



# The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector

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## From the Rector

*The Rev. Timothy H. Graham*

Dear friends,

In these pandemic days, I spend a lot of time thinking about how life has changed. I would imagine that you do too. There are so many things that we would have considered normal life a year or two ago that have changed. Our parish life and worship have changed. Our daily work and home life have changed. As we continue to learn how to adapt and get adjusted to a new way of living, we should also realize that there are some blessings that we have all received during this time. I don't know about you, but I have realized some things in my life that I am grateful for that perhaps I had taken for granted before the pandemic.

The pandemic has certainly made me appreciate the people in my life more, especially when I have not been able to be with them in person. I also miss shaking hands and giving hugs when I do see people. In this photo collage you will see a few of our parishioners that have died during this pandemic time. They are on my mind and in my heart as I write this article, so I wanted to share some photos that I have of them in gratitude and remembrance. As times change, we look back on what we have lost and mourn, we give thanks for the opportunities that God has given us today to live and love and care from one another, and we look to the future with eager longing for a new day and the new life that is promised to all who believe in Jesus.

“But I trust in you, O Lord: I say, ‘You are my God’. My times are in your hands...” (Psalm 31:14-15)



*Timothy H. Graham* +

Father Tim

***Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.***

*"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;" Psalm 88:2*

***We pray God's protection for those serving in battle.***

***In Our Prayers:***

**Parishioners**

Jenny Lind Berry  
Nancy Bloebaum  
Jack Collins  
Peggy Collins  
Joyce Curry  
Bill Harper  
Mary Johnson  
Hariot Lippmann  
Karyn Marra  
Bob Miller  
Lucius Morton  
Tracy Mourer  
Jo Myers  
Bill Perdue  
Jacquie Rawls  
Hadley Scott  
Fleur Stearns  
George Trussell, Jr.  
Bob Upchurch  
George Wade  
Trudy Wade  
Karl Welsher  
Judy Wilkinson

**Friends**

Julie Alexander  
Brandon Arrington  
Susan Avant  
Phillip Bowden  
Margaret Brown  
Jim Buntin  
Julie Burrus  
Alton & Susan Coleman  
Lisa Dawson  
Francisco Gall  
Rosy Urbina-Hasbani  
Gary Helms  
Joe Higdon  
Becky & Lee Holloway  
Darlene Hughes  
Donna Lankford  
Marty Lester  
Devon Levy  
Cammy Marchetti  
Philip McKagen  
Connie Murphy  
Eunice Oates  
Michael Owen  
Paul Rickard  
Pete Scott  
Tim Scrantom  
Jerome Shiver  
Clifford Swift  
Shirley Welch  
Julie Young

If you know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.

**CALL FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!**

We would love for our youth to serve as lectors! This is a unique way to serve your parish, and it is special to see youth at the lectern reading the Word of God. Let me know if you're interested and we will get you signed up! Thank you for considering this special service opportunity.

We are also in need of acolytes at each indoor Sunday service. We only need one per week. Please let me know if you are interested and we will sign you up. For the month of May I need volunteers for the following Sundays: May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to email me to sign up! [Trinity.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:Trinity.lauren@gmail.com)

Thank you to those who have already volunteered!  
You are amazing and we appreciate you!

**Trinity Youth**

Just as we're finding our new normal, summer is right around the corner! This past year has been a whirlwind, but I am thankful for the journey we shared along the way!

The Health Hut is still up and running, serving neighbors in our communities who may need access to health and sanitary products. We are taking donations year-round, so if you would like to contribute you can make a monetary donation labeled "Health Hut" or you can purchase travel-sized toiletries, such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand sanitizer, soap, lotion, etc. In addition, masks are appreciated during this time!

Our High School Girls Bible Study is meeting every Sunday from 5pm-6pm. If you are in 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grade we'd love for you to join us! Right now we are covering seven different topics, depending on what the group needs each week! These topics include Requests, Gratitude, Lament, Intercession, Faith, Repentance, and Awe. We hope you will join us!!

Every Sunday we have our Youth meeting from 6pm-6:45pm. If you are in grades 6th-8th, join us! Our last two series' have been on the topics of "Memorize" and "Living in the Light." We hope you'll join us each week!

The month of May is sporadic, but make note of these scheduling changes and you'll be good to go! We will NOT meet the first two Sundays of the month (May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>), but we will meet the last three weeks, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6:30pm, weather permitting, join us for water games in the courtyard as we close out the year with a Covid-safe, mini party! We will NOT have Bible study that evening.



## Meet Our Organ Intern!



There have been many things happening at Trinity that we have not been able to give appropriate attention to because of the pandemic. Most notably, Wyatt Poe has joined Trinity as our Organ Intern!

Wyatt is soon to be graduate of the Schwob School of Music at Columbus State University. He majored in organ performance and is beginning an Artist's Diploma at Schwob in the Fall of 2021.

A native of Albany, GA, Wyatt began working in the church at age 13. At the age of 18, he moved to Columbus for college and became the music director at Saint Nicholas Episcopal Church, where he worked from 2016-2020.

Wyatt is thrilled to be at Trinity and is eager to get to know the congregation! In his spare time he enjoys playing the ukulele, juggling, and cooking.

## Outdoor Mini Concert

This Spring, several Trinity choir members had a recital in Legacy Hall, but they couldn't invite many people because of the COVID-19 pandemic. These students will graduate this May, and some will be leaving us to continue to study in graduate school. Before they leave, they want to express their thanks for your support during their time at Trinity.

Hannah Wikaryasz, Thai Johnson, Yunona Tabala, Mary Lee Turner, and Keyla Nunez will be singing two sacred songs, and Wyatt Poe and Aesook Moon will be playing four hands pieces 'This Little Light of Mine' and 'Every Time I Feel the Spirit.' Please join us!

When: Sunday, May 2 at 11:15 am, right after the 10:30 service  
Where: Outdoors in the church parking lot



### Birthdays

- 2– Lee Mullin, Anne Marie Swift, Ann Tuggle
- 3– Mona Thorington
- 4– Ross Chester, Drew Mills
- 5– Stacy Poydasheff
- 6– Ginger Driver, Dianne Henry, Ann Overton, Rachael Peek
- 7– Blake Blanchard, Michael McCullough, Braden Rapp
- 8– Erin McCambridge, Platt Solomons
- 9– Pam Caves, Frank Riddick, Evelyn Smith
- 10– Poppy Rohwedder
- 11– Nick Capo, Bill Perkins, Margot Schley
- 12– Jack Tidwell
- 13– Alec Perkins, Stella Yancey
- 14– Jennifer Jenkins, Lillie Peek
- 15– Suzy Edge, Jewett Rothschild, Vivian Swift
- 16– Tommy Adams
- 18– Silas Harkey, Chuck Staples, Mary Frances Young
- 20– Ben Holt, David Rohwedder
- 21– Marcie Topping
- 22– Scott Boyce, Glynn Dakin
- 23– Keith Matthews
- 25– Peggy Collins, Dorothy Dreelin, Carter Morris
- 27– Karen Howard, Larry Spakes
- 29– Camilla Rich
- 31– Hannah Grogan, Ann Howe

### Anniversaries

- 23– John & Lauren Blanchard
- 26– Austin & Virginia Suggs



Hello, my dear Trinity Kids!

I miss you! It's time for us to be together again!

During May, we'll meet during the 10:30 service on May 2 and May 16. I'll be looking for you right in the front of the church. We will have fun outside with lots of fun games and learning! If it rains, we'll take our fun to the front porch! Don't miss the fun, and spread the word to your friends!

Until we are together, I hope you are enjoying this beautiful springtime and finding God all over the place! I see God when I look up into the sky, whether it's all blue or full of interesting clouds. I see God when I see the buds and the blooms and then watch them grow into beautiful leaves and flowers of all colors. I see God when I watch the birds, so busy right now, getting their nests ready to raise their families. I see God when I see people smiling - even when I just see their eyes over their masks!

Where do you see God? I hope you are watching. Remember during Lent we talked about giving yourself some quiet time to watch and wonder? Keep it up! Noticing all of the beauty around us can make us feel better anytime and remind us of all of the gifts God shares with us. This world is pretty spectacular, and we don't want to be the kinds of people who forget to look! That wouldn't be a very interesting life! I find, too, that when I am looking for God's beauty, I notice so much more and feel so thankful. It makes my heart happy to be thankful, and it makes me happier. I hope you can feel that, too.

Keep those eyes open and watch!  
Keep your ears open and listen!  
Notice what you see that makes you feel good!  
Think about ways that you can make the folks around you feel good!  
When we do those things, we are doing God's work - we are being God's hands on earth!

I can't wait to celebrate spring, laugh, and learn with you SOON!!!

I've been praying for you EVERY SINGLE DAY!

I love you! Mama D

CONGRATULATIONS

# CLASS OF 2021

*College Graduates: Justus Armstrong, Thai Johnson, Keyla Nunez, Wyatt Poe, Yunona Tabala, Mary Lee Turner, & Hannah Wikaryasz*

*High School Graduates: Grace Buice, Lillie Caves, Michael Dudley, Kathleen Miller, Natalie Mullen, Lillie Peek, Hap Perkins, Reed Rambo, & Nicholas Shadburn*

