

The Trinity Bell



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The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.



A Word from Father

Theology 101

One of the awesome things about our Lake Area Region is the cooperation and ecumenism among the churches. Besides coming together for the Lenten luncheons, the annual outdoor music fest, and an occasional big event, we pray together, eat together, serve in the community together and otherwise give each other a hug or a handshake when we are out and about.

Still, there are those nagging questions about what we believe, and how important it is that we defend those beliefs. What is it that separates us? How are we different? Is it really important? Should I lose a friend over this?

First, Lucas notes that Anglicans [Episcopalians] “value a prayed theology over an academic theology.” This is truly important and not to be missed: “*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi* – What we pray is what we believe.” Our prayers on Sunday, even our liturgy, our worship, expresses what we believe. The Scriptures, the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer continually shape and mold our faith and beliefs.

Below are some of Lucas’ comparisons along with my embellishments to help us sort out the differences that often separate us, yet when considered together, as a whole, can deepen and renew our faith. Please note: Protestant (P), Anglican (A) Catholic (C).

Salvation: For Protestants, salvation is personal – a personal relationship between you and Jesus. Protestants often ask, “Have you been saved?! Have you given your life – your whole life - to Jesus?” For Catholics, salvation is communal, sacramental, – conferred and confirmed by the Church in the sacraments, especially Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. Episcopalians, Anglicans, believe salvation is a combination of a personal and a communal faith. We, you, are never alone. Putting our deepest faith in Jesus, we live in the sacramental community, a Christian family, the Church that bolsters and undergirds our faith through the Word and Sacrament.

The Church is Credal (P), Pragmatic (A), and Universal (C). The word “catholic” means “universal.” When we say, “one holy catholic and apostolic Church,” in the Nicene Creed, we are not referring to the Roman Catholic Church,

but to the Universal Church, both here on Earth and in Heaven. **The Sacraments are Divine Commands** (P), Useful Rites (A), and Effective Signs (C). Well, okay – I wonder if P and C are backward, however, Jesus does command us to “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...” Baptism and Holy Eucharist are commanded by Jesus.

Prime Authority: For most Protestants, the #1 authority is the Bible – *Sola Scriptura*, Scripture only. Roman Catholics certainly believe in the Bible, however, not without proper interpretation – through the Apostles, the Church Fathers, Bishops and Popes, who hold the Magisterium, the divine authority, to discern and teach the meaning of Holy Scripture.

Anglicans have a unique approach: “Scripture thru Tradition thru Reason” Some see it as a three legged stool, equally balanced, while others see it as a tricycle, with Holy Scripture being the big wheel on the front: Holy Scripture, Apostolic tradition, and right reason shape the faith of Episcopalians. This is the *Via Media* – “The middle way” - giving attention to all authorities, but weighing each according to its merits.”

Episcopalians are a “peculiar people” (1Peter2.9), a people who prefer *Praxis [Doing]* over Doctrine. Lucas writes, “We define ourselves as the people who worship, work for, and think about God in the same way, rather than the people who belong to a particular group, do a particular act, or adhere to a particular doctrine.” We are a people who know we are sinners, are thankful that we are forgiven, and engage the world to make a difference.

One of the blessings of being Episcopalian and the strengths of being ecumenical is the ability to see the bigger picture, to be able to love and accept others who believe quite differently than you or me. It allows us to engage in deeper conversations without fear or judgment, and leads to serving those often avoided by others. Therefore, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Warmly, Tony

FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4, is the First Sunday
One Service at 10:00am
Potluck Lunch will follow the service.

**Head of the Church
Jesus Christ**

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard
Bishop of Florida**

Members of the Vestry

**Senior Warden
Wells Hood 2020**

Brian McCrae, Jr. Warden 2019

Jeanne Homany 2018

Laurie Alsobrook 2018

Joyce Chesnut 2019

John Katterhenry 2020

Liz Outten 2020

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Margaret Rice, Choir Director

Figg Poncher, Organist

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Financial Administrator

Linda Wilcox,

Parish Administrator

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Service Times

8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
JULY BELL IS JUNE 15th**

"TRINITY BELL"

If you have news of plans for the coming months, announcements, or reports, or would just like to write an article for the "Bell", the deadline is the 15th of the prior month. Communication is what helps us work and play together and we're always delighted to see new things each month. If you have something you'd like to see on our pages or ideas for new columns, please get in touch with Linda or Father Tony.

BIRTHDAYS

June 5 Dottie Durham
June 6 Elizabeth Leif
Edna Spratt
June 13 Felicity Trueblood
June 30 Debbie Brown



O God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *BCP p. 830*

ANNIVERSARIES



June 15 Will and Carol Flynn
June 22 John and Mary Rynd
June 23 Wes and Diane Connors

O God, bless our relationships, assist us with your grace, so that with true fidelity and steadfast love we may honor and keep the promises and vows we make to one another. Let us love one another as a sign of your love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN
Wells Hood**

Our Senior Warden Wells and his new wife, Delia are off to Mexico on their honeymoon so there is no report from him this month. We wish them both great happiness!

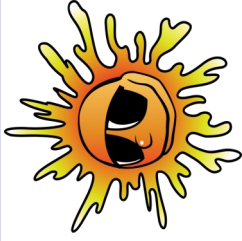
REPORT FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN



After consultation with the vestry, we are ready to begin repairs of and improvements to our roof. We also are deciding on a maintenance schedule for our recently refinished floors; we want to keep them looking good and feel that we have the right people for the job. We all owe special thanks to Rodney Paul for his work on our grounds--particularly now that summer has arrived and (once we get rain) the bushes and grass will be growing much faster. The vestry has begun to prioritize maintenance projects. Should you have a special concern (for example, the sanctuary needs a paint job), please share it with one of us or the office.

In faith, Brian



June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 PENTECOST First Sunday 10:00am Service Potluck Lunch Following</p>	<p>5 9am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>6 10am Sisters Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30pm Religions Class 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon</p>	<p>7 9am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Eucharist And Healing Service</p>	<p>1 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>2 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>3 9am-noon Thrift Shop 10:30 AA—Wicker</p>
<p>11 TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00 Service Potluck Lunch Following</p>	<p>12 9am Morning Prayer 10:00am Tai Chi Beginning Class</p>	<p>13 10am Sisters Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30pm Religions Class 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon</p>	<p>14 9am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Eucharist And Healing Service</p>	<p>15 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 10am Tai Chi 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm Grill & Chill</p>	<p>16 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>17 9am-noon Thrift Shop 10:30 AA—Wick</p>
<p>18 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Adult & Youth Ed 12:00 Lunch</p>	<p>19 9am Morning Prayer 10am Tai Chi</p>	<p>20 10am Sisters Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30pm Religions Class 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon</p>	<p>21 9am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Eucharist And Healing Service 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.</p>	<p>22 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 10am Tai Chi 6:30PM Movie Night 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>23 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>24 7:00 Men's Club 9am-noon Thrift Shop 10:30 AA—Wicker</p>
<p>25 8:30 and 11:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00 Coffee Hour Adult & Youth Ed 12:00 Lunch</p>	<p>26 9am Morning Prayer 10am Tai Chi</p>	<p>27 10am Sisters Circle Noon Lunch & Gospel 1:30pm Religions Class 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AI Anon</p>	<p>28 9am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Eucharist And Healing Service</p>	<p>29 10am-4pm Thrift Shop 10am Tai Chi 7:00pm AA ~ Wicker</p>	<p>30 2-5pm Thrift Shop</p>	<p>Don't forget to get your tickets for the Chicken Dinner and Auction from Virginia or the office.  The office</p>

Trinity Bell Report for the month of April & YTD, 2017

	APR Actual	APR Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
Total Revenue	\$16,254	\$12,199	\$4,055	\$62,885	\$59,757	\$3,128
Total Expense	15,098	17,791	2,693	63,142	68,817	5,675
Surplus / (Deficit)	1,156	(5,592)	6,748	(257)	(9,060)	8,803
Collections	April	April	Over/Under	JanApr	JanApr	Over/Under
	Actual	Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$13,607	\$9,894	\$3,713	\$50,981	\$51,012	\$(31)
Non-Pledged Offerings	980	830	150	6,125	3,320	2,805
Other Offerings	712	775	(63)	1,732	2,550	(818)
Priest Fund	515	-	515	1,610	-	1,610
Net Income	\$15,814	\$11,499	\$4,315	\$60,448	\$56,882	\$3,566

GIGGLESOME - HOW HOT IS IT?

Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs. * The bees are getting so hot they're taking off their yellow jackets. * I saw a dog chasing a cat and they were both walkng. * You learn that a car door handle makes a pretty good branding iron. * When pulling potatoes up from the ground all you have to do to have lunch is to pull one out and add butter, salt and pepper. * Summer months have four temperatures: tolerable, hot, really hot and ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! * You no longer associate bridges (or rivers) with water. * When the temperature drops below 95, you feel a bit chilly.

**HEALTH SHORTS**

Jeanne Eaton

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

What is heart failure? A problem with how your heart pumps.

Systolic heart failure – Enlarged ventricles fill with blood but can't pump or squeeze enough blood out to the rest of the body.

Diastolic heart failure – Stiff ventricles fill with less blood than usual, so the heart can't fill with enough blood.

SYMPTOMS: Fast weight gain, extreme tiredness/fatigue, weakness, swelling in the ankles/feet/legs/abdomen and neck, rapid or irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath.

CAUSES: high blood pressure, heavy alcohol or drug use, diabetes, kidney problems, arrhythmia, congenital heart problems, heart attack, heart muscle/valve problems, infection, stress-induced cardiomyopathy.

Source: *CardioSmart.org/HeartFailure 2016.*



SERVERS' SCHEDULE MAY 2017



DATE	SERVICE	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	LECTOR	USHER	GREETER
4-Jun-17 Pentecost Sunday	Single Service 10 AM	Rodney Paul Chris Greenfield	Jean Giesel	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn Virginia Smith
11-June-17 Trinity Sunday	Single Service 10 AM	Sharon Jax Bob Tickel Annette Kussler-Acolyte	Joyce Chesnut	Jeanne Homany	Kathi Warren Elaine Ashley
18-Jun-17	8:30	John Katterhenry	Chris Greenfield	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul
	11:00	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory		Joyce King
25-Jun-17	8:30	Bob Hood	Brian McCrea	Brian McCrea	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Sarah Garcia	Kristi Gregory	
ALTAR GUILD		Amanda Gray and Betty Griffith			

Thank you for placing yourself in the service of Our Lord and His Church. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for your replacement and notify the office.

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JUNE 2017

COMING EVENTS

JUNE

- June 4** **First Sunday
Day of Pentecost**
- June 11** **Trinity Sunday'
One Service 10am**
- June 12** **Tai Chi Class starts at 10am
(Every Mon. and Thur. 10am)**
- June 15** **Grill and Chill**
- June 22** **Movie Night 6:30pm**
- June 24** **Men's Club**

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Breakfast

10:00am Children's Sunday School
Adult Christian Formation
Noon Lunch

1st Sunday of the Month

One Service only at 10:00am
In the Parish Hall
Lunch Following

Mon. & Wed. 9:00 Morning Prayer

Tuesdays: Noon Lectionary Study at Betty's Pizza
Bible Study at 1:30 - Wicker Room

Wednesday: 6:00pm Eucharist

Thrift Shop

Open 10am to 4pm Thursday
2pm—5pm Friday
9am—Noon Saturday

Access Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am—2pm