

### A Gentle Message from your Priest

Trinity Family, this is first and foremost, a big thank you for all you do to support this parish. Wednesday's Community Lenten luncheon was a tremendous success. Our Lenten Soup Suppers with St. Marks have been a real blessing. The Men's Club Grill and Chill is another example of the great works you do both here and for the wider community.

Something we lack, something we truly trust Jesus for are all the resources to keep this church moving. So I ask you, please if you can to catch up on your pledges if you are behind. And also, if you haven't made a pledge this year, or wonder how you can further support Trinity, please speak with Carol Pettie or Fr. Tony. Trinity is currently running on a faith budget, praying and trusting God will provide for us. For those who need to know numbers, we are currently \$3,306 behind in giving and still need additional pledges of \$20,000 to balance the budget.

God is good! All the time! Please keep your staff and Vestry in your prayers and ask God how you might help to support Trinity.

Warmly, Tony+

### ECW VISITS THE MATHESON MUSEUM

On Tuesday, April 4th instead of the regular meeting, the ECW will visit the Matheson Museum in Gainesville. Ladies will meet in the parish hall at 10:00am to carpool. There will be a guided tour and the group will go to lunch immediately after. All women of the church are welcome to join us. Please call Elaine Ashley if you need additional information.

### COME AND VISIT THE THRIFT SHOP

If you've never been in the Thrift Shop please feel welcome to come in and see one of the vibrant ministries of Trinity. Our "little thrift shop" has an amazing collection of clothing, household goods, toys and books, and many other items. 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 needs many helping hands. If you would like to be involved with this wonderful ministry, to help, even for an hour or so, please call Christine Patience or Vi. Paul.

## Colossians 3:23

Trinity Take Home Paper  
Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules  
Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mar. 26, 2017  
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!

### GENERAL MEETING

Next Sunday, April 2 is the first Sunday of the month so there will be only one service at 10:00am with a general meeting and potluck lunch following. We will elect a new convention delegate and an alternate for next year's convention. If you would be interested in serving in one of these positions please let Fr. Tony know. We will also hear a brief report of this year's convention from Elaine Ashley, one of our current delegates and Fr. Tony.

### LENT

Lent, the forty days before Easter (not counting Sundays) began on March 1st. As is tradition in our area, local churches are holding a special luncheon each Wednesday with music and a speaker to which all are invited. Father **Tony will be the speaker on April 5th at Fresh Start Fellowship**. Complete schedules are available in the office.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

We are once again sharing our Lenten Soup Suppers with St. Mark's in Starke, and this year the topic is "Different Forms of Prayer". There have been studies done to show that your personality has a lot to do with the prayer form which is most effective and comfortable in your life. This Wed., Mar. 29th the dinner will be here at Trinity.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

### Sun. 3/26

**8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service**

9:30 Coffee Hour

10:00 JC and the Gospel

Discussion of the Lessons

12:00 Lunch

### Monday 3/27

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

**Office Closed**

### Tuesday 3/28

10:00am Sister's Circle

12:00pm Betty's and the Bible

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

### Wednesday 3/29

**9:00am Morning Prayer**

**6:00pm Soup Supper at Trinity**

### Thursday 3/30

Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

### Friday 3/31

Thrift Shop 2-5pm

### Saturday 4/1

Thrift Shop 9am—Noon

### Sun. 4/2

10:00 Eucharist Service

Potluck Lunch to follow

General Meeting to elect our new

delegates to convention and hear

about this year's convention.

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### March

**Mar. 29** Soup Supper at St. Mark's

### April

**Apr. 2** **First Sunday**  
**One Service at 10:00am**  
**Election of Delegates and**  
**Report on Convention**  
**Potluck Lunch**

**Apr. 4** **ECW Field Trip**

**Apr. 5** **Fr. Tony speaking at**  
**Fresh Start Fellowship Lenten Lunch**  
**Soup Supper St. Mark's**

**Apr. 9** **Palm Sunday**  
**One Service at 10:00am**

**Apr. 10** **Evensong 6pm**

**Apr. 11** **Taize 6pm**  
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**Apr. 12** **Soup Supper Trinity**

**Apr. 13** **Maundy Thursday 6pm**

**Apr. 14** **Good Friday**

**Apr. 16** **EASTER SUNDAY**  
**One Service at 10:00am**

**Apr. 17-21** **Office Closed**

**Apr. 21-23** **ECW Diocesan Retreat**  
**at Camp Weed**

**Apr. 28** **Movie Night**



### **Altar Flowers**

The greenery on the altar is dedicated to the glory of God.

There are no flowers during Lent. If you would like to give flowers for Easter, please fill out the form which is included in this bulletin.

## A WORD TO THE CHURCH

### **From Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry**

God came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us the Way. He came to show us the Way to life, the Way to love. He came to show us the Way beyond what often can be the nightmares of our own devising and into the dream of God's intending. That's why, when Jesus called his first followers he did it with the simple words "Follow me."

"Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fish for people"

Follow me and love will show you how to become more than you ever dreamed you could be. Follow me and I will help you change the world from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends. Jesus came and started a movement and we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

Near the end of Matthew's Gospel story of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, Mary Magdalene and some of the women go to the tomb to anoint his body. When they get there they find that the tomb is empty, the stone has been rolled away and there is no body there. Then they see and hear an angel who says to them, "This Jesus of Nazareth whom you seek, he is not here, he has been raised as he said he would be and he has now gone ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him. It is in Galilee that the Risen Lord will be found and seen for he has gone ahead of us.

Galilee... Which is a way of talking about the world.

Galilee... In the streets of the city.

Galilee... In our rural communities.

Galilee in our hospitals. Galilee in our office places. Galilee where God's children live and dwell there.

In Galilee you will meet the living Christ for He has already gone ahead of you.

A few years ago I was in a coffee shop in Raleigh, North Carolina, just a few blocks away from our Diocesan House there. While in line I started a conversation with a gentleman who turned out to be a Mennonite pastor. He had been sent to Raleigh to organize a church in the community on the streets without walls. As we were talking over our coffee, he said something to me that I have not forgotten. He said the Mennonite community asked him to do this because they believed that in this environment in which we live, the church can no longer wait for its congregation to come to it, the church must go where the congregation is.

Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free.

This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world.

God bless you, and keep the faith.