

worlds. As we recognize and celebrate those connections on Sunday, we get better at being mindful that “God is near” in our workplaces, homes, city halls, soccer fields, and political campaigns. As Byron Rushing, Vice President of the House of Deputies and a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, says, “Jesus is in the Legislature where I am called to serve. If he were not there, I should not be there either.”

As your priest and pastor, I encourage you to pursue your passions in service to others. When God puts a burden on your heart, follow that path! Seek out his purpose in the mundane and ordinary, as well as the uncommon and extraordinary. Look for the spark of the divine in the face of others.

Most of Trinity’s ministries and our Diocesan ministries have started because someone has seen a need and found creative ways to meet those needs. Thanksgiving in the Park and Church Without Walls are just two examples of a long list of great ministries that have happened because of individuals stepping out of their comfort zones to help others. God honors our efforts and grows us in the process.

In every part of our lives, may we remember we are Christ’s apostles – sent out to spread the good news that He is near! He loves us! And He has great and surprising things to do in your life!

Warmly, Tony

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The collection or ingathering for the United Thank Offering is being taken up today and through the month of May. UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world. If you would like a blue box or envelope for UTO, there are some in the back of the church.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity Take Home Paper
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May 1, 2016 6th Sunday of Easter
The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

*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.*

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord’s Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God’s blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

THE BISHOP WILL BE WITH US

The Bishop is the only one who can, with the laying on of hands, confirm members. Bishop Howard will be with us on Sunday, May 15th, and there will be only one service that day at 10:00am. If you are interested in being Confirmed, Affirming your baptismal vows, or being received into the Episcopal Church (if you are coming from another denomination) please talk with Father Tony. He has started an Inquirer’s class (it’s not too late to join) between the services so everyone will be ready when Bishop Howard is here in May. There is a book, “Those Episcopalians” that goes along with the class and Fr. Tony will see that you receive one.

NEW PHOTOS FOR OUR DIRECTORY

We are preparing for a new directory for Trinity. We will have photographers here on May 17 and 18 between noon and 7:00pm. Virginia has a sign up sheet today, and will on each Sunday, or you can sign up in the office. You can bring other family members or even your pets. For the directory photos, each person or family will receive a free directory and a free 8x10 picture. There is a charge for additional pictures and they are noted in the pamphlet which you will receive when you reserve your time. For groups of 7 or more, or for photos with pets, two time slots will be needed.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sun. 5/1

10:00am Eucharist Service
UTO Ingathering
Lunch following
PH in use 3-8pm

Monday 5/2

ECW Board Meeting

Tuesday 5/3

10:00am ECW Meeting
12:00pm Betty's and the Bible
1:30pm New Testament Class
in the Wicker Room
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 5/4

**6:00pm Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service in Church**

Thursday 5/5

10:00am—4:00pm Thrift Shop

Friday 5/6

2:00—5:00pm Thrift Shop Open

Saturday 5/7

9am—Noon Thrift Shop

Sun. 5/8

8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service
9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Youth Formation
Discussion of the Lessons
12:00 Lunch

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FUTURE EVENTS

MAY

May 10 PH in use evening
May 14 Church in Use
May 15 One Service 10:00am
Day of Pentecost
Bishop Howard Here
May 18 Vestry Meeting
May 22 Trinity Sunday
May 28 Youth BBQ in the Park
May 30 Memorial Day Holiday
Office Closed

JUNE

June 5 First Sunday 10:00am
June 4 PH in use evening
June 11 PH in use evening
June 14 PH in use evening
June 15 Vestry Meeting

JULY

July 3 First Sunday 10:00am
July 9 PH in use
July 16 Good Old Summertime
Chicken Dinner/Auction

Altar Flowers



The flowers today are given to the glory of God. If you would like to give flowers in memory of someone, to celebrate an event or for a special thanksgiving, please call the office and sign up on the hall bulletin board.

Dear Trinity Family,

Live Out – Incarnate God's Good News

What does Episcopal evangelism look like? In a recent Vestry Papers article, Demi Prentiss and J. Fletcher Lowe urged parishes to shift their focus from “inside” to “outside,” and from church-sponsored outreach to individuals understanding themselves as “on mission” in their everyday lives. In the following article, Demi Prentiss reflects on how we can Live Out the Gospel – to be evangelists by carrying God’s Good News into every aspect of our daily lives.

Demi writes, “Whenever I’m dismayed by the idea of being the bearer of God’s Good News, I remember the disciples in Luke 10. That’s the story of Jesus sending them out, vulnerable and inexperienced, as his “advance men” for his upcoming campaign. Their assignment was to proclaim peace, accept the hospitality that was offered, heal people who were sick, and proclaim, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

These people, Jesus’ first evangelists, knew nothing about Jesus’ crucifixion, or resurrection, or victory over sin and death, or substitutionary atonement, or how to celebrate Eucharist. So what was their Good News? Basically, “Shalom! Peace and health be with you. God who loves us is right here, near us.”

Unlike them, we are Easter people. And each Sunday, as worship ends and we hear, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” we’re sent out into our worlds to do exactly what we’ve been called to do – offer God’s peace, healing, and presence to a hurting and angry world. At times it is hard to recognize Christ’s presence outside of church. He doesn’t look much like those stained-glass portraits. Often that spark of God that lives in us and in those around us is covered up by “the world, the flesh, and the devil.” Sometimes we’re so involved with our own concerns that we forget to even look for that spark. Our baptism commissions us to look deeper, through the cover-up.

Doing that is a bit more demanding than simply “being a good person.” That’s why congregations that practice “radical sending” make intentional efforts to relate worship and education to our weekday