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Wanted: A Few Good “Intrapreneurs”

I’m reading for a second time, with highlighter in hand, Eric Ries’ book, *The Lean Startup*. The front cover describes the book as an account on how “today’s entrepreneurs use continuous innovation to create radically successful businesses. The author’s context is the world of computer technology so at first I was highly skeptical about this book being of an interest to me. However, trusting the person who recommended it to me I committed myself to reading it.

The more I read the more enthralled I became. So much so, that I now find myself reading it a second time and I don’t believe it will be the last time. For as the highlighted quote reads on this page, I believe that the Church, our church, needs an entrepreneurial mindset to foster innovation that will help us grow and meet the spiritual needs of those that remain beyond our doors.

In an established institution such as the Church, Trinity Church, you have the potential for the best of both worlds. You have the stability of an established organization which can serve as the launching pad for sustain

innovation in ministry. When planting a church some years ago by necessity I had to be innovative, to take risk. As a church plant however the risks were exponential. Each attempt at innovation was like walking a tight rope without a net. An established church like Trinity Church with a

“Entrepreneurs who operate inside an established organization sometimes are called “intrapreneurs” because of the special circumstances that attend building a startup within a larger company.” *The Lean Startup* by Eric Ries, page 26.

long history in the community allows individual and teams within the church to be innovative and creative while minimizing the risk.

Risk is not taken however for the sake of just taking risk. The innovation taken is taken because it is an attempt to create something that is of spiritual value to either church members or potential new members. In addition, the innovation made is

guided by measurable goals that it is intended to accomplish. So, if some innovation is made to attract more people to Trinity the proof in the pudding is a metric that tells us whether the innovation, in fact, has attracted more people to Trinity.

I am convinced that the principles described in this book are applicable to our ministry context. I would like to find a few good “intrapreneurs” at Trinity to join me in conversations about this book. What are the principles described in this book that can create a community of “intrapreneurs” at Trinity that can become incubators of innovation. If you’re reading this article and this sounds like you, or is of interest to you I would suggest three things. First, let me know of your interest. Second, grab a copy of this book or the audio version and read (listen to) it from cover to cover. That will give us a common language to share our insights. Third, let’s find a time when a group of us can sit down together to share those insights. I am looking for a few good “intrapreneurs.” Will you join me?

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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VESTRY

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Christy Collins	Spencer Alford	Brenda Alexander
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Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing	Jack Welge
Senior Warden, Cherry Sikes		
Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Treasurer, Andrew Snell		
Clerk of the Vestry, Vacant		

Mission of the Month



Newgate Mission exists to feed the people of God in mind, body and spirit. All of their ministries and services aim to meet the basic needs of our human condition, especially those affected by poverty. Newgate United Methodist Mission of Longview, Inc. began in 1990. While Newgate is a mission of the United Methodist denomination, it opens its doors to cross all denominational lines as we all participate together in God's mission. They also seek to collaborate with local community agencies who share their passion to love and serve our community. We are honored to support the work of this great ministry this month.

TRINITY VETERAN'S OUTREACH

Trinity Veterans Outreach had a sparse attendance due to the busy holiday schedule. Without a quorum there were no significant issues resolved but there was abundant fellowship and sharing of prior military life stories, which is the glue for bonding this group together. The meeting was chaired by Travis Prior. Our next meeting will be February 5, 2017 at 5:30-6:30pm in Guild Hall. Freedom is never free. Remember in prayer those who are still missing and prisoners of war until they are home again.

Fair winds and smooth seas.



USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of folks who would be willing to join our usher teams. Ushers provide valuable service in welcoming people to our services. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please contact Bill Charles at (903) 297-4430

SERVICE OF COMPLINE

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th
8:30 PM

ST MONDAY'S Monday, February 6th - 11:30 AM



Lunch will be Cajun Cuisine and desserts!

Afterward, come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon of bingo

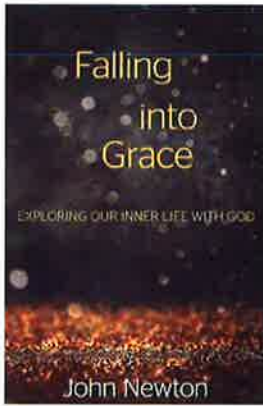


Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Hosted by the Vesty
Tuesday February 28th
5:30 - 7:00 PM



TRINITY OUTREACH CENTER



LENTEN AFTERNOON BOOK STUDY

Beginning March 8th and continuing at 1:00 PM every Wednesday during Lent
In the Guild Hall. Debra McLemore, instructor

Jesus was quite clear that we must lose our life before we find it. This book gives a hopeful and realistic look at what losing our life entails, articulating how “growth” in the Christian life is not our ascent to God but the process by which our eyes are opened to the beauty God has already given to us. It is a book about descending into God, and into our own inner depths, about the deep waters of the Christian faith. “Put out into the deep and let your nets down for a catch.” (Luke 5:4)

Cost of the book is \$15 and can be purchased in the church office. For more information, please contact Debra McLemore at (903) 936-4568 or email at breagan@mediator.com

IGNITING FAITH COMMITTEE LEADERS

Throughout the past few months, we have organized groups to evaluate and improve key leadership areas within the church. Following are the names of the leaders of the various Igniting Faith groups within the church”

Christian Formation

David Wilcox - Youth and Children
Debra McLemore - Adult

Pastoral Care - Christine Prior

Facilities - Alan Robertson

Outreach - Bill Charles

Personnel - Cherry Sikes

TST/Church Relations - Erica Rader

Fellowship Opportunities In and Out of the Parish
Dinah Rushing



Wednesday, March 1
Service Times

10 AM
Imposition of Ashes
12:15 PM & 6 PM
Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes

Youth EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

February 5th & 19th


Continuing Study on “Pilgrim’s Progress” - 5:30 PM
Youth Room




February 24th - NEWSBOYS CONCERT

Tickets are limited - See Rae for ticket prices!
Will meet at Trinity and leave at 5:00 PM

CHAPERONES NEEDED! PLEASE CONTACT RAE AT (903) 241-2399



WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP LONGVIEW FAMILIES!



BUCKNER BASKETS

For our Spring Service Project, we are staying right here in our community! We have been told about the opportunity to put together hygiene baskets as Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts for the Mom's and Dad's that are ministered to by Buckner. Each time we meet for Sunday School, I'd love for the children to bring a specific item to place in the baskets. At our next meeting, please bring...

Toothbrush & Toothpaste

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

The Children's Ministry at Trinity Church has been hard at work with Children's Evening Sunday School and Children's Church, wherein we have been following the lessons from the lectionary and learning about major biblical themes! If you are not a regular part of these wonderful ministries, we encourage you to avail yourselves of great opportunities for your kids to socialize and be taught the Word of God.

The Children's Ministry is participating in a Spring Service project of providing Mother's and Father's Day baskets for those who are receiving ministry assistance from Buckner Social Service organization. This is a great and tangible way to show love to our community members in need. Won't you be a part? Please contact Jacqui Baker for more information.

Children's Activity Calendar for February

Feb 6 - Children's Church - 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School - 9:30 AM

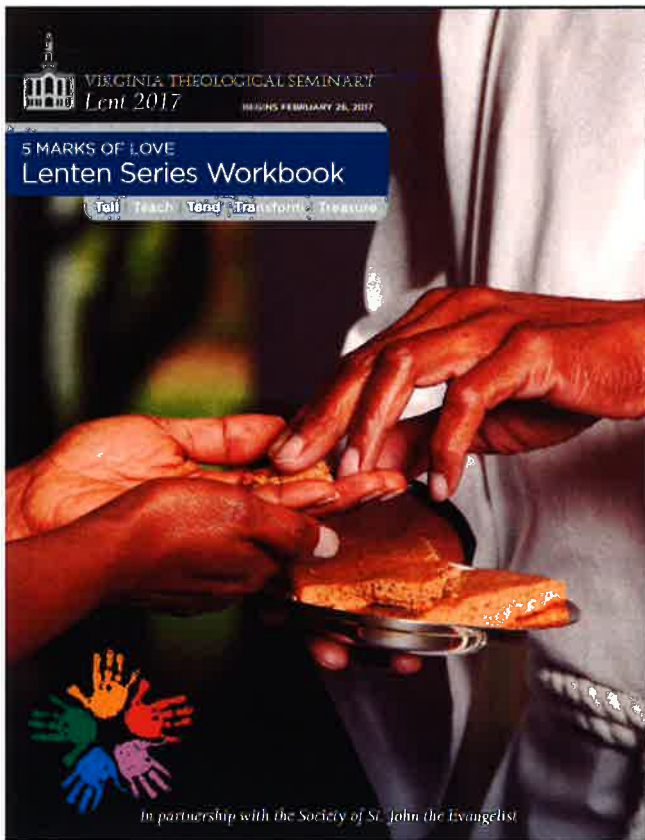
Feb 12 - Children's Church - 10:30 AM

Feb 19 - Children's Church - 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Feb 26 - Children's Church - 10:30

**NOTICE
TIME CHANGES
FOR SUN SCHOOL
IN FEBRUARY**



Lenten Study: 5 Marks of Love

Beginning Wednesday, March 8th

The 5 Marks of Mission frame the Church's life and ministry. However, the Marks can be narrowly defined or used to promote unreflective activism displacing the foundational role that discernment and contemplation should play in responding to God's mission. 5 Marks of Love is an invitation to discern the work of God in life, in community, and in creation. It is an invitation to ponder the awesome revelation that God is love. It is an invitation to be shaped by the revelation that God's love overflows to us in creation and re-creation. The mission is God's. It is God who calls us into life and it is God who calls us to form life-giving communities.

Daily videos from SSJE will invite viewers to notice and engage God's acts of love, providing rich inspiration for the everyday faithful who seek a deeper connection to God and neighbor during this holy season.

This year, rather than meeting at the church on Wednesday evenings, we will be meeting in homes, according to geography. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and fellowship as we study and learn during this holy Lent. Dinah Rushing will coordinate the groups, so if you wish to participate in this wonderful five week event, please contact Dinah at (903) 234-1929.

JANUARY VESTRY REPORT

The January vestry meeting was a long but important meeting. After opening prayers and approval of the December minutes the Vestry elected a temporary Clerk of the Vestry, Kim Howard. Andrew Snell then presented two items. The first was a review of the December financials which also included the 2016 year-to-date financials. The second was a presentation of the 2017 Budget for Vestry approval. Andrew reported that the month of December was a strong financial conclusion to the year. Pledge income was \$14,395 above budget for the month. The year-to-date numbers were not as encouraging. Pledge Income for the year was approximately \$25,000 short of member's pledge commitments. This resulted in a loss for the year of \$33,589. In spite of this loss our cash balances remain strong, with current assets exceeding our current liabilities.

Andrew then presented the 2017 Budget for consideration. The bulk of

the time of our Vestry meeting focused on the budget. Budgeted expenses for 2017 exceed 2016 budgeted expenses by approximately \$15,000. Most of that increase came from health insurance costs and utilities. Unfortunately our stewardship campaign was not as successful as we had hoped or anticipated and pledge income was approximately \$37,000 less than in 2016. Fr. Kevin reported that the pledgers who had decreased their pledges totaled \$77,915. This amount is almost equal to a 2017 budgeted deficit of \$83,073.

Conversation ensued about what, if any expenses could be reduced. It was the consensus of vestry that any significant reduction could only be made in the areas of staff salaries or our mission giving. The vestry felt that to do either was to go against the core values of our congregation and would result in a denigration of the ministry offered by our church. Therefore the focus of the discussion shifted to the stewardship of our congregation and the necessity to increase the pledge income. The vestry consensus was that we needed to

communicate to the congregation the financial situation of the parish and encourage additional giving and prayer. There was also discussion about the necessity for reversing the decline in church membership and deepening the financial commitment of church members.

Election tellers for the Annual Meeting were selected. Robert Maly informed the Vestry about needed repairs in our heating and air conditioning system. Father Kevin then expressed thanksgiving for the service of the retiring four vestry members: Harry Barth, John Hall, Kim Howard and Ava Welge. Fr. Kevin then presented the 2016 Parochial Report for vestry approval. Fr. Kevin reported that the Average Sunday Attendance showed a slight increase in the year 2016. Our meeting concluded with a discussion of the presentation at the Annual Meeting of the seven areas of strategic concentration adopted in our meetings with our congregational consultant Molly Carnes.



FEBRUARY 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

2/1	Julie Hayes	2/10	Alexandra Jones	2/22	Billie Padgett
2/1	Jeanette Kirkindoll	2/10	John Robbins	2/23	Jennifer Jackson
2/2	Daphne Scott	2/11	Jan Barth	2/23	Margaret Partin
2/3	Mike Lewis	2/12	Harry Barth	2/24	Loretta Lloyd
2/4	Pat Florence	2/12	Gail Wilks	2/25	Tom Devon
2/4	Eugenie Holman	2/13	Robert Hampton	2/25	Ann White
2/4	Alyce Sparks	2/15	James Thomas	2/27	James Crittenden
2/10	David Balliett	2/16	Mike Abernathy		
2/10	Risa Harris	2/19	Betty Falco		

Happy Anniversary


2/5	David and Brenda Alexander
2/12	Sammy and Cherisa York
2/20	Wiley and Judy Thomas
2/23	Tom and Arlene Devon

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of February – Lectionary Year A

Date	February 5 The 5th Sunday After Epiphany	February 12 The 6th Sunday After Epiphany	February 19 The 7th Sunday After Epiphany	February 26 The Last Sunday After Epiphany
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-9 1 Cor. 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20	Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Cor. 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
Altar Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team
Verger	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford
Coffee Hour	A. Welge	M. Maly	D. Rushing	C. Wilks
Flower Delivery	K. Frith J. Walters	K. Frith C. Wilks	K. Frith L. Leath	K. Frith D. & T. Skeans
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	J. Hall J. Welge	G. McWhorter B. Charles	N. Collins J. Welge
L. E. M.	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	J. Hall J. Welge	G. McWhorter B. Charles	N. Collins J. Welge
Late Service				
Ushers	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
Greeters	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	J. Sawyer V. Boaz	C. Thorson J. Sloan	C. Prior A. Robertson	T. Wilcox S. York
L. E. M.	J. Sawyer V. Boaz J. Hall	C. Grotemat J. Sloan G. McWhorter	H. Barth A. Robertson G. Rushing	D. Conrad S. York V. Boaz
L. E. V.	J. Hall K. Hall		B. Charles P. Charles	

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 4:00 PM Young Adult Superbowl Party 5:30 PM Veteran's Outreach 5:30 PM Youth Study	<i>6</i> 11:30 AM St. Monday's	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist With Holy Baptism 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 8:30 PM Compline	<i>13</i> 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	<i>14</i> 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	<i>15</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30 AM Children's Sunday School 5:30 PM Youth Study	<i>20</i> Church Offices Closed for President's Day	<i>21</i> 6:00 PM Vestry	<i>22</i> 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Youth- Newsboys Concert	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Regular Sunday Schedule	<i>27</i> 6:00 Endowment Board	<i>28</i> 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Trinity Outreach Center 				
			<u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist			

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February Special Events

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| 5th | Young Adult Superbowl Party, 4:00 PM, Alford's Home |
| 6th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 24th | Youth - Newsboys Concert |
| 28th | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |

March Special Events

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| 1st | Ash Wednesday - 10:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM Imposition of Ashes |
| 4th | Hymn/Choral Festival Concert, 5:00 PM, Nave |
| 7th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 8th | John Newton Book Study, 1:00 PM Guild Hall - Continuing every Wed through Lent |
| 8th | Marks of Love Lenten Study - Continuing every Wed through Lent |