

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of the Sisters' Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. They're always appreciated in chilly hospital rooms. You don't have to ask to take one; they are there to be taken. The shawls carry with them the prayers and music of our services, each has been blessed by Father Tony. If you are sitting by a shawl, feel free to place your hand on it and say an extra prayer for the intended recipient.

### **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

#### **JOYCE CHESNUT**

I was born into a loving, Christian home. I don't remember not knowing my Heavenly Father and His son, Jesus. They were always part of my life. I grew up Methodist and was one of those kids who really liked Sunday School. I always choose to worship with my husband. Bill has always been Episcopalian, therefore, I began worshipping with him at the Episcopal Church, first at Holy Trinity in Gainesville and then at Trinity in Melrose. When Bill transferred his membership from Holy Trinity to Trinity I became an Episcopalian. I became fond of the services at Trinity and of the people here. I like to contribute to groups in which I participate so I've helped with the church suppers, Thrift Shop, and youth programs for a number of years. I've spent many years as director of Youth Programs at Trinity. Though no longer director, I still teach Sunday School. I have participated in ECW and work at the Thrift Shop. I respond to nearly every request for my time and interest. If elected to serve on the Vestry I will do so cheerfully, prayerfully, thankfully and with what wisdom I have to offer.

#### **BRIAN McCREA**

I started worshipping at Trinity shortly after I moved to the Lake Area in December 2004. For many years, I did not participate actively in church governance. For the past two years, however, I have served as a layreader and usher. I also--I don't remember in what capacity--arranged for the dunk tank that Father Tony used to inspire stewardship commitments. I believe he has forgiven me. In the past year, I helped review the church's financial records as part of its annual report to the diocese.

### **DELEGATE TO CONVENTION**

#### **JEAN GIESEL**

My family and I have been members of Trinity for almost 35 years now. I have served in many capacities including President and then Treasurer of the ECW for several years. I have been happy to work in the Thrift Shop, with the Bazaar and am in the Choir. I would be happy to serve Trinity and the Diocese in this capacity.

## **Colossians 3:23**

Trinity Take Home Paper

Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules

Feb.7 , Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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!

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be held today immediately following the service. We will elect new vestry members and a delegate for next year's convention. The Budget for 2016 will be presented as well as our annual report. Please stay for the meeting, and there will be a great chili and potato bar lunch following the meeting!



### **VALENTINE'S GALA**

Next Sat., Feb. 13th, our Parish Hall will be the site of an exciting Valentine's Gala. This will be a joint venture between the Men's Club of Trinity and the Youth Group of St. Mark's, it will include music and an elegant dinner, followed by a Valentine's Game ! The cost is \$30 per individual and \$50 per couple. Please contact Clay for additional information.



### **PRAYER TEAM**

Remember if you're ever 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.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**

**Sun. 2/7 Last Sun after Epiphany**

First Sunday One Service  
10:00 Eucharist Service

**Annual Meeting**

Lunch following

**Monday 2/8**

**Tuesday 2/9**

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

**Wednesday 2/10**

**Ash Wednesday Services**

**Noon and 6:00pm**

**Thursday 2/11**

10:00am—4:00pm Thrift Shop  
PH in Use Election Training

**Friday 2/12**

2:00 pm—5:00pm Thrift Shop

**Saturday 2/13**

9:00am—12:00pm Thrift Shop

**Sun. 2/14 First Sun in Lent**

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

9:30 Breakfast  
10:00 Youth Formation  
Discussion of the Lessons  
12:00 Lunch

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

- Feb. 9 Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper 5-7
- Feb. 10 Ash Wed. Services**  
12pm and 6pm
- Feb. 11 PH in use
- Feb. 13 Valentine's Party
- Feb. 15 Vestry
- Feb. 17 Lenten Soup Supper 6pm
- Feb. 20 ECW Diocesan Mtg  
Camp Weed
- Feb. 24 Lenten Soup Supper 6pm
- Feb. 26 Church in use
- Feb. 27 Church in use
- Feb. 28 Men's Club

**MARCH**

- Mar. 2 Lenten Soup Supper
- Mar. 8 PH in Use
- Mar. 9 Lenten Soup Supper 6pm
- Mar. 14 Vestry
- Mar. 15 Presidential Primary PH
- Mar. 16 Lenten Soup Supper 6pm  
Community Luncheon 12
- Mar. 20

Dear Trinity Family,

This Wednesday, February 10, is Ash Wednesday, a solemn day of prayer and fasting that marks the beginning of Lent.

Pastor Ken Collins reminds us, "Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (See *The Apostolic Constitutions*, Book V, Section III.)"

I invite you, therefore, to prepare for the penitent season with one last meal of delicious pork and pancakes! Troop 109 will be hosting the Annual Pancake Supper here at Trinity. The Audubon Society is assisting this year in hopes that you might join them afterward for an delightful presentation on Horseshoe Crabs and their contribution to medical science.

I invite you to come for the imposition of ashes on Wednesday at 12 noon and 6 p.m., entering into the Lenten season expecting God to touch you through the mighty power of his healing and forgiveness.

Warmly, Tony+

**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 will take a look at some 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.

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**Altar Flowers**

The flowers today are given to the glory of 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.