



**AQUIA**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Cross Section

*All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27*



*Almighty God,* who hast given us this good land for our heritage: we humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 820





## CROSS SECTION

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### A New Series on the Holy Trinity

Perhaps you have heard of the Trinity at some point in your Christian formation. Perhaps you have sung several songs or hymns that mention the Trinity. Perhaps you have visited a church named for the Trinity. Perhaps you don't know the difference between the Holy Trinity of Scripture and the holy trinity of Louisiana cooking. Or perhaps you think that the Holy Trinity refers to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Goat—or, in contemporary parlance, the Holy Spigot (with both options suggested in the movie *Four Weddings and a Funeral*).

Whatever you know or think you know about the Holy Trinity, what would happen if you needed to explain to someone else what is meant by this concept—say, explain it to a co-worker, a neighbor, a child, or a non-Christian? Could you give a clear and helpful account of what we mean by the Holy Trinity and why it matters to us? Is it even proper to speak of the concept of the Holy Trinity?

Building on my sermon for Trinity Sunday from earlier this year, my upcoming Wednesday evening Bible study between July 11 and August 15 is intended to offer some clarity and some thought-provoking challenges about this important matter. During this series, we shall explore what the Bible and our Christian heritage teach us about the Holy Trinity. Among other things, we shall peruse many of the Scripture passages that have led us to unite the three persons of the Trinity in our minds and hearts no less than they are already united in reality, despite the fact that the word 'Trinity' is never used in the Bible. And we'll have some fun doing just that.

We'll think through how the authors of the Old Testament and the New Testament understood the variety of ways in which God was revealing more and more about himself across the span of biblical history, and we'll think through how those writers and their successors still believed in the existence of only one God instead of three distinct gods. By wrestling with what

the New Testament writings say about Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit—both of whom are called 'Lord' in the Nicene Creed—we'll look back on the Old Testament depictions of the LORD and connect the dots. We'll also see how some parts of Scripture that might seem a bit confusing about the three Persons of the Trinity can be strengthened and enriched by other parts that indicate a clearer picture.

While we discuss how our faithful approach to the Holy Trinity can correct many misunderstandings about God and Jesus and the entire Trinity, for reinforcement we shall also ponder what the truth and reality about the Trinity entails for our lives as Christians and for the rest of the world. For instance: have you ever thought that since God is a Trinity of divine Persons and since we human beings are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), then perhaps we human beings are created to be somehow like the Trinity?

The holy trinity of Louisiana cooking is a combination of onion, bell pepper, and celery (in roughly equal proportion) that have been finely chopped and slowly cooked together to serve as a base for casseroles, stews, and other entrees. *That* holy trinity could be enjoyed at many dinners between home and church, just as we would welcome *the* Holy Trinity in our worship and in our lives. I'm hungry for all that, and I hope that you are, too. There's a lot for us to chew on in this series!

*Jay Morris*

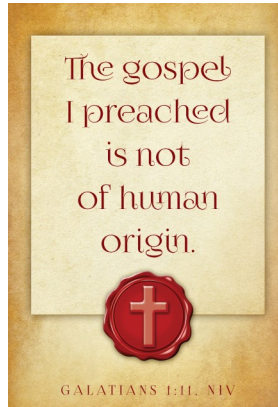


## FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

### Preaching

Dear Family in Christ, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God for you, especially for the fact that that you are zealous for the proclamation of Christ's Kingdom. It is of great benefit to your clergy to be able to hear how the word proclaimed has affected your own Christian ministry to the world. We have cherished the constructive feedback that we have received from you. Because of that, we have begun our new Morning Call series on preaching. The general idea is that we want to share with you what it takes for us to prepare a sermon and what is particularly helpful for us to hear after we have preached. The desired outcome is that you will see what goes into the preaching process and will perhaps benefit from that in hearing the preached word. Therefore, I will endeavor to give you a preview of coming attractions, if you will, by breaking down how I prepare a sermon.

First, **I read the four lessons** for Sunday from the Revised Common Lectionary (Episcopal Edition). I look for a common theme, such as faith, hope, or the Kingdom of God. I generally read the lessons in this order: the Gospel, the Epistle, the Old Testament Lesson, and finally the Psalm. My reasoning is this: the Gospels are the primary account of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They recount the story of his life, death, resurrection, and (at the end of Luke 24) his ascension. As a primary source, the Gospels are of utmost importance for hearing Jesus' teaching and seeing our salvation wrought for us by him. The Epistle lesson is a commentary on the Gospel story. Paul confronts the problems of the day in light of the teachings of Jesus and the message of the Gospel that sin has been atoned for and destroyed in Jesus Christ (Romans 5:8; Romans 6:6). When confronting real-life scenarios that you experience, Paul is a great choice. After Paul, the Old Testament lesson comes next. The Old Testament points, in every facet, to the truth of Jesus Christ. For example, when



we hear of Melchizedek in Genesis and in the Psalms, we read that story through the lens of Hebrews where we hear that Christ is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek. We read how Melchizedek is both a king and a priest. In the same way, Jesus Christ is our priest and our king. Finally, the Psalms are always appropriate texts on which to preach, as they are ancient prayers and hymns to God. You find some very human reactions to life events that are perhaps familiar.

Next, **I look at commentaries** on the text on which I have chosen to preach. Sometimes there will be an interesting word in the Greek or some interesting historical context. I have already chosen a theme or a focal point by this point. If the commentary material is relevant, I will add it in as a supplement.

Finally, **I start writing**. I will write for an hour or two at a time. I usually try to structure my sermons into two or three major points, so as to make it easier to follow, though that's not always the case. When I finish the sermon, I will preach it for Rachel. And she will preach hers for me.

For more on how we write sermons, come to Morning Call! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,  
Fr. James*



### AQUIA CHURCH VESTRY

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*Assistant Register*

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## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

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Are you ready for summer? Well, it's here! (What happened to spring?) The Lord certainly provided rain to water the fields, crops, and flowers and to fill the reservoirs and wells. Unfortunately, some suffered due to the floods resulting from too much rain that came too quickly. I am thankful for spring, especially with the plants and flowers, and the grass being so green. The only problem with spring and the rain is that the grass grows, grows, grows, and you can only mow between the rain storms. Now spring is gone, so that can all be forgotten and we can look forward to summer. Now is the time for vacations, "staycations," outdoor activities, like picnics, sports programs, swimming and enjoying a fun time of year, with school no longer in session. Hopefully your plans are well underway for your family adventures. And don't forget about our youth group mission trip coming up in July.

Thank you to all who participated in making the recent special occasions at Aquia so successful and enjoyable. The open house shower for Father James and his wife, Rachel, was an extremely impressive event. It was well attended, and there were actually some men in attendance. It was a first for John Sondermann and me, and I did see several other men. Additionally, Heritage Sunday is always a huge event for Aquia. Again, those who led and partic-

ipated in this special occasion are to be congratulated. It is good to remember and celebrate our heritage, and to maintain such a rich tradition here at our historic Aquia Church. Although I do not have a top hat like Michael Golas, my hat is off to everyone who took part in this celebration in any way.

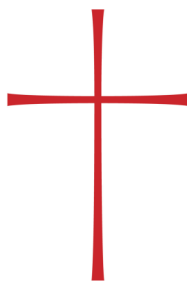
Your vestry will continue to work hard through the summer with normal vestry meetings and vestry committee meetings. Thank you to all members of the vestry and vestry committees, which includes a number of non-vestry members, for your continued efforts throughout the summer months. It is important to continue the planning work and other actions during the summer, so that we can all be ready to start up anew in September with the return of Sunday School and our regular programs. Aquia is blessed to have excellent staff to continue to coordinate our activities year-round.

**CALLING ALL WHO KNOW HOW TO READ!** I want to put in a special request for you to think about joining an important and vibrant ministry in which Aquia participates. It is called the Morning Prayer Ministry. It includes several area Episcopal churches, with volunteers who visit local assisted living facilities around Fredericksburg and Stafford, reading the Morning Prayer service with the residents who want to participate. Both the residents and the facility staff really appreciate our being there with them to

read the liturgy and Bible lessons. It involves about an hour, plus travel time, once or twice a month. Reading is EASY! All you do is read! Nothing fancy. Even Marines like me can do

it! Think about this over the summer to see if this would be a meaningful experience for you starting sometime this fall. I can tell you that the reactions of the residents who participate is wonderful and very moving. Please talk to Patricia Springer, Michael Golas, Mike Grant, or me, so that we can fill you in about other details. If you are considering this, talk to us about going to one of the facilities with us as an observer. We always go out in pairs, with each volunteer taking a different role in the Morning Prayer service. We want to (and have been asked to) expand this ministry to other assisted living facilities in the area, but we want additional volunteers so we are not stretched too thin. This Morning Prayer Ministry received a special award from the Diocese of Virginia for service to needy adults.

Have a great summer! Thank you for all you do.



We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance, and proclaiming His word throughout the world.

*Joe Howard*



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## Aquia's Table—By the Numbers

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Now that the 2018 golf tournament fundraiser is behind us, here are a few statistics to show the importance of the continual financial support needed for this ministry. Aquia's Table was founded in 2009 and has since served well over 15,000 meals.

The following are the meals-served totals for the past 5 years:

- 2013—2,862
- 2014—2,587
- 2015—2,370
- 2016—2,370
- 2017—2,863

The 2017 figure is the highest yearly total to date, and is nearly 500 more meals than the previous year. It is also noteworthy that 498 of those meals were

for children under the age of 16, compared to 325 from the previous year.

It takes a lot of effort to get the job done. Volunteers amassed an estimated total of over 2,500 service hours in 2017, and that's not counting the gleaners, or the time and money put in by the volunteer bakers who provide the baked desserts each and every Wednesday night. Thanks to all who give for the benefit of others.

*Yours in Christ,  
Michael Golasz*

*Volunteer Coordinator  
Aquia's Table and Aquia's Pantry*



## ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEAST

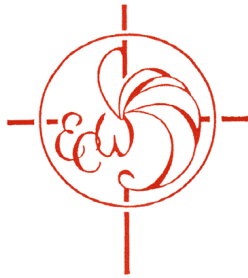
Saturday, Aug. 25, 4-7 p.m.

Live Bluegrass "Reckless Brigade Bluegrass"

Adults: \$35      Ages 6-16: \$10

All you can eat crabs, steamed shrimp, fried cod, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw and hush-puppies. Lemonade, iced tea will be provided, BYOC (bring your own cooler) or BYOB. Come to a great fun-filled event, enjoy great music, great food and enjoy fellowship with your family and friends.





## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

It is hard to imagine it is July already and plans are under way for our annual Fall Fest. The date will be again on the first Friday in October. This year it falls on the 6th and will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Included each year—and this year will be no different—are some of the best shopping, tasting, and treasure finds of any festival. Donations from: our parish family and friends fill the Flea Market, Book Nook, and Country Store. In the coming months, I will be listing many of our other activities for adults and children to enjoy, so *mark your calendar*: Oct. 6, Fall Fest.

Annually, Fall Fest continues to be the largest fundraising event to support the ministry of Aquia's Episcopal Women. The Sts. Mary and Martha guild of the ECW has worked continuously since the close of our 2017 Fall Fest to create unique crafts and mementos to share in the Craft Room. One of the busiest venues of the day, the crafts will again be located in the Wirman Room in the Parish Hall.

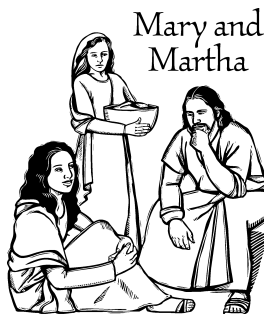
We will have our organizational meeting on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian formation and fellowship building. Please contact me at [bkwings\\_n\\_things@yahoo.com](mailto:bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer as a department chair or co-chair.

Yes, it's still July, but not too early to add another calendar event for Aquia Episcopal Church Women in October. The 128th Annual Fall Meeting and 130th UTO Ingathering of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Virginia will be held on Oct. 11. We will have a group attending from Aquia, and hope you will consider spending a day with others in our Diocese.

We invite you to join the ECW, sharing in the activities and ministries of our parish, local communities, diocesan ministries and worldwide needs, contact me: [bkwings\\_n\\_things@yahoo.com](mailto:bkwings_n_things@yahoo.com),

**Briget Kane**  
President

## STS. MARY AND MARTHA



### Worship, Service and Fellowship

Sts. Mary and Martha Guild has some great plans for the month of July with our meetings falling on the 5th and the 19th. Our inventory of crafts for Fall Fest is growing nicely, thanks to the donations of clay pots and cement pavers that we received.

Our next huge request is for costume jewelry for our very popular Fall Fest table of necklaces, earrings, bracelets, trinkets, treasures, rings and bling. Please search through your jewelry box this summer, and save out whatever you no longer want. Your gift to the jewelry table may be just exactly what some young lady has been longing for.

Also, if you are a crafter, we would greatly appreciate your unique contribution to round out the inventory in the Fall Fest Craft Room. Although the main themes are crafts for Fall, Hallow-

een, and Christmas, we welcome any gifts.

All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend Sts. Mary and Martha Guild meetings. Our meetings begin at 9:30 with Morning Prayer in the parish hall downstairs. After reading and discussing a short chapter of our study book, we work together on a craft. Our meetings end at noon. Please come even if you do not feel that you are a crafter. We work together using our own unique talents to prepare for the Fall Fest. Come to enjoy a summer break with your sisters-in-Christ. For more information, contact Mary Jane Cole ([maryjane@cfsw.biz](mailto:maryjane@cfsw.biz)) or Denise Thornton ([neisieb@aol.com](mailto:neisieb@aol.com))

**Mary Jane Cole**



## Fall Fest 2018 Auction Updates

The list of gifts for the Fall Fest Auction really grew this month when **members of the parish family** started to respond to our plea for contributions:



- **Potomac Point Winery:** food and wine basket PLUS dinner for four in the Wine Library Room at the winery (a \$500 value), offered by Cindi and Skip Causey
- **Mouth-Watering Pies:** a pie a month for 4 months baked by Pat Moncure, famous pastry chef of The Happy Clam
- **Redskins Football Tickets:** two tickets to the Redskins vs. Atlanta Falcons on Nov. 4, offered by Marion Wall
- **Virginia Cavalier Football Tickets:** 4 tickets to the University of Virginia vs. Liberty University on Nov. 10 in Charlottesville, offered by Marion Wall
- **Made in Virginia Basket** offered by Jean and Michael Golas and Briget and Tom Kane
- **A Scrumptious Dinner Party for 8 Guests** prepared and served at his home offered by Father Jay Morris
- **Guided Fishing Trip** offered by Bill Hoffman, owner of Aquia Fishing Guide Service, an awesome eight-hour fishing trip on the Potomac River in his boat. Bill's motto is: "No Fish Left Behind."

**From Businesses and Restaurants** we have received:

- **A Night Away in Historic Downtown Fredericksburg:** one-night stay for 2 in the **Courtyard by Marriott** (valued at \$200)
- **Italian Station** on Caroline Street, Fredericksburg: gift certificate

These new gifts are in addition to the donations we mentioned last month:

- A night at the **Red Fox Inn** in Middleburg, Virginia [www.redfox.com](http://www.redfox.com)
- A signed **print of Aquia Church** by Bulent Atalay, educator, author, scientist and artist. Visit his gallery at <http://www.bulentatalay.com/gallery/room3/room3.htm> for a preview

**What a fabulous start on our 2018 Auction!** A huge thank-you to all these folks who have already stepped forward with their gifts of time and treasures and talents!

Our work, however, has just begun as we seek to build the auction to forty-plus items or groupings that will appeal to the broad interests of our bidders. Do you have an item you could give or a talent to teach or a service to offer? We rely heavily on the imagination and generosity of our fellow parishioners to make the auction a success. We are hoping for gifts such as antiques, novelties (remember the drum set and that electric bass guitar?), more sporting events tickets, childcare hours, or theme baskets that you put together with your friends or ministry. The auction team is open to your suggestions! Any leads, offers of help or creative ideas will be gratefully received! Contact Shields Jones, Becky Monger, Brenda Monger or Mary Jane Cole for further information.

Mary Jane Cole  
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## Historical Highlights

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As you enter the front door of the church and look to the right; on the wall you will see a plaque that reads, “To the glory of God and in memory of Robert South Barrett D.D. 1851 - 1896 Rector of this church 1876 and Kate Waller Barrett M.D. 1858 - 1925 Co-Founder of the National Florence Crittenton Mission 1898.”

The National Florence Crittenton Mission was an organization established in 1883 by Charles N. Crittenton. It attempted to reform prostitutes and unwed pregnant women through the creation of establishments where they were to live and learn skills. The first of the organization's homes was located in New York City. Seven years later, in 1890, the second Florence Crittenton Home was opened in San Jose, California. Shortly thereafter, pioneering female physician Dr. Kate Waller Barrett joined Charles Crittenton as the driving force behind the organization and helped expand the Crittenton movement into a network of affiliated homes that at its peak included 76 homes across the U.S., in addition to homes in China, France, Japan, and Mexico.

A few years ago, I was communicating with a friend of mine who was living in Illinois about her chapter of



**This plaque in Aquia Church recognizes Dr. Kate Waller Barrett's work with the National Florence Crittenton Mission.**

the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and mentioned to her that I was going to the dedication of an historical marker for Kate Waller Barrett. My friend exclaimed, “Not *the* Kate Waller Barrett?” After discussing what little I knew about Kate Waller Barrett, we determined that she was, indeed, “*the* Kate Waller Barrett.” Through my friend, I learned how Mrs. Barrett founded a DAR chapter here in Virginia.



**Aquia Church recently received this ornate tea set from the descendants of Dr. Kate Waller Barrett. Dr. Barrett received the tea set in recognition of her extensive volunteer work during World War I.**

Recently, the church office received an email from a descendant of Kate Waller Barrett and discovered that Kate Barrett was given a silver service set “from many friends in appreciation of her war work – 1919.” The descendant said her mother was downsizing and neither she nor her brother wanted the silver service set. Thus, the family had decided to offer the silver service set to Aquia Church, since the Rev. Robert S. Barrett once served as the rector of Aquia Church and Kate Waller Barrett is buried here. Aquia Church now has the ornate five-piece silver service set consisting of coffee pot, tea pot, creamer, sugar bowl, and waste bowl. The tray disappeared after the family took it to an event and it was never returned.

Volumes have been written about Kate Waller Barrett, and the difficulty in writing this article is narrowing down the information about this remarkable lady.

Born in 1858 at Clifton in Wide Water, Stafford County, Kate was the eldest of ten children. She spent the Civil War with her mother and siblings as they followed her father who was on the staff of General Fitzhugh Lee. Kate married the Rev. Robert S. Barrett in 1876; they had three daughters and three sons. Kate enrolled in Georgia Medical College and received her M.D. in 1892.

In 1909 President Theodore Roosevelt invited Barrett to the first White House Conference for Dependent Children. Kate was the first woman to cross the Atlantic in a military transport ship when President Woodrow Wilson sent her as a delegate to the International Congress of Women in Zurich. President Wilson also appointed her an observer of the Versailles Peace Conference.

During World War I, Kate enlisted the efforts of the Florence Crittenton Homes to sell bonds, grow gardens, and make bandages. She turned her own home over for the care of sick and







Dr. Kate Waller Barrett  
 The Pioneer - 1890 - 1900

wounded soldiers. Kate was the second national president of the American Legion Auxiliary. “At the Democratic Convention in 1924 she spoke so brilliantly that a delegate nominated her to be Vice President of the United States,” one source reports. When she died in 1925 the flag at the state capitol flew at half-mast for the first time for a woman from Virginia.

One of the founders of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia, Adele Clark, wrote of Kate Barrett: “A woman without fear, with a great heart equal to her brilliant mind, a leader in every movement for the advancement of humankind, a champion of unpopular

causes. The cause of the outcast woman, the cause of the ill-treated prisoner, the cause of those disbarred by circumstance from educational or social opportunity, the cause of the disfranchised woman, the cause of the disabled World War veteran—these difficult and at times disheartening movements absorbed her attention, but never caused her to lose her abundant faith, her youthful enthusiasm and her love of all sorts and conditions of people.”

Aquia is fortunate to possess this beautiful silver tea service set now and to have been a part of this remarkable woman’s history.

*Dennise LaBarre*

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## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**Baptisms:** “... sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever”

Emeryson Joy Bamber, Angelina Giada DiMiola.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

*New Babies:* Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of the service generally on the second Sunday of the month (youth Sunday), or this will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior, if your family would like to be included. Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.



*Those being deployed:* Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also, we would like to put you on our prayer list for all those who are deployed in the service of our country.

### FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is Nov. 4, 2018. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn’t work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.



### PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

James and Rachel Rickenbaker, Kristopher and Liz Stanford

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### Aquia Church Prayer List – July 2018

Faye Andrews, Charles Banks, Rhett Blythe and Family, Alex Bradley, Debbie Byers, Judy Chaplin, Laura Chichester, Elijah Colliver, Jeff Davis, Brandon Evans, Jodi Evans, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Peggy Hall, Michelle Hanzlik, Patricia Hedger, Michael Houston, Chris Hundley, Ron Korth, Suzanne Lanterman, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Adelle McCrary, Pat Moncure, Vanessa Moncure, Patty Montgomery, Rebecca Poole, Rosalia Pribble, Michele, Scott Smith, O.D. Taylor, Albert Trevarthen, John & Pam Tompkins, Kenneth Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Patrick Weber.



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## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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**May 15, 2018**

Dinner and Fellowship (hosted by Doug McGinty): In attendance were Fr. Jay Morris, Fr. James Rickenbaker, Joe Howard, Bob Brandon, Mary Nixon, Jean Golas, Jackie Chichester, Ethan Shoen, Gary Perkins, Kathy Trevarthen, Curt Bradford, John Sondermann, and Doug McGinty. Treasurer Chris Arey also attended. Fr. Jay opened with a prayer and everyone recited the Lord's Prayer. *[Subsequent events are reported in italics and bracketed.]*

*Treasurer's Report:* by Chris Arey The cover letter and reports were delivered. Offerings were a little lower in April. There are 16 months of mortgage payments. The next capital campaign is critical.

The minutes from our previous meeting were approved unanimously. The following resolutions were considered:

- R-2018-08: Purchase of Burial Rights for Hilda Rosa Schmitz (approved 4/17)
- R-2018-09: Establish a Capital Improvement Fund (approved 4/17)
- R-2018-10: Allow Waivers for Sale of Burial Rights (approved 4/17)

### **Business Session**

**Draft of New Bylaws:** A draft of new Bylaws by the Administration Committee will be submitted for vote in the next vestry meeting. Proposed changes include reducing the number of standing committees from five to three. The Finance Committee also could oversee stewardship. Fr. Jay suggested removing the limitation of three consecutive terms for delegates to the Diocese and Regional Conventions. Also, the requirement could be removed that the delegates serve at both the Diocese and Regional levels. Chris Arey suggested that a Cemetery representative serve on the Executive Committee. John Sondermann suggested that there be a Stewardship Committee. Fr. Jay requested that suggested changes be sent to him for discussion at the next meeting.

Clifton Chapel. Various futures were discussed for the chapel. The chapel may be eventually sold, put to other uses, or maintained in its present form. Jackie Chichester noted its rich heritage. Financial considerations were discussed as well.

**Schedule for Worship Services.** Fr. Jay asked for input on possible changes to the service schedule. He also will seek parishioner input after services and during Morning Calls.

### **Reports from Vestry Committees**

*Administrative:* Draft of new bylaws was discussed, as noted above.

*Finance:* The Treasurer's Report was submitted, as also noted above.

*Building and Grounds:* Bob Brandon reported that the work on the historic church by Habalis Construction Inc. is on-going. Fr. Jay outlined the work within the historic church. *[The work has been completed.]* Jason Stoltz will be handling the water main repair.

### **Reports from the Wardens**

*Jr. Warden:* Bob Brandon noted that work on the dormers had not started.

*Sr. Warden:* Joe Howard indicated that no further comments were needed.

### **Report from Rector**

Fr. Jay provided the Clergy Report.

Fr. Jay discussed a letter from Stafford County regarding erosion control around the CFFB. He suggested responding with a request for a written list of what needs to be done.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- 5/20 Heritage Sunday (colonial-style worship services at 9 & 11:15 a.m., followed by luncheon).
- 5/27 Parish Picnic at Patawomeck Park (10 a.m.)
- The Annual Audit was conducted on June 9, 2018
- 6/18-22 Vacation Bible School week (9 a.m.- noon)
- 6/19 Vestry meeting (hosts: Bradford and Sondermann)
- 7/15-21 Mission trip week to Erie, Pennsylvania
- 7/17 Vestry meeting (host: Morris)



*Vestry Highlights*

- 8/20 New date for August vestry meeting, one day earlier than usual (host: Chichester)

**Good of the Order, Closing Prayer by Fr. Jay, and Adjournment**

*Doug McGinty*





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Stafford Marketplace

Please come and help spread the  
news about Aquia Episcopal Church  
and all that we have to offer.

