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Trinity Tribune

February 2020

Pointing to the Light

I've heard the saying "January was a long year." ☺ And much has happened at Trinity since Christmas. I celebrated my first Christmas Eve at Trinity in our sanctuary that felt as if I was walking into a Christmas card. The lights were dimmed, beautiful poinsettias filled the sanctuary under the light of Chrismon tree, singing Silent Night in candlelight, only to walk out on Christmas morning on quaint and quiet streets of Mt. Airy. On the Twelfth day of Christmas we moved to the season of Epiphany that begins with the Magi's visit to the Christ Child (Jan. 6th) and ends with the Transfiguration of Jesus (Feb. 23rd). It is a season of light with everything pointing toward the birth of Christ.

This year is extra special with a most joyous celebration with our Bishop, Sam Rodman! We welcomed Nathan Tucker through the Sacrament of baptism; Morris Allred, Juliana Caldwell, and Jesse Slate through the Sacrament of Confirmation; and James Derrick, Mark Donnell, Roxann Moore, and Jesse Slate through Reception. Brooke Springthorpe also renewed her baptismal vows. When someone is baptized, we light the Paschal Candle representing Christ's presence and we lit a candle from the Paschal Candle for Nathan to carry Christ's light with him and into the world.

On February 2nd, we will celebrate Candlemas, a service with a rich history that encourages us to think about God's light and presence breaking into our lives. It is a chance for us to celebrate God's presence made known to us in Christ and to join with millions of Christians around the world as we celebrate this ancient feast. Since Candlemas is celebrated every February 2nd that means it shows up on a Sunday only every so often, so we may not recognize it as a regular part of the church year.

February 16th, we will hear from Matthew another message of light:, "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven." This is a verse that always speaks to me in this season of Light reminding us to share the light of Christ that is within us.

As we approach Lent at the end of the month, we must hold on to that light as we prepare for the darkest of days on Good Friday. So I ask you to imagine that small candle that you held on Christmas Eve and Candlemas and picture it shining in your heart. Do you see it? Even when the world is dark the flame glows within you. And when others feel a darkness and we can share this light with them.

-The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The roots of Shrove Tuesday can be traced back to approximately 1000 AD, when it was customary for Christians to be absolved (shriven) of their sins before the beginning of Lent. As time went on, it was also treated as a time to feast upon all the rich and sweet foods that would be abstained from during Lent.

Following in the footsteps of our ancestors, Trinity will observe Shrove Tuesday on February 25 at 6:00 p.m. with a pancake dinner provided by the men of our parish.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 26th at noon and 5:30 p.m.

Hosts Needed

Hosts for *Cookies & Coffee* and *Coffee Hour* are needed. We provide the coffee if you'll provide a light snack. Sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall.

Book Group

We have finished The Book of Joy, and are taking a break. We will reconvene on 1 Wednesday, February 12th at 10:30 to begin discussion of our next book, Even the Stars Look Lonesome, by Maya Angelou. This book contains 20 essays on life lessons she has learned on her journey, done with her own humor and insight. Please let me know if you would like me to order it for you online.
Please email or call me if you have any questions. Wendy Tatman wbtatman@yahoo.com, 336-374-6828.

Knit One, Pray Too

Knit One, Pray, Too will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 2:00 pm Contact Denny Jennings (drdjennings5952@gmail.com) or the church office for more information.

What is Lent Madness?

Loosely based on the wildly popular NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as they compete for the coveted Golden Halo.

Here's how it works: on the weekdays of Lent information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints, and then participants vote to determine who goes on to the next round. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as people read about and then vote for their favorite saint. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and then winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. It's fun, it's informative, it's the Saintly Smackdown! More information to come!

Preparing for Lent

- **Lenten Devotional booklets will be available for your daily devotions.**
- **UTO Thank Offering-Pick up your Mite Box or envelope and calendar to follow each day. https://episcopalchurch.org/files/uto_lenten_calendar_2020.pdf**
- **You can also participate in Lenten Madness! Lent Madness 2020 begins on Ash Thursday, February 27.**

February Schedule

Date	*Cookies Coffee Hour*	*Usher/ Greeters*	*Lector*	*Chalice Bearer*	*Flowers*	*Altar Guild*	*Godly Play*	*Vestry Reps/ Counter*
Feb. 2 ***8:30 a.m.*** ***10:30 a.m.***	Mike Wilson Ginny & Roxann	Bruce Gloria & Ann	Vicky T. Sue H.	Vicky T. Jesse	Bruce S.	Marge & Pat		Kate Appler
Feb. 9 ***8:30 a.m.*** ***10:30 a.m.***	Vol. Needed Linda Michaels	Theresa Bill & Pam	Ann C. Gloria	Mike/Jim Janet Sos.	Denny J.	Beckie D.	Kate Appler	James D.
Feb. 16 ***8:30 a.m.*** ***10:30 a.m.***	Vol. Needed Vol. Needed	Mary F. Martha & Margie	Vicky T. Bill P.	Vicky T. Janet H.	Nancy T.	Linda Light	Kate Appler	Jesse
Feb. 23 ***8:30 a.m.*** ***10:30 a.m.***	Marilyn Vol. Needed	Marilyn Janet S & Lucinda	Ann C. Wendy T.	Mike/Jim Janet S.	Mary F.	Wendy	Linda Light	Ted Ashby

Godly Play at Trinity – Winter-Spring, 2020

Godly Play meets from 9:30 to 10:15 each Sunday morning. Serving children age 4 through 5th grade, Godly Play lessons teach the sacred stories, parables, and liturgies of the Church. Here is what we will be doing this winter and spring

February 2	Brenda	Parable of the Good Samaritan
February 9	Kate	Parable of the Great Pearl
February 16	Kate	Parable of the Sower
February 23	Linda	Parable of the Mustard Seed
March 1	Denny	Lent workbook / Thank Offering(Lent begins)
March 8	Brenda	The Mystery of Easter
March 15	Wendy	The Crosses
March 22	Kate	Faces of Easter, 1-4
March 29	Linda	Faces of Easter, 5-7
April 5	Wendy	The Synagogue and the Upper Room
April 12	no Godly Play	EASTER
April 19	Janet	Jesus and the 12
April 26	Denny	Circle of the Holy Eucharist (part 1)
May 3	Denny	Circle of the Holy Eucharist (part 2)
May 10	Kate	The Story of Abraham
May 17	Wendy	The Story of Sarah
May 24	Brenda	The Story of Samuel
May 31	Janet	The Mystery of Pentecost

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	3	4 9 am Medical Loan Closet	5 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 8:30 am Staples	7	8
9 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	10	11 9 am Medical Loan Closet 6 pm Vestry Meeting	12 10:30 am Book Group 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30 am Staples	14 **Valentine's Day**	15
16 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	17 *Office Closed* **President's Day**	18 9 am Medical Loan Closet	19 10:30 am Book Group 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 8:30 am Staples 2:00 Knit One, Pray Too	21	22
23 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	24	25 9 am Medical Loan Closet 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	26 10:30 am Book Group Noon & 5:30 pm- Ash Wednesday Services	27 8:30 am Staples	28	29

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Immediate Needs:
David Banfield
Wayne Burton
Juliana Caldwell
Jack Campbell
Gary Cook
Kat Cook
Jim Couture
Anne Smith Cox
Richard Croom
Anthony Dalessio
David Dalessio
Mildred Edwards
Marcus Ford
Ben Green
Kim Halden
Lorene Hales
Whitney Hall
David Hardy
Raydan Hawks
Leroy Johnson
Larry Keesler
John Kidwell
Kale King
Carrie Krahn
Susannah Lewis Marais
Abbie Mummert
Mary Jo New
Bobby Payne
Becky Pendleton
Bill Pendleton
Darryl Quesenberry
David S.
Bobby Scales
BJ Shelton
John Smith
Sid Spencer, Jr.
Vera Spivey
Christi Stevens
Bill Stinson
Annie Tayloe
Vicky Town
John Townsend
Jerry Varn
Mike Wilson

Long Term Needs:
*Anonymous
Melissa Belcher
Shayne Bell
Kristi Calton
Theresa Caravello
Mazie Chilton
Annie Chittum
Ron Doerschug
Linda Doerschug
Donna Fargo
John Foltz
Gainseof Family
Chandra Harmon
James Hayes
Adam Hewko
Linda Hicks
John Hidley
Betty Hooven
Melva Houston
Kelly Jarvis
Allen Johnson
James Kemp
David Kroupa
Butch Lancaster
Angelia Lawrence
Kristin Leathers
Will Merritt
Wade Nichols
Dick Olchak
Susan Olchak
Rocks-Anne Paul
Theresa Rizzo
Candace Sammons
Haley Selby
Gary Sheldon
Stan Smith
Richard Snyder
Barbara Summerlin
Marie Taylor
Malik Torrence
Betty Town
Tom Wilmoth
Jack Woltz
Hope Zimmerman

Healing Rites Offered

Laying on of hands and anointing will be offered at the altar at each service. To participate please remain at the altar rail after receiving Holy Communion.

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

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Robert Poole, Matthew Quillman & Terry Stone

If you have placed a name on the prayer list and feel it is time to take it off, please call Tobi in the church office.

How to let us know of your prayer concerns:

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

Bishop's Visit on January 19, 2020
A service of Baptism, Confirmation and Reaffirmation

Bishop's Reception

Cursillo

What is Cursillo?

• An opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality

• A deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him.

• An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment

• A continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows.

Cursillo (means "short course" in Spanish) developed in Spain in the 1930's and 40's. Its goal was to begin to formulate a way to draw active laymen into the work of "Christianizing" the everyday life settings where they lived. It eventually made its way in the U.S. and the Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Cursillo Weekend brings together Christians to share the richness of many modes of worship and broaden our appreciation for our Church. Lay people conduct the Weekend with two or three clergy members as spiritual advisors. Cursillo presumes that those who attend a Weekend are already well grounded in the faith. It isn't intended to be a conversion experience, but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. It provides an environment to experience the reality of the gift of God's love through shared prayer, individual meditation, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and unconditional love. It often provides new insights into our faith as well as fostering ministry among lay people.

After the Weekend: Each person returning from a Weekend is encouraged to actively participate in the Jesus Movement. This time after the Weekend is known as the "Fourth Day" and extends for the rest of their lives. Through the Cursillo community, there are ongoing means to support Christian living and ministry.

The next Cursillo Weekend in the Diocese of North Carolina will be **Thursday, August 6** through **Sunday, August 9, 2020**, at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, North Carolina.

Sarah will be a spiritual director on the team. If you are interested and would like to learn more about it, please let Sarah know.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays
1st Lucinda Fallin
3rd Pam Dickenson
14th Jim Couture
14th Julia Davis
17th Kathy Outlaw
17th Patty Pugsley
23rd Libby Lovill
24th Mike Wilson
26th Xander Fallin
28th Richard Olchak

Anniversaries
27th Jim & Wendy Tatman

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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