



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

for the Weeks of 8 April thru 22 April

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Established 1845

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am–3:00 pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chapel)
(Nursery available on Sundays)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

STAFF

The Rev. Bailey Norman
(Rector)

The Rev. Terry Goff
(Deacon)

Jeremy Adcock
(Organist/Choirmaster)

Br. Jacob Luke Taylor, n/OSB
(Parish Administrator)

Kathie Wall
(Financial Secretary)

Amos Kidd
(Sexton)

Kay Cruthirds
(Parish Nurse)

Anne Gill
(Director of Children's Ministries)

Mark McLean
(Youth Minister)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE RECTOR

OH NO! WE ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE PARISH HALL AGAIN!



But before you get too excited, it is just for this ONE Sunday, April 22. The reason we are moving to the Parish Hall this Sunday is that the Property Committee and Vestry have approved a plan to install a set of ceiling fans in the nave. Following the 2010 renovation, we have had a significant problem with hot, moist air stagnating in the heights of the nave, causing rapid mildew growth on the vaulted ceilings. While this problem was addressed somewhat during the tornado reconstruction, it was not eliminated. Fans will help to circulate the hot and cooled air to alleviate this problem.

Because scaffolding will have to be erected in the church to install these fans, we will be unable to worship in there. Fortunately, this work should only take a week, so we are optimistic that we will be back in the nave on Sunday, April 29. For those of you new to Trinity, the Parish Hall was our regular worship space during the renovations in 2010-11 and then again during the repairs from the tornado in 2013-14.

If you would like to know more information about the fans, please contact Fr. Bailey or our Property Chair David Arnett.

Your Vestry has been EXTREMELY busy on a number of fronts over the past several months. Many of these are coming to a head, but it is important for the congregation to be up to speed on all of these items ahead of us making the final decisions on these items. We certainly want your feedback as we move forward.

First, last month we had an unsolicited offer for our parking lot across the street at 1861 Dauphin Street. The Vestry was approached by a couple who wanted to know if we might be interested in selling this lot for them to develop a single-family residence there. Before we could even formally respond, the couple submitted an offer of \$75K, which from our research is a very fair and generous offer for this prop-

erty. Both the Vestry and the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) were initially ambivalent about the offer. The LRPC was essentially split in their opinion. Some wanted to further develop a master plan of the campus before considering selling, while others saw an opportunity to sell an asset which is currently underutilized for a strong price to a couple who will make good use of the property. This past Sunday, after several weeks of discussion in-person and over e-mail, the Vestry voted to accept this offer. A closing date has not been set yet, but we anticipate that it will happen fairly soon.

In the midst of deliberating this first issue, one of the coils in our ancient HVAC system in the parish house failed this past week. Many of you are aware that this system has been running on its last legs for several years now, and it appears that this will be the year in which it finally demands replacement. With its age and the fact that it truly is an obsolete design, the time has passed for us to repair and make band-aid fixes to it. Our Property Council chair, David Arnett, has received several quotes, the best of which is approximately \$140K. The sale of the property will provide seed money, but needless to say, the Finance Committee and the Vestry are working on other options for funding the remainder of this. For several years, the Vestry has also prioritized brick repair and window replacement in the parish house along with the HVAC, areas that have also been in critical need of replacement for some time now. We will keep you posted, but we anticipate air conditioning replacement beginning sometime in the very near future.

The Children's Center has just been deemed unsafe this past week due to the presence of rotten floor joists in the main room. During the reconstruction, repairs were made to the substructure of the floor where the two bathrooms are – that area remains fine. But the joists in the main room have suffered from a combination of past termite infestation and very high humidity levels underneath the floor. The Property Council and the Long-Range Planning Committee will be exploring options to recommend to the Vestry, but one of those options might be tearing down that space. Needless to say, it scuttles our efforts to restart the Children's Center in the near future. However, this development has given both Vestry and the LRPC some energy to think outside the box with the future of both the Children's Center and the space behind the parish house in general. We welcome your feedback both in the short-term repairs of the Children's Center as well as in thinking about long-term solutions.

Last but certainly not least, I was approached several months ago by a pastor from a church out in West Mobile who was looking to create a church plant here in Midtown. Many of their members lived in Midtown and were driving out to West Mobile, and they were looking to create a church for those who lived in this area. The initial conversation involved whether or not we would be willing to rent out our parish hall for this congregation. This is not the first time we've been approached for such an endeavor, and most of the time I never get a follow-up call. In this case, I did. Your Sr. Warden Cindy Nicholason and I have had numerous meetings with this group, which is from Grace Community Church out at the corner of Airport and Cody. They would love to build their own space eventually, but right now they are looking for a space to use for Sunday nights 2-3 times per month. The people whom I have met are very energetic, community-focused, and driven to make



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY APRIL 22

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 2
HOSPITALITY: Br. Jacob Luke Taylor

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: John McLean
LEM: Bu
LECTOR: Carmen Kearley
INTERCESSOR: Tommy Murray
USHERS/GREETERS: Bradley English,
Bryan Pearce
OBLATIONERS: Meg & Jameson White

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: David Clothier
LEMS: Tom Holmes, Jill Creel
CRUCIFER: Tom Holmes, II
LECTORS: Brenda Howard, Jessica James
INTERCESSOR: Ben Harris
OBLATIONERS: Anne & Chris Gill
USHERS: Ricky Creel, Walt Fuller, Paige
Gates, Chris Gill
GREETER: Connie Ewing

SUNDAY APRIL 29

ALTAR GUILD: Team 3
HOSPITALITY: The Pearce Family

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Steve Flukinger
LEM: Tommy Murray
LECTOR: Martha Jones
INTERCESSOR: Florence Crawford
USHERS/GREETERS: Pat Rodgers, Doris
Benson
OBLATIONERS: Pat Rodgers, Doris Benson

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Br. Jacob Luke Taylor
LEMS: Steve Mussell, Nathan Mussell
CRUCIFER: Adam Watkins
LECTORS: Janet Nodar, Betsey Wooten
INTERCESSOR: Br. Jacob Luke Taylor
OBLATIONERS: Brenda and Steve Mussell
USHERS: David Arnett, Tom Langley, David Clothier, Byron Cruthirds
GREETER: Martha Fuller



2018 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Cindy Nicholason
(*Senior Warden*)

Tom Holmes
(*Junior Warden*)

Brenda Howard
(*Clerk*)

Bob Howard
(*Treasurer*)

Ben Harris
(*Chancellor*)

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MEMBERS

Tom Holmes
Mark McLean
Cindy Nicholason
Shae Street
(*terms expire in 2019*)

Bradley English
Anne Gill
Ben Harris
Pat Rodgers
(*terms expire 2020*)

David Arnett
Mary Stewart Stephens
Anna-Lisa Tessier
Jameson White
(*terms expire in 2021*)

their own impact in our community (and not compete with us or with other churches). They would make use of our parish hall, nursery, kitchen, and 1-2 classroom spaces when they are here. The major downside is that their denomination, the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), is a very conservative group within the Presbyterian Church that falls at odds doctrinally with the Episcopal Church on several significant fronts, most notably the full inclusion of LGBT people into the life of the church. This issue has been raised with them both by me and by several Vestry members. I want to make very clear that any church which is openly hostile to LGBT people or any other demographic would not even be considered. However, while they acknowledge some differences in theology, they have repeatedly said that they exclude no one from worship or from participation in the life of the church. Their idea of inclusion is undoubtedly different from ours, but at the same time, their focus is outwardly-focused on reaching all people and the Gospel imperative to love all. This arrangement at the least provides us with rent and a shared-use agreement of our space. It has the potential of allowing us to partner with this church on some shared outreach and mission initiatives and work together with some other Christians who, while doctrinally different, also are seeking to carry out the work of God and learn to be their disciples. The Vestry will vote on whether to proceed with forging an agreement with them this upcoming Tuesday, April 24. In the meantime, I strongly encourage you to speak with me, Deacon Terry, or any of your Vestry members. All of us have differing opinions on this, so speak and share your thoughts with more than one of us. And please don't hesitate to ask me if you have any questions about this.

Your Vestry members are in the blue column to the left.

—Fr. Bailey

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PARISH HEADLINES

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PARISH WORKDAY — Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28 for the annual Spring cleaning/workday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. To volunteer, please contact David Arnett at 251-533-1218 or call the parish office.

INQUIRER'S CLASS — On April 29th, an Inquirers Class will begin for those wishing to be confirmed later this year or want to learn more about the Episcopal church or simply want a “refresher” course. The class will take place in the parlor during the Adult Forum (9:30-10:15 a.m.).

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS—The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- 15oz. cans of Spaghetti Sauce, vegetables and fruit
- Canned meats
- 8oz. cans of Beenie Weenies, fruit and vegetables
- 12oz. jars of peanut butter

Please consider donating to this vital ministry.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE—Trinity is getting a new website! Debbie Amsbaugh has been hard at work creating an exciting new and interactive website for the parish. The website will go live very soon! Stay tuned.

THE PARISH VISITOR HAS A NEW LOOK - We hope you enjoy the new look of the *Parish Visitor*. The new format will contain important information and exciting new features, such as a “Spotlight On Ministry” section and a column relating to items of liturgical and spiritual interest. Articles from the Rector and the Deacon will also

appear from time to time. This first, deluxe edition, is just for starters. Future editions will not be as long. If you'd like to contribute to the *Parish Visitor*, the deadline is on Tuesdays at 12 noon. Please note that the *Visitor* is usually published every other week, and occasionally even more infrequently.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Mite Boxes—If you have a Mite Box you've been collecting and could not bring it Easter Sunday, please bring it in as soon as possible.

Easter Memorials—If you have not paid your Easter Memorial, please do so as soon as possible.

Pledge Envelopes — If you made a pledge for 2018 and have not picked up your envelope box, please come by the Parish Office and get them.

Leaves Needed for Community Garden — If anyone has relatively clean bags of leaves, please bring them to use as mulch for Trinity's Community Garden. We do not want grass clippings because of the seeds that could be in them. Please put any bags behind the pallets behind the garden. There are already some bags; we would love for you to add more. If you can't get them to the pallet, just put them along the edge of the garden and I will move them next time I am there. —*Mike Cadden*

Cooking Classes to Resume—Back by popular demand, David and Nancy Doolittle will be resuming their fabulous cooking classes. Please stay tuned to the *Visitor* for dates and times. If you have any questions, please contact David at Captaind353@gmail.com.

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MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP
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Food Pantry— Every Monday (except holidays) we open our Food Pantry ministry for those in need. These are families or individuals who for whatever reason cannot provide food for their tables. Some are homeless, who need food that does not require cooking. There is always an opportunity for parishioners to donate money or food. In particular, there is a need for bags of rice, 16-ounce cans of fruits and vegetables, 15-ounce cans of spaghetti sauce (not jars) and canned meat (chicken or tuna) for the family bags. The homeless pantry is pretty well stocked, and we have plenty of plastic bags thanks to your help! **Your donations continue to keep the Food Pantry doors open.**

Hospitality —Trinity is committed to fostering a parish of deep hospitality and fellowship within its walls for all who come to worship the Lord Jesus. Faithful parishioners provide a scrumptious assortment of goodies, coffee, assorted teas and water between the services and following the late service. All are encouraged to participate in providing hospitality and / or joining in these times of fellowship with one another.

McKemie Place Dinner Ministry — Trinity has the privilege of serving the



SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY



“During most of the year, altar flowers are removed from the church after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday by the Flower Guild and rearranged into two or more arrangements. These flowers are taken by members of the Flower Delivery Committee to parishioners in the hospital or the sick at home, for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or other occasions. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call me at 470-8646. May God bless each of you.”

— *Doris Benson*



LITURGICS

DID YOU KNOW?

“Liturgical Colors” in Episcopal worship signify our place in the Church Year:

WHITE, the color of Jesus’ burial garments, for Christmas, Easter, and other ‘feasts’ or festival days, as well as marriages and funerals.

PURPLE/VIOLET for Advent (or ROYAL BLUE) & Lent (or UN-BLEACHED LINEN).

RED is used in Holy Week, the Day of Pentecost, and at ordinations.

GREEN is used during Epiphany and the ‘Ordinary Time’ after Pentecost Sunday.

Source:

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

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women of McKemie Place dinner once again on Wednesday, May 2. We have established a set menu for these meals and would appreciate your contribution of the items listed, money or your time. Each time we serve, we provide 7-9-piece boxes of Church's Fried Chicken, 2 gallons of potato salad, 2, 101-ounce cans of green beans (Costco has the best price on Del Monte), 60 rolls, 6 poundcakes (Costco has these in packages 3) and 2 gallons of vanilla ice cream. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Nancy (pantysyd@gmail.com) or David Doolittle (dkd861@bellsouth.net).

McKemie Place Toiletry Ministry – Friends at Trinity, a belated but sincere thank you to each of you who contributed cosmetic bags and toiletries for my project for the ladies at McKemie Place. The ladies were most appreciative of your kindness. Because of the success of this project, I plan to continue it and will appreciate any contributions. Thank you again for your kindness. –*Jane Williamson*

Out to Eat Supper Club –Our roving band of diners (otherwise known as the Out-to-Eat Supper Club) will again be ranging far and wide to enjoy various cuisines in the Mobile area starting in May. Date and place to be announced in an upcoming *Visitor*. Anyone interested can join in the culinary fun! You can even bring guests.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Bible Study – The Rector’s Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 11 a.m. each week. The current Bible topic to be discussed is the Gospel of Mark. Fr. Bailey continues to celebrate Holy Eucharist at noon in the chapel following the Bible Study.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Catechesis is a wonderful program based on the Montessori method that presents the stories of the Bible and the liturgy of our church in experiential ways. Above all, it also teaches children a sense of discerning the presence of God in everyday life and learning how to understand the sacred mysteries of God all around us. There are two atria – one is for 3K thru kindergarten, the other is for 1st through 5th grades – 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Our Level I atrium (ages 3 through Kindergarten) is in need of a weekly assistant. That group is fairly young this year and we simply need an extra set of hands. It could be sitting with a child that needs one-on-one attention, escorting a child to the restroom, or lighting some candles after a child has set the altar. We are hoping to get enough parishioners signed up so that assistants will be on duty no more than once every two months. Please contact Anne Gill at 251-599-3479 or anne.gill@comcast.net if you are interested.

Summer Camp – Registration for 2018 Summer Camp at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center is open. For more information, visit the Beckwith website (www.beckwithal.com) or contact Addie Boyd-Quina, Summer Camp Director, at Addie@BeckwithAL.com or (251) 928-7844.



SCRIPTURE

EUCHARISTIC READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
Psalm 23

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5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Psalm 22:24-30

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6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17
Psalm 98

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7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19
Psalm 1

FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

PARKINSON'S DISEASE UPDATE



What is Parkinson's disease? A gradual, progressive deterioration of the nerve centers in the brain that coordinate movement. Currently, the prevalence of Parkinson's Disease in the United States is one million. Last year the FDA approved Xadago, a tablet that can be added to treatment when standard medications do not control symptoms. Also, a diabetic drug may, also, be used to help address the underlying cause of Parkinson's. Although, not yet approved for use in Parkinson's disease patients, the drug has shown to decrease tremors in people with Alzheimer's disease. Clinical trials are now being designed to test whether the drug is effective for those with Parkinson's Disease, according to the Michael J. Fox Foundation. Studies have shown that people with Parkinson's Disease who do not exhibit dementia have shown only a one year lower life expectancy than those who do not have the disease. (From AARP Bulletin, March, 2018)

—*Kay Cruthirds, RN, MSN, FCN*

REFLECTIONS ON MINISTRY

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

by

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, n/OSB



One of the most important ministries in which I participate is as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I often reflect on this service to the church and to my fellow parishioners as a great gift. To serve the blood of Christ to the people of God is a very moving and humbling experience each time I serve. It is a gift because the Lord is present in this beautiful way. It is humbling because I hold that gift in my mortal hands. Our Lord's presence in the elements of bread and wine, such seemingly insignificant items, are astonishingly sacred. To eat and drink together at the

Lord's altar is a very intimate experience in which we not only share the body of Christ, but we also share in our humanity together. The Body and Blood of Christ is meant for us all to partake, to remind us that we are one people, one body, one blood. This gift is a marvelous reminder to us that we are God's children—ever blessed, ever loved.

If you are interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please see Father Bailey.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

“Brethren, pray for us.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:25

We should all pray for one another without ceasing. The prayers of one person for another is a beautiful gift. Prayers and intercession are understood as prayers that “brings before God the needs of others” (BCP, *Catechism*, 857) The Trinity Parish Prayer List is below. Please take a few moments and remember your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer.

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We ask your prayers for these members of our Parish Family:

Bill Duhé, Doris Benson, Brenda Howard, Cathy Williams, Kay Cruthirds, Sally Lau, Lynne Langham Blissett, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Bob Pitts, Janelle Odom, Billye Howard, David Arnett, Mark Mustin, John McLean, Kerry Senne Logan, Nazareth Diaz, Heather Loper, Cristi Curenton, Bootsie Laffre, Gay Price, Libby Powell, Dottie Gill, Vickie McCormick, Sara Spottswood, Ruth Wimberly, Catherine Hall, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and St. George’s Baghdad.

Also keep in your prayers: Joyce Ladner, Gwendolyn Smith, Karen Andrews, Arian Lord, Angie Hall Storey, Nancy Sewell, Polly Johnson, Edward Scully, Susanna Steward, Kellie Boudreaux, Karyn Weschler, Cindy Morris, Linda Trawick, John Guess, Lonnie Brown, August Rowland, Charlie Williams, Kyle Mixon, Leigh Bailey, Jim & Edwina Robertson.

For the departed: The Rev. Chet Grey

And for those currently serving in the Armed Forces: Owen Taylor, Jennings DePriest, Travis Amsbaugh, Matthew Anderson, Arielle Weaver, Thomas Ishee, Noah Weaver, Jacob Corbett, Scott Rye, Kevin O’Rourke, Brittany Vance, and Charles Allen.



CATECHISM CORNER

Q. What are the principal kinds of prayer?

A. The principle kinds of prayer are adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence oblation, intercession, and petition.

–The Book of Common Prayer, 856

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Q. What is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection?

A. *By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.*

–The Book of Common Prayer, 850

Each edition of *The Parish Visitor* features a question and answer from the “An Outline of Faith, commonly called the Catechism.” It is a good and joyful thing to remind ourselves from time to time of the beliefs and values we hold dear as members of the Episcopal Church.