

St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
5940 Whitechapel Road  
Lancaster, VA 22503

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# The Good News

## THOUGHTS FROM THE GARDEN

Beloved Communities of St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity Churches,

As I write this newsletter article the garden is buried in the six inches of snow that blanketed our community early in January! While the garden is fallow and frozen, my thoughts have felt spring-like, with new ideas for gathering together for some fellowship and study.

In my first 10 months at St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity I have heard many of you speak of your hope for more Christian Education options. My Sunday morning schedule does not allow me to teach a class at either church, thus I am proposing a weekday Bible Study program.

I would like to try a 7-week Bible study based on the readings for the following Sunday. The program I would like to use is called "Synthesis CE" (Christian Education) and is produced by an Episcopal preaching resource that I use regularly called Synthesis. Synthesis began at Sewanee, the Episcopal seminary at the University of the South, and uses several authors to produce this weekly Bible study series.

I will offer a session each week at Trinity and a session each week at St. Mary's. Folks can choose which session they would like to attend each week as the material will be the same at both churches.

The class will run for February and March and will meet for one hour:  
Tuesdays, 2-3pm, St. Mary's Whitechapel  
Wednesdays, 6-7pm, Trinity

Please see the article "Bible Study Groups Forming" in this issue of the Good News for more details and exact dates of the classes.



When I look at my frozen garden, I know that underneath that snow, and under the old mulch, and under the soil, bulbs and plants and even some volunteer tomatoes are slowly, imperceptibly coming to life. My prayer is that this Bible study will sow new seeds in the coming season of Lent, seeds of community, of learning, and of prayer in our churches.

Early spring blessings!  
Megan

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FORMING

As I said in the front cover article, new Bible Study groups will begin meeting in February at both St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity. The groups will meet for one hour, and, as the same material will be covered at both groups, participants can attend either class, whichever suits their schedule. The classes will be lectionary-based, meaning the study will focus on the readings we will hear in the upcoming Sunday service.

The classes will run from the beginning of February, through the season of Lent, up to Holy Week. The groups will meet:

<b>Tuesdays, 6-7pm: Trinity</b> <b>Wednesdays, 2-3pm: St. Mary's Whitechapel</b>	
The dates for the classes are:	
Tuesday, February 6th Wednesday, February 7th	Tuesday, March 6th Wednesday, March 7th
Tuesday, February 13th Wednesday, February 14th	Tuesday, March 13th Wednesday, March 14th
Tuesday, February 20th Wednesday, February 21st	Tuesday, March 20th Wednesday, March 21st
Tuesday, February 27th Wednesday, February 28th	

If you are interested in participating in this Bible Study, please sign up at coffee hour, call the church office, or email Megan. Materials will be distributed weekly. Also, if you are interested in the materials but cannot attend, I am glad to share them, and we will mail them to homebound folks. Just sign up and indicate you want only materials.

All are welcome!  
Megan



### Have something for the next Good News?

If you would like to submit an item for the next The Good News publishing for March and April, please email Paula Brinser with your article by Thursday, February 22nd to [stmarys.whitechapel@aol.com](mailto:stmarys.whitechapel@aol.com).

**February 3, 2018**

### **POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN VIRGINIA BEACH!!!!!!**

Your local plungers are Ryan, Spencer and Chris Cammarata and Carol Roscher. The "Support Team" (towel holders) are Peter Cammarata and J.R. Roscher.



**WE WOULD LOVE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS EVENT!!!**

Checks can be made out to "Special Olympics Area 28" and can be sent to:

The Cammaratas @ PO Box 53, Irvington, VA 22480  
or  
The Roschers @ PO Box 181, Merry Point, VA 22513

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
AND YOUR WISHES FOR WARM WEATHER!!!**

## Our Christmas Bazaar: A Parish Success Story



St. Mary's Whitechapel's first Christmas bazaar, held on Saturday, December 2, was a resounding success, thanks to a remarkable team effort by so many church members. The event raised \$3,400, which was divided equally among the Boys and Girls Club, the Free Health Clinic, and the Food Bank. It involved a great deal of hard work by many hands, but was also rewarding and - dare I say it? -fun.

In mentioning participants by name, I risk failing to recognize someone's contribution. As much as I am able, however, I believe it is important to give credit where credit is due. Please forgive me if there is someone I have overlooked.

The story began when Ed and Sue Ramsey suggested the idea of a holiday bazaar to raise money for outreach. The Outreach Committee agreed, and committee chair Anne Stanley assumed the task of organizing the event. Volunteers were needed to make soups and baked goods, arrange publicity, pick up items from donors, make wreaths and centerpieces, sort and price items for sale, and assist in various capacities on the day of the bazaar. Thanks to Paula for her design of the flyer and advertising, and to Allison for coming forward and distributing flyers throughout the area. No one worked harder than Anne, but it "took a village" to pull it all together.

In the week before the bazaar, hundreds of items were pouring into the Parish Hall, each of which had to be priced, marked, and displayed. Donations came from many members of the congregation as well as from non-member friends of the church. Thanks to Jane Dunaway and other friends from Trinity for their contributions. Ed and Sue Ramsey's son contributed 19 boxes of gift items from his shop in North Carolina, including dozens of rolls of beautiful Christmas ribbons. Sue Ramsey made numerous wreaths and table decorations, which were a big hit. Susan Dameron contributed a collection of jewelry pieces, lending additional cachet to the sale.

Janine Pennell set up a "critter" corner complete with handmade dog treats, scarves and pet toys that would delight any self-respecting animal. Linda Stough presided over a table of gifts she had made for the occasion. Mary Ann Olsen proudly contributed a beautiful handmade apron that quickly caught the eye of many of the volunteers. Daphne Montgomery Kasteel knitted several hats and also helped as a cashier at the sale. Joan Eremenko seemed to have a pen permanently affixed to her hand as she priced and marked items before and up to the morning of the sale.

On Saturday, our Rector Megan Limburg gave her blessing to our endeavors, and also managed to scope out a few purchases. Once the sale kicked off, it was a joyful chaos. Pat Ficklin barely got out of the kitchen where she sold soup and baked goods. (I'm sorry to say I do not know who all the cooks were who stocked the bake sale.) I was informed that Jane Henley prepared a lot of the homemade soup. Dorsey stood guard against sampling of the wares and helped Pat in the kitchen. Others lending a hand in the kitchen and on the sales floor were Nancy Brandon, Cheryl Budzinski, Helen Cobb, Jane Fortin, Gloria Romaine, Betty Thornton, and Betsy Wood.

Ernie Greene assembled the 12 foot Christmas tree that Nancy Chilton donated. Bob Woods spent all of Saturday at the checkout table; Ed Ramsey helped Sue, and pitched in when needed for various chores and consultation ("now, where should we hang this bow, or this wreath?"). Page Henley, as appropriate, served as guide and answered questions for strangers to St Mary's. Bill Pennell wielded the leaf blower to tidy the church grounds, and Glenn Courtney was there with his camera to capture a community in action (we look forward to the pictures). Raymond jumped into the spirit and brought several items including a bird feeder for the critter corner.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge Nancy Chilton's contributions. In addition to the beautiful tree, she contributed many other items, which Bob Hedges picked up at her home and brought to the sale. She had also been at the church the morning she died, helping to sort and price sale items. Even more important would have been the contribution of her warmth and million-dollar smile that welcomed all who were blessed to be her friend.

For SMWC members who were unable to be present for any part of the bazaar, I hope I have imparted a sense of the wonderful spirit of friendship and love that was evident throughout. To those who were there, I hope you share my sentiments that it was a wonderful example of a small country church working hard to earn funds for those in need in our community. We want to help. It's the season - if you need a reason!

- Jack Blaine

## Holy Knitting and Crocheting Group at Trinity!

Our Holy Knitting and Crocheting Group creates prayer shawls, prayer blankets and other handcrafted items, all to offer a tangible sign of God's love and our prayers to folks in need.

As items are created they will be blessed during Sunday services at the altar at Trinity and then offered to individuals in our church community, the wider community, and beyond, who are going through challenging times and are in need of prayer.

Our next meetings will be Thursday, January 25th and Thursday, February 22nd at 6pm in Townsend Hall at Trinity.

All are welcome, including beginners; we will help you get started!



**Knit  
Crochet  
Pray**

# PRAYER LISTS

## St. Mary's Whitechapel

Bryan Johnson, Dennis Saunders, Glenn Courtney, Lisa Fortin, Theresa Theisen, Howard Hanchey, Ross Johnson, Jennifer Cassell Cole, Karen Woodruff, Roger Fortin, Wier Harman, Anne Rau, Donna, Joan, Gina Adams, Helen Kizer, Mary Snyder, Peggy Gill, Cameron Blandford, Dan Ficklin, Anne Power, Brad Quillen, Trish Fillingham, Darius Boles, Pat Dennis, Kathy Catlin, Joanne Young, Ralph Horne, Delma Rose, Adrienne Green, Bryan Johnson, Brandi Boles.

**Commonwealth Assisted Living:** Margaret F. Ransone

**Lancashire:** Sue Courtney, H. T. Courtney

**RWC:** Sis Ransone

**Those in the Armed Forces:** Tensley Clowser, Mark Medina, Justin Jones, Kathryn McCormack Akacem, Mehdi Akacem, Anderson Sale, Thomas Mackie, Pia Mackie, Tate Young and Spencer Fortin.

## Trinity

Cindy Roscher, Curtis Smith, Glenn Courtney, Rylie Goltart and her family, David Carnes, Linda Hall, Karen Woodruff, Charlie Cooper, Betsy, Thomas, Donna, Katie Valinotti, Joey Coker, Michael Dunaway, Cameron Blandford, Dodie Jones, Cookie Minno, Whit Walden, J.W. Boone, Brad Quillen, Ian Larmore, Brandon Dunaway.

**Those in the Armed Forces:** Paul Price, Jimmy Hodsdon, Kevin Hargrove, Warren Ruitt, Justin Jones, Daniel Fox and Emya Seldon.

## Mailed Copies of Bulletins

We are happy to mail our Sunday bulletins to anyone who is unable to make it to church due to illness, age or lack of transportation. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the bulletin and a copy of the sermon either by mail or email, please contact Paula at the church office. 804-462-5908



## **Lenten Lunch**

St. Mary's Whitechapel and Trinity Churches are partnered with Grace Church to prepare the lunch hosted at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 28th.

Help is needed to bake brownies, help set up and/or clean up.

Set up will begin at 10:00 a.m.; service is at 12:05 p.m.; lunch is served at 12:30 p.m.; and clean up is approximately 1-1:30 p.m.

If you can help please see the sign up sheets posted at St. Mary's and Trinity, or you may call the church office.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 18th	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
Monday, January 22nd	Bumble Bees MMWG	Trinity St. Mary's
Thursday, January 25th	Holy Knitting and Crocheting	Trinity
Thursday, February 1st	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
Sunday, February 4th	Family Sermon	Trinity
Thursday, February 8th	River Road Food Pantry	St. Mary's
Monday, February 12th	Bumble Bees MMWG	Trinity St. Mary's
Tuesday, February 13th	Pancake Supper	Trinity
Wednesday, February 14th	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday, February 15th	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	St. Mary's
Saturday, February 17th	Helen Kizer 100th Birthday	St. Mary's
Monday, February 19th	Vestry	St. Mary's
Tuesday, February 20th	Vestry	Trinity
Thursday, February 22nd	Deadline: The Good News Holy Knitting and Crocheting	Trinity
Monday, February 26th	Bumble Bees MMWG	Trinity St. Mary's



## ST. MARY'S WHITECHAPEL VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS— NOVEMBER 2017

The meeting was held on November 13th, and opened with prayers at 2:00 p.m. October minutes were approved, and reports were presented for Cemetery, Endowment and Disbursements.

Rev. Limburg introduced Mrs. Barbara Fentress who has agreed to serve as part-time Managing Treasurer.

Ms. Susan Dameron, Receipts Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting but had communicated to Rev. Limburg that she had received 20 pledges for the 2018 calendar year.

A vestry nominating committee made up of Rev. Limburg, Mr. Ramsey, Ms. Stanley, Mrs. Jannine Pennell and Mr. William Towles will meet on Wednesday, November 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Woods is the chair of the committee planning for the 350th celebration. Rev. Limburg has contacted Bishop Shannon's office about scheduling Presiding Bishop Michael's visit in 2019.

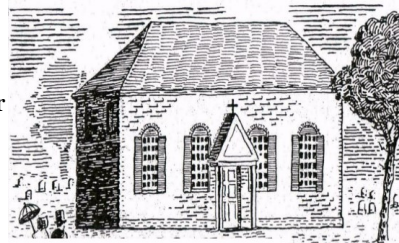
The Christmas Eve service at SMWC will be at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Glenn Courtney has arranged for some musicians to come at 3:30 to provide a musical prelude and perform during the service. Spencer and Beane will perform a New Year's Eve concert at 2:00, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Mrs. Fentress has started on the 2016 Audit. She has been using the Episcopal Manual of Business Practices as a guide.

Display of Episcopal Flag at SMWC: Mr. Pennell suggested that the flag be mounted on the informational kiosk on the grounds. Mr. Ramsey recommended Festival Flags in Richmond.

The Budget Committee typically includes the senior and junior wardens, the rector, and the treasurers. Mrs. Fentress suggested that some committee chairs might also want to provide input. Mr. Pennell will chair the committee and they will plan to meet the week of December 4. The Joint SMWC/Trinity Budget committee includes Rev. Limburg, Mrs. Fentress, Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Pennell, and Mrs. Chris Cammarata.

The SMWC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018. The December Vestry meeting will take place Monday, December 18.



## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING MINUTES—DECEMBER 2017

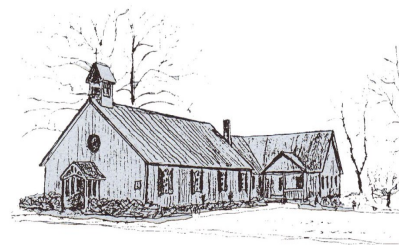
The meeting was called to order on December 12th at 6:30pm with prayers by Rev. Limburg.

Register's and Treasurer's Reports were made and approved.

Rev. Limburg will order "Offering Envelopes" and give to the congregation as requested. The Unsung Hero Sunday went well. Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant will be Saturday, Dec 16th @ 10:00am. A Keurig coffee maker will be purchased to have available as needed. The Vestry meeting for January will be on the 9th and the Annual Meeting will be January 28th @ 9:00am as a potluck breakfast, the meeting and worship all to take place in Townsend Hall.

Jane Dunaway is working on the 2016 Audit.

The 2018 Proposed Budget was prepared by Chris Cammarata. The Vestry voted to reduce Expenditures-Utilities to \$6,000, Christian Education Adm. to \$2400, and Nursery School Attendant to \$500. Mr. James will advise Ms. Cammarata of the changes.



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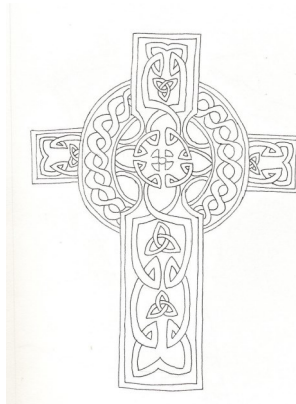
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### Vestry 2017

Senior Warden	Ed Ramsey
Junior Warden	Bob Woods
Members	Jack Blaine Cheryl Budzinski Anne Stanley Betty Thornton
Register	Alison Towles



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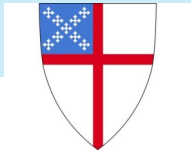
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Senior Warden	Stan James
Junior Warden	J.R. Roscher
Members	Frances Callaghan Janet Christopher Jay Davenport Craig Giese
Register	Carol Roscher

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