | 67 | 9/17/14 | Columbarium Service, | Jun 17 |
| Cain, Patricia A. | F | 92 | 3/17/16 | Cemetery Service, Bridgeport CA | Jul 9 |
| Shefield, Caroline M. | F | 89 | 7/19/16 | Cemetery Service, Reno | Aug 4 |
| Sibbald, John R. | M | 90 | 6/27/16 | Trinity | Aug 11 |
| Penton, Elizabeth N. | F | 94 | 8/15/16 | Trinity | Aug 23 |
| *Curtis, Ruth M. | F | 90 | 7/22/16 | Trinity (Eucharist) | Aug 9 |
| Vickers, Norene | F | 96 | 9/5/16 | Trinity | Sept 10 |
| Patrick, Russell B. | M | 89 | 7/3/16 | Bp. Lewis Chapel | Oct 15 |
| Titlow, Lynn I. | F | 57 | 10/4/16 | Trinity | Oct 21 |

* designates Active Member of Trinity Church

## 4. Confirmations

Easter Vigil - March 26 (Bishop Dan presiding)

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|---|---|---|
| Jennifer Noble | Victoria Larkin | Hannah Dimla (Dozois) |
| James Heller | Isabella Therese Martucci | Scott Dozois |

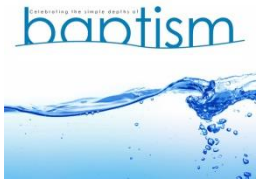
Bishop's Visit – August 28

Jonathon Allan Burlesen  Eugene Raymond Muir

## 5. New Member Groups

### a. Tranfers

Mary Morgan  Pritam Benhur  Janice Williams
Janet Greenhaw  Karuna Benhur  Mark MacDonald
Dawn Lee Brisbane  Patricia MacDonald  Jason Michael Dixon
Kirk Gardner  Rebecca Ann Dixon
Patricia Gardner
Leah Faith Dixon  Grace Gordon
Aubrey Hope Dixon
Michael Craig Patterson  Sarah Jane Echelbarger




### b. Affirmation of Baptismal Vow

Easter, March 26
Barbara Pratt

Bishop's Annual Visit, August 28
Robert Sanders Andrade  Gerrie Mills Lilley
Cynthia Laine Burleson  John Mark Lilley
Mitchel John Easterday  Jessica Marie Rodriguez
Kelly Ann Kossow  Ginger W. Ware