

DO YOU BELIEVE IN DESTINY?

Do you believe in destiny? I mean, do you believe that each of us is put on earth for a purpose? I do. I think each of us is born holding a piece of the puzzle which is this world. Each is here to make a unique contribution and we have been given the tools to get the job done, however large or small that job may be. So, if this is true...how do we know what our contribution is to be?

I guess I am asking: how does a ministry begin?

We have two views of how Christ's ministry began. In Matthew's Gospel, it's a personal experience (that is, Jesus perceiving His own path). In John's Gospel, the event is more public (that is, a moment in which Jesus' path is pointed out by someone else to those who were present at that moment). So which Gospel has it right? Do ministries start with a moment of personal perception...OR do they start when someone points and say, "Look! She's the one!"

Well, you might say, "Both. Both people have it right." Ministries begin with our own moment of choice and ministries begin when another person says, "Look, this is possible."

As a young man, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King prepared to meet his destiny. He worked and studied—all the time honing his intellectual skills—first at college, then at seminary, and finally at Boston University. He was a young man with a sense of his own destiny. He was clear in his own mind that he was called to make sense of God's will and that he was called to lead people to follow the will of God. But still he had to choose a path. He had a decision to make, now that his course work was done. Should he get an academic position in the North, where he was studying, or should he move back South to lead a congregation? Even though his vision for himself was to ultimately settle up North and teach systematic theology, he opted at this critical point to head south to take on a pastorate, partly because he felt he should preach out in the field before he settled down and partly (I think) because he wanted an "interlude in the real world" before he returned to the halls of academe. And so his ministry began with a personal epiphany that his path was to the south.

Soon it became evident that in the streets of Montgomery all was not well. Montgomery suffered from overt and death-dealing racism. Then Rosa Parks pointed out what needed to be done. She merely pointed it out. Nothing more. It was one day after work, she simply refused to move to the back of the bus. And with that refusal, she made the absurdity and unfairness of the Jim Crow Laws obvious and untenable. And there began Dr. King's public call to ministry. Did he feel ready? No. Yet despite that feeling, he said, "Yes. Yes." and his ministry—his destiny—was launched. How? He had followed his own sense of call—and he had answered the public moment as well.

And today, we remember that each of us is called—sometimes privately, sometimes by the world around us. So today we ask for courage, dignity, and Christian love that we too may fulfill our destinies, however large or small they might be.

Faithfully,

Cooper+



Landmark Service of Lessons and Carols



Photos courtesy of Steve and Kate Pendzuk

Another fabulous celebration of the Christmas message! Over 120 people sang the traditional carols and heard some new arrangements of old favorites: *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming*, arranged by Praetorius; *Silent Night*, arranged by Rhonda Polay; *Rise Up, Shepherd*, arranged by Robert de Cormier; and *Do You Hear What I Hear?* arranged by Harry Simeone. And then we all moved to Potter Hall for Smoking Bishop Punch, wassail, eggnog, and hors d'oeuvres. Many thanks to all—choir, instrumentalists, cooks, and helpers—who made this all possible!

Christmas Eve Festal Eucharist



Photos courtesy of Steve and Kate Pendzuk

Greening of the Church



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It has been said many times (isn't that part of a Christmas song...) that many hands make light work. You, the parish family certainly proved it for the Greening of the Church. I would like to send out a HUGE, heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out for on the 16th. By default, I have become the flower person and I was truthfully nervous at 'being in charge' for the first time, or at least being the person who had to answer questions and give directions. However, as in everything at Trinity, we have experts at hanging greens and wreaths on the pillars, straightening errant Christmas trees and otherwise making our lady look festive. I will not try to name you all because I will miss someone but I would like to give a special shout-out to Alexa, Tyler, and Nolan, our younger members who joined us. Thank you ALL so much.

Sally Evans

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE			
January 7	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Epiphany
January 9	Noon	Healing Service	
January 14	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Epiphany 2
January 16	Noon	Healing Service	
January 21	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Epiphany 3
January 23	Noon	Healing Service	
January 28	10:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Epiphany 4
January 30	Noon	Healing Service	

OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL YEAR!
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 1	New Year's Day Brunch	September 8	Celebrating Community Partners Reception
February 5	Annual Meeting		
March 4	1868 Liturgy Morning Service	September 16	Welcoming Sunday/Dedication of New Banner
April 22	Bishop's Evensong	October 21	Gala Brunch
June 9	Ossining Village Fair	November 7	Family Thanksgiving Dinner
July	All Community Gathering		
July/August	On-line Scavenger Hunt	December 16	Lessons & Carols



BOXING DAY CABARET BENEFIT

This benefit in support hurricane relief in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean was a wonderful event. Music was provided by some familiar (and some unfamiliar) names: Ken Ho, a tenor from Hong Kong; Julia Tang, a mezzo soprano from Hong Kong & Brooklyn; Alexis Nieto, soprano; Sally Evans, mezzo; Kellie Ishmael, blues and mezzo; Bill Cruse, tenor; Marcus Roman on guitar; and Kinny Landrum, an amazing pianist/musician. Afterwards, many of the attendees went across the street to Melike, which will also donate to the cause. Between the evening donations and the Episcopal Relief and Development web page (<https://my.episcopalrelief.org/fundraise?fcid=1227975>), we raised \$1,690. So far...donations are still being accepted!

TRAVELING SHELTER

Our Hosting Dates

- December 31st – January 6th at TRINITY (food provided by St Augustine's RC)
- January 7th – January 13th at ST. PAUL'S (we will provide some food)
- February 11th – February 16th at TRINITY

Our guests will arrive at 9:00 PM, are given dinner, sleep in Potter Hall, and receive a cold breakfast and a bag lunch to take with them in the morning.

Questions? Want to volunteer? Please ask Mo. Cooper revcoop@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Greetings from your Stewardship Enabler!

I hope everyone is enjoying the best of this season in which we celebrate the birth of Christ and the hopes and promises of a new year.

I am celebrating because to date, the response to our annual pledging is very close to one hundred percent. Yes, 100%! Parishioners who have given regularly but never pledged have done so and we have some brand new names on the list. I am gratified that the message that it is not HOW much you give but that you make the commitment to do so, seems to have prevailed.

This coming year promises to be challenging financially for all of us. The new tax laws are not yet fully understood and most of us do not yet know the full impact they will have on our finances. Please remember that if you have made a pledge, should the need arise to adjust it, you may do so. And if you have yet to turn in a pledge card, please don't let uncertainty be your guide. Let FAITH be your guide; not Washington bureaucracy. Our God provides for us, even when we are unsure; perhaps most especially when we are.

Sally Evans, your Stewardship Enabler

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Karley Ann Ryan	4
Kate Pendzuk	6
Marcus Roman	6
Lorraine Baird	9
Tyler Shaw	11
Monica Isabelle Widman	12
Anne W. Doss	16
Valerie Lewis	16
Sabrina Waterbury	23
Judy Lynn Barrows	25
Edmond Trey Mancini	26
Paula G. Pica	27
Charles Brieant IV	28
Emily Brieant	29
Ronald T. Lazaro	31
Chloe Nicole Wagner	31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brenda and William Chadeayne	16
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UPCOMING EVENTS

1 st	Sesquicentennial Brunch
20 th	Planning Meeting
21 st	Vestry Meeting
25 th	Article Deadline for February <i>Glad Tidings</i>

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Trinity's mission is to nourish our community in body mind and spirit through worship, music, spiritual formation and outreach activities.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Trinity Episcopal Church is a diverse and inclusive group, dedicated to providing beauty and welcome to all who seek a place of peace and prayer.

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