

SUMMER 2026

TRINITY TIDINGS

INSPIRE, INVITE, INCLUDE

Reflections by the Rev. Lou Hays



Welcome to our new newsletter! Thanks so much to Joan Swank for her ministry of serving as Editor of our new quarterly publication. As you might note, we have renamed our newsletter Trinity Tidings, and we pray it will bring tidings of great joy. I am privileged to serve as your Interim Rector during this sacred time of transition, and I am experiencing great joy in our worship and interactions with you. A huge joy is seeing God blessing us with so many new members of all ages. I am grateful to all who are helping to welcome and incorporate our new members into the life of this very special faith community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of your Vestry, the chairs of our committees and all who have done so much to maintain the health and vitality of this parish and continue to be the heartbeat of Trinity. We are also blessed with our devoted staff members - Joel Hootman our musician, Rhonda Early our parish secretary, and Walter Studebaker our sexton - who carry out their vital responsibilities with care and joy.

My prayer is that everything we do together will be joyful. The foundation of our life together is joyful worship enlivened by our children and our music. The joy continues with food, fun and fellowship at coffee hour. We will be adding more joy with periodic opportunities to learn and share together. May this chapter in the life of Trinity be joyful and life-giving as we seek to grow together in Christ's love and in Christ's service. May God bless each of you, and may God bless the mission and ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church!



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Pilgrim's Progress, or, Trinity in Transition --Submitted by Millie Woryk

It has been a challenging year for Trinity and we are grateful for Lou Hays' leadership as we progress. During our time of transition, with the help of supply priests and a committed vestry and congregation, Trinity maintains an infrastructure yielding growth and improvements. Jim Beerbower & Dave Cobb served as Wardens until February 2026. Jim is taking a well-deserved respite, although he still serves as our dedicated treasurer and a Worship Committee member.

Evanthia Owen, Dave Cobb, and I (Millie Woryk) determined that it would take three of us to perform the warden duties, and we were right! Our February vestry retreat with 100% attendance by very busy people evidenced the support we continue to receive. Adding Rhonda Earley to the administrative staff has been a great blessing. She and our volunteer bookkeeper, Jeff Otto, have been working diligently with Evanthia to master the new software system added last year.

Vestry has spent many hours completing on-line training required by the diocese. The 5-year proposed budget was updated and timely submitted, a compensation analysis updated, and all sorts of other documentation has been completed.

At our July 25 vestry retreat, Lou will lead us through more reflection on the present and future and help us focus on the spiritual side of transition. This will require attendance and input from all of you, as we meet to engage in what the diocese styles as "holy conversations." This will require several meetings to ensure that we fully develop our vision of the future. Stay tuned and please be ready to add your input as to our future, as these meetings will help us to grow spiritually in the body of Christ. It is also lovely to get a chance to know one another a bit more than coffee hours allow!

How to Contact or Meet with our Interim Rector

"Lou", as he likes to be called, will be serving us on less than a full-time basis. Based on a letter of agreement with Lou, he will normally be with us on Sunday, one week day, and other days will be working remotely from home. There are several ways you can arrange to speak or meet with Lou. Of course he welcomes informal interaction Sunday mornings or when he is on site during the week.

However, if you would like to meet with Lou it would be best to schedule an appointment by emailing him at: LouisBHays@gmail.com (please note that his email address is not case sensitive). You may also call the office and leave a message for Lou. In the event of a true pastoral emergency, such as serious illness, injury or hospitalization, you may call Lou on his cell phone which is 412-841-1722.



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