

Halloween has not yet come but planning for Thanksgiving in the Park is already underway! We will need many hands and hearts to help with the celebration in the park as well as three pop up canopies and some coolers that we might borrow. We have already ordered the large tent and a bounce house and are looking forward to another exciting Thanksgiving! If you would like to help in any way, with passing out flyers, or with food, set up, serving, crafts for the kids or helping to clean-up, please call the office. And, most importantly, we ask for your prayers.

#### UNITED THANK OFFERING

The familiar blue boxes will be available beginning this Sunday as we start collecting for the November 6<sup>th</sup> ingathering. The mission of The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. Through the 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 the United Thank Offering have discovered that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO combines these generous offerings to fund significant projects that make a real difference n the work of the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Communion and a real difference in people's lives.

#### WATER FOR CUBA

Very often in Cuba there is very little fresh, drinkable water and many people become ill. In the town of Bermejas where our sister church of LaTrinidad is located, this is the case. They have received a pump but have no way to collect the fresh water. The ECW and the Cuba Committee are starting a drive to collect enough money to provide a cistern for the town. If you would like to donate to this important project, please mark your check "Cuba" in the memo section. We will be accepting donations until the end of Advent.

# Colossians 3:23

Trinity Take Home Paper

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October 30, 2016

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!

#### SERVICE SERVERS

If you would be interested in helping with our Sunday services as an usher, greeter or reader please contact the office. There will be training to help with the services. We will also be training some new people to work on the altar during the services. If you would be interested in helping as a Eucharistic minister on the altar, please contact Father Tony.

#### FALL BAZAAR

The Fall Bazaar this year will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 from 2pm until 6pm with a chili supper starting at 3:00pm. And, on Saturday, Nov. 12th from 9am until 3pm with a barbecue lunch starting at 11:00 and ending at 1:00pm. There will be a yummy bake sale, jams, jellies, some beautiful pre-owned clothes, furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, housewares, plants, crafts, and many other items. If you would like to help with the bazaar, please call Donna or Elaine.

Donations of baked goods, crafts, nice jewelry, housewares, plants, collectibles, gardening equipment and nice containers are welcome. This is just a sampling of our terrific Trinity Bazaar.

The Bazaar not only contributes to the church budget, but is a community event and a fellowship activity for our parishioners for two enjoyable days.

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sun. 10/30

8:30 and 11:00 Eucharist Service

9:30 Breakfast

10:00 Youth Formation

Discussion of the Lessons

12:00 Lunch

**Monday 10/31** 

9:00am Morning Prayer



# Tuesday 11/1

10:00am Sister's Circle 12:00pm Betty's and the Bible 1:30pm "New Testament" Class, PH 5:30pm AA in Wicker Room 7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

# Wednesday 11/2

9:00am Morning Prayer 6:00pm Holy Eucharist and Healing Service in Church

## Thursday 11/3

6:30pm Movie Night

## Friday 11/4

# Saturday 11/5

10:30am AA in Wicker Room

# **Sun.** 11/6

First Sunday - UTO Sunday

10:00 Eucharist Service Potluck Lunch to follow 12:00 Lunch

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#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct. 31 Happy Halloween

# **NOVEMBER**

Nov. 1 ECW meeting 10:00
DOK Service 6:00pm
Nov. 2 Outreach meeting 10:00
Nov. 5 PH in use
Nov. 6 First Sunday 10:00am

UTO Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Starts

Nov. 8 Parish Hall in Use Presidential Election

Nov. 11th &12 Bazaar

Nov. 15 PH in use pm

Nov. 16 Vestry

Nov. 19 Men's Club

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Set Up

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving in the Park

Nov. 29 ECW Board Meeting

# **DECEMBER**

Dec. 4 First Sunday 10:00am

Dec. 10 Merry Melrose Nativity Walk Low Country Boil

#### **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,

One of the most important elements in the growth and health of a congregation is its organizational culture. Bishop Howard is keenly aware of this as he works to change our Diocesan culture to be more inviting, and more creative in following Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples of all Nations."

So how do we define an organization's worship? What is it? What defines it? What shapes it? Writing for LifeWay Leadership, Andrew Herbert believes that understanding our church's culture is the single most important aspect of fulfilling the Gospel imperative. Pastors Robert Lewis and Wayne Cordeiro call the church's organizational culture "the most important social reality" in the church. Edgar Schein, an organizational development expert who taught at MIT, defined an organization's culture as its "artifacts, espoused beliefs and values, and basic underlying assumptions." Aubrey Malphurs simplifies this, saying a church's culture is its "behavior, values, and beliefs."

Quoting Malphurs, Herbert writes, "A church's **behavior** includes "all that you would see, hear, and feel as you first encounter the congregation." Worship style, the nature of the sermon, the ways in which members interact with each other, church signage, etc., are all behavioral artifacts of the church's culture. If church culture were an apple, behavior would be the peel. It is easily observable and forms the outer layer of culture.

A church's **values** are the beliefs that the church actually live out. If the church believes evangelism is important, it only becomes a value when church members actually evangelize. Values denote what the church cares about the most. In the cultural apple, values form the meat."

A vital, healthy, vibrant church is shaped by the power of God's Word, the power of strong, focused leadership, and the power of Community. We work together, with the Holy Spirit, to build a warm, open, inviting culture focused outward, beyond ourselves, to meet the needs of the wider community that surrounds us. We work together in prayer and worship, service and fellowship to grow deeper in Christ's love, and go out and fulfill the Great Commission in new and exceptional ways. Be Bold! Be creative! Be Church! Amen!

Adapted from "How to Shape Your Church's Culture" by Andrew Hebert, Taylor Memorial Baptist Church, Hobbs, NM.

Warmly, Tony+