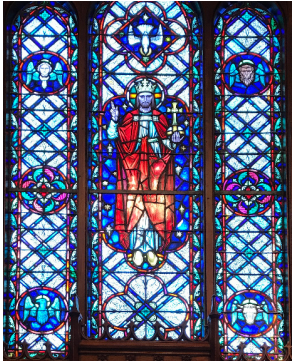


Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

In March of 2022, the Episcopal Church USA commissioned a study entitled "Jesus in America." It is an effort designed to outline the current state of involvement in organized religion in the U.S., and in Christianity in particular. One section held a special interest for me. It is called the "Impact of Covid-19 on Religious Activity." The findings here were not surprising in some ways. Regular in-person attendance of religious services dropped during the pandemic. Overall, the pandemic has decreased participation in organized religion, or religious activities, for about a third of Americans. For whatever reason, many people who formerly attended church regularly have not returned to this practice. Almost half of Americans (45%) found being outdoors in nature to be the most spiritually fulfilling activity, followed by prayer (42%), and giving to charity (28%). Obviously, any conclusions drawn from this data would be subjective. It does seem, however, that many have decided to cease the traditional form of communal worship and "go it alone." I find this ironic, in light of the emphasis in the scriptures on followers of Jesus needing to practice their faith within the Christian community, where they are supported by other believers, and given opportunities for service.

It is also interesting to contrast this response with how the early Christians responded to plagues. Historians mount a powerful argument, that one of the principal reasons Christianity grew in the 1st-4th centuries, was because of the mercy organized Christian communities displayed toward people who suffered physically, and in particular, how Christian groups showed mercy during two massive plagues that ravaged the Roman Empire. In the year 165, a devastating epidemic swept through the Roman Empire. Medical historians suspect this was the first appearance of smallpox in the West. During the 15 year duration of the epidemic, a third of the population likely died of it. On all sides, family, friends, and neighbors, died horribly. No one knew how to treat the stricken, nor did most people try. Since the disease was understood to be contagious, victims were abandoned to die when their first symptom

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Lumberton, North Carolina August 2022 Edition
Worship Schedule: Sunday Parish Hall 10:00 am, & Online

appeared. Christian communities met the obligation to care for the sick, rather than desert them, and thereby saved enormous numbers of lives. The impact of Christian mercy also spread the faith exponentially. The church grew, because it stayed together and was faithful to its calling of service. This is what Christian communities of faith, and the institutions they support, have done throughout the centuries, in the midst of suffering and death. Christians were able to have an impact, because they served side by side in prayer, worship, and service.

However you might view this comparison, I think there is a lesson to be learned here. In these difficult times, we need each other more than ever. See you in church.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24 - 25)

Grace and Peace,

Gene†

Musically Speaking

Choir Rehearsals Resume!

Our choir has remained faithful all summer even though we have not been rehearsing regularly.

Our weekly choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evening, August 24th, at 7:00PM and we will begin our music preparation for the fall and Christmas seasons. There will be no choir rehearsal on August 31 but we will resume on September 7th and continue each week after that.

I wanted to say thank you for all the nice comments I have received regarding the new green banner hangings in our Sanctuary.

Blessings to all,

Mark Andersen 🎵





Military

Zeb Beasley / Cherry Beasley (*Mother*)

Adam Biggerstaff (*Parishioner*) • **Terri Biggerstaff** / Chris Biggerstaff (*Wife*)

Scott Cherichella / Carol McDonald (*Friend*)

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*) • **Antonio Massol** / Nikki Hansen (*Friend*)

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

Kelvin Oxendine / Stan Knick (*Friend*) • **Kameron Redder** (*Biggerstaff Friend*)

Samantha Saffery (*Friend*) • **Chris Simmons** / Shane Donovan (*Friend*)

Courtney Moore Lamb / Holt Moore (*sister*)

August Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8am - 11am, or
9am - 12pm (noon)

Wednesday filming/editing

12pm-5pm

Please send all
e-mails to

trinityepiscopall202@gmail.

August Birthdays

2 Dencie Lambdin
7 Sue Dickason
8 Ava Johnson
9 Jef Lambdin
14 Charlie Noble
15 Lynn Andersen
25 Tobias Oxendine
26 Susan Anderson

REPEAT PERFORMANCE THRIFT SHOP

We still need volunteers ! If you have any time to volunteer at the Thrift Shop or if you know someone who might like to join our volunteers , please call our Manager, Tina McLamb , (910) 739-5626

Hours open: Wednesday , Thursday , Friday -10 am to 4 pm & open Saturday -10 am to 2 pm.



Kick-off Sunday Potluck is Back!

Join us for potluck on Sunday, September 11th after services. Bring a tailgating dish to share and rock your favorite college or pro gear. This is also a great time to bring a non-churched friend to see what Trinity is all about! If you are willing to help with set up or clean- up , please see Lisa Bedell or Kathy Hansen . Hope to see you there!!



Jim Ebert Social Event

July JESE (monthly social gathering) will be Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 pm.

Hosted by Owen Thomas
1801 N Elm Street



Everyone is invited to attend!

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Dencie Lambdin	3 Film Video 12pm Healing Service 5:30pm	4	5	6
7 9th Sunday after Pentecost Church Service 10am, Video Service Sue Dickason	8 Ava Johnson	9 Jef Lambdin	10 Film Video 12pm Healing Service 5:30pm Vestry Meeting 7pm	11	12	13
14 10th Sunday after Pentecost Church Service 10am, Video Service Charlie Noble	15	16	17 Film Video 12pm Healing Service 5:30pm	18	19	20
21 11th Sunday after Pentecost Church Service 10am, Video Service	22	23	24 Film Video 12pm Healing Service 5:30pm Choir Practice	25 JESE 5:30pm Tobias Oxendine	26 Susan Anderson	27
28 12th Sunday after Pentecost Church Service 10am, Video Service	29	30	31 Film Video 12pm Healing Service 5:30pm NO CHOIR			

Server Schedule for August 2022:
If you cannot serve as shown here, please arrange
for someone to replace you.



Servers Schedule



<u>Sunday 8am</u>	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte/Crucifer	Vestry Person of the Day
August 7	X	X	X	X	X
August 14	X	X	X	X	X
August 21	X	X	X	X	X
August 28	X	X	X	X	X
<u>Sunday 10am</u>					
August 7	Stan Knick	Lisa Bedell	Stan Knick	Rosemary Gibson	Floyd Locklear
August 14	Cherry Beasley	Katherine Nobels	Cherry Beasley	Kathy Hansen & Levi Mendes	Charles Anene
August 21	Lisa Bedell	Jef Lambdin	Lisa Bedell	Tammi Biggerstaff	Lisa Bedell
August 28	Charles Anenen	Lisa Bedell	Tammi Biggerstaff	Kathy Hansen & Levi Mendes	Annette Burke
<u>Wednesday 5:30</u>					
August 3	X	X	Stan Knick	X	X
August 13	X	X	Rosemary Gibson	X	X
August 17	X	X	Dencie Lambdin	X	X
August 24	X	X	Rosemary Gibson	X	X
August 31	X	X	Dencie Lambdin	X	X



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)
Ann Chaney (parishioner) • **Cody Cruise** (parishioner) • **Eleanor Ebert** (parishioner)
Brooke Humphrey (Donovan) • **Stan Knick** (parishioner) • **Grant Lewis** (parishioner)
Melba McCorkle (Jan Gane mother) • **Kayla Nicole** (Cody Cruise friend)
Leggette Odom (parishioner) • **Sally Sellers Pennington** (Odom friend)
Ann Shiber (Milissa Cox) • **Harold Slagle** (parishioner)
Milly Swayne (parishioner) • **Jennifer Waddell** (Sister of Ann Todd)

SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Nancy Bass (Andersen friend)
Bert Kemp (Currin son)
Grace Reynolds (Dencie mother)
Hope Nettles (Sue Anderson friend)
Ava Johnson (parishioner), **Caro Cassels** (Lambdin friend)
Forward Movement Daily Prayer Link: <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org>

Vestry

2022	2023	2024
Holt Moore Senior Warden	Lisa Bedell Fellowship	Kathy Hansen Fellowship
Charles Anene Stewardship	Annette Burke Pastoral Care, Ch Ed	Finance
Comms & Publicity	Outreach	Worship
Floyd Locklear Junior Warden	Rosemary Gibson Pastoral Care, Clerk	Christian Education

Altar Guild News

Altar Guild Members serving in **August** are: Candy Borbet, Farleigh Rozier, Mary Lou Herring, Mark Andersen.

An offering of **50.00** is needed for



and **10.00** is needed for



Flower Offerings for August

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
August 7	Cherry Beasley	Thanksgiving for	Trinity Vestry, Altar Guild, & Staff
August 14	Mark Andersen	Honor of	Lynn Andersen's Birthday
August 21	Biggerstaffs	Thanksgiving for	Chris, Terri, Jacqueline, John, & Adam
August 28	Donna Gage	Memory of	Donald & Gertrude Gage

Candle Offerings for August

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
August 7			
August 14	Mark Andersen	Honor of	Lynn Andersen's Birthday
August 21			
August 28	Donna Gage	Memory of	Donald & Gertrude Gage

Flower Offerings for September

Month	Given by	Memory/Thanksgiving	Dedication
September 4	Ann Todd	Memory of	My husband Stan Todd
September 11	Eleanor Ebert	Memory/Honor of	James Ebert and James & Eleanor Ebert's 72nd Wedding Anniversary
September 18			
September 25			

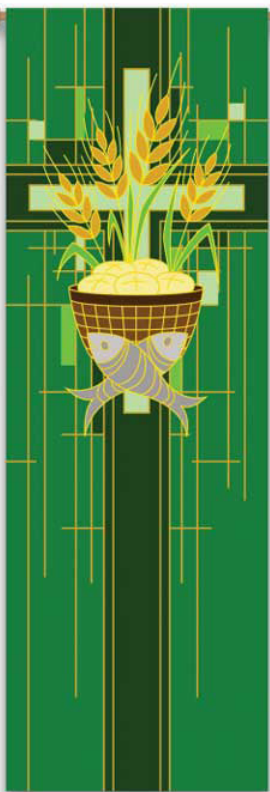
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September 25			

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



Dr. Mark Andersen recently gifted our Trinity Church Altar Guild with two new Pentecost banners. Pictured above at the left of the altar, the digitally printed Loaves and Fishes Banner features a cross, loaves, fish and wheat with a green stained glass design. To the right of the altar, the companion banner features the Chalice, Host and wheat. These lovely banners create a warm atmosphere, inspiring peace, quiet and prayer. Given to the the Altar Guild, in Honor of Lynn Andersen, these banners are a lovely addition to our seasonal church hangings.



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



EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

The August Gathering of the Episcopal Church Women from across the Diocese of East Carolina will be on Wednesday, August 17th at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores. It will begin with registration at 9:00am and end after the 1:00 speaker Sheri Castle finishes. She is the host of The Key Ingredient, a popular new cooking show on PBS and an editor for the Southern Living magazine.

After the morning program at 11:00 am, Bishop Skirving will be presiding at Holy Eucharist Rite II, with special Litany in Aftermath of Gun Violence. Lunch will follow at 12:00.

The cost per person is \$30.00, and checks should be made payable to Diocese of East Carolina ECW, and mailed by August 10th to Lucia, Peel, 203 N. Haughton St., Williamston, NC 27892. Be sure to include the names of attendees.

FYI: It is a 3 hour drive to Trinity Center from Lumberton, if no stops are made. A room at Trinity Center costs \$100.00 per night, and will take up to 3 people. Unless one can get under the group umbrella for the ECW Board, individuals will not be served breakfast. A night in Jacksonville instead?

Please contact Rosemary Gibson if you are interested in attending and would like to car pool.

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