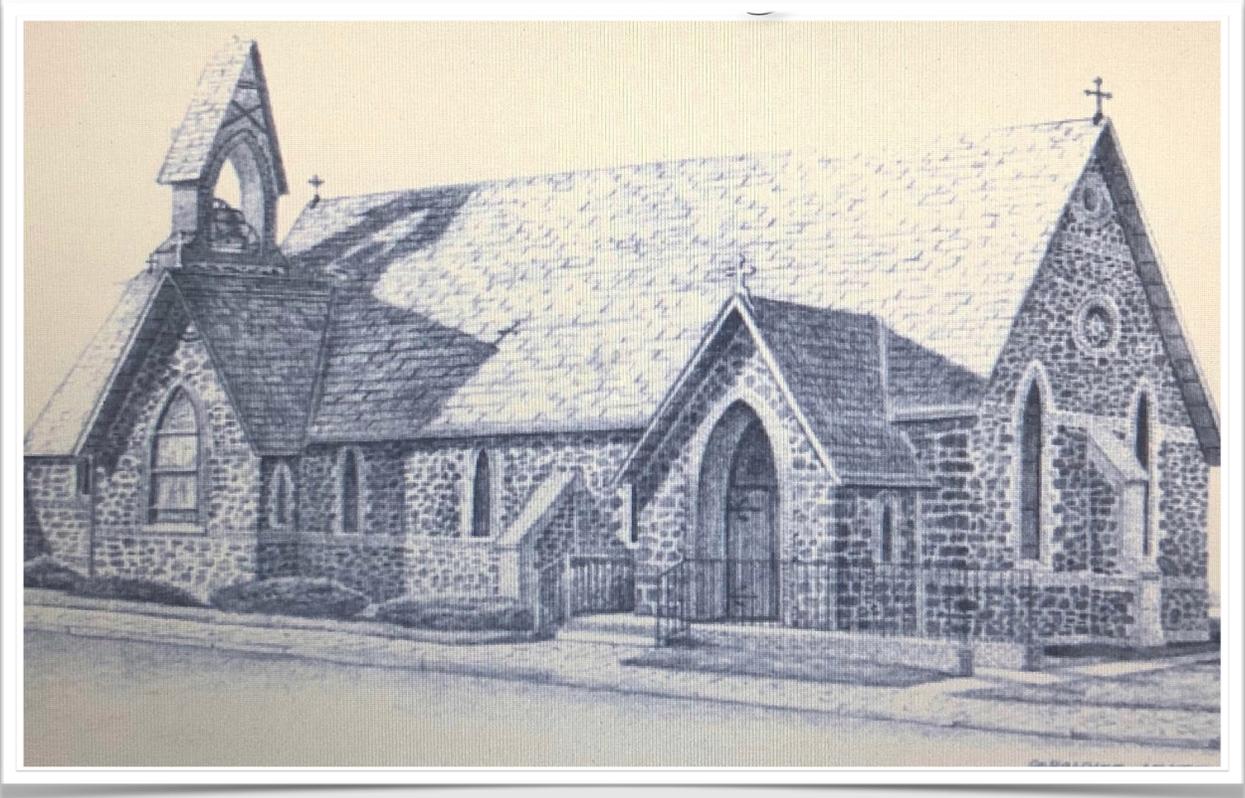


TIDINGS



Message from our Senior Warden

I hope everyone is feeling well and staying home. I know we are, and hopefully that is what's going to help us get through this. I've been thinking of everyone and hoping that we'll be together again soon.

I was glad to see Father Nicholas' face on YouTube this morning and it was good to hear the message of this Palm Sunday. I hope many of you were able to tune in.

A big thank you to everyone who has been able to send in pledges during this most difficult time. Father Nicholas and Mary Helen have worked out a plan so that she can get the mail in a safe manner and deposit checks in the bank. Thank you. Additionally Mary Helen has applied for the Payroll Protection Plan which is part of the government stimulus package. Hopefully we'll hear something from that when all of the kinks in the system are worked out.

Again, keep communicating with each other and praying for everyone as we navigate uncharted waters.

Blessings,

Gayle

Windows

What does Trinity Church have in common with the Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York; Proctor Hall at the Princeton University Graduate College, Princeton, New Jersey; the Church Center at the United Nations, New York City; The National Cathedral, Washington DC; Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City; and Smithsonian Museum,

Washington DC? Windows done by William Willet. It turns out Willet windows are quite a big deal.

Five of our windows are the work of the founder of the studio, Mr. William Willet.

“They were executed and installed in 1921 which was the year of Mr. Willet’s death, so they would have been among his last work. He was a great portraitist in the pre-Raphaelite style and these windows are therefore highly prized in the stained-glass world as great works of art.” This is from a letter by Hauser Studios to Reverend Cooper when the Lexan protective covering was first put on our windows in

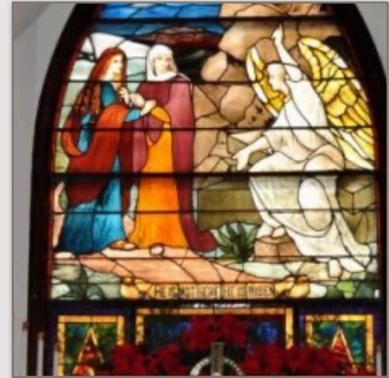


1981.

The first time I saw this paper while working in the archives I did not fully appreciate the significance of the windows. I made a mental note to do some research, which didn’t happen until much later when I was asked to write up a grant request. Here is part of my write up for the grant where it asks about the property’s historical significance. “The unique artwork of the Willet Windows found in Trinity Church’s architectural structure could be lost forever.

Trinity Episcopal Church is part of the historic district of the Town of Elkton. It sits in a prominent cross section and is the first building many tourists, visitors and citizens see when coming to visit downtown Elkton. It was founded in 1832 by prominent businessmen and citizens.

The first structure was a simple frame structure. During months leading up to the Civil War, money was raised by the congregation and community to erect a stone frame, using granite stone from nearby Port Deposit. The cornerstone was laid in August of 1860 and consecrated after the war ended, in 1867. Trinity Church incorporates Gothic Revival style that was very common by 1860. Trinity Church also shows characteristics of Victorian sensibility with polychrome masonry as well as brick to create patterns as an important decorative feature.





The building structure has 5 unique stained-glass pieces of artwork which were done by William Willet. The Willet windows are the work of the founder of the studio, Mr. William Willet. They were executed and installed in 1921 which was the year of Mr. Willet's death, so they are among his last work. He was a great portraitist in the pre-Raphaelite style and these windows are therefore highly prized in the stained-glass world as great works of art. William Willet was originally a portrait painter, making portraits for President William McKinley, John Jacob Astor, and William McEwan. Inspired by European work and the pre-Raphaelites, Willet believed that opalescent glass ignored the principles of architecture and did not fulfill the purpose of a window. Instead, he was enamored with the medieval technique of transparent antique glass, he is credited with renewing America's interest in traditional medieval materials, techniques, and aesthetic.

In 1910 Willet won the commission for the Great Sanctuary Window in the Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy in West Point. That window, entitled Duty, Honor, Country is composed of seven lancets and measures 34 feet wide by 50 feet tall. Willet beat out Tiffany Glass Co. in being awarded the commission for the design and fabrication of the Nave and North windows. The commission spanned over a period of sixty years and remains the longest continuing commission in American History.



Willet windows today can be found in churches and historic buildings in all 50 states and 14 countries. Among them are windows in the National Cathedral in Washington D.C.; St. John the Divine Cathedral; the chapel at the United Nations in New York; and the Great West Window depicting the Seven Liberal Arts, Proctor Hall, Princeton, NJ.” It would be wonderful to visit some of the places that have Willet windows in them. Anyone up for a road trip? I put small name cards up in each of the windows in the nave identifying the windows. When the time comes that we can worship together again in our historic little church, maybe you will be eager to study our stained-glass windows with a view that appreciates them as works of art. One final note, while taking pictures of the windows outside the church last week, (as part of the work for the grant application); a car pulled out from the parking lot of American Home and Hardware. He stopped his car in the middle of Main Street, rolled down his window, and hollered out to me “You sure do have a beautiful church there” I smiled and agreed with him.

~Susan Burkholder

Forgiveness

Bishop Marry recently had a presentation on Forgiveness at St Mary Ann's Church. Father Nicholas, Jane Ayers, Louise McLean and I attended. This presentation was supposed to be the first of two, but the second was cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

An important example of forgiveness was done through Bishop TuTu who became Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission after apartheid ended in South Africa. The non white majority had been oppressed by European whites but the oppressed and now powerful exercised Christian forgiveness and worked with the white minority to build a fair and better South Africa.

Father Nicholas has spoken about forgiveness. The message is when you think an injustice has been done to you, instead of a negative reaction, it is better to reconcile, to forgive. You may not forget, but you need to forgive.

If we practice forgiveness we would all get along better. Bishop Marry pointed out that this approach is more difficult to achieve in the United States because we have a culture of always winning.

Forgiveness works in practice. My daughter insulted my daughter-in-law and they stopped speaking. I spoke to them about forgiveness and they are friendly again.

Forgiveness is a Christian virtue. Remember: You may not forget, but you need to forgive.

~Richard Lemen

Prayer List

"The Lord is near...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

Elizabeth	Phil Hieronimus	Larry Parker
Hamid Basil	Fern Hitchcock	Rose Perrone
Bob Boulder	Bill Jackson	Rev. Chris Porteus
Pam Boulder	Robert Kane	Janice Potts
Susan Burkholder	Kathy Koslak	Valerie Reichenbach
Marion Conner	Fr. Bill Lawler	Jane Sichangi
Carol Costello	Margaret Long	Betsy Spina
Tim Coudon	Victoria Long	Joyce Stansfield
Ronnie Davis	Sharon McCallum	Lara Tozer
Donna Hurst Dellinger	John McLean	Carl & Cindy
Alan Fenson	Lynn Monroe	
Shawnda Fenson	Mary Morrison	
George Gibson	Jean Mulford	



Care Packages

In January, I set out on a mission to send care packages to our deployed soldiers. My goal was to provide care packages with much needed hygiene items, but also additional things such as writing materials and sweets, with a note from home just to say thank you for their service. With the generous \$300 dollar donation from St. Stephens and an additional \$60 in financial donations plus the donations of hygiene items, I have been able to send not only the 6 care packages I originally strived to send, but also an additional 10 care packages. I have received a response from 2 of the recipients (only 1 in writing to me directly) which I am passing on to you all.



Hello Mary,

Thank you for the care package. I received it yesterday 23 of March. I wanted to let you know I received the box. I am scheduled to ship out on or about April 1. I am supposed to be here till the end of October, but the Corona Virus has put a big bump in my deployment plans, oh well.

Please reach out to your congregation, family and friends and tell them thank you for everything and to stay safe and healthy while we all fight this virus.

May God Bless you all and I'll keep you in my prayers.

Kim

Kimberley A Hernandez

Sustainment OIC, USFOR-A/JTF Parwan

Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

Please consider continuing to support my mission to send these packages to our soldiers who are diligently protecting our freedom and the freedom of others as well as assisting to put an end to this pandemic.

As a reminder, I send items such as razors, sunscreen, pens, paper tablets, envelopes, candy, granola bars, crackers, travel size items such as shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, tooth paste etc.

Thank you for your time and support of this mission.

Love,

Mary Katharine

Hello family,

As we all endure our time of staring at four walls and waiting for some warmth to maybe get outside, we have been keeping in touch with phone calls to check on each other and offering help if needed. I have also been busy doing this same exercise with others. In the course of emails and phone calls someone suggested that we exchange

recipes. Since all I have done to entertain myself is cook, this sounded like a really good idea. At the end of this lock-down, I will be a gourmet cook and weigh 600 pounds.

If you would like to take part in the recipe exchange give me a call and we will make arrangements to set up the exchange. In thinking about all this, I thought of two ideas for when this is over, one we could make a cookbook of all the exchanged recipes and two, we could have a lovely fellowship dinner and share some of the dishes. This could be a really big celebration of being reunited after these months of separation.

If you are interested in the recipe exchange call me at 443-553-1163 or email me at marygayle@zoominternet.net. Everyone keep safe and be very careful. Keep each other in your prayers.

Mary Helen



April 20 Hudson Situma April 27 Susan Burkholder

April 28 Beverly Porteus April 28 Leslie Gorak

April 29 Lewis Collins III

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

April 16 Father Nicholas & Jane Sichangi

Acts of Kindness

We started a Lenten tree with the goal that each person would do 40 Acts of Kindness during Lent.

We just started putting the nice leaves that Carol had fashioned on the tree when this craziness hit. The last time I was in Church and looked at this we had a leaf on just about

every branch! One of the Acts of Kindness included the gift boxes for soldiers. Thanks so much to Mary Katharine for her work in making this happen. Others Acts included helping out at school, in Church, and helping neighbors, as well as strangers. Then the pandemic hit and we have all been isolated but I am hopeful that this situation has actually helped us accelerate our Acts of Kindness. The March 26, 2020 Delaware News Journal reported Acts of Kindness that were happening as a result of the pandemic. These included making sandwiches and giving them away at two locations, checking in on seniors who had come to a senior center and now had to stay home, sharing excess food from a food bank with shut ins, and using the work crews who normally watch over parks to diligently clean them. The link to this news article is below:

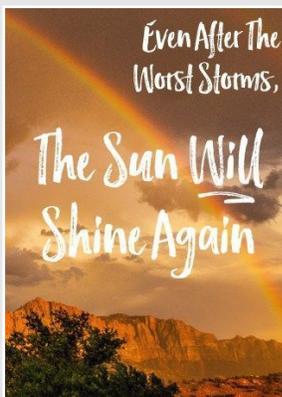
<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/2020/03/26/readers-spot-acts-kindness-delaware-communities-amid-coronavirus/5082252002/>

Some personal Acts of Kindness that I have experienced during this pandemic include our son, Andy, helping us reduce our exposure by meeting us at a grocery store and doing our shopping for us. One of my colleagues at Villanova, and several of my friends and family, texted me to check in on Cheryl and I to ensure we were staying safe. We called elderly family members and friends to check in on them and offer help if they needed it.

As we all endure this pandemic, let's thank God for our blessings and let God's goodness, kindness and love shine through us to help others through our Acts of Kindness!!

God bless all of you. Stay safe and healthy!

~Ross Lee



Evolution will likely lead you to look out for others in this critical time. I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now.