

Ministries of Trinity – 2019

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer has sometimes been called contemplative prayer or prayer of the heart. It is a prayer of being. Centering prayer is a very simple way of prayer that can be used by anyone who wants to be with God, to experience His love and presence. It is a prayer of longing that leads into a prayer of Presence.

Christian Formation

Various opportunities for spiritual growth are available in the Trinity community, including Adult Discussion on Sunday morning, concentrating on the Week's lectionary; Monday School, a book discussion group; Education for Ministry, a four year program of adult Christian formation in community using theological education and reflection; Outback Bible Study, a weekly dinner and discussion gathering held in various homes in South Gulf County.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Every woman in the Episcopal Church is automatically a member of ECW. At Trinity, there are no dues and only one or two organizational meetings each year. The Episcopal Church Women serve as hostesses for the community at events such as funeral receptions and special meetings. They will lead fund-raising efforts (their own and other groups' efforts). The ECW is a worldwide organization that supports young women in the church through college scholarships.

Endowment

The Endowment/Gift Committee oversees the various church funds that are invested through the diocese. These include the Endowment Fund, the Restoration and Preservation Fund, the Young Fund, the Maintenance Reserve Fund, the Henry and Pearl Marshall Fund and the Genevieve Marshall Altar Fund. Quarterly reports are distributed to the Vestry.

Faith Sharing

This group continues to meet at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room on the first Wednesday of every month. This is not a traditional Bible study group; it meets to discuss faith journeys and other religious topics. It is a small group (6-8) of dedicated members who take turns being the presenter. The group has a set of guidelines that helps keep on topic; reminds the group not to attempt to “fix” any issues that come up; and dictates that all discussions are to be kept in strictest confidence.

Finance

It is the mission and responsibility of the Trinity Finance Committee to assist the Vestry, hence the family of Trinity, by matching available resources with projected expenditures so as to accomplish priorities as manifested through worship, stewardship of facilities, outreach and a myriad of other activities deemed appropriate by the Vestry.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden is a peaceful and sacred space between Benedict Hall and the Church. It includes a columbarium, plantings, benches, and a pathway with memorial bricks honoring deceased family and friends.

Natural Spirituality

There are two Dream Groups that meet at Trinity during the week. The Dream Groups are led by a Lay Volunteer, trained and experienced with dream work.

Outreach

The Outreach ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church is dedicated to assist in meeting the needs of those in Franklin County and throughout the Bend Big of Florida. Quarterly meetings, open to all, are held to identify needs and plan accordingly. Trinity's congregation is highly supportive of activities and contributes generously to minister to those in the area.

Parish Life

The mission of Parish Life is to provide hospitality for all who participate in our lives together. The Parish Life Committee Chairperson initiates the scheduling, planning and coordination of these special events: A Lenten dinner, Foyer Groups, Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner and the Annual meeting dinner. As is characteristic of Trinity, there are many people who participate and contribute to the various events so the work is shared among many.

Penny's Worth

Penny's Worth is a Thrift Shop operated by Trinity, offering the community affordable, slightly used clothing and household items. Proceeds go to Trinity's outreach programs and a variety of local charities.

Stewardship

The Episcopal Church defines stewardship as contributing money to the church as well as contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. The Stewardship Committee works to help parishioners plan and enhance their giving as they are able, and fosters opportunities to participate in important ministries and missions.

Tour of Homes

The Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour, a key community project of Trinity, is held annually on the first Saturday in May. The Tour features gardens and historic homes, as well as new homes that capture Apalachicola's past. All proceeds are used to maintain Trinity's historic structures.

Vestry

The Vestry is a nine-member body, elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The Vestry oversees, in conjunction with the Rector, the temporal duties and workings of the church. Each member is elected for three years.

Worship

The worship committee consists of the chairpersons of the different groups that participate in our services. This includes the altar guild, flower guild, lay eucharistic ministers, acolytes, lay readers, and music. This committee assists the rector by meeting with these chairpersons and coordinating the schedules of all aspects of our worship service.

Acolytes

Responsibility for the acolytes includes recruiting, training, scheduling, and vestment care for the acolytes and the vergers.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is a group of devoted parishioners who care for the liturgical vessels, linens, and other appointments used in the liturgy. The Guild, working in teams of two, purchases linens, vestments, and hangings with memorial gifts and from the income of the Genevieve Marshall Endowment Fund.

Flower Guild

Flower Guild is a group of people interested in creating Sunday flowers for the altar, as well as flowers for funerals, receptions, and special events. Anyone who has a passion for flower arranging is welcome to join this group.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

LEMs are licensed ministers, called, trained and empowered to perform these important ministerial roles in the community of the faithful. LEMs are approved by the vestry, licensed by the diocese, and trained by the priest and parish. All is done with reverence and high regard to the special calling of ministering at God's altar. Serving at the altar is an act of divine worship.

During the ***Breaking of the Bread*** section of the ***Holy Eucharistic***, the ***LEMs*** receive a chalice and purificator from the priest and follow the priest serving the people the consecrated wine.

Lay Readers

Lay Readers are volunteers who read at Sunday services and any other worship services. They read scripture and prayers designated for each week. A seasonal schedule is published for all readers.

Music

Choir sings at the 10:30 service and is made up of volunteers from the congregation. The choir meets on Wednesday afternoon for rehearsal and on Sunday morning before worship for a warm-up. If you love to sing and can read music you are welcome to join.