



# The Trumpeter

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## 195th ANNIVERSARY

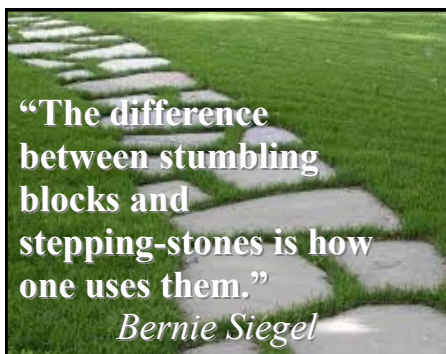
### Trinity Celebrates 195 years of ministry in the Long Green Valley



In 1819, the Diocese of Maryland authorized a new mission to be established in Long Green Valley as a daughter church of St. James, Our Lady's Manor (now St. James, Monkton). The church was consecrated in October of 1820. Visit the website for more details. Beginning with the fall of this year and concluding on the Sunday closest to October 12, 2015 (the anniversary of Trinity's consecration) we will celebrate our history, and the many ministries of Trinity Long Green. If you have ideas as to how we can do this or if you want to be a part of the planning of various events that will be part of the celebration, please give the church office a call.

## LES PETITES CHANTEURS CONCERT UPDATE

The concert by **Les Petites Chanteurs** previously scheduled for September 28, has been cancelled. Thank you to those who offered housing or volunteered to help with the meal. Hopefully, they will be able to come next year.



**"The difference  
between stumbling  
blocks and  
stepping-stones is how  
one uses them."**

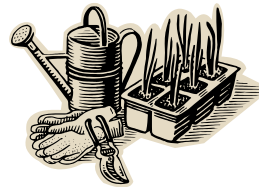
*Bernie Siegel*

## VACATION



Dr. Fran will be on vacation from July 28 – August 17. The Rev. Ted Jones will be back with us as our supply priest during that time. If you have a pastoral emergency while Dr. Fran is away please call our deacon The Rev. Gail Landers at 410-937-6425 or 410-879-0559. Contact the church office by phone or email if you have other questions or concerns.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS



We have essentially finished removing trees, brush and debris from the South West corner and South end of the Cemetery -- it took about 2.5 years but we made it. Thanks to Anne Brandt, Ernie Brandt, Russ Tagg, Yoder Crew, Asher Collins, and all others that helped with this cleaning.

During the same period, Ann Brandt, Ernie Brandt, Russ Tagg, Ross Jones, Bruce Nelson, Randy Maits, Mike Berry, Bill Kincaide, Yoder Crew and others helped remove brush, debris and scrub trees from the West side of the Cemetery.

Now we need to:

1. Move and spread the pile of mulch.
2. Mow the end and West edge of the Cemetery at least once a year.

There is always a need for Cemetery maintenance and funds; so, your donations of time and funds are always welcome.

*-Andrew Lowry-*



# FRANFARE

We know the Genesis creation story: How God said, “Let there be light” and there was light, etc. With each creative act, God spoke and it was so; and with every creative act, God saw that it was good. According to the story as told in Christian circles, there were six days of creation and then God rested on the seventh day. However, our Jewish brothers and sisters are likely to say there were seven days of creation, not six, and that on the seventh day God created the Sabbath.

According to Genesis 2:3, *God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work God had done in creation.* God created the Sabbath.

There was a time, decades ago, when stores were closed one day a week, when no one would dream of scheduling youth sports on Sunday morning, when people either went to church or synagogue or stayed home and read the paper. Farmers still had to tend their fields and animals, doctors and nurses tended the sick, but ordinary commerce was put on hold one day a week. The culture helped us honor the Sabbath, whether we believed in God or not.

Times have changed. Nothing stops one day a week – stores might open an hour or two later on Sunday, but they still open; sports activities are routinely scheduled on Sunday; schools might not be in session, but children still have homework that must be done on Sunday; movies, amusement parks, entertainment activities can be engaged on Sunday. Email, Facebook, Twitter, work pursue us through the weekend. Where once the culture supported “keeping the Sabbath,” now it conspires to prevent us from doing so.

Yet Sabbath remains just as important for human beings created in the image of God as it was when God created it. We need down time. We need time to let our minds wander; we need opportunities to stop what we are doing, look at our lives and the world around us, and listen to the still small voice of God. We cannot see the wonders of creation staring at the screens of our iPhones; we cannot hear the bird song with earbuds in our ears connecting us to an iPod; we cannot nurture personal relationships via email and tweets.

We cannot enjoy all that God has created unless we carve out Sabbath time. Summer vacation can be a great time to make room in our lives for Sabbath, but it requires intention on our part. We won’t find Sabbath rest by filling every minute with activity, not even educational activity.

Fran+

**"Sabbath time is time off the wheel, time when we take our hand from the plow and let God and the earth care for things, while we drink, if only for a few moments, from the fountain of rest and delight."**  
**Wayne Muller, Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives**

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Connell B. Calvert, (age 13) son of Charles B. Calvert, IV, and grandson of Charlie and Kathi Calvert, who was installed a member of the Junior National Honor Society at Woodbridge Virginia Middle School.



Congratulations to Spencer Kincaide Ducharme, grandson of Bill and Pat Kincaide on his (8th grade) graduation June 10th from the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, NJ. We wish Spencer the best as he transitions to High School at The Hun School also located in in Princeton.

*-Bobbie Nelson-*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



We look forward to another stimulating and enjoyable year of Sunday School just around the corner. **The first session gets underway on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Registration and the opportunity to get acquainted for students, parents, and teachers will take place then. **Please mark your calendar and look for more specific information in a mailing in late August.**

Finally, please consider joining our fine teaching staff this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve at Trinity and work with some truly lovely young people. Let me know if you are interested. My email address is [jchrist@gilman.edu](mailto:jchrist@gilman.edu).

*-Jeff Christ-*

## VESTRY REPORT

At its June meeting, the Vestry decided it was important to highlight financial information from the financial reports of May 2014 and to share our discussion with you.

We identified the following issues:

- The budgeted deficit for 2014 is forecasted to be \$18,000. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, the deficit was \$10,000.
- The change of Diocesan investment strategy toward growth of principal has reduced our monthly investment income (by \$3000 last year).
- A cold winter caused higher fuel bills.

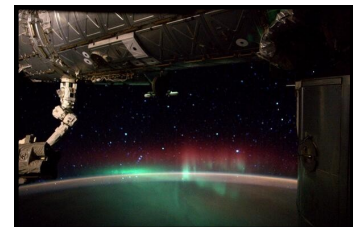
We offer the following solutions:

- Additional giving;
- Withdrawal of funds from investments;
- Increased fundraising.

We will share additional financial information as the year unfolds and plan to hold a Town Hall Meeting in September.

## G. REID WISEMAN

You can follow him on twitter using [@astro\\_reid](https://twitter.com/astro_reid) for daily updates



## DEAR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH



You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg*

your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of "Amens" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family -- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy -- are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

*This post originally appeared on [I Am Totally \\*That\\* Mom](#).*

-Jamie Bruesehoff-

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jamie-bruesehoff/parents-kids-church\\_b\\_3909085.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=tw](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jamie-bruesehoff/parents-kids-church_b_3909085.html?utm_hp_ref=tw)



## August Calendar of Events

### Sundays in August

Services at 8 am and 10 a.m.

Nursery at 10 a.m.

Coffee hour following 10 a.m. service

### Vestry Meeting in August

August 18 at 6:30 p.m.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 4 Stephanie Torlina
- 6 Clay Evans
- 7 Douglas Collins
- 11 Randy Maits
- 12 Annette Beam
- 13 Eric Meyer
- 15 Andrea Rozics  
Katie Curran
- 17 Diane Pierce
- 19 Bradley Olver
- 23 Claire Frick
- 25 Chuck Lippens
- 26 Bill Wiley
- 27 Abigail Eberman  
Wendy Walker
- 29 Gabriel Meyer  
Justin Tagg
- 31 John Anderson



## CHRISTMAS TIES



TAT is collecting men's Christmas ties for a craft project, width is not a concern. Please check your closets for any ties you no longer are interested in or maybe if you go to Goodwill, yard sales, etc you will find some for us. Ties are to be used to make hanging decorations for the Christmas bazaar. Thank you in advance. Contact Betty Elder, 410-592-6759 if you have questions.

## HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 26 Wendy & Chuck Lippens
- 29 Bruce & Bobbie Nelson

## TRUMPETER ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please submit your September articles to [marthab28@verizon.net](mailto:marthab28@verizon.net) by August 22, 2014.

## TIP OF THE HAT



- ◆ Asher Collins and Leonard House, for installing the One-Way traffic signs in the church parking lot.
- ◆ Roy Lancraft for numerous hours of work on the various electrical and electronic systems at Trinity.
- ◆ To Russ Tagg for re-setting the loose flat stones in the Church front walk and for removing wood from the Southwest corner of the Cemetery.
- ◆ To Asher Collins for extensive planning for a drainage system to direct parking lot water away from the school playground and for cutting down trees from the Southwest corner of the Cemetery.
- ◆ To Bob and Ann McMahan, Susan Wiley, Gallagher crew, Nancy Bainbridge, and Andrew Lowery for cleaning weeds, grass and debris from around the Church and the roadside. Daylilies were also planted along the roadside to replace the rosebushes.
- ◆ To all that removed 'three-storm' debris from Trinity active-use property.
- ◆ To all that helped Trinity families with special needs during this half-year.
- ◆ Edward McGee for sending in the 'Dear Parents with Young Children in Church' blog article.

**I sought to hear the voice  
of God and climbed the  
topmost steeple,  
but God declared:  
'Go down again - I dwell  
among the people.'**

***John Henry Newman***



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