



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

for October, 2018



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)

DAVID CLOTHIER TO PREACH

Our seminarian, David Clothier, will preach this Sunday,
October 7 at both services.

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

TEACHING AND LEARNING

by
David Clothier



Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

This is the collect to be read on the Sunday nearest November 16, but it seems more appropriate for this time of year as our fall classes are beginning, both in the schools in our communities and here in Trinity Parish.

The word "learn" or variation of the word is used 16 times in the letters written to congregations and others in the New Testament. Paul and the others who wrote these letters knew the importance of learning about God, not just by scholars, but by all people.

Jesus, who was often called a teacher (in Hebrew: rabbi), told his listeners, "learn from me" (Matthew 11:29.) He also charged his disciples to "proclaim the good news" (Mark 16:15) and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). In other words, to go and teach others what they had learned from Jesus.

Teaching is a calling from God. In the Letter to the Ephesians, it states that "The gifts [God] gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (4:11). In writing to the Corinthians, Paul wrote that God had appointed members of the Church as teachers (I Cor. 12:28).

Over the years, we have been blessed here at Trinity by people who have answered a call to teach in various forms. Clergy who have taught both adult and youth classes, catechists who have taught

young children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, parents who have been advisors for youth groups, mentors who have led Education for Ministry groups and many other examples. We should recognize and thank these people, as well as consider volunteering to answer the call ourselves.

However, teaching is only part of the equation, because teachers must have those willing to learn. Bishop Kendrick describes us as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and the Jesus Movement consists of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. We cannot proclaim the Good News without learning what that news is.

So, take advantage of the many opportunities to learn. Attend the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings and the Rector's Wednesday morning Bible study. Send your children to one of the atriums or youth classes on Sundays. Take classes. Be informed. And you will be both blessed and a blessing to others. Amen.

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PARISH HEADLINES

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COME ON DOWN... TO TRINITY CHURCH on **October 14, 2018 at 3:00PM** for the annual Blessing of the Animals event. All pets are welcome—though I'm not really partial to snakes. Just sayin'!



*The Trinity
Dead and Breakfast Inn*

Come if you dare...

October 19, 20, 26, 27, 31

6:30-9:00

&

October 21 and 28

3:00-6:00

COME OUT TO ATLANTA BREAD OCT. 22 TO SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE!



On Monday, October 22, please come out to Atlanta Bread on Dauphin Street from 6 to 8 PM to help support the ministry of Family Promise, a national ministry that provides shelter and support to homeless families in our community. Trinity currently partners with All Saints four weeks a year to host families in the



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

ALTAR GUILD: Team 2

HOSPITALITY: Margaret Platt

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Steve Flukinger

LEM: Butch Harbaugh

LECTOR: Mary Stewart Stephens

INTERCESSOR: Carmen Kearley

USHERS/GREETERS: Doris Benson & Dana Burton

OBLATIONERS: Doris Benson & Dana Burton

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Brother Jacob Luke

LEM: Kay Cruthirds, Bob Howard

LECTORS: Brenda Howard, Anne Gill

INTERCESSOR: Kay Cruthirds

CRUCIFER: Shae Street

USHERS: Betsey Wooten, Chris Gill, Steve Mussell, Ben Harris

OBLATIONS: Chris & Anne Gill

GREETER: Brenda Howard

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

ALTAR GUILD: Team 3

HOSPITALITY: Martha Jones

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Brother Jacob Luke

LEM: Butch Harbaugh

LECTOR: Martha Jones

INTERCESSOR: Steve Flukinger

USHERS/GREETERS: Pat Rodgers, Bradley English

OBLATIONERS: Meg & Jameson White

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Allison Castle

LEM: John Goff, Michel Nicrosi

LECTORS: Betsey Wooten, Janet Nodar

INTERCESSOR: Michel Nicrosi

CRUCIFER: Philip Gill

USHERS: Wilson Castle, Connie Ewing, Charlie Allen, Walt Fuller

OBLATIONS: Brenda & Steve Mussell

GREETER: Martha Fuller



2018 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Cindy Nicholason
(Senior Warden)

Tom Holmes
(Junior Warden)

Brenda Howard
(Clerk)

Martha Jones
(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)

parish hall at All Saints.

One of the draws is that our very own Deacon Terry Goff will be one of the “celebrity servers” that will be hosting this fundraiser. Several ministers from participating Family Promise congregations will be assisting. As members of Trinity, when you come and place your order, you will specifically ask for Terry to be your server. The tip that you will leave her will be a donation to Family Promise. Tips can be given directly to Terry by cash or check, or they may be included on your credit card payment.

So come out for a fun evening of food and fellowship in support of a great ministry that serves the needy among us!

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CALLING ALL PARENTS! Parents’ Night Out Returns Oct. 19!!!

Back by popular demand, Trinity is hosting a Parents Night Out from 6-9 PM on Friday, October 19. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to have a date night or interactions with other adults with the help and support of your parish.

All kids up to age 12 are welcome to be dropped off, and we will certainly have separate activities for the little kids and the big kids. We will also provide dinner for your little ones, but you are of course more than welcome to pack snacks and other food for them as well. For toddlers and little ones who are out of the crib, napmats are also a good thing to bring.

Drop-off will open at 5:30, BUT ... we would ask all parents to arrive by 6 so that we can have five minutes of your time to share a gift with you. These gifts are a surprise, but they are things that will help facilitate some good conversation within your family and perhaps with some of the other parents. Once those five minutes are up, you are on your own. You are welcome to return at any time to pick up your child as long as it is by 9.

To help defray some of the costs, we do ask for \$5 per child or \$15 per family. If this is a hardship, let us know. But compared to the cost of a babysitter, this is a steal and helps to make sure that we can provide the best possible experience for your kids.

Please RSVP to Connie Ewing at khani52@comcast.net by Tuesday, October 16.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have a “break” from kids and perhaps build community with other parents at Trinity. Look forward to seeing you there!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2019 Construction Mission to the Dominican Republic—The Commission on World Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is pleased to announce that applications for our 2019 Construction Mission to Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic. If you have an interest in joining this rewarding mission ministry, please know that neither previous experience building furniture nor an ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Geary Gaston, our team leader, is more than happy to train anyone in the use of our construction machinery.

The mission dates are Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 24, 2019. Applications will be available on the bulletin board across from the church office or you can just grab Roger or Becky Vance to get one. Likewise, if you have any questions, please let us know. We would love to have more Trinity people actively involved in this ministry.

Choir Rehearsals — Our wonderful parish choir has resumed rehearsals for Sunday masses. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please contact our Organist Choirmaster Jeremy Adcock at music@trinitychurchmobile.org.

Weight Watchers — *Weight Watchers* has graciously approved Trinity as a new site for their meetings. Meetings are held each Monday at 5:30PM in the Library. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the group, please come to a meeting or contact Martha Jones.



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

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/liturgical-colors>

MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP

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.

Altar Flower Delivery—During most of the year, altar flowers are removed from the church after the 10:30 AM 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. As there are no flowers on the altar during Advent and Lent, there is no flower delivery during those seasons. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call me at 470-8 646. May God bless each of you. —*Doris Benson*

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*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

Education for Ministry (EFM) —Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year education program that is designed to help us fulfill our call to love God with all our heart and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. An EfM group at Trinity meets weekly from September through May. For more information, contact David Clothier at 623-2359 or dmclothier51@gmail.com.

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.



SPOTLIGHT ON
MINISTRY

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

by Anne Gill

Nine years ago I was blessed to begin my formation as a catechist in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium. At that time I was a young mother to three children under four. Training was a refreshing break from the daily grind of stay at home mothering, but I was not expecting that the method would change my parenting immensely. Throughout my time in this ministry, I have learned how to better speak to my own children about God, Jesus, and things involving our faith. I have benefited from the many sessions of sitting with a young child, a Bible, and simple materials. Together, we ponder the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, Holy Eucharist, etc. There are no right or wrong answers...just two people approaching the Word of God with a discerning heart. Each Sunday leaves me reassured that Jesus truly meant what he said, “unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Whether you are adult or child, I invite you to join us any Sunday at 9:15 am in the atrium. If you have any questions about CGS, please do not hesitate to contact me at: anne.gill@comcast.net.

FROM THE RECTOR

ADULT FORUM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Fr. Bailey Norman



For the Adult Forum this fall, I am leading a discussion on a book called “Growing Down: Theology and Human Nature in the Virtual Age” by Dr. Jaco J. Hamman. Dr. Hamman is a professor of religion, psychology, and culture at Vanderbilt University whom I have had the privilege of hearing speak on two occasions. His latest book looks at the ways in which technology has affected our relationships, perspectives, and even our very understanding of God for good and for

bad. In this day and age in which technology reigns supreme, one of Dr. Hamman’s main points is that technology has insidiously become like an addictive drug, something that controls us rather than a tool for our disposal. Our discussion will center on the ways in which technology can actually enhance our faith and our worshiping experience while bringing caution to the many dangers (some of which might surprise you) that it also presents. Adult Forum meets in the parlor on Sundays at 9:30. You are obviously encouraged to buy a copy of this book and read it in preparation for our discussion; but if you don’t have time to read the book, please come anyway! I promise it will enhance your understanding of how to grow in your relationships and live in a healthier way in today’s world.

REFLECTION ON STEWARDSHIP

VOLUNTEERING – STEWARDSHIP

by Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, n/OSB



We are all aware that it is Stewardship Season. I reflect at times on what stewardship means for me as a Christian Benedictine Brother. Surely it means that I am called by God to be a good steward of the gifts He has given me: my home, job, dogs, assets, spiritual life, family, religious community, church... The list of gifts could go on and on. I feel as if the purpose of a gift from God is that I must receive it, but I also must give it away. In a way, we are communicating grace with one another.

In the “Catechism Corner” of this issue of the *Trinity Parish Visitor*, the question is: “What is the ministry of the laity?” The laity are the faithful of the church, who week in and week out are exhorted to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” and participate in the life of the church. With this in mind, I felt I needed to reflect on what it means to be a lay person with gifts that I must account for and return to God. In my understanding, for all that God has done for me, and continues to do, the very least I can do is give back to Him in ways that only I can give.

One way to give of your talents and gifts is to volunteer. Volunteering is part of the very lifeblood of a parish church. Ninety percent of the programs offered in our parish are volunteer based. Without persons coming together to take care of the bounty we have been given, then the possibility of dissociation from the church inches closer and closer. Without people to help with vital programs and services, we *all* lose. Creativity may become stymied, fellowship may wane, and the care with which is normally given to the church proper and her people begins to slide.

Stewardship is about giving financially, yes, but of our time and talents as well. We are



SCRIPTURE

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS

21st Pentecost (Proper 23)

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

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22th Pentecost (Proper 24)

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

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23rd Pentecost (Proper 25)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

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24th Pentecost (Proper 26)

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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25th Pentecost (Proper 27)

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

the church, and as the body of Christ, we have a responsibility to take care of each other and ourselves, lest we fall short in what we have to be thankful for. Jesus Christ brought us our salvation, and he also put us to work. Perhaps some are thinking, “what about those who aren’t able to come to church?” There is something you could do—pray. Prayer is not volunteerism but love in a fuller form. Pray for your parish, the people there, your clergy, your family! Reach out by telephone to others unable to go to church and reach out to your clergy and office staff. Below is a list of programs that anyone can get involved in. If something isn’t there that you’d like to see, speak with the Rector about it.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Food Pantry—Open Mondays (10-2)
 - ◆ Organic Food Share Project
 - ◆ Clothing Project for the Homeless
 - ◆ Monthly McKemie Place Dinners & Packed Lunches
 - ◆ Family Promise
 - ◆ Mission Trips to Dominican Republic
 - ◆ Angel Tree Wilmer Hall
 - ◆ Lectors / Intercissors
 - ◆ Choir
 - ◆ Altar Guild
 - ◆ Flower Guild
 - ◆ Wedding Guild
 - ◆ Oblationers
 - ◆ Ushers
 - ◆ Acolytes
 - ◆ Card & Telephone Ministry
 - ◆ Flower Delivery
 - ◆ Mustard Seed: Provide Meals to the Sick
 - ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - ◆ EYC
 - ◆ Adult Forum
 - ◆ Various Bible Study Programs
 - ◆ Men’s Cooking Team
 - ◆ St. Anne’s Guild
 - ◆ Sunday Hospitality
 - ◆ Trinity Book Club
 - ◆ Lent Programs
- Let’s remember that it is not all about money (though that is absolutely necessary), but also about each other.



FALL YOUTH FLING



Trinity will be hosting the Diocesan Youth Fling here at Trinity on Sunday, October 21 from 2-5 P.M.

According to Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Jill Chow:

“Our Fall Fling is a free fellowship event with the purpose of bringing together youth from across our diocesan communities.

All diocesan youth from sixth to the twelfth grade are invited to mingle and venture into the depth of their faith through fun and fruitful activities, creating special memories.

Join us for an afternoon of food, games, music, fun and t-shirts.

We have two locations hosting Fall Fling events:

Trinity Episcopal Church
1900 Dauphin St.
Mobile, AL 36606

Would you like to volunteer at Fall Fling? All successful events require volunteers, indirect or direct. We will need help from all adults attending to make the event run smoothly. Contact one of the event coordinators below.

Event Coordinators:

- Jill Showers-Chow: jshowers@southalabama.edu
- Lydia Allison: lallison912@gmail.com
- Mark McLean: Mark.McLean@kemira.com
- Deacon Terry Goff: terrylynnhoff@yahoo.com

Link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efmb5a168c490052&llr=xdck94bab>



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 of 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:

Florence Crawford, Rev. Terry Wysong, Nettie Robertson, Ricky Creel, Andrew Treutel, Jeremy Adcock, James Beaty, Wendy James, Deborah Lamb, Laney Lau, Terry Strickland, Shae Street, Cindy Nicholason, Bill Duhé, Brenda Howard, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Janelle Odom, Billye Howard, 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: Leigh Jackson, Jacque Barry, Steve Miller, Lawton, Pree Middleton, Rick Miller, Jackie Greer, Jackie France, Ernestine Hart, Harty Hart, Donna Lubber, Rick Kilpatrick, Nell Kent, Sarel Maimon, Tami Davenport, Margaret Barnes, Mary Jo Ashcraft, Doug July, Gwendolyn Smith, Karen Andrews, Nancy Sewell, Polly Johnson, The Rev. Edward Scully, Karyn Weschler, Cindy Morris, Linda Trawick, John Guess, August Rowland, Charlie Williams, Leigh Bailey, Jim & Edwina Robertson.

For the departed: Frankie Turner

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, and Charles Allen.



CATECHISM CORNER

Q. What is ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of a lay person is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the church.

—The Book of Common Prayer, 855

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.



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7 – Blood Pressure Clinic

October 14 – The Blessing of the Animals

October 19 – Haunted House Begins

October 21 – Diocesan Youth Fest

November 4 – Last Sunday of Stewardship Campaign

December 2—Lessons & Carols

December 16—Joyful Night

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