

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Well, we did it! Last Sunday (June 21) we held our first outdoor service of the pandemic season. I confess it was not without some concern on my part, but things seemed to go well. We were able to observe physical distancing and mask discipline (mostly). Of course, it was great to have our small group together to share news and worship. It was, as you can imagine, different from our usual worship practice. That's O.K. We live in a world now that doesn't allow us to do things the way we used to do it. Really, that's part of

the history of our congregation. Since June 12, 1912, when nine men and women gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs J.Q. Beckwith to meet with Bishop Strange and organize Trinity Church, there have been many changes. The one constant factor in the history of our church has been determination in the face of adversity. The small, but determined, group of founders struggled to get land and build a church building. They struggled to get priests on a regular basis. The challenges of our small congregation included two World Wars and the Great Depression of the 1930's. Always our people and vestries kept the faith and met the challenges of their day. They were able to meet these challenges because they trusted that God would provide...not necessarily a way out of the struggle, but a way through. It is always inspirational to me to read the history of our congregation. As I do that, I am reminded of the words of Bishop Francis de Sales: "We shall steer safely through every storm, as long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed in God." Bishop De Sales wrote those words in the early 1600's, but they ring true today. He was well known in the Church for his emphasis on the love of God for his children and the love shared by followers of Jesus. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has a similar emphasis. Recently, he wrote: As our seasons of life in the Covid-19 world continue to turn, we are called to continue to be creative, to risk, to love. We are called to ask, "What would unselfish, sacrificial love do?" Love is the community praying together in ways old and new. Love finds a path in this new normal to build church communities around being in relationship with God. Love calls us to be gentle with ourselves, to forgive our own mistakes, to take seriously the Sabbath. Love calls us to be in love with God, to cultivate a loving relationship with God, to spend time with God, to be still and know that God is God. As we go forward, I believe we will find God's way through this current challenge with our "courage steadfast and our trust fixed in God."

Blessings, Gene +

Lumberton, North Carolina July 2020 Edition
Summer worship Schedule: Sunday [Online](#), and 9am Outdoor

Senior Warden Report

The Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church met at 7:00 PM via Zoom conference on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. Those logging in were Joe Burke, Clyde McKee, Milissa Cox, Holt Moore, Candy Borbet, Cherry Beasley, Nikki Hansen, Fr. Gene Wayman, George Nobles, Charles Anene and Floyd Locklear. Senior Warden, Joe Burke, presided and Fr. Gene opened with prayer. Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report — Milissa Cox

*Copies of the Balance Sheet and the Income/Expense Statement were reviewed by Milissa Cox. Joe Burke noted that the figure for General Donations indicates the year-to-date amount. He suggested that future reports also include the previous year-to-date amount. Joe will ask Treasurer, Mike Brown, to add this information to future reports. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

*Milissa Cox reported on a question raised at the meeting in May regarding the source of money used last year to pay off the mortgage on the church's rental house. The church took out a line of credit and used a \$50,000 CD as collateral for this loan. The money in the CD (2018) was approved by the Vestry at that time to pay off the house mortgage. Paperwork for this action is on file at the church.

*The question on office supply increases is due to the cost of ink cartridges for making music copies for the choir. Joe Burke will get further details on this expense, possibly pursuing another way of making copies.

Rector's Report — Fr. Gene

*Weekly "You Tube" church services continue going well for the parish.

*We will probably need to look at more communal worship as we also consider the healthiest ways to proceed with our worship plans.

*Fr. Gene noted he missed every single one of us during this time of the pandemic.

Senior Warden's Report and New Business — Joe Burke

Joe noted from talking with parishioners that videos have been well done and well received.

*The Parochial Report, required by the Diocese and prepared by Lynn Andersen, Church Administrator, with help from Mike Brown, Treasurer, and Fr. Gene, was reviewed by the Vestry. Milissa Cox questioned the number of baptized members included on the report. It was noted that many previous members have, through the years, kept their letters on file with the church. Joe suggested that in coming years the church take a closer look at the numbers. Also, George Nobles noted his concern on the number of pledge cards listed at 39. Stewardship is working on this area. A motion to approve the Parochial Report passed.

* Dr. Thomas Warren, Chairman of the Diocesan Disaster Relief, Recovery and Preparedness Commission, notified the church that 500 facemasks are being donated to Trinity.

Junior Warden's Report — Holt Moore

*The parish hall roof now requires additional repairs — more than was previously planned when it was just a re-roofing project, prior to the tree falling during a storm. It is Holt's recommendation that we now need the services of a contractor to supervise the construction needed due to damage as well as any originally planned roof repairs, making this project a coordinated effort under one contractor.

*The insurance adjuster has said he will ask the insurance company to repair the entire back roof section including the nursery, choir room, bathrooms, offices, kitchen and parish hall. Ceiling tiles in the classrooms also need repair.

*A motion was made by Cherry Beasley and seconded by Milissa Cox to allow Holt Moore and Joe Burke to review the bids and make a decision on the contractor so that the project can move forward. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance — Milissa Cox

*The Diocesan Auditor will review church financial records for the last two years (2018 and 2019) which are due for audit.

Worship — Clyde McKee

*This committee reviewed their report, "Worship Options for Trinity Church During Corona Virus Pandemic," prepared by the committee and sent to Vestry members. (see attachment)

*After discussion, the following decision was made:

- to continue the current "You Tube" service provided by Fr. Gene, Mark Andersen and Lynn Andersen

- on June 21, 2020 to hold an outside service in the garden, the first of 4 planned services

- *The service will begin at 9:00 AM

- *Parishioners must bring own lawn chair and practice social distancing

- *Wear a face mask (church will have some on hand)

- *Eucharist will consist of wafers only

Outreach/Evangelism — Floyd Locklear

*Phone calls to parishioners continue as a way to stay in touch.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde McKee, Clerk

Military

Zeb Beasley / Cherry Beasley (*Mother*)

Scott Cherichella / Carol McDonald (*Friend*) • 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*)

John Gibson / Rosemary Gibson (*Grandmother*) • Jefferson Griffin / Annette Burk (*Nephew*)

Dakota Maynor / Shane Donovan (*Friend*) • Antonio Massol / Nikki Hansen (*Friend*)

Helena Massol / Nikki Hansen (*Friend*) • Charlie Noble / Lynn Noble (*Son*)

Kelvin Oxendine / Stan Knick (*Friend*) • Chris Simmons / Shane Donovan (*Friend*)

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

Repeat Performance Thrift Shop will continue to remain closed due to COVID-19. The Board will review this decision at their August board meeting.

July Office Hours

Phone:

425-922-3442

Monday-Thursday

(working from home,
in Office as needed)

Please send all
e-mails to

trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com

July Birthdays

1	Jim Ebert	15	Donna Gage
3	Judi Losh		June Power
6	Joseph Tupone	17	Joshua Gane
	Amber Bedell		Pat McKenzie
7	Zachary Cox	19	David Cox
8	Britt Hayes	26	Lenore Taylor
9	Bonnie Biggs	27	John Rozier
10	Maggie Noble	29	Shane Donovan
11	Brian Hardin		Rose Abrams
13	Ken Bedell		Chad Millice

Musically Speaking

Dear Trinity Episcopal Church family,

I know that many have noticed I'm back on the prayer list again. At my recent CT Scan they found that the tumor on my kidney has grown enough that they feel it necessary to go ahead with the removal of that kidney. I'm just waiting right now for Duke Hospital to find the time in their schedule to do the operation, and I'm expecting to hear from them relatively soon. I appreciate so much your prayers on my behalf during this stressful time. Needless to say, I'm having to be especially careful not to come into any contact with COVID-19 during this waiting period, so I have been in voluntary quarantine during this time, except for my visits to the Gibson Cancer Center. I am doing a lot of work at home toward the time we can re-open our church by writing new music for organ and choir, as well as solos.

I very much appreciate being able to come to the church when others aren't there to record the music for our Sunday video services. I also have enjoyed all the nice comments I see on line regarding our services, Fr. Gene's sermons, the music, and the overall quality of the presentation. I'm hearing from local people, some of whom are making plans to join us once things are back to normal. They have been impressed by what we are bringing to the public from Trinity and want to join with us in person. I'm also hearing from people far away who are using our services as their weekly worship time. I'm so very glad that our church has had the forethought to bring these video services to the people in need.

I'm making plans to record service music ahead for the time I'll be in recovery after my surgery so we will still be in touch during those weeks as well. I'm blessed to be able to call you all my church family,

Mark



Notes from Pastoral Care Committee:

*We hope everyone is doing well, if you need anything, or have any concerns, please let us know. Contact us at trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com, or call Lynn Andersen at 425-922-3442, and he will relay any messages. Thank you,
Lynn Noble & Candy Borbet*



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4th of July
5 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Outdoor Service	6	7	8 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	9	10	11
12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9am Outdoor Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	27	28	29	30	31	



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 (*parishoner*) • **Cherry Beasley** (*parishoner*)
Don Billington (*Stan Knick Father*) • **Ann Chaney** (*parishoner*)
Cody Cruise (*parishioner*) • **Kerry DeVos** (*Rosemary's Nephew*)
Eleanor Ebert (*Parishioner*) • **Jim Ebert** (*parishioner*)
Nancy Evans (*Donna Gage cousin*) • **Elizabeth Hall** (*Wayman friend*)
Jim Herring (*parishioner*) • **Jean Hornyak** (*Rosemary Gibson sister*)
Stan Knick (*parishioner*) • **Melba McCorkle** (*Jan Gane mother*)
Leggette Odom (*parishioner*) • **Ruth Saunders** • **Ann Shiber** (*Milissa Cox*)
Harold Slagle (*parishioner*) • **Milly Swayne** (*parishioner*)
Dick Taylor (*parishoner*) • **Kaleighann Thompson** (*Michael Brown*)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Ted Thessing (*Kara's Friend Marcus' Father*)
Charles Fry (*June Powers' grandfather-in-law*)
Nels A Anderson IV passed (*Susan Anderson*)

Helpful Links

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/care-for-someone.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/10Things.pdf>