

Trinity Episcopal Church

THE MESSENGER



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

I recently read several articles about the role and future of the Church in the era of pandemic. Some writers despair over scarce attendance and "return to church" numbers being remarkably low. Others say that traumatic times can often drive people toward faith. During the Gulf War in 1991, church attendance in the U.S. skyrocketed as soon as fighting began. The same happened after 9/11. In some places we see this happening during the pandemic. For instance, in Britain a third of young adults attended a virtual religious service in the weeks after lockdown began - a figure significantly higher than the norm. One quarter of U S adults say their faith has become stronger because of the pandemic, per the Pew research poll. How might these trends relate to the future of the Church?

A best-selling leadership author, speaker, former attorney, and church planter named Carey Nieuwhof has some ideas about what will drive future church growth going forward. His views may be worth considering. I will list some of them as follows:

1) The future church will have to stand as an alternative to the culture, not an echo of it. As a result, in the future church - "COOL" won't cut it, "HYPE" won't cut it, "FUN" won't cut it. "REAL" will. A focus on the core purpose of church: Introducing people to a relationship with Christ, with each other, and life changing discipleship, will be the one thing the church can offer that the world doesn't.

2) When people come to church, they are not just looking for information - they are looking for transformation. Sure people need some information, but fewer are looking for information about God; they're looking for an experience of God. They will be attracted to churches that get them engaging their faith or at least experiencing it.

3) During the pandemic, people are more isolated than ever. That's playing out in the crises in mental health, rising addictions, and the fractionalized tribes we've seen form in our culture. Authentic, loving, and genuine community are more scarce than they have ever been in our lifetime. Every church should be running to fill that role.

4) Mr Nieuwhof believes an online church is the future for outreach. He says a "robust digital presence" moving forward can result in both greater growth and deeper engagement.

I present this viewpoint for your consideration and input. Feel free to contact me or vestry members if you see a way we could do better ministry in any of these areas. Remember, "we" means all of us :).

Grace and Peace,
Gene†

Lumberton, North Carolina October 2021 Edition
Fall Worship Schedule: Sunday Parish Hall 10:00 am

Senior Wardens Report

Dear Congregation,

I hope all are enjoying this great fall weather. We look forward to fellowship, wonderful music, and spiritual uplifting at our Fall Picnic event at Luther Britt Park this Sunday, 10.3.21. Please come and bring a dish if you can. More details follow below.

We anticipate a firm plan and contractor's quote on the sanctuary work early next week, which should pave the way forward on that project.

The Bishop has loosened the restrictions on worship somewhat and the Vestry will be discussing those changes and how they may impact us. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best, Holt Moore, Senior Warden.

Musically Speaking

I wanted to write and tell each of you "thank you" for the comments and notes I have received on the music during the past several months of meeting in the Parish Hall. I do so much appreciate you letting me know how much it is meaning to you to be able to have music in the services, and to have choir members dispersed among the congregation to aid in those wishing to sing. We made the decision not to have the choir members sit all in one space, but rather sit among the rest of the congregation and this has met with really good comments. Thank you for letting me know that this, is helping you all to sing.

We will bring choir rehearsals once again starting in November, to prepare for our upcoming Christmas program on Sunday, December 19. The Vestry has voted that we will have a Sunday afternoon music program, with our choir and guest instrumentalists, along with singers from other churches, as we normally would do on Christmas Eve. This is due to having the programs this year in the Parish Hall, in case we cannot yet be in our sanctuary. Our Christmas Eve service will still be held, but in an effort to not overcrowd the Parish Hall, the music concert portion will be held on that Sunday afternoon, December 19. Please make your plans to be with us, as we prepare a meaningful Christmas Music Program.

Mark Andersen



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) • Samantha Saffery (Friend)

Chris Simmons / Shane Donovan (Friend)

OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
8am - 12pm (noon)

Please send all
e-mails to

trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Belle Gibson
- 13 Lynn Noble
- 16 Don Terrell
- 19 Katherine Nobles
- 20 Craig Rinde
- 26 Jo Reynolds

Jim Ebert Social Event

The Jim Ebert Social Event is on the Church calendar for Thursday, October 28.

Hosted by Bob & Betty Fisher
4926 White Oak Dr.
Lumberton, NC 28360

(Everyone is invited to attend!)



Come and join other who sew, at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church for a fun time of fellowship, while making a difference for others. October 20th at 1:00 pm. Questions, please call 910-635-9542



Saint Mark's Invites you to join in prayer and meditation for our community and the world. We will be meeting every Monday evening at 4:00 to 5:00 starting October 18th. Questions, please call 910-625-9542



Saint Mark's Lutheran church morning prayer. Monday mornings at 9:30 am. Join us at the Labyrinth to walk and pray. Questions: Call 910-635-9542



OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 19th Sunday of Pentecost Church Service 10am PICNIC Belle Gibson	4 Labor Day	5	6 Healing Service 5:30pm	7	8	9
10 20th Sunday of Pentecost Church Service 10am	11	12	13 Healing Service 5:30pm Vestry Meeting 7pm Lynn Noble	14	15	16 Don Terrell
17 21st Sunday of Pentecost Church Service 10am	18	19	20 Healing Service 5:30pm Craig Rinde	21	22	23
24 22nd Sunday of Pentecost Church Service 10am	25	26 Jo Reynolds	27 Healing Service 5:30pm	28 JESE 5:30pm	29	30
31 23rd Sunday of Pentecost Church Service 10am						

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

Repeat Performance Thrift Shop's new online presence

Check out our google business profile by typing "Repeat Performance Thrift Shop" on google.com! The profile features lots of pictures of the merchandise available for sale, as well as the shop information. If you shop at the store and have a Google account, please leave a review.

Thanks to Dodie Taylor, Board Member, for updating our information online!!

Wednesday - Friday (10:00 AM - 4:00 PM), or
Saturday (10:00 AM - 2:00 PM).
We would love to see you!



PARISH PICNIC

Last year we were unable to have our annual Parish Picnic and Golf Tournament. This year we

look forward to having a Picnic and Eucharist in the Park on Sunday, October 3, at Luther Britt Park. We will set up at Shelter B, which is located at the back of the park closest to the Interstate. Our service will begin at 10am, followed by a potluck meal. All paper products, serving utensils, and COVID related items, such as gloves and hand sanitizer, will be provided. Please bring your lawn chair and potluck dish.



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)
Cherry Beasley (parishioner) • **Don Billington** (Stan Knick Father)
Ann Chaney (parishioner) • **Cody Cruise** (parishioner)
Eleanor Ebert (parishioner) • **Nancy Evans** (Donna Gage cousin)
Barbara Herring (Herring Family) • **Charles Herring, Jr.** (Herring Family)
Brooke Humphrey (Donovan) • **Stan Knick** (parishioner)
Melba McCorkle (Jan Gane mother) • **Kayla Nicole** (Cody Cruise friend)
Leggette Odom (parishioner) • **Grant Lewis** (parishioner)
Jim Parrish (parishioner) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (Leggette & Elizabeth Odom friend)
Ann Shiber (Milissa Cox) • **Harold Slagle** (parishioner)
Milly Swayne (parishioner) • **Betsy Taylor** (Susan Anderson's Mother)
Dick Taylor (parishioner) • **Jennifer Waddell** (Sister of Ann Todd)
Elizabeth Wright (Sister of Ann Todd)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Kathy Hansen (parishioner) • **Barry Amos** (Susan Anderson friend)
Ken Fallaw (Dencie brother-in-law) • **Rosemary Gibson** (parishioner)
Leonard Arruzzo (former parishioner)

Forward Movement Daily Prayer Link: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org>

Vestry

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Holt Moore	Charles Anene	Lisa Bedell
Senior Warden	Stewardship	Fellowship
Melissa Cox	Floyd Locklear	Annette Burke
Finance	Jr. Warden	Pastoral Care, Education
George Nobles	Ryan Bloomer	Butch Gane
Comms & Publicity	Fellowship	Outreach
Clyde McKee		Rosemary Gibson
Worship		Pastoral Care, Clerk

Server Schedule for October 2021:
 If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
 for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



Sunday 8am	Lector	Intercessor	Acolyte	Bread & Wine	Vestry Person of the Day
October 3	X	X	X	X	X
October 10	X	X	X	X	X
October 17	X	X	X	X	X
October 24	X	X	X	X	X
October 31	X	X	X	X	X
Sunday 10am					
October 3	Lisa Bedell	Lisa Donovan	Allison Bedell	X	Milissa Cox
October 10	Stan Knick	George Nobles	Stan Knick	X	Rosemary Gibson
October 17	Jef Lambdin	Lisa Bedell	Dencie Lambdin	X	Floyd Locklear
October 24	Katherine Nobles	Tammi Biggerstaff	George Nobles	X	Clyde McKee
October 31	Charles Anene	Kathy Hansen	Rosemary Gibson		Holt Moore
Wednesday 5:30					
October 6	X	X	Stan Knick	X	X
October 13	X	X	Dencie Lambdin	X	X
October 20	X	X	Rosemary Gibson	X	X
October 27	X	X	George Nobles	X	X

Altar Guild News

Altar Guild Members serving in October are: Lisa Donovan, Betty Nye, Maureen Rinde, Katherine Nobles



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

Flower Offerings for OCTOBER

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
October 3	Needed		
October 10	\$Clyde McKee	In Memory of	John S. McKee by Clyde McKee
October 17	Needed		
October 24	Needed		
October 31	\$Mary Lou Herring	In Memory of	Jim Herrings's Birthday

Candle Offerings for OCTOBER

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
October 3	Cherry Beasley		
October 10	\$Clyde McKee	In Memory of	John S. McKee by Clyde McKee
October 17	Cherry Beasley		
October 24	Needed		
October 31	\$Mary Lou Herring	In Memory of	Jim Herrings's Birthday

Flower Offerings for November

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
November 7	\$Ryan Family	In Thanksgiving for	Our Church Family
November 14	\$Mark Andersen	In Honor of	Susan B Welsh's Birthday 11/11 (Mark Mother)
November 21	Needed		
November 28	\$Becky Alsup	In Memory of	Bruce Lewis, from his Family

Candle Offerings for November

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
November 7	\$Mark Andersen	In Memory of	Susan B Welsh's Birthday 11/11 (Mark Mother)
November 14	\$Ryan Family	In Memory of	Clarence Rice (Glenda's Father)
November 21	Cherry Beasley		
November 28	Needed		

PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL AND TURN IN FORM AND CHECK TO THE OFFICE

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

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, Annette Burke & Rosemary Gibson



Give to the Ingathering

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of The Episcopal Church that invites you to Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your Blessing becomes a blessing for others.

Today we give thanks for YOU and your generous support of the many ministries revitalized through UTO grants.

Our ingathering Sunday will be Nov. 7th, 2021.



Trinity Episcopal Church Information

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