

# TRINITY TRIBUNE

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### Sunday

8:30 am Worship  
10:30 am Worship

### Wednesday

4:00 pm Walking through  
the Bible  
5:30 pm Holy Communion  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday

8:30 am Staples  
10:30 am Book Group

Allow me to introduce myself. Many of you already know me because I have done supply work here many times. Four years ago I filled in for Ray during his sabbatical. My name is Sam Mason and you can call me Sam. I come here from Alexandria, Virginia, although I have had a house in Fancy Gap since 1995 and my wife and I have worshipped at Trinity whenever we were here.

I graduated from Sewanee and Virginia Theological Seminary and started my ministry in Alabama. I served St. Stephen's Church in Durham, North Carolina before retiring in 2003. I have served as interim once in Alabama since my retirement and have served as Pastoral Associate at St.

Paul's in Alexandria until last summer. My hobbies are watercolor and reading.

I am very excited to be taking on this new role at Trinity. I want to extend my thanks to the Vestry for their confidence in me to fill the role as interim. I hope you will feel free to stop by for a visit at the office or call and we can set up a time to get to know one another. The position is part-time, so I will not be in the office Thursday or Friday.

I ask for your prayers for Trinity Church as we go through this transition. Pray for the search committee as they begin their work. Staying together is the name of the game. My prayer is that we share openly with one another during this important time.

We are approaching the most important time of our life together in the church. Holy Week and Easter are the saving events of our life as Christians. I hope you will participate fully in the liturgies as we walk with Christ through Holy Week and celebrate the joy of Easter resurrection.

*The Rev. Samuel A. Mason, ObJN*



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### Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 20  
Wednesday, March 23  
Thursday, March 24  
Friday, March 25  
Sunday, March 27

Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 5:30 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday service 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday service 12:00 noon  
Easter 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## TRINITY EVENTS IN MARCH

### ECW

ECW will meet March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 2nd 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](mailto:drdjennings5952@gmail.com) or Marilyn Lamm at [mrlamm50@yahoo.com](mailto:mrlamm50@yahoo.com)

### OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-2:30 Monday-Friday.

Rev. Sam Mason works Sunday-Wednesday.

You can contact him at the church office or on his cell phone 703-314-1665.



*Volunteers sorting and packing food donated by our local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts during their annual "Scouting for Food" drive.*

### STAPLES

Many thanks to Denny Shelton and our local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops for collecting and donating over 3,000 pounds of food to our Staples Program. Also, a big thank you to all of the volunteers that came out to help sort and pack!



### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give Altar Flowers in honor or in memory of someone the following dates are still available: April 17, June 19 & 26, July 3, 17, 24 & 31.

### BOOK GROUP

Trinity's book group continues a series of Lenten meditations on Thursday through March 17<sup>th</sup>. The book, "Meeting Jesus on the Margins", a publication of Forward Movement, is available from Brenda Goings at a cost of \$4.00.

We will meet in the Parish hall at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us! We look forward to this time together in preparation for our Lord's Resurrection.

Should you have questions, please contact Brenda at 33-786-9218 or [brendanichol@earthlink.net](mailto:brendanichol@earthlink.net)

### PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

On Thursday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. please join us in the Parish Hall to help make **Palm Crosses** for Palm Sunday. Instructions will be available and many hands make light work. Hope to see you there.

# NEWS OF THE DIOCESE

## Diocesan Events in March & April:

**Thu, Mar 10, 2016 - 03:00 PM until  
Sat, Mar 12, 2016 - 01:30 PM -**

Education for Ministry Mentor Training at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, 477 Grogan Road, Stoneville, NC. The training will include one Basic/In-Service class, and one Formation class on Equipping for Ministry. St. Francis Springs is a beautiful retreat center just north of

Greensboro. I don't know whether this retreat and training is open to everyone or if it is limited to those already in EFM. If you are interested, there is a contact on the Diocesan Website.

**March 11 – March 13** - Happening 62 at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, NC. Happening is a youth oriented Cursillo designed for young people in grades 9-12. It is a powerful, youth-led weekend that builds on the teachings from Confirmation

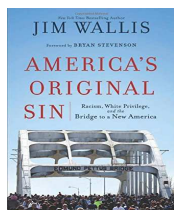
and provides space for personal renewal of one's relationship to Jesus Christ.

**April 2 – April 3** – Junior/Senior Retreat at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton. This twenty-four hour retreat for all juniors and seniors in the Diocese is a time for them to relax, have fun and support each other as they prepare for a big change in their lives. Young adults are invited to share their transitional stories and to offer guidance.



## BISHOP HODGES-COPPLE WILL LEAD OUR BOOK GROUP

Diocese of North Carolina Bishop Diocesan Pro Tempore, the Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, will attend and lead Trinity's book group on Thursday, April 14, at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. She has chosen the book, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and a Bridge to a New America*, by Rev. Jim Wallis. Thanks to our parishoner, Suzanne Settle, for believing in and facilitating the Bishop's coming. Although this is not an official visit, all Trinity members who wish to read the book are invited to attend. The topic of racism is currently a focus of study in our Diocese.



*America's Original Sin* may be purchased from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, ordered from Pages or any book outlet of your choice. Discussion of this book will begin in the book group's regular meeting on Thursday, April 7 and continue for 6 consecutive weeks. For more information, please contact the church office or Brenda Goings at [brendanichol@earthlink.net](mailto:brendanichol@earthlink.net).

On behalf of the **Bicentennial Planning Committee** of the three Episcopal dioceses in North Carolina, you are invited to **HISTORY DAY 2016** on Saturday, April 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gastonia, in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Entitled "Hearts, Homes and the Holy Spirit: Mission & Ministry in North Carolina Mill Villages, 1890 - 1940," this event will feature a keynote speaker, a panel presentation, exhibits, and tours of the Gaston County Museum and the recently restored Loray Mill. An optional Friday evening event at Chapel of Christ the King in Charlotte will highlight the history of this former mill mission, and conclude with dinner at a local restaurant. For registration and program details click "News & Events/Upcoming Events" at [www.dionc.org](http://www.dionc.org) or contact Lynn Hoke: [919-602-4305](tel:919-602-4305). **HISTORY DAY 2016** is the last in an annual series leading up to the statewide celebration of the Bicentennial of the Diocese of North Carolina next April 22, 2017, at Christ Church, New Bern, in the Diocese of East Carolina.



## MARCH 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>
<b>March 6</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Wendy Tatman	Stephen Hines	Vicky Town James Kemp	Mike Wilson Jim Wuenscher	Lent-No Flowers	Martha Marcum
<b>March 13</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Linda Michaels	Rebecca Derrick	Ann Cochrane Ann Vaughn	Mark Goad Janet Herman	Lent-No Flowers	Vicky Town
<b>March 20</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Janet Sosnowski	Bill Noble	Ann Cochrane Gloria Lawrence	Mike Wilson Wendy Tatman	Palms	Margie Martin
<b>March 24</b>  <b>March 25</b>		Rebecca Derrick Wendy Tatman	James Derrick Vicky Town	Janet Herman		Mary Fawcett
<b>March 27</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	Brenda Goings	Bruce Strohl	Vicky Town Kale King	Mark Goad Wendy Tatman	Nancy Taylor	Linda Michaels

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Many thanks to Janet Sosnowski for letting us know about this wonderful program!



*Reminder: New articles are due by the 15th of March.  
Please feel free to e-mail an article to the church office— [info@trinitymtairy.com](mailto:info@trinitymtairy.com)*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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			Walking through the Bible 4pm Holy Communion 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	Staples Program 8:30 am Book Group 10:30 am		
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27	28	29	30	31		
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## Bearing the Chalice

The first time I served as a Chalice Bearer was in a huge Lutheran Church in Cary, NC. The church had about fifteen hundred members, and it was on Easter Sunday! As I walked down the aisle, I was shaking in my shoes. It looked like all fifteen hundred members and all their friends and relatives were there! I didn't know how I was going to do it, but it was too late to back out. I had to go through with it and depend on God to help me. I knew God tells us not to fear and promises to give us the words and the ability when they are needed.

I started out with shaking hands as they kept coming and coming to the altar by the hundreds. But as they kept coming I slowly became calm enough to think about what I was doing. On the very day we were celebrating the resurrection of Christ, I had been given the amazing honor and privilege of sharing with these people the very blood of our risen Lord! I knew for sure then – perhaps for the first time with such conviction – that Christ truly is present in the

elements of communion. And I realized that it was His presence that was calming my fear and giving me the ability to keep going. As we walked back down the aisle at the end of the service, I was no longer shaking. Instead I felt like I was floating!

That was many years ago, and there have been many Eucharists since then. Along the way I served as Chalice Bearer in a Catholic service at a retreat center and, of course, in the Episcopal Church. I doubt that there are many people who have been Chalice Bearer in Lutheran, Catholic, and Episcopal churches! But every time it is the same honor. Sometimes as Ray lifted the very shiny silver chalice we use at Trinity, I would see my reflection in it. I would be humbled and amazed that I – even I – was given the amazing privilege of serving the blood of Christ to his people.

What I am trying to say by telling this story about my own experience is that serving as Chalice Bearer is not a chore to be

done, but a true honor and privilege. It is truly uplifting to be given that honor and to serve that role in the Eucharistic liturgy. I would gladly do it every Sunday except that sometimes we just can't make it because of bad weather or because we are out of town. And my legs are getting to the point that I just can't stand on them that long. I may need to pass the role to someone else and just be thankful that I was able to do it for so many years. But right now, there is no one to pass it to.

We have too few Chalice Bearers at Trinity, and we badly need some more. I stress again that it is not a chore but a highly rewarding privilege. You only need a little training and to be registered with the Diocese to serve. Please think about whether you are interested in serving. If so, let me or Sam know.

*Jim Wuenschel*

### TRINITY PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

**Jonathan Blevins  
Kyle Crump  
Kevin Hill  
Matt Kroupa  
Glenn Lynch  
Gordon Lynch  
John Nichols  
Craig Phillips  
LaTreese Phillips  
Nathaniel Phillips**

#### **Terry Stone 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.

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

**Friends and Family:** Jan Burton, Kristi Calton, Joseph Caravello, David Dalessio, Liz Dalessio, Robert Dalessio, Amelia Hayes, Eli Hayes, Adam Hewko, Amanda Holbrook, Kelly Jarvis, Allen Johnson, Rocky Lyons, Marcie Marian, Aaron McCoy, Adam McCoy, Cindy McCoy, Tim Miles, Michael Palumbo, Donald Price, Theresa Rizzo, Marie Taylor, Maya Wirick

### HOW TO LET US KNOW OF YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at [info@trinitymtairy.com](mailto:info@trinitymtairy.com)

**March Birthdays**

16<sup>th</sup> David Wallace  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bill Woltz  
 21<sup>st</sup> Chad Pruett  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Harvey  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Liisa Wallace  
 26<sup>th</sup> Holden Appler  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jay Springthorpe  
 30<sup>th</sup> Tom Vaughn, Jr.

**Anniversaries**

10<sup>th</sup> David & Liisa Wallace  
 25<sup>th</sup> Scott & Jennifer Green



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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