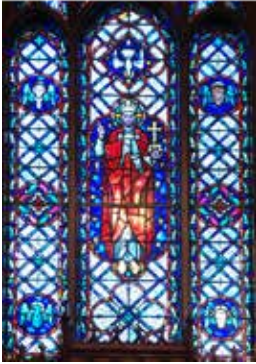


Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

As we know, the Episcopal Church will select a new presiding bishop in June at our General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Bishop Curry's nine-year term will conclude Oct. 31, 2024. I feel we should not let this pass without remembering what a remarkable leader he has been. I had the pleasure of meeting him and hearing him speak on two occasions, and he left quite an impression on me. Clearly, his time as our presiding bishop has been a great blessing to our church.

Bishop Curry noted in his autobiography that both sides of his family were descended from slaves and sharecroppers in North Carolina and Alabama. He was born in Maywood, Illinois, a suburb just west of Chicago. His grandfather and great grandfather were Baptist ministers. His parents had been Baptists, but became Episcopalians when they were allowed to drink from the same chalice as whites in racially segregated Ohio. His mother died when he was young, and his father and grandmother raised him. After graduation from high school, he attended Hobart College in Geneva, New York.

As an undergraduate, he intended to prepare for a career as a lawyer. The college chaplain, Rev Dr Durstan McDonald, convinced him that his true calling was to the priesthood. After graduating with high honors from Hobart College, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from the Yale Divinity School in 1978 and was ordained as a priest at St. Stephan's, Winston-Salem. Subsequently, he served parishes in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland. In his ministries he participated in crisis response pastoral care, the founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, creation of networks of family day care providers, and the brokering of investment in inner city neighborhoods.

In June of 2000 he was consecrated at Duke Chapel in Durham as the eleventh bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. He became the first African-American diocesan bishop of the Episcopal Church in the American South. His accomplishments as bishop in North Carolina were truly significant and reflective of his considerable skill as a preacher, teacher, and supporter of the needs of local congregations.

In May of 2015 he was nominated as a candidate for presiding bishop, and elected in June. He was installed as presiding bishop and primate on November 1, 2015, All Saints Day, during a Eucharist at Washington National Cathedral.

In his ministry as presiding bishop, he was not only an inspirational leader of our national church, but appeared frequently on the national and international scene. He launched a series of revival tours focusing on evangelism in the U.S., San Joaquin, and Honduras. He represented the Anglican Communion as part of a delegation of Anglican primates to the Vatican, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He delivered the sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meaghan Markle at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in England. He served as the officiant for the state funerals of Senator John McCain and George H.W. Bush. He was frequently interviewed by American media outlets to provide a spiritual perspective in the aftermath of significant U.S. events. In all of his work, he emphasized the redemptive potential of love and its power to heal.

I once attended a conference in which he was the featured speaker in Austin, Texas. A lady asked him if would be glad to get home to New York city. He said, "Well, New York is where my office is, but North Carolina is my home."

We will be happy and honored to welcome Bishop Curry home.

Grace and Peace,
Gene†

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

Senior Wardens Report

A little more than a year ago, Father Gene offered a series of messages in which he challenged us to focus on “the priesthood of believers.” A key reason I am a member of the Episcopal community is the role of the laity as quintessential in fulfilling the work of the church. I was reminded of this just a few weeks ago when we studied the highly priestly prayer found in John 17. On the way to the cross, Christ Jesus prayed for us, noting that we were to stay in the world, bearing witness to Christ. I was reminded of this again at the baptism of one of Christ’s own and our congregational, public declarations of our baptismal covenant.

According to the Episcopal dictionary, the term laity refers to the people of the church, and comes from the Greek meaning “people.” We are to be exercised in representing Christ in the gathered church (when we come together) and the scattered church (in the home, byways, community outreach), all of which provide us with the opportunity to live out our faith.

Part of the Great Thanksgiving states, “For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the light of the world in their generations.” In Indigenous culture, we speak of benefiting from the work of seven generations and our work to prepare for the next seven. This summer as you travel, sit around the pool, remain inside to stay cool, and participate in family and church gatherings, may we be mindful of and intentional in our “living out the call of Christ.” We look forward to meeting you as we gather and pray for you as you are scattered. And, we ask that you keep all of us in your hearts and minds.

Best,

Cherry Beasley, Senior Warden

Musically Speaking

I wanted to take a moment to thank our faithful choir members for the excellent job that they have all done for our entire 2023-2024 season. Our last rehearsal for the summer will be on Wednesday, June 12th. For the remainder of the summer, our choir will continue to sing in the Sunday morning worship services, and meet at 9:30 each Sunday morning to rehearse before the service. I know that we will not always all be there, but we will be singing much more familiar hymns and anthems during the summer months following Father’s Day.

Speaking of the summer months upcoming, it would be a wonderful time to join us in singing in our summer choir, if you’ve had any thoughts of sharing any musical abilities. The music will be easy, and even if you aren’t planning to attend every week, we’d love to have you in our summer choir at any time you can be with us.

Another way you can give of your talent might be to consider joining several of us who would like to **play handbells**. We are going to start our little group again for the 2024-2025 upcoming season in our church year starting in September.

It would be so nice to have ringers (even those who would like to learn) from our own congregation so we can add bells to our morning service on occasion. Please let me know if you’d be interested in trying your hand at ringing!

Musical blessings!





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*) • **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*)

June Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 8am - 11am,

Wednesday filming 4pm

Please send all
 e-mails to
trinityepiscopal1202@gmail.com

June Birthdays

7 Lisa Donovan
 15 George Nobles
 21 Logan Brill
 28 Jane Pitman

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

Summer Volunteers Needed!

If you have some time this summer to volunteer at the shop, please contact Tina McLamb, Shop Manager. Call her at 910-739-5626, Wednesday -Friday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

“Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” – Anonymous

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”
– Winston Churchill

Jim & Eleanor Social Event

June JESE -Monthly Social Gathering
Thursday, June 27, 5:30 pm, Hosted by
Susan Williams & Jesse Davis



at their home:
206 E 20th Street
Bring your favorite wine,
or other beverage, to drink!
Everyone is invited
to attend!



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.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 2nd Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	3	4	5 Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p Choir 7pm	6	7 Lisa Donovan	8
9 3rd Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am UTO Sunday	10	11 Vestry 7pm	12 Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p Choir 7pm	13	14	15 George Nobles
16 4th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	17	18	19 Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p	20	21 Logan Brill	22
23 5th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am	24	25	26 Filming 4:pm Healing 5:30p	27 Mental Health Workshop JESE 5:30pm	28 Jane Pitman	29
30 6th Sun after Pentecost Church Service 10am						

Love Offering On June 2, there will be a love offering collected for Elizabeth Oxendine's family, to help defray some of the expense of traveling from Lumberton to Fayetteville daily to see her, by purchasing gas cards with the donation. You may use cash or a check to make a donation. If a check is used, please annotate Elizabeth Oxendine on the memo line. If you cannot make it to church on June 1, you may bring the donation to the church office.



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



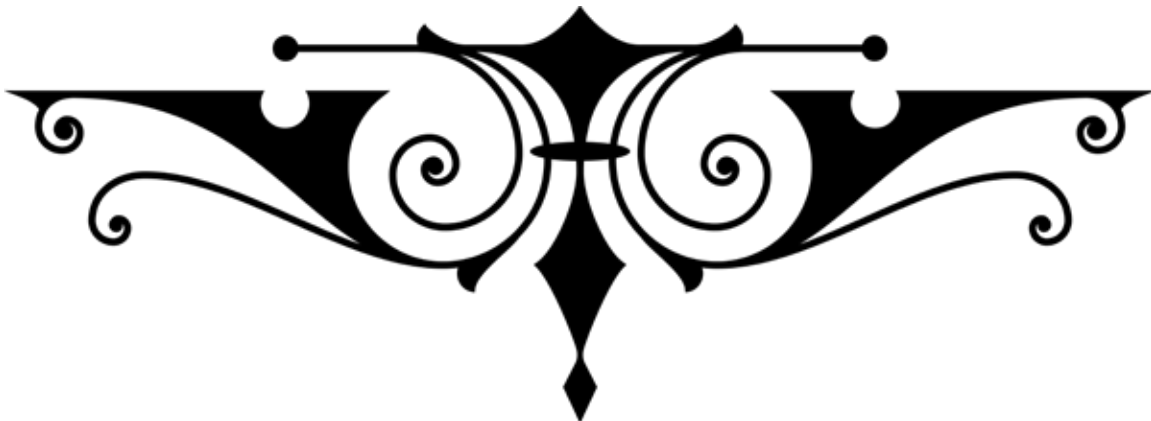
Server Schedule for June 2024:
 If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
 for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



Sun 10am	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher/ B & W	Vestry Person of the Day
June 2	Dencie L	Jef L	Cherry B Denice L	Cody C	Jef L & Floyd L	Marilyn T
June 9	Stan K	Katherine N	Tammi B Stan K	Cody C	Sue D & Mike B	John R
June 16	Rosemary G	Sam C	Kathy H Anne T	Rosemary G	Sharon L & Charles A	Anne T
June 23	Charles A	Tammi B	Lisa B Rosemary G	Levi M Tammi B	Candy B & Mike B	Cherry B
June 30	Susan W	Lisa D	Tammi B Lisa D	Cody C	Lenore T & Floyd L	Tammi B
Wed 5:30						
June 5	X	X	Dencie L	X	X	
June 12	X	X	Stan K	X	X	
June 19	X	X	Rosemary G	X	X	
June 26	X	X	Holt M	X	X	



Altar Guild

Altar Guild Members serving in June are: Lynn Noble, Sue Dickason, Sharon Leary, Floyd Locklear.

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

Flower Offerings for June

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
June 2	Eva Skuka		
June 9	Biggerstaff		
June 16	Rosemary Gibson		
June 23	Steve, Susan, Elizabeth	in memorial	Betty Nye
June 30	Juli Hauser	in memory of	Gary Hauser

Candle Offerings for June

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
June 2	Eva Skuka	Thanksgiving	for our son Christopher Cox for his 38th Birthday
June 9	Biggerstaff		
June 16	Rosemary Gibson		
June 23			
June 30	Juli Hauser	in memory of	Gary Hauser

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			

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*) • **Cookie Beecher** (*Gibson friend*)
Don Billington (*Stan Knick Father*) • **Brooke Humphrey** (*Donovan*)
Stan Knick (*parishioner*) • **Grant Lewis** (*parishioner*)
George Nobles (*parishioner*) • **Leggette Odom** (*parishioner*)
Elisabeth Oxendine (*parishioner*) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (*Odom friend*)
Jennifer Waddell (*Sister of Anne Todd*)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Leona Nash (*Biggerstaff friend*)
Donna Mitchell-Barnes (*Biggerstaff friend*)
Courtney Lowry (*Collins daughter, Beasley niece*)
Angel Bales (*Tammi Biggersaff sister*)
Tim Tatlock (*Gibson friend*)
Cookie Beecher (*Gibson friend*)
Jenny Pruitt (*Anderson friend*)
Doug Wittsell (*Anderson friend*)

Vestry 2024

2024
Candy Borbet
Outreach

Kathy Hansen
Fellowship

George Nobles
Comms & Publicity

2025
Cherry Beasley,
Senior Warden

Tammi Biggerstaff
Stewardship

Lisa Donovan
Fellowship

Dencie Lambdin,
Worship

2026
Holt Moore
Junior Warden

Sam Currin
Christian Education

John Rozier
Finance/Clerk

Marilyn Teague
Anne Todd
Pastoral Care

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church, and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

Blue boxes are available for you in the track-rack at the front/back of the church. Our next diocesan-wide UTO Ingathering will be **Sunday, June 9, 2024**. Thanks be to God for the United Thank Offering!



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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.



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