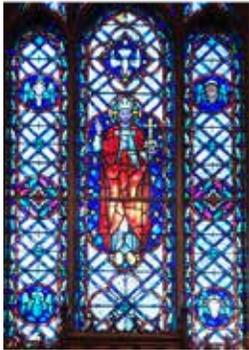


# Trinity Episcopal Church

## *The Messenger*



### FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

It seems we hear a great deal today about the subject of what is called “Christian Nationalism.” That is when Christianity gets conflated with a form of patriotism, which believes that America should be a Christian country. Perhaps on one level, Christian people might hope for that. Our Lord said to go and make disciples of all nations. The reality of our nation, however, is that there are many Americans who follow a different spiritual and religious path, and believe in their way of knowing God.

In spite of the fact our nation was founded on the premise of religious liberty, those who follow Christian Nationalism believe that we need to reclaim America as a Christian country, and their ideas quickly lead them to think that all Christians think like them, and indeed all Christians look like them. Often the logic path of this argument leads to ideas about taking up arms to reclaim the country. Hence, events like the January 6th insurrection are happening. Some while back, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, said that one of the ways we can work against this false ideology is to focus on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Perhaps we can begin with the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes.

Jesus was not a revolutionary military leader who tried to free Palestine from the Romans. He wasn't even a Christian himself, because Christianity did not exist. We can see him through many different lenses, including that of non-violent resistance. Jesus' non-violent response to those who plotted against him, and who finally had him executed, has been an inspiration for movements of non-violent resistance, which have enabled oppressed people in the U.S. and other countries to overcome injustice and racism.

My favourite scripture from Micah ends with the encapsulation of what it means to be a person of God. “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” That is what we see in Jesus of Nazareth. Not striving for power, not jockeying for position, but walking humbly with our God.

Ultimately this means loving everyone, regardless of skin color, gender expression, sexual preference, or preferred ideology. As we celebrate the birth of our nation on the 4th of July, let us pray that we are able to focus on Jesus' words. May His words speak for themselves and be our guide in all of our life.

Grace and Peace,  
Gene†

Lumberton, North Carolina July 2024 Edition  
Worship Schedule: Sunday in the Sanctuary 10:00 am, & Online

# Senior Wardens Report

A few weeks ago, while in Virginia, I sat staring at the Cathedral Church of Peter and Paul (the National Cathedral). Last week, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Both made me reflect on the diversity of characters of these two pillars of the Church. The construction of the National Cathedral required more than 100 years to complete. When I visit or even view the Washington, DC skyline, I gaze at the beauty, feel a sense of peace, and reflect on the mosaic created by the combination of color and texture. However, I rarely reflect on the difficulties of building that impressive edifice. When thinking about the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, I thought about how different the two men were in education, style, and lived experience, and yet, the combination was used by the Holy Spirit to establish the Church.

May we take heart as we move into the next era of Trinity Episcopal Church in Lumberton's life! For me, things seem slow and sometimes frustrating. Still, then I think about Father Gene's most recent messages, which all have themes of peace, patience, and hopefulness, all coming from being part of the mosaic the Holy Spirit is building in Lumberton. We, the Vestry, ask for your prayers and assistance as we move forward.

Best,  
Cherry Beasley, Senior Warden

## Musically Speaking

Just a quick note to remind everyone to thank a choir member, when you see them, for their dedication to the music program of our church. Throughout the year, they give tirelessly of their time and talent so that we may have a successful choral program in our church each Sunday. Even in the summer when there are no rehearsals, they show up early every Sunday that they can for an early rehearsal and then lead worship musically from the choir loft. I am so very thankful for those who give so wonderfully of themselves so that we can continue to enjoy beautiful traditional music each week. This is especially appreciated in our community when so many other churches in Robeson County have had to suspend their choir programs altogether or have gone to words of praise choruses projected on movie screens. I appreciate most whole heartedly the love of music that we have in our church.

In closing, I'd like to again mention that we always have room for extra voices in the choir loft! Come join us and be a part of the musical joy! And, don't forget that we will resume our handbell program in the fall as well!

Musical blessings!  
Mark Andersen 🎵





## Military

**Nels Anderson** / *Susan Anderson (Mother)* • **Zeb Beasley** / *Cherry Beasley (Mother)*  
**Adam Biggerstaff** (*Parishioner*) • **Terri Biggerstaff** / *Chris Biggerstaff (Wife)*  
**Christian Cummings** / *Stan Knick (Friend)* • **Kevin Dyda** / *Stan Knick (Friend)*  
**Antwone Gainey** / *Shane Donovan (Friend)* • **Brian Gibson** / *Cherry Beasley (Son-in-law)*  
**Jefferson Griffin** / *Annette Burk (Nephew)* • **Addison Larson** (*Cody Cruise's friend*)  
**Justin Locklear** (*Meaghan McDonald boyfriend*) • **Patrick Morge** (*Biggerstaff Student*)  
**Charlie Noble** / *Lynn Noble (Son)* • **Kelvin Oxendine** / *Stan Knick (Friend)*  
**Kameron Redder** (*Biggerstaff Friend*) • **Samantha Saffery** (*Friend*)  
**Chris Simmons** / *Shane Donovan (Friend)* • **Sean Taitt** (*Anne Todd relative*)  
**Zachary Vickers** (*Gidget Vickers' son*)

## July Office

### Hours

Monday - Friday

8am - 11am,

Wednesday filming 4pm

Please send all  
e-mails to

[trinityepiscopall202@gmail.com](mailto:trinityepiscopall202@gmail.com)

## July Birthdays

4 Mary Lou Herring  
6 Amber Bedell  
8 Jacqueline Biggerstaff  
9 Bonnie Biggs  
13 Ken Bedell  
15 Donna Gage  
19 David Cox  
25 Sam Currin  
25 Sharon Leary  
26 Lenore Taylor  
27 John Rozier  
29 Shane Donovan  
29 Rose Abrams

## REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

We wanted to share the good news with all of our customers, donors, and volunteers. Our board treasurer, Floyd Locklear, and manager, Tina McLamb, presented a check to Lumberton Christian Care director, Clementine Thompson-McCormick for \$9743. This was in addition to our regular donation of \$500/month. A check for \$4176 was presented to Scott Bigelow for CIS Back Pack Pals to help provide weekend meals for local students experiencing food insufficiency. Thank you all for helping us help others in our community.



## Jim & Eleanor Social Event (JESE)

**Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 pm**, hosted by  
Sue Dickason and Kathy Dickason at their home at  
**205 Stirling Dr, Lumberton**

Bring your favorite wine or  
other beverage to drink.

Everyone is invited  
to join our summer  
social-cool off inside



# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 NO HEALING SERVICE	4  Happy 4th of July Mary Lou Herring	5	6  Amber Bedell
7 7th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	8  Jacqueline Biggerstaff	9  Vestry 7pm- Bonnie Biggs	10  Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p	11	12	13
14 8th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am  Ken Bedell	15  Donna Gage	16	17  Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p	18	19  David Cox	20
21 9th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	22	23	24  Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p	25  JESE 5:30pm  Sam Currin Sharon Leary	26  Lenore Taylor	27  John Rozier
28 10th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	29  Shane Donovan Rose Abrams	30	31  Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p			

IF MARKETERS WERE TO DISCOVER PENTECOST...



## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild's Flower and Ambry Candle Calendars are posted in the Parish Hall. The Sunday flowers are \$50, and the weekly Ambry candle is \$10. These are lovely ways to express your memorial recognition for a loved one, or celebrate a special occasion. Please fill out the form, which is provided, along with your check or cash, and leave it in the church office.

Sincerely, Lynn Noble, Director.

Please continue to bring non perishable food items such as peanut butter, cereal, canned foods , etc each Sunday & leave in the parish hall for Robeson County Church & Community Center Food Pantry. The Food Bank also needs cereal for families with children. Our church family participation in this outreach program is greatly appreciated.

Thank you ,  
Vestry Outreach Committee



Server Schedule for July 2024:  
 If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange  
 for someone to replace you.



# Servers Schedule



<b>Sun 10am</b>	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher/ B & W	Vestry Person of the Day
July 7	Katherine N	Susan W	Tammi B Anne T	Cody C		
July 14	Stan K	Jef L	Stan K Dencie L	Levi M Cody C		
July 21	Lisa D	Sam C	Lisa D Kathy H	Cherry B		
July 28	Charles A	Kitty C	Lisa B Rosemary G	Tammi B		
<b>Wed 5:30</b>						
July 3	X	X	No Service	X	X	
July 10	X	X	Stan K	X	X	
July 17	X	X	George N	X	X	
July 24	X	X	Holt M	X	X	
July 31	X	X	Rosemary G	X	X	

## Christian Education

Christian Education will continue with organizing the  
 Church Library.



# Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in July are: Candy Borbet, Mark Andersen, Donna Gage, Mary Lou Herring, Farleigh Rozier.

An offering of 50.00 is needed for  and 10.00 is needed for 

## Flower Offerings for *July*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
July 7	Mark Andersen	in honor of	22 years with Lynn Andersen
July 14	Clyde McKee	in memory of	John McKee
July 21			
July 28	Lambdin		

## Candle Offerings for *July*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
July 7	Lynn Andersen	in honor of	22 years with Mark Andersen
July 14	Clyde McKee	in memory of	John McKee
July 21			
July 28			

## Flower Offerings for *August*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
August 4	Cox		
August 11	Mark Andersen	in honor of	Lynn Andersen's Birthday
August 18	Eva Skuka		
August 25	Donna Gage	in memory of	Donald & Gertrude Gage

## Candle Offerings for *August*

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
August 5	Cox		
August 11	Mark Andersen	in honor of	Lynn Andersen's Birthday
August 18	Eva Skuka		
August 25	Donna Gage	in memory of	Donald & Gertrude Gage

**PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL AND TURN IN FORM AND CHECK IN THE DESK ORGANIZER.**



*Our prayer List is divided into two parts. Those we pray for during Prayers of the People are placed on the list for immediate need and stay on for four weeks. Those with long term needs are placed on the Daily Prayer Intercessions. Each person listed is followed by the relationship they have to the church. Please call the office to update.*

**DAILY INTERCESSIONS**

- Mark Andersen** (parishioner) • **Jonna Baker** (Rosemary Gibson friend)  
**Martha Bedell** (Lisa Bedell mother-in-law) • **Don Billington** (Stan Knick Father)  
**Gabriela Hemmer** (Mariel Mendes' sister) • **Brooke Humphrey** (Donovan)  
**Stan Knick** (parishioner) • **Grant Lewis** (parishioner)  
**Melba McCorkle** (Jan Gane mother) • **George Nobles** (parishioner)  
**Leggette Odom** (parishioner) • **Elisabeth Oxendine** (parishioner)  
**Sally Sellers Pennington** ( Odom friend) • **Jennifer Waddell** (Anne Todd sister)

**SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS**

- Angel Bales** (Tammi Biggerstaff sister)  
**Mary Lou Herring** (parishioner)  
**Ken Fallow** (Lambdin)  
**Serhii Ratushnyi** (Refugee)  
**Anna Hightower** (Lambdin)  
**Kelly Beck** (Lenore brother)  
**Kenny Biggs** (parishioner)  
**Mike Waddell** (Lenore cousin)

✠ **Barbara June Stickney Burchette** passed away, for information call  
David Lee Burchette 336-479-3834

	<u><b>Vestry 2024</b></u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>2024</u> Candy Borbet <b>Outreach</b>	<u>2025</u> Cherry Beasley, <b>Senior Warden</b>	Holt Moore <b>Junior Warden</b>
Kathy Hansen <b>Fellowship</b>	Tammi Biggerstaff <b>Stewardship</b>	Sam Currin <b>Christian Education</b>
George Nobles <b>Comms &amp; Publicity</b>	Lisa Donovan <b>Fellowship</b>	John Rozier <b>Finance/Clerk</b>
	Dencie Lambdin, <b>Worship</b>	Marilyn Teague Anne Todd <b>Pastoral Care</b>

## WARNING!!

There are a huge number of **scams** going around. One big one is to write people in a congregation, pretending to be the rector/priest/staff, and ask them to **buy gift cards** for the rector, and send them the “code” that is on the back under a scrape off coating. Another scam is to get you to send them your **church directory**. They will pose as anyone in the church to get you to send them lists or gifts or information. Please stay aware of this. Ignore them and mark them “**junk**” if you get anything like this. **ALWAYS** check the **email address** of the person sending the message. On your smart phone, you can touch the name and have it reveal to you the actual e-mail address. They will fake the address to make it look “familiar.” If you don’t personally know that email address, then mark it junk. In the church office, I get many of these every month. They keep getting more savvy, so you really have to watch out.

Thanks!

Trinity staff

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Thank you , Vestry Outreach Committee

### *Notes from Pastoral Care Committee:*

*The Pastoral Care Committee would like to send notes to folks on our prayer lists. If you have someone listed, and would like them to receive an occasional “thinking of you” card from the congregation, please submit a complete name and address to the office, or by text to Anne Todd, 910 258 6279. Thank you. Marilyn Teague & Ann Todd.*



## Trinity Episcopal Church Information

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