



THE TRUMPET

Trinity Episcopal
Church

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Our Mission Statement

*As it has for more than two centuries,
Trinity continues to be a community of the faithful,
reaching out joyfully in Christ's name to share God's love and compassion,
ministering to one another, our neighbors, and all creation.*

*We pray that the transforming grace of the Holy Spirit
will bring new generations to know, love, and serve Him.*



TRINITY HOMELESS SHELTER WEEK February 27 – March 5

Everyone's help is needed to provide a warm shelter and food for the homeless single adults at Trinity between February 27 & March 5.

The following is a prioritized list of support requested:

- 1) **25 Overnights**- Like shepherds that watch over sheep, overnights watch over our guests and provide a watchful eye and tend to the needs of the group while everyone else sleeps in safety. Two adults are needed each night between 9 pm and 7 am the next morning. Not only can men and women serve in this role, the fact that 25% of the guests are women emphasizes the need for women volunteers. Teenagers are also encouraged to help in this role if they are accompanied by a parent. Can you help with one of the 14 overnights openings? You will be teamed with an experienced volunteer and can easily learn the rules if you can arrive a little early on your night at the shelter.
- 2) **700 Hot Meals** – every night, about 100 hot meals will be prepared. Fortunately in Portsmouth, other churches are teamed together to provide support. We will be assisted by St. James who will prepare food for two nights and Believers Church will provide three nights of support and Pinecrest Baptist will support on Friday. Trinity will prepare and serve evening meals on Saturday evening March 5. Can you join us and volunteer with the food on the 5th? Plan to be at church at 7:00 and complete by 9

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pm. This is ideal for youth groups and the whole family.

3) **10 Host / Hostesses** – welcomes and registers all guests at the front desk after they are screened by the Deputy Sheriff on duty. Serves at the King Street door between 7:15 pm and about 9:00 pm. If hospitality is your gift, this is for you!

4) **Special Offering** – Trinity has provided shelter one or two weeks every winter for the last 36 years. This year we can use your financial support to off-set the costs that have previously been provided out of other church funds. Here are the estimated Trinity expenses for this year which will total about \$2,600 that is not covered by the normal operating budget.

- a. Food for 2 nights ~ \$500
- b. Extra hours for clean up each morning ~ \$400
- c. Cleaning and Bathroom Supplies ~ \$600
- d. Paper Plates, etc ~ \$800
- e. Extra utilities to heat the Parish Hall all week ~ \$300

5) **Supplies** –

- e. 5 Cans of coffee
- f. 7 Large Sugar
- g. 2 Cases of Condensed Milk
- h. 4 Gallons of Clorox

6) **Other Shelter Needs** –

- f. 100 pairs of white socks
- g. 100 tooth brushes and tooth paste
- h. 85 male hygiene kits (wash towels, soap, disposable razor, hand sanitizer)
- i. 40 female hygiene kits (wash towels, soap, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- j. Clean / used blankets (as many as we can get!)
- k. Other clothing items will not be distributed at the shelter and should be taken to OASIS (1000 Block of High Street) where they can be distributed based upon need by trained councilors.

Please consider supporting in one or more ways listed above. Thank you for making this shelter possible. Malcolm Fortson (617-0407) and Allan Whitney

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WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(breakfast follows)

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation
(September-May)

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Tuesday

12:05 Eucharist & Healing
(All Saints' Chapel)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Dr. John R. Throop
Priest-in-Charge

Charles D. Porter, Jr.,
Parish Administrator

Stephen Kolb,
Director of Music Ministry

Matthew Grizzle,
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Julia Burgess Ballinger,
Director of Child Care Ministries

Tony M. Macklin, *Sexton*

VESTRY & OFFICERS

Gene DeNardi, *Senior Warden*
 Sue Jordan, *Junior Warden*
 Malcolm Fortson, *Treasurer*
 Virginia Vail Kolb, *Register*
 Barbara Davis
 Sue Everett
 Fran Gill
 Anna Fay Grayson
 Jean Hanbury
 Rita Hedgespeth
 Elizabeth Hudgins
 Irv Lindley
 Ron Weiss

February Preaching Series

During the month of February—essentially the remainder of Epiphany—Father John’s preaching theme will be **Love and Law**. He’ll focus each Sunday on the Gospel readings from Matthrw, which relate Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.




**Mission &
Outreach**

Food Basket Sunday

Our monthly collection of non-perishable food items for the hungry will happen on Sunday, February 27. Your donations will be distributed through the Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church. The baskets are available every Sunday for your donations. We thank you for your gifts of non-perishable items!

Serving Breakfast at Oasis: March 2

It will be Trinity's turn to prepare and serve breakfast for the hungry through the work of Oasis Social Ministry on **Wednesday, March 2, at 6 a.m.** We're out by 8 a.m. During this cold, cold winter, there are many in need of a hot meal, so please consider contributing to this rewarding ministry! If you can help, let Judy Leach know (485-9041), tell Father John, or call the church office. Thanks for your help and godly heart. **Please note the new location:** 802 Williamsburg Avenue, across the street from the Portsmouth Social Services Building.

The Children's Christmas Shoppe—a Great Success!

The Christmas Shoppe was a big success this year with approximately 300 children shopping. On Sunday we had the most people ever and got rid of a lot of our surplus. One lady who had been at the Christmas Shoppe the year before had saved all of her change for a year and brought a jar with \$65 in nickles, dimes and quarters to shop. It was heartwarming to see all of these people be able to provide Christmas for their loved ones from our efforts.

We also send boxes of presents to EdMarc, the HER Shelter and Parc. This year we were able to work with the Pastoral Care Committee and sent a box of lotions, socks and fleece throws to Autumn Care for the residents which were delivered by Shirley Fox.

Thank you one and all for your help in making the Christmas Shoppe 2010 such a success. We also appreciate our "Friends of the Christmas Shoppe" that are not members, but are always there to help make the day a big success.

Gracie Peacock

Clergy Discretionary Fund

Thank you for your generous support for the Clergy Discretionary Fund. On **February 20th**, the loose plate offering will be put into the fund, together with discretionary fund envelopes through the month as well as checks payable to Trinity Church and earmarked "Discretionary Fund." Father John receives many requests for help from individuals in need of financial assistance and prayer support. The Portsmouth Area Resources Coalition (PARC) provides a screening process for all requests, and we pray over those that are real and valid—not simply those who are repeat users of church assistance.

In the past month, your generosity has helped to:

- Provide emergency financial assistance for rent for an employed man who was seriously injured in an auto accident (the car damaged beyond repair). He is awaiting insurance payment for damage and injury, but is out of work. We're helping him to meet immediate needs.
- Assist a man awaiting his payments for Social Security Disability so that he can make his lease payment on his mobile home lot, avoiding eviction.
- Helped a struggling family dealing with the death of a loved one, helping to pay for cremation and burial. We're joining with other churches to help make this happen.

Thanks again for your support! Any questions, please see Father John.



As I'm writing this, my mind goes back to a line from the music offered during communion last Sunday:

Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

If there's one common experience expressed in music across all cultures, it is Love. Whether it's a celebration of love found, a grieving for love lost, a ranting on love unrequited, a loneliness derived from love never experienced, we can't keep from singing about it! Some of us do this vicariously, through the skilled expressions of crooners. But even as Sinatra's vocal apparatus does the work, our hearts, at least, sing along. Through our own voice and through the voices of others, we sing about love.

The Scriptures are replete with love songs, ranging from the earthily candid Song of Solomon, describing the emotional twists and turns of romantic love; to the grand, divinely focused love songs of John's great Revelation; to the intimate offerings of David's Psalms. For all the other elements in the Bible—history, moral codes, prophecy, instruction—love remains a central theme, and is frequently expressed through poetry and music.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love]," writes St. Paul, "I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." (I Cor. 13:1) In other words, without love, I am as irrelevant as a bell blown by the wind, signifying nothing.

Perhaps we speak/write/sing about love for the simple reason that it seems, at times, so difficult to find. We know, somehow, what it is, but can't often locate it. Love's inherent qualities which Paul describes—patience, kindness, humility, politeness, selflessness, calmness, forgiveness, justness, trustworthiness, hopefulness, perseverance, endurance—always seem elusive, and in short

supply in this world of ours. Perhaps we sing because we are searchers for love, the fullness of which we only find in our understanding of God, and glimpses of which we see in each other.

As we continue to sing each Sunday about God's love for us, our love for God, our love for each other, and for the beauty we find at times in the world, may that full, divine expression begin to take root in each of us. Yes, all we need is love. Let's find it together.

Stephen Kolb

Music Events in February

Choral Evensong with
The Norfolk State University
Concert Choir
Sunday, February 6, 4:00 pm

An exciting approach to our worship life, excellence in music, and outreach to Portsmouth and Hampton Roads! We're celebrating Black History Month by hearing our familiar words of Scripture and Evening Prayer with African American choral works. A freewill admission will be received. A reception follows in the parish hall.

Schola Cantorum
Sunday, February 13, 4:00 pm

An *a cappella* program of Civil War era music in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the beginning of the war between the states. Included are some well known spirituals, light funny tunes that the soldiers sang around their camps, and haunting melodies that continue to speak to us in the 21st Century. Tickets, \$20, and \$15 for students, are available in advance at 757-463-1421, or at the door.



Christian Formation at Trinity

Adult Christian Formation:

The Blessings and Curses of the Internet

For the four Sundays in February, the adult Christian formation sessions at 9:30 a.m Sunday mornings will focus on the blessings and curses of the Internet.

All of us have been affected and influenced by the Internet. And most of us at this church use it regularly, for many purposes. The Internet can be a great blessing, allowing us to search for all kinds of information, go shopping, find family and friends, and communicate. But this technological revolution also has caused many problems for us individually and as a culture. And there are many spiritual and ethical issues for Christians to consider with this global networking technology.

February 6th:
"What is the Internet Anyway"

February 13th:
"Information Overload and Ethical Dilemmas of the Internet"

February 20th:
"Some Christian Perspectives on Internet Activity"

February 27th:
"Future Internet Trends to Celebrate and to Dread"

New Women's Bible Study Is Underway!

Monday, January 31, at 6:00 pm, our new women's Bible study group gathers for the first time. All women are invited as we explore the story of Esther through a study by Christian teacher Beth Moore that was loaned to us by another Episcopal Church. The only cost to participants will be \$15 for a study guide. Please feel free to bring friends who are unchurched or attend other churches. For the ongoing meeting schedule and any questions or concerns, please see Cindy Ford or e-mail her at ford_cindy_j@yahoo.com.



Kid's Corner

Please join the children of Trinity for a coffee hour celebration of love on Sunday, February, 13th. What greater love do we know than the sacrificial love of our Savior? Please bring a short story or picture on Valentine's Sunday to pin to our Portrait of Love bulletin board. We will proudly display Trinity's messages of love in the Parish Hall for both services to enjoy.

Trinity Winter Film Series February-March 2011

The theme this year is “our Episcopal Heritage” and we begin with a great historical epic.

Sunday February 20th at 3pm

A Man for All Seasons, (1966 G) starring Paul Scofield, Robert Shaw, Orson Welles, Wendy Hiller, Susannah York, John Hurt, Nigel Davenport and Vanessa Redgrave, directed by Fred Zinneman.

This fascinating story concerns the life and subsequent martyrdom of the 16th Century Chancellor of England, Sir Thomas More. More opposes Henry VIII when he demands a divorce from his wife Catharine of Aragon, so that he can marry instead his mistress Anne Boleyn. Thomas More, the Pope forbade the divorce, resulting in Henry becoming head of the new Church of England. The wealth of the church and its property were nationalized, leading to the emergence of a new Protestant farming class, which laid the foundations of modern capitalism. The film won several Oscars.

Sunday February 27th at 3pm

Luther (1974 G) starring Stacy Keach, Paul Magee, Hugh Griffith, Robert Stephens, Alan Badel, Julian Glover, Judi Dench, Leonard Rossiter, Maurice Denham. This is a well-acted characterization of Martin Luther’s development from a young seminarian to the man who became the leader of the Reformation movement.

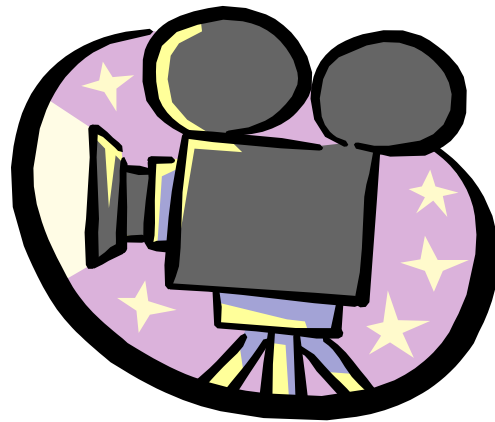
Sunday March 6th at 3pm

Lady Jane Gray (1985 PG-13) starring Helena Bonham Carter, Cary Elwes, Sara Kestelman, Michael Hordern, Joss Acland, Richard Johnson, Patrick Stewart, directed by Trevor Nunn. A wonderful film for non-history buffs, this is an accurate and moving account of the life of 15 year old Lady Jane Grey, who secured the throne of England for nine days in 1553 as a result of political maneuvers concerning the Church of England.

Sunday March 13th at 3pm

Shadowlands .C.S. Lewis through the Shadowlands. (1985 NR) Less well known version of this great story directed by my friend Norman Stone. “A look at the later life of bachelor-scholar C.S. Lewis (author of the Narnia books and films). A sincere Anglican, Lewis when middle-aged fell in love and married Joy Gresham,, a divorced American poet with two young sons, Joy was diagnosed with cancer and her illness provided Lewis with the clearest test of his faith.” *Wonderful performances by Joss Acland and Claire Bloom.*

Descriptions from *Videhound*; notes and questions provided for our discussions after the films. Notes by Andrew Quicke.





Episcopal Church Women

The ECW ladies have been very busy though the Christmas season and the New Year! We provided a special Christmas for a family which included a mother and her two daughters. Thank you to Gracie Peacock for her hard work in buying the gifts and to her volunteers who wrapped and bought gifts for the family also. We also participated in "Operation Santa Claus" and provided gifts to a special child. Thanks go to Beverly Matais and Kimberly Shenenberger for their work to buy and deliver these gifts for the child.

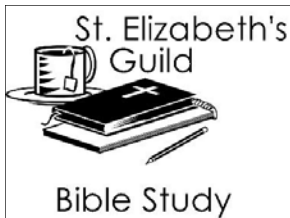
Seeing the volunteers wrapping all the gifts for the Christmas family, delivering cookies to the shut-ins made by the children in Sunday School, and sending food to the pantries for the needy in our city gives us a true meaning of Christmas – helping others!

Sadly, over the holidays we lost two of our most beloved members, Jimmy Smith and Sarah Leonard. Thank you to all who helped comfort the families with the beautiful church service and receptions. The volunteers from all the congregation were overwhelming and so kind.

A happy occasion for our church was the January 12th Dedication Ceremony and Reception for the Carillon donated by Tom and Fleet Morgan. This is a beautiful addition to our church. Thank you to the ladies who helped with the reception and to Tom and Fleet for their beautiful gift!

We will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Common Room at 10:30 AM and welcome all to attend our meetings.

With Love!
Mary K. Andrews
President



Saint Elizabeth's Guild will next meet January 11, Tuesday, 10:30 A.M. in the Common Room.

We will continue our study of "The Really Bad Girls of the Bible." This month we will discuss Chapter 8: "Tears of a Clown: The Bleeding Woman"; the Bible verses are Mark 5:22-43. Father John will lead the discussion. All women of the church are invited.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew/ Men at Trinity

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew/Men at Trinity next meet on **Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please note the change from the usual first Tuesday.** We gather each month for some social time, dinner and discussion. **This month we will have a special guest—a Portsmouth firefighter, who will teach us how to use our AED (Automated External Defibrillator).** If you would like to attend, please contact Larry Peacock at peacocks2@cox.net no later than Monday, January 31.



Theological Education Sunday: February 6th'

The Episcopal Church sets aside the first Sunday of February every year for *Theological Education Sunday*. On February 5th, we will highlight the work of theological education, both in the preparation of future clergy to be ordained, as well as methods and approaches in lay theological education. A special collection also is received from the plate offering at both services for our parish's contribution (as well as checked payable to Trinity Church and earmarked "TESO" in the check memo. The rector/priest-in-charge designates where the contribution is sent. As Father John is a graduate of the School of Theology of the University of the South (Sewanee), **that seminary will be blessed by our generosity. If you have any questions, please see Father John.**

Our Coat Drive Wraps Up on Sunday, February 6

As you know, we have been collecting coats to be donated to the Oasis Social Ministry of Portsmouth who will distribute them to those in need. Particularly of interest are coats for men as they are requested the most often. Please drop off your donations at the church office by Sunday, February 6, when they will be blessed by Father John before we turn them over to Oasis. Questions? See Matt Grizzle, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Thank you for your donations!!

Vestry Meeting Notes

Highlights from the Vestry meeting of January 19, 2011

- ✓ The Vestry approved a Standing Resolution accepting the loan of up to \$65,000 from the Trinity Foundation and stating the terms of repayment.
- ✓ The following were unanimously elected as officers for 2011:
Senior Warden - Gene DeNardi
Junior Warden - Sue Jordan
Treasurer - Malcolm Fortson
Register - Virginia Vail Kolb
- ✓ Irv Lindley was appointed to continue as Finance Committee Chair. Bobbie Davis was selected to fill one of two vacancies on the committee. The other vacancy will be filled at the next Vestry meeting.
- ✓ The Vestry authorized the cutting down and removal of the magnolia tree from the churchyard for \$3000.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Wednesday, February 16, in the Parish Hall.

Diocesan Council

The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia gathers for Annual Council Friday-Saturday, February 11-12, in Williamsburg.

Trinity will be represented by Delegates Fran Gill and Bonnie Kroll, as well as our Priest-in-charge John Throop .

Please keep the diocese in prayer as it convenes to conduct its business.

Want to Know What's Happening in the Episcopal Church?

You can keep up with the latest in our Diocese by visiting <http://diosova.org/>. On that page you will find a place where you can register for weekly e-newsletters.

On the national level, the Episcopal News Service can be found at <http://www.dfms.org/ens.htm>. You can register for their email service by visiting http://www.dfms.org/78650_23228_ENG_HTML.htm.



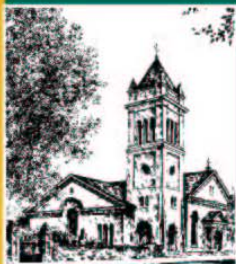
In Commemoration of
Black History Month
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Presents a service of
CHORAL EVENSONG

featuring
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
CONCERT CHOIR

Dr. Carl W. Haywood, Conductor



SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 6
4:00 PM
Freewill Admission
Reception follows in
the Parish Hall



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The Parish Prayers*

The following people have been placed on the Prayer List at their request or the request of a family member or friend. Please include these intercessions and thanksgivings in your personal devotions.

For our special needs and concerns:

◆ **For those facing illness or adversity, especially:**

Parishioners:

Randolph Pritchard, Catherine Blackwood, Valerie Dugan, Inez Baker, Steve Kolb, Jimmy Andrews, Tom Morgan, Nell Shay, Mary Whitney, Shep Trant, John Hollowell, Nancy Radcliffe, Ann Dodd, Norm Ream, Carol Fitzwater, Walter Jordan III, Dusty & Mitch Ash, Robert Nottingham, Eileen Foster, Gerald Wells, Shippy Reed, Margaret Sharrett, Ellen Esleeck, Betsy Mackenzie, Dick Austin, Shep & Flo Trant, Virginia Andrews, Neale Mayo, Marion Gartman

Our loved ones:

Mykee Murtagh, friend of Cindy Ford; **John Paul Hanbury**, friend of the Parish; **Janet Duvall**, grandmother of Jenny Stinson; **John Upton**, brother-in-law of Juliet Quicke; **William J. Raybon**, brother-in-law of Louis Hibbitts; **Leanne Perdew**, wife of Jean Hanbury's grandson; **Anne Schoolfield**, friend of Virginia Vail Kolb; **Walter Meadows**, brother of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Benjamin Williams**, grandson of Dr. & Mrs. Robert McAortor; **Edward Newsome**, brother of Bobbie Davis; **Pat Lorkiewicz**, sister-in-law of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Pat Ho**, niece of Cora Lorkiewicz; **Richard Ford**, father of Cindy Ford; **Marlies Krueger**, friend of Bonnie Kroll; **Katherine Klein**, mother of Frank Klein; **Cindy Barcliff**, sister of Laurie Klein

For all serving in harm's way: including Dan Phillip, and Bob Miller

For all the blessings of this life:

◆ **For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this month, especially:**

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| 1 Brian Early | 8 Hugh Fitzwater | 15 Dani Ballinger | 23 Alexis Hook |
| 2 Lesley Hollowell | 10 Anne Long | 18 Mary Korty | Walton Graham |
| 3 Louise Fry | Nancy Heely | 20 Frank Kirby | 24 Marion Gartman |
| Maggie Adams | 12 Isabel Aligood | Laura Fleenor | Megan Peacock |
| 7 Dennis F. McMurrin | 14 Stephen Davis | Norm Ream | 28 David Williamson Jr. |
| 8 Leola Carr | 15 Randolph Boothe-Pharr | 20 Dick Fuller | |

◆ **For those celebrating their wedding anniversary this month, especially:**

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| 13 Dusty & Mitch Ash | 14 Stan Murphy & Lesley Hollowell | 21 Irv & Dottie Lindley |
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*If you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one placed on the Prayer List, please call or e-mail the church office.



Take note!

The deadline for the March issue of "The Trumpet" is February 15.



The Last Word (from the Priest-in-Charge)

Since human beings developed the ability to think and reflect on life, love and its meaning have been at the center of it all. Greek philosophers discussed human struggles in relationships as they penned poems, plays and treatises on the topic. And we've been wrestling with the issue ever since. The struggle to love and be loved probably is the one issue that links people across history and culture. We all struggle to love and be loved.

A great 20th century English philosopher and Christian, C. S. Lewis, explored the question of love from a philosophical and spiritual angles. In *The Four Loves*, he said that the basic human drive to love is *eros*, which means "passion." Sometimes passion has a wonderful, bright side, the human energy to commit romantically to another or to work hard for something one cares about. But there's a dark side to the word. We use it literally—erotic. If something is erotic, it is sexual in nature (and, often, exploitative and abusive). The energy, however, is in almost all of us, and it must move us to love beyond our emotions only.

Then, he says that a deeper layer of love is *sterein*: loyalty. Many of us at Trinity Church have served or are serving in the military. Loyalty to country and to commander is required in order to go into battle and to win. At a lesser level, healthy loyalty is important in other aspects of life, as children, as people in a community, and as workers. Note that I used the word *healthy* to describe loyalty. We do not obey those who seek to damage or destroy the good and the godly. It takes discerning hearts and clear laws to motivate people to be loyal to the greater good. A great biblical example is the difficult time Moses had with the people Israel in their journey to the Promised Land. When times got tough, the people turned away from God and Moses. Life—and the LORD—taught them some hard lessons.

A higher level of love is *philos*: friendship. One can have a love of philosophy (love for wisdom) or philanthropy (love of humankind through sharing gifts). As we know in life, being a friend is hard work sometimes, especially when

that friend is a spouse, a parent or a child. They test our patience, our loyalty and sometimes our faith. Yet for us to love completely, we must be willing to be a friend of much in life. And, by doing so, we are stronger and better people. Jesus, in the Gospel according to John said to his disciples that they no longer were servants or slaves, doing the master's bidding. They now were friends (John 15:9-12).

But what kind of friends were they to be? Jesus said that their love for one another was *agape*. We don't have a precise English word for *agape*—essentially it is sacrificial love—love willing to go the distance. Jesus demonstrated that truth by going the distance to save

humankind. He died on the cross to make us all right with God.

The Church, then, is to be an *agape* people, willing to go the distance for Jesus Christ and lay aside self. We at Trinity Church can learn some great lessons in truly loving one another. Will we be willing to go the distance for others in this congregation? Are we willing to go the distance for those in the larger community? We have a strong track record that way, and we'll demonstrate our commitment once again to serving the homeless, as we house them for a week in our Parish House.

Yet God is calling us to become a loving community as well. We've been through a lot and have faced challenges as a church. We are assessing our strengths and weaknesses in the Mutual Ministry Review so that we can see how to love one another more and more and to focus on God's call for the future. And your Vestry has much ahead to make decisions about the direction and pastoral leadership of this community. Please know that, in all of this challenge, I have come to love the people of Trinity Church and have come to love you—and the Christ in you, more deeply. As we reflect on love together so that we can become Christ to one another and to the community around us.

In Christ,
John+

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featuring
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Concert Choir
Sunday, February 6,
4:00 pm



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