



The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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From the Rector

The Rev. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

On September 27, we held our first in-person Sunday worship since March of this year. We gathered outside in the parking lot with lawn chairs, spread apart at a safe distance, and it was wonderful! So much of life is different now since the pandemic, the way we work and play and live has significantly changed. One of the most poignant moments of that outdoor worship was when one of our parishioners said to me, "I had forgotten how much I missed this." In these days when everything seems to be changing, it is important for us to remember. By looking back we are able to make more sense of the present. While we wait for some sense of "normal" again in our lives, let us remember the way things were. As we await the opportunity to gather inside for in-person worship, let us remember the times when we embraced our dear friends at fellowship after worship. Let us remember how it felt to extend our hands and receive the bread and wine of the eucharist. Let us remember how it felt to be in a pew in our beautiful church, surrounded by our church family, being uplifted by the glorious music. Times have changed, and they will change again, and we will reclaim some of those things that we loved and have lost, and we will have some new experiences too. But in this time of waiting, let us remember. At the heart of all that we do in worship is remembering. We are remembering the promises of God in scripture, we are remembering the words of Jesus in our eucharistic prayer, we are remembering others in our prayers, we are remembering our sins in the confession, we are remembering our baptism and our pledge of faith as we say the creed. I'll share with you an excerpt from a book of one of my favorite authors as he shares something about remembering. Blessings to you all in this time of waiting. We will be back together soon.



Timothy H. Graham

Father Tim

"The time is ripe for looking back over the day, the week, the year, and trying to figure out where we have come from and where we are going to, for sifting through the things we have done and the things we have left undone for a clue to who we are and who, for better or worse, we are becoming. But again and again we avoid the long thoughts.... We cling to the present out of wariness of the past. And why not, after all? We get confused. We need such escape as we can find. But there is a deeper need yet, I think, and that is the need—not all the time, surely, but from time to time—to enter that still room within us all where the past lives on as a part of the present, where the dead are alive again, where we are most alive ourselves to turnings and to where our journeys have brought us. The name of the room is Remember—the room where with patience, with charity, with quietness of heart, we remember consciously to remember the lives we have lived." (Frederick Buechner, *A Room Called Remember: Uncollected Pieces*)

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

Jean Berry
Nancy Bloebaum
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Johnny Crouch
Joyce Curry
Bill Harper
Comer Hobbs
Karyn Marra
Bob Miller
Lucius Morton
Tracy Mourer
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Jean Romeo
Hadley Scott
Fleur Stearns
George Trussell, Jr.
Bob Upchurch
George Wade
Trudy Wade
Judy Wilkinson

Friends

Julie Alexander
Brandon Arrington
Margaret Brown
Jim Buntin
Julie Burrus
Gardiner Church
Billy Cornelius
Sherri Culp
Darlene Hughes
Donna Lankford
Devon Levy
Cammy Marchetti
Connie Murphy
Michael Owen
Paul Rickard
Robert Rivers
Lynda Rose
Clifford Swift

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.

Kyle Stillings

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am delighted that we have resumed Sunday morning breakfast and clothes closet to show love and care for our neighbors. Everybody who has volunteered to help has done an excellent job adapting to the social distance and safety precautions required due to the coronavirus. If you are looking for an awesome reason to get up and out of the house I invite you to come and experience the joy of service. Many hands are reaching out at Trinity to make a difference, but I want to give a special shout out here to Sarah Riddick as a leader and organizer of our clothing donations.

One of the things that Sarah has done is to buy in bulk for the clothing closet to make the most of our dollars, and to make the clothing distribution go much faster. She also pays attention to what items are in greatest need from week to week. Here is a brief note from her on our most pressing needs.

We see a majority of men each week and struggle to keep their closet full of all items. To manage this and be a good steward of our funds, we limit the number of certain items one can have each week.



Both closets stay in need of undergarments, jeans, shoes, belts, eye glasses and certain toiletries. Basic clothing items are frequently donated – shirts, pants, sweaters, shorts, etc. and we accept all items, all sizes year round.

We have a greater need for the following items and I supplement our inventory by purchasing them with donated funds:

- Men's undershirts, boxers, socks, jeans (common sizes 34-46), shoes (common sizes 10+)
- Women's sports bras, panties, socks, jeans/pants (common sizes 14-24), shoes (common sizes 8-11)
- Toiletries – lotion, soap, deodorant, toothbrush and paste, feminine products
- Reading glasses, Belts, Flip flops (seasonal)
- Sweatshirts, hats, scarves, gloves and coats (seasonal)

I am able to purchase all items relatively cheaply through two wholesale sources making donations easier. If someone wants to purchase items, that is fine as well. Men's jeans cost approx. \$9 per pair and women's are approx. \$16 per pair. Anyone shopping at Goodwill, Valley Rescue or Salvation Army can buy jeans for \$3-6 per pair.

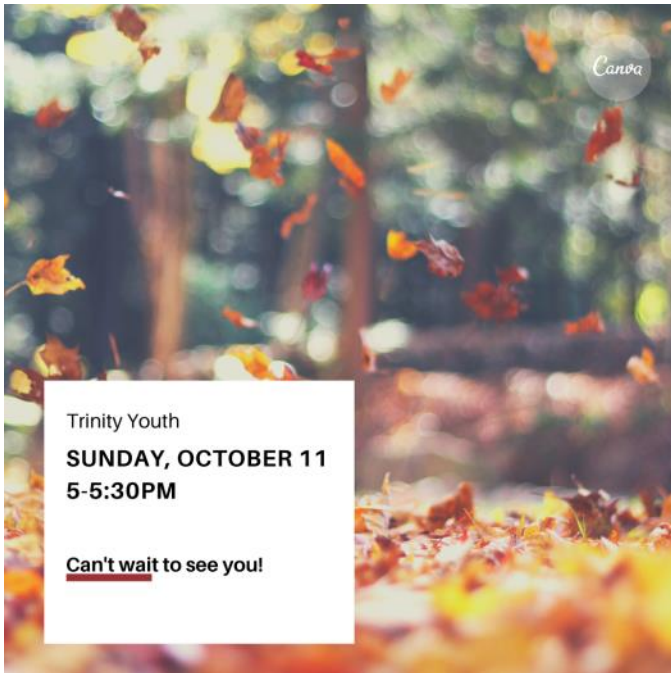
All of us have had our lives disrupted by the pandemic, but the impacts have often been felt most sharply by those at the lower end of the economic spectrum. Are you spending more hours at home than usual this year? What a great time to clean out your closet of gently used items that you aren't wearing anymore. Does any outing, even to Target or Wal-mart, feel like an adventure these days? What better excuse to mask up and get out of the house for a few hours than a shopping trip that makes a difference in our community? Are you more comfortable staying home and minimizing contact with the world? Shop smarter, not harder, by donating directly to the church and help Sarah buy in bulk at a great price.

This is the work of the church, and commended to us in scripture over and over again to feed the hungry and clothe the poor. It is where we will find Jesus, and find joy in a time when our hearts stir with longing for connection to God and neighbor.

In Peace,
Kyle+

Lauren Blanchard

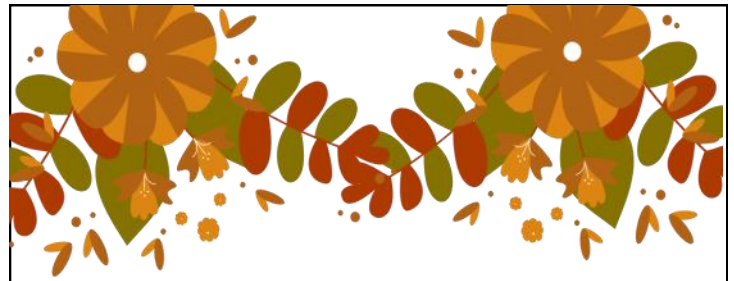
News for the Fall!!



We have endured quite the crazy Spring and Summer! As we are now in the swing of things and it is easier to navigate the new normal, I am looking forward to Fall and what that means for Trinity Youth. Our programming and meeting times will be slightly different but that doesn't mean we won't have fun! I know what a creative group we have and I am excited to see what we come up with together!

The season of Fall brings change – we're all experts at that by now! What has change meant in your life over these past few months? How have you grown and overcome the uncertainties that life is throwing at you? As we are able to gather together we will be reflecting on how change has impacted us and our community. Outdoor worship and activities will be prevalent as to adhere to the guidelines from the Bishop. Our time together will be short and sweet, but meaningful none the less! We will begin with 30-minute meetings in the courtyard following new guidelines. Put October 11th from 5-5:30pm in your calendar! This will be our first time back together! Stay tuned to our social media platforms for all meeting details. I hope you can meet with us!

If you haven't already, stop by when you have the chance and check out the Health Hut! Lily Twigg did amazing work and we are so proud to have this addition to Trinity.



October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 1– Jay Blanchard, Sandra Day
- 2– Naomi Harkey, Heather Haskell, Rem Houser, Lucy Sheftall
- 4– Nick Baker, Gin Bone, David Helmick, Bobo Morgan
- 5– Rohan Haque, Mary Hurley, Brian Laverty
- 6– Miller Watts
- 7– Muffy Schladensky
- 8– Pat Benson, Ford Cummings, Nora Garrard, Alan Rothschild Jr., Stevens Woods
- 9– David Mills, Margaret Stillings
- 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, Mackinze 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– Perry & Beth Borom
- 12– Gary & Martha Miller

Dear Parents,

Mama D is missing the Trinity Kids!

It is hard for us all to be apart during this time, but I know that we are all remembering each other when we pray. Hopefully, we will all be back together soon! Just a couple of weeks ago we got together on ZOOM to play BINGO - it was such fun and full of lots of laughs. We weren't in the Parish Hall, like old times, but it sure was close. We will do that again on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00. LET MAMA D KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO PLAY! (Email to graham.deana@gmail.com or text to 678-231-6369) I'll make sure you get your Bingo packet in the mail! I hope everyone will make plans to play!

I loved being back at church (outside) last Sunday, and it was special to sit just in front of Maura and Collin. I hope to see lots more TKs soon!

We have tried a few different ways to stay connected during this odd time. While most kids were "going to school" on the computer, it was hard to ask them to do the same for church. I know they were weary from too much screen time. Hopefully, now we can get back together online. Starting on Sunday, October 11th at 2 p.m., we will begin switching between ZOOM and Facetime. We've got lots of fun to have, good games to play, and lots to learn! I'm looking forward to seeing all of those sweet faces! Look for information to come about our Sundays!

We might not be together in the same place, but we are together in our hearts! Soon we will be back with our church family. Until that time, I look forward to Sunday afternoons and Bingo. Know that I am praying for each and every precious child in the Trinity family.

LOVE,
Mama D



**BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS**

**October 4
4 PM**

Bring your pets on a leash or in a crate to the front lawn for a brief worship service.