

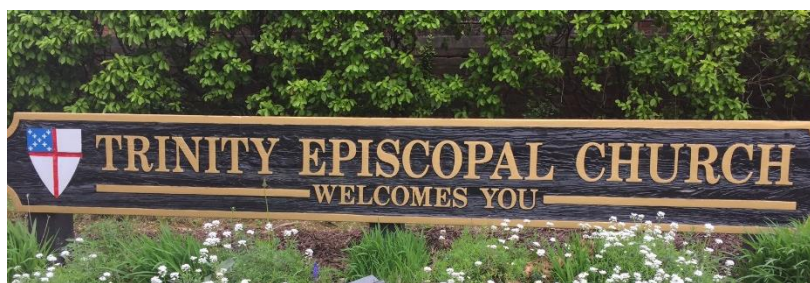
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Since 1869

150 Years of Trinity Episcopal Church

520 11TH STREET

HUNTINGTON, WV 25701



A Prayer for Trinity

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for Trinity Parish. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Bless those who serve in any capacity to further your kingdom. Look with favor on the outreach of our parish. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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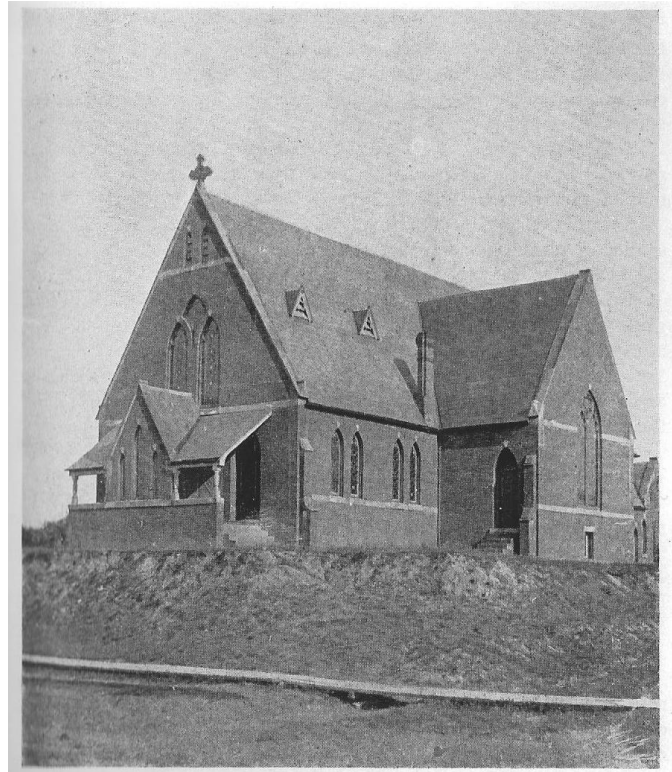
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1869-2019

A church is more than a building. Much more. It's a living, breathing thing that ministers to the needs, both spiritual and material, of the community it serves. Trinity Episcopal Church has proudly carried on that mission since its birth in 1869.

Trinity began as a Diocesan mission and its first three rectors came as deacons. The Rev. Edward Valentine Jones, John Willis Lea and J.B. Fitzpatrick lived in St. Albans and traveled to conduct services twice monthly in Barboursville and occasionally in Huntington. The first recorded service was held Sunday, August 22, 1869, at the Cabell County Courthouse, then in Barboursville. Soon, Barboursville was eclipsed by the rapidly growing new town of Huntington, founded by rail baron Collis P. Huntington to serve as the western terminus of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

Former Union General John Hunt Oley, who came to Huntington in 1871 and was employed as a sales agent for Collis Huntington's Central Land Company, was an important figure in Trinity's early history. It was Oley who arranged for the fledgling congregation to meet upstairs over a 3rd Avenue store. And, as one of three church trustees, he joined with A.J. Enslow and John Hooe Russel in seeking a suitable site for a church building.

Initially, a corner lot at 5th Avenue and 10th Street was purchased, but at the urging of Abiel Abbot Low, a wealthy friend and business associate of Collis Huntington, the initial site was traded for one on the southeast corner of 5th Avenue and 11th Street. Low is said to have made a generous contribution to make the change of site possible.

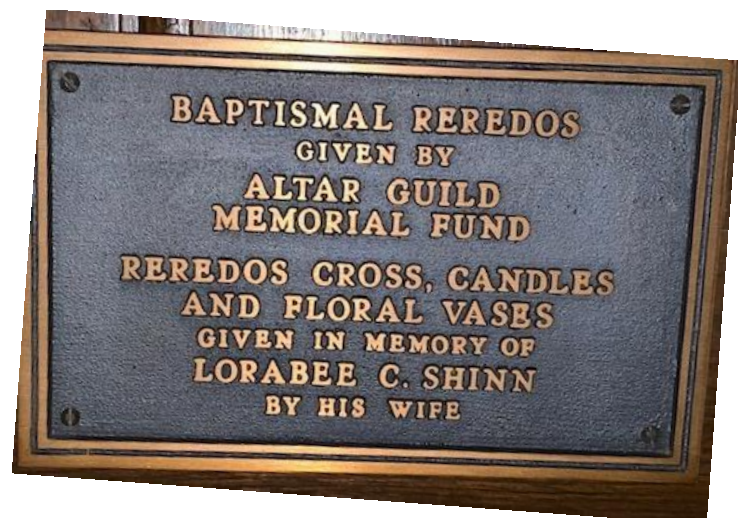


Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 5th Avenue, circa 1884

12. Gen. John Hunt Oley was a founder, vestryman, treasurer, and choirmaster of Trinity from the start. Originally from Utica, NY, he was in charge of the 7th West Virginia Cavalry in Kanawha County in 1862. He came to Huntington shortly after its founding and was a member of the school board. He helped to establish public schooling in town. The new school on 5th Avenue and 13th Street was named in his honor upon his unexpected death in 1888. He was also in the real estate business selling lots around town. He was well respected in town and on the day of his funeral business in town closed in his memory.



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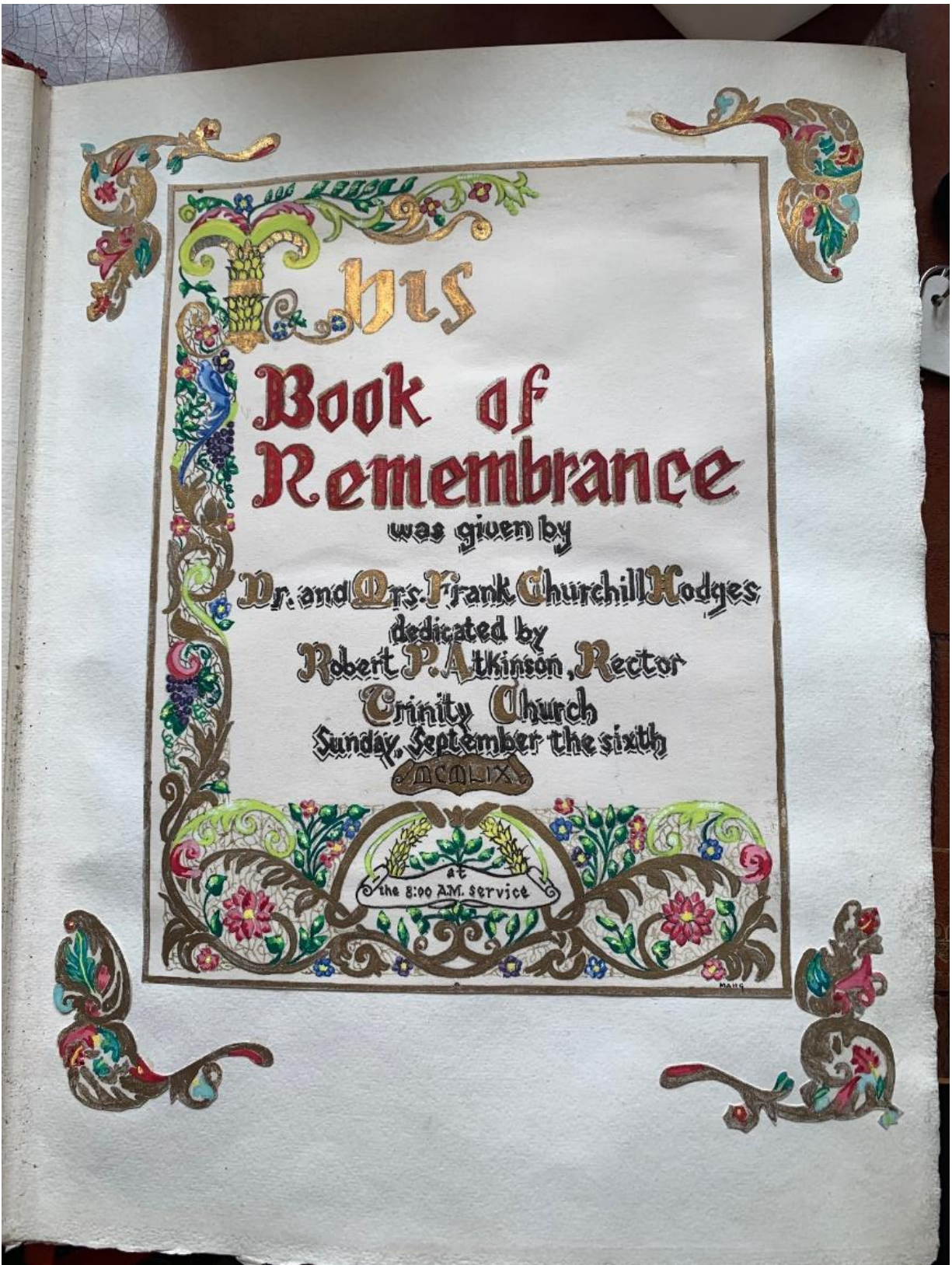
14. Ellen Low Pierrepont, of the New York Pierrepont's was an early friend and fundraiser in New York City for the support of Trinity. Her husband Henry Evelyn Pierrepont, Jr, was a prominent layman, a member of the Joint Commission on the "new" hymnal of 1871. Member of the church building commission, philanthropist, and friend of Collis P. Huntington. Through her efforts, funds were raised for the Baptismal Font.



Book of Remembrance



The Book of Remembrance is a treasure trove of early dedications and memorials to Trinity. Here are a few pictures from the pages. Each drawn by Martha Ann Harvey Gwinn.





4. The two windows directly over the altar are the only ones that everyone in the church can see no matter where they are seated. The first, the East center window, the Dimmick window. A Tiffany window, "The Road to Emmaus." Luke 24: 30-31- "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened." M. C. Dimmick was a vestry person and Jr. Warden at Trinity-1886-1908. The inscription on the window:

Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marion Clark Dimmick and his son Harold Edgerton Dimmick
1855-1908 + 1895-1927

