

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Immediately following our Tuesday lunch and Bible Study at Betty's, Father Tony is mentoring a class on books of the Bible. We are looking at select videos on the New Testament done by distinguished Professor Bart D. Ehrman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Class will be held in the Wicker Room in the Parish Hall and everyone is invited to join in. Each class is independent of the others, you can come for one class or for many, so feel free to join in whenever you are able.

PRAYER TEAM

Remember if you're in need of prayer for yourself or others, we have a faithful team of pray-ers who will lift your requests to God in intercessory prayer. If you have a need or a request, please call Marilyn Blair who will see that it is passed along. All requests of the prayer chain are always confidential.

PASTORAL CARE

If you, someone in your family, or another one of our parishioners is in the hospital, please call the office and let us know as soon as possible. If you know the hospital room number and/or phone number that would also help. Father Tony would like to call or visit. Our pastoral care team is also available to bring meals to the home, do small chores, and many other needs that may need to be filled.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

United Thank Offering (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. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. 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. The collection or ingathering will be taken up on the first Sunday in May.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity Take Home Paper

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April 17, 2016, 4th 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 IN

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. 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.

THRIFT SHOP

Our "little thrift shop" has an amazing collection of clothing, household goods, toys and books. The shop is able to help many people who could not otherwise afford these items. It's a great joy to see people buying items that they thought were out of their financial range. The thrift shop is in need of helping hands, If you would like to be involved with this wonderful ministry, and to help, even for an hour or so, please call Christine Patience or Vi. Paul.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**Sun. 4/17****8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service**

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Youth Formation

Discussion of the Lessons

Inquirers Class

12:00 Lunch

Monday 4/18**Tuesday 4/19**

10:00am Sister's Circle

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 4/20**6:00pm Holy Eucharist and****Healing Service in Church****7:00pm Vestry****Thursday 4/21**

10:00am—4:00pm Thrift Shop

Friday 4/22

2:00—5:00pm Thrift Shop Open

Saturday 4/23

9am—Noon Thrift Shop

Sun. 4/24**8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service**

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Youth Formation

Discussion of the Lessons

Inquirers Class

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Apr. 20 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

MAY**May 1 First Sunday 10:00am
UTO Ingathering**

May 3 ECW Meeting

May 10 PH in use evening

May 14 PH in Use

**May 15 One Service 10:00am
Day of Pentecost
Bishop Howard Here**

May 18 Vestry Meeting

May 22 Trinity SundayMay 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

**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,

Ann and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Lexington, Virginia where I officiated a wedding for a young woman whom we have known since she was a baby. The scenery was astounding! The woods were blossoming with redbuds and white dogwoods. Front yards boasted red and pink and purple tulips, bright yellow daffodils and forsythia, wild violets, grape hyacinths, and pink dogwoods. We also enjoyed the treat of frozen sunshine – light snow flurries with blue skies overhead.

On Sunday, we visited our host's church. Aware that there had been a parish meeting between the services, still, Ann and I were shocked by the sheer volume in the sanctuary – boisterous conversations going on throughout the room. Sounded like a family reunion! Even after the prelude began to play, the ladies in front of us continued to talk for several minutes, paying little mind to our presence. "Well I don't see why we need a new organ. It's going to cost a million dollars!" "The one we have sounds just fine!" "And...."

The need for a new organ was just one of the issues discussed at the parish meeting that morning. The much more pressing issue, given the current political/social climate, was whether the church should change its name in order to be more inclusive and inviting. Even in Lexington, Virginia, the heart of Dixie, today's deeply divided social and cultural issues are having an impact.

In the midst of our nation's civil unrest stands the Episcopal Church, struggling mightily to provide a safe place for heartfelt discussion and reconciliation. Rooted in the deep traditions of Anglican prayer and worship, and trusting the authority God's revelation through the healthy balance of scripture, tradition and reason that guide our daily pilgrimage, Episcopalians go forth boldly, bearing the love of God to the forlorn of this world.

In the midst of the current crisis that raises doubt and hatred in every corner, let us keep our focus on the empty cross and our risen Lord, who is the source of hope in every trouble. May Christ fill our hearts with the power and joy of his resurrection.

Warmly, Tony