



The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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From the Rector

The Rev. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

There is a funny saying that I have been repeating often, and although it is not in the Bible, perhaps it should be! The saying is this: "Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape!" These past months as we have maneuvered our way through a pandemic have certainly taught us to be more flexible. We are doing the work of ministry in some different ways these days out of necessity and out of a sense of being responsible and safe. Our worship life is vibrant and we will continue to offer the weekly Sunday worship of 9:00am outside and 10:30am inside and I imagine that we will keep this schedule for a while. In addition to these Sunday worship events we also offer two brief outdoor worship opportunities in our courtyard on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

We have also discovered the need to be flexible with our outreach programs. Several months ago we moved our Sunday outreach breakfast to a take out breakfast. We moved our clothes closet ministry to a once a month outdoor distribution. Since the Ralston apartments closed our guest participation in these ministries has continued to decline. Our outreach committee and Vestry have had conversations about how to best use our resources and also continue to care for our neighbors. We have decided to suspend both our Sunday take away breakfast and clothes closet ministries for a season as we continue to evaluate the need for these ministries. In the meantime we will be sharing a large portion of our existing clothing inventory with Safehouse that operates a clothing ministry at Rose Hill Methodist Church.

While we are suspending our breakfast and clothes closet, we are excited to be exploring new ways to care for our neighbors in need. We will now be occasionally supplying meals for guests at the Ronald McDonald house. During the month of October we are collecting diapers for families in need. You may bring diapers to the church office, or purchase them online at our website. Another exciting outreach ministry that we are launching is adopting a Fourth grade classroom at South Columbus Elementary School. In the coming days we will be sharing with you a number of ways that you can donate or volunteer your time to help the students and teachers at this school. In addition to these hands on ministries we continue to provide support to individuals in need as we are able through our discretionary fund. Our St. Francis Fund continues to support local helping agencies with much needed grant funding for their operations.

In this season of change, some things are being put "on hold" while other opportunities are energizing us. We are moving forward in the Spirit as we creatively care for the least among us as Jesus taught us to do. I am excited about our future....and invite you to be flexible and excited along with me!

God bless you all.

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

Bill Batastini
Jenny Lind Berry
Nancy Bloebaum
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Ginger Driver
Becky Goldsmith
Mary Johnson
Hariot Lippmann
Karyn Marra
Scott McGurk
Bob Miller
Carter Morris
Lucius Morton
Tracy Mourer
Jo Myers
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Hazel Rust
Hadley Scott
Fleur Stearns
George Trussell, Jr.
Bob Upchurch
George Wade
Trudy Wade
Judy Wilkinson

Friends

Gordon Bradford
Chuck Bradshaw
Margaret Brown
Jim Buntin
Julie Burrus
Alton & Susan Coleman
Barbara Cummings
Lisa Dawson
Dan Dykes
Francisco Gall
Mills Hecht
Gary Helms
Joe Higdon
Darlene Hughes
Bob Kidd
Marty Lester
Devon Levy
Bonnie Malley
Teresa Mecham
Eunice Oates
Michael Owen
Paul Rickard
Robbie Scott
Tim Scrantom
Tom Snyder
Billy Steele
Clifford Swift
Phillip Upchurch
Shirley Welch

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.



Serve in Worship!

We need:

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild Members
- Flower Guild Members
- Readers
- Volunteers to record the 10:30 service

For more information contact the church office at trinitycols@gmail.com or 706-322-5569



Youth

Trinity Youth have continued meeting on Sundays from 5:30 pm to 7 pm with Father Tim. To remain as safe as possible, the bulk of the meetings will take place outside in the courtyard. There will occasionally be outings to a variety of places downtown. Father Tim will be joined by a college-aged or parent helper. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact the church office.

Confirmation will be held at Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon, December 5, 2021 at 3:00 pm. This event will be a regional confirmation service hosted by Trinity. Bishop Rob Wright will be with us to confirm and receive youth and adults from the Episcopal congregations in our Chattahoochee Valley area. If your child has not been confirmed and is interested in being confirmed, please let our church office know ASAP. In preparation for confirmation, Father Tim will lead three formation meetings that will take place immediately following our 10:30 worship. These confirmation classes will include lunch served to your child and will conclude by 1:30pm. Attendance at all three events is important. We realize with this short notice that the meeting times may not work for you. We want your child to be confirmed, therefore some make up class may be necessary. Father Tim will meet with youth to be confirmed on

- Sunday, October 3, 12:00pm
- Sunday, October 24, 12:00pm
- Sunday, November 14, 12:00pm





Music

Since mid-August, we have all been so happy to have the opportunity of putting the Trinity Choir back together. We are hoping that our recent letter regarding funding for our Choral Scholarship program will generate enough support to continue for a new choir year- August through May.

A number of people have asked these questions:

1. Is it acceptable to make on gift now for 2021 and then make another gift in January, 2022?

Answer: Yes.

2. Is it acceptable for a group (family or friends) to make a gift together?

Yes.

For example: 6 people giving \$500.00 each would sponsor a chorister for an entire year.

Please know that the dramatic increase in tuition & the continuing cuts in state funding to higher education leave current students in a precarious posture, and the funds provided by Trinity make a crucial difference in their lives.

Thank you for your continuing generous support of this program.

Joseph Golden

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND PROGRAM

Trivia



OCTOBER 6 | PARISH HALL | 6 PM



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1– Jay Blanchard, Sandra Day
- 2– Heather Haskell, Naomi Harkey, Rem Houser, Lucy Shefall
- 4– Gin Bone, Dave Helmick, Bobo Morgan
- 5– Rohan Haque, Mary Hurley, Brian Laverty
- 6– Miller Watts
- 7– Muffy Schladensky
- 8– Pat Benson, Nora Garrard, Alan Rothschild Jr., Stevens Woods
- 9– David Mills, James Petty
- 11– Philip Day, Spencer Waddell, Blakely Waldrop
- 14– Autumn Chandler
- 15– Allan Goldsmith
- 16– Matthew Woods
- 17– Davis Dedwylder, Ben Page, Jordan Waddell
- 18– Elise Fay, Morris Mullin, Rainer Mullin
- 23– Terry Ahern, Mackinzey Stephens
- 24– Barrett Eklund, Charlotte Young
- 25– Chris Shadburn
- 26– Sammy Caves, Jo Myers, Burnie Quick
- 27– Jack Tuggle
- 30– Ryan Heider
- 31– Brayden Berard, Cambrie Berard, Deborah Cooper, Barbara Swift

Anniversaries

- 10– Martha & Gary Miller
- 12– Beth & Perry Borom



TRINITY KIDS!



The Trinity kids are alive and well!

We have had such fun lately, and I am so proud of our youngest Episcopalians. During our mornings together, we have begun to work on different parts of the service. Hoping to make church mean more to each child, I am encouraging them to memorize the words they will be saying for their lifetime. I am so proud of what they have accomplished already!

We have started with the Lords prayer, and I'm happy to say that many of them have memorized it, and many others are very close. They are so proud, and I hope to recognize them and have them recite it for you in church soon.

We have also learned the dismissal, and it has touched so many when these precious kids have joined Father Tim at the end of the service to be part of dismissing you into the world. If you have missed those little voices saying, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord," you have missed a blessing. It is true that the little ones shall lead us.

We are now working on the Confession of Sin, and we are spending a great deal of time talking about what it means to confess our sins and to do it together. Listening to them share their thoughts always touches me, but these discussions have been so enlightening. The children seem to be understanding what is important about confessing even small things, as it even helps us as a reminder. Their hearts astound me every Sunday!

One of my main focuses is to help make these children feel a part of this church and to give them a sense of ownership. I want them to know, in their very core, that THEY are Trinity Church. I am filled with gratitude for those of you who stop and talk with the youngest among us as we meet in the halls, ask them questions, and pause to let us 'show off' for you. I talk with the kids often about acknowledging each person they see in church, looking at them their eyes, and greeting them. I want them to know your names and you to know theirs.

I challenge each of you to learn as many children's names as Mama Nell (Scrantom) and Miss Mary Boyd (Trussell)! We are a family, and we need to keep getting to know each other better. These children are our future, and I guarantee you our future is bright. Let's keep on investing in these precious parishioners!

Parents – two things to note:

Please be on the lookout for news about a fall festival, and please make plans for your child to be at church on October 31. I know that is a busy day, but we have the privilege that morning of speaking to the congregation about the importance of supporting Trinity by pledging. The more kids, the better. We plan to creatively show the parish why giving is important. I'm looking forward to it.

As always, know that I love these children fiercely, and I pray for them daily,. They are my pride and joy too!
Mama D

