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Sam's letter

by Rev. Samuel A. Mason ObJN

Several people have asked me about the letters that follow my name in the bulletin, etc. I am always happy to answer that question.

ObJN stands for Oblate Order of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic of the fourteenth and fifteen century in Norwich, England.

She had a near death experience around the age of thirty. During that illness she had several visions of Christ and she spent the rest of her life as an anchoress at Julian's Church in Norwich. It is unclear whether she gets her name from the church or the other way around.

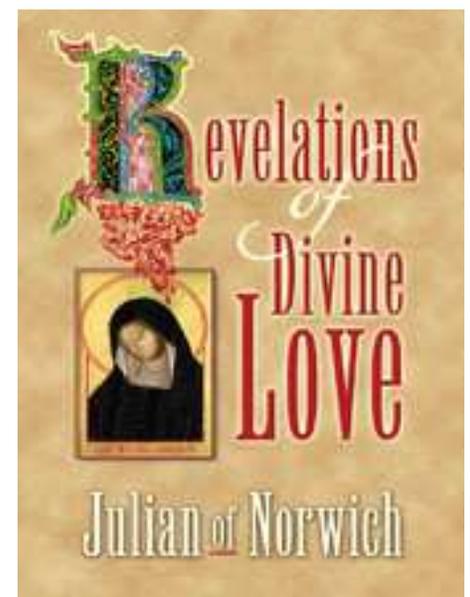
She devoted her life to writing

about her visions. As a result, she became the first woman to write a book in English. It is called "Revelations of Divine Love" and has had a recent resurgence in popularity.

About thirty years ago a religious order was established bearing her name. An oblate is someone who is affiliated with the order and takes similar vows to the regular members, but lives in the world instead of in the monastery.

When I went to Montgomery, Alabama, as an interim some years ago, the story goes that one usher asked another, "What's an oblate?". The other usher responded, "I don't know, but I bet we're the only church that's got one."

The Rev. Samuel A. Mason, ObJN



BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study will continue a study of the Book of Revelation. We will be reading *Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation* by Elaine Pagels. Everyone is invited to come join the discussion. 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Notes Dropped from the Organ Bench

My wife Becky's car has for the comfort of its riders three separate thermostats. The car is usually occupied by only one.

Our sanctuary has only one thermostat. When in use the room rarely has fewer than twelve, and often in excess of forty, even fifty occupants.

Does anyone see a problem here? The odds of having everyone of forty people comfortable with but one control approach the odds of winning the "Education Lottery" in NC.

Next to the thermostat sits an assembly of 408 pipes, mostly metal, and in direct sunlight from the lovely east windows. While not a temperamental organ it is subject to substantial tuning problems when ambient temperatures change.

TRINITY MEN

The Men's group gathers for casual fellowship, social events, Bible study, support, and conversation about issues of life and faith that affect men most.

This month we meet for Pub Theology on the 7th and 25th.

Join us on our Pub Theology nights on every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8pm at [Granite City Brews](#) on Market Street.



During worship the air tends to stratify, with warmer air drifting upward toward the platform and further up surrounding and invading the pipe organ. Our poor flutist, Sue Hidley, chases the organ's tuning as best she can, but only so much is possible. There is a helpful option: run the air handler that feeds the ceiling grilles over the pews.

We have been conditioned to think the sound of air from those grilles means Brrrrr! Cooling! That happens only if the thermostat calls for cooling. Otherwise the moving air is just that: moving air. What it does for the organ is truly surprising! It has taken your organist almost eleven years to discover this solution.

So if you are aware of air movement, it is to keep the entire room at the same temperature, largely for the organ's sake, but also to assist in the comfort of those on the elevated platform, who

have only air return grilles overhead with no cooling.

As the season warms the air over the pews will more often be cooled, but it will cool only enough to satisfy the thermostat setting. For those who find that air movement uncomfortable, try sitting close to an outside wall in a pew with no grille overhead.

We hope this will add to your overall comfort as well as the tuning of the pipe organ. With the air handler moving air constantly the thermostat can be at a warmer setting, a fringe benefit.

Larry Keesler

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW has decided to meet quarterly instead of monthly. The next meeting date is set for Sunday, June 5th at 9:30 a.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

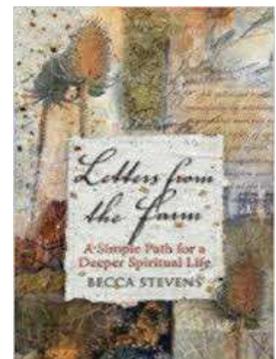
The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Parlor.

The Prayer Shawl makers want to invite anyone who wants to learn to knit prayer shawls to join us the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.

Contact Denny Jennings at drdjennings5952@gmail.com or Marilyn Lamm at mrlamm50@yahoo.com.

TRINITY BOOK GROUP

Trinity Book Group will begin a new read on Thursday, May 5th. [Letters from the Farm](#) by the Rev. Becca Stevens, Episcopal priest and founder of Magdalene, a community for women with a criminal history of drug abuse and prostitution, in Nashville, TN. The letters in the book are meditations on love as the world's greatest healing power. We meet in the Parish Hall from 10:30-12:00 each week for 6 consecutive weeks. The book may be ordered (\$15.00) from thistlefarms.org. Email Brenda Goings, facilitator with questions: brendanichol@earthlink.net.



*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously
on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall
choose a Rector for Trinity Church that we may receive a faithful pastor,
who will care for your people and equip us
for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The search committee will be meeting with Catherine Massey on May 18th to begin the search process. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they prepare for this task.

The discernment committee members are as follows:

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The Discernment Committee members will be open to input from all members of the congregation, and they will welcome feedback and questions at this important time.



Our Bishop Visits Trinity

By Brenda Goings

"Where was your heart warmed this morning?" On April 14, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple ended her visit to Trinity Book Group with this question.

And whether members answered aloud or in their hearts, our parish hall was filled with her wonderful, godly spirit. Telling stories from her own childhood and youth Bishop Anne inspired us to reach beyond Trinity's walls to share and expand our faith. She says: "We must dare to share our personal faith stories and the joy we know in the presence of Jesus Christ for our own spiritual health as well as the joy and blessing it may bring to others."

Our group inspired her too! The 20 plus people gathered that day from several churches-black as well as white, talked freely about racism and cultural divides. She says: "It was like Resurrection and Pentecost all in one."

Our challenge for the future is to see Jesus in more faces and to find ways that Mount Airy can come together as His beloved community. Thank you, Bishop Anne, for asking us to speak about the ways God has moved in our own lives. And everyone-let's look for new ways we can speak about our faith at Trinity.



Trinity supports backpack food programs at local schools

By Pam Dickenson

Recently, the women in our church (ECW) made donations to the "Backpack Food" programs at Flat Rock Elementary and Tharrington schools. Each Friday, volunteers fill backpacks with food and these are sent home with needy children. This program, which is supported by donations, ensures that many children will have food when they are away from school. Using funds from the Autumn Leaves Festival sale, the ECW made a difference in our community by contributing to such a valuable program.

Trinity's ECW supports "A Safe Place"

By Liisa Wallace

In April the ECW made a donation to "A Safe Place", an organization in North Carolina designed to serve young girls and women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking.

Human trafficking does not only involve people from abroad. More than 300,000 American children are trafficked into the sex trade each year, and yet there very few facilities to care for, support and rehabilitate rescued individuals. "A Safe Place" opened its doors in 2012 in Wilmington, in order to address that enormous lack of supportive services and housing for victims of human trafficking in America.

The gift will be used to meet basic needs of residents. Learn more: <http://www.asafeplacetogo.com>



1 IN 3 TEENS ON THE STREET WILL BE LURED INTO PROSTITUTION WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME

85%
OF VICTIMS ARE FEMALE



April Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Candles</i>
May 1 8:30 am 10:30 am	Ginny Gilbert Ann Vaughn	Rebecca Derrick	Ann Cochrane James Kemp	Mike Wilson Janet Herman	Ann Cochrane	Miki Spencer	Martha Marcum
May 8 8:30 am 10:30 am	Volunteer Needed	Stephen Hines	Ann Cochrane Ann Vaughn	Mark Goad Wendy Tatman	The Strohls	Jill Borders	Martha Marcum
May 15 8:30 am 10:30 am	Suzanne Settle Marie Whittaker	Margie Martin	Vicky Town Gloria Lawrence	Mike Wilson Jim Wuenscher	Malmo Family	Nancy Taylor	Martha Marcum
May 22 10:00 am	Trinity Sunday Celebration	Bill Noble	Ann Cochrane	Mark Goad	Vicky Town	Brenda Goings	Martha Marcum
May 29 8:30 am 10:30 am	Linda Light Mary Ann Cook	Bruce Strohl	Vicky Town James Derrick	Mike Wilson Jim Wuenscher	The Applers	Ann Vaughn & Nancy Taylor	Martha Marcum

Trinity Day
Parish Picnic

May 22
11:30 AM

10:00 AM – Service only
11:30 AM – Food served on the church lawn
Fried Chicken, salads, sides and desserts

Come celebrate Trinity Church
with fellowship, food and fun!
Sign-up and bring your favorite dish!

Please RSVP by contacting the church office or
sign-up on the sign up sheet.

Trinity Church Calendar		May 2016 (Eastern Time)					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	7
<p>8:30 am - Holy Communion</p> <p>9:20 am - Godly Play - The</p> <p>10:30 am - Holy Communion</p>			<p>10 am - Prayer Shawl</p> <p>4 pm - Bible Study</p> <p>8:30 pm - Holy Communion</p> <p>8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8:30 am - Staplee Program</p> <p>10:30 am - Book Group</p>			
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Trinity Prayer Concerns

Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our country:

Kyle Crump
Kevin Hill
Corbin Humphrey
Matt Kroupa
Glenn Lynch
Gordon Lynch
John Nichols
Craig Phillips
LaTreese Phillips
Nathaniel Phillips
Terry Stone

Parishioners:

Peggy Beck
Jack Campbell
Ann Cochrane
Gary Cook
Scott Green
Hilda Harbin
Sarah Harvey
Linda Hicks
Sue Hidley
Kale King
Bill Lamm
Angelia Lawrence
Gail Mayer
Jake Mayer
Dick Olchak
Susan Olchak
Claire Richards
Ron Richards
Sid Spencer, Jr.
Vicky Town
Jack Woltz

Friends and Family:

Melissa Belcher
Kristi Calton
Joseph Caravello
Bob Dalessio
David Dalessio
Richard Dalessio
Herbert Foltz
John Foltz
Michael Hensley
Adam Hewko
Betty Hooven
Bill Hooven
Kelly Jarvis
Allen Johnson
Katherine Joyce
Rocky Lyons
Aaron McCoy
Adam McCoy
Cindy McCoy
Bill Nichol
Michael Palumbo
Leni Pfeiffer
Donald Price
Theresa Rizzo
Richard Robbins, IV
Haley Selby
Stan Smith
Marie Taylor
Tracie Whitaker
Patti Wise and Family

Healing Rites Offered

On the first Sunday of each month, anointing and laying on of hands is offered before the Prayer of Thanksgiving. To participate in this powerful time of prayer, simply remain at the Altar rail after receiving Holy Communion.

Pastoral care at Trinity

At this time of change we should all continue to be aware of pastoral needs of each other, and communicate these to Sam via Tobi at the church office or to any vestry member so that they can be addressed.

If you are unable to attend due to an illness or infirmity and would like to receive communion, please contact the church office.

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Nancy Kuzil (Steve Hines' sister). *May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*



How to let us know of your prayer concerns:

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at info@trinitymtairy.com



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 st Amory King	
1 st Mary Erhardt	22 nd Evan Wagner
3 rd Elizabeth Fawcett	25 th Wesley Frye
4 th Rosa Elliott	26 th Marilyn Lamm
5 th Susan Robbins	31 st Mark Goad
6 th Ann Cochrane	
9 th Denny Jennings	
9 th Macon Sammons	
15 th Scott Green	
15 th Sharon Hines	
17 th Sid Spencer	
18 th Richard Elliott	

Anniversaries

10th Bill & Marilyn Lamm
16th Gray & Lucina Fallin
17th Ted & Faith Ashby
20th Steve & Sharon Hines
27th Ross & Jill Borders
29th Bruce & Ellie Strohl
31st Vicky Town & Steven Pottorff

Birthday Blessings

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. It is our custom to put one penny (-or dollar!) in the birthday bank for each year of your life.

The funds go to support our Staples Food Ministry.



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