



The Messenger

Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector

The Rev. Luke Wetzel, Curate

Joseph Golden, Organist & Choirmaster

Paul Culp, Associate Organist & Choirmaster

November 2016

From the Rector

From the Rev. Timothy H. Graham, Rector

This month my article is a collection of news items and comments. I hope this information will be helpful!

Is Fr. Luke a curate, or a deacon, or a priest? Fr. Luke is a curate, because he is the rector's assistant. He came to us as a transitional deacon (a deacon is ordained to serve the poor and marginalized). Every priest is first ordained as a deacon, and then sometime later may be ordained as a priest. By the time you read this article, he will already have been ordained a priest on Saturday, October 29. Now he will be able to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. (In the top right of the photot: Recently Fr. Luke visited PAWS Humane, a local animal rescue facility and blessed the animals waiting to be adopted.)

Recently Jenny Lind Berry returned to Trinity Church for the funeral of her husband, Bob Berry. Jenny Lind and Bob were longtime members of Trinity and Columbus natives. Two years ago they moved to Mississippi to be near her children. Bob's funeral was a beautiful and meaningful occasion for us, and an opportunity for us to be the Church at our best. When we experience the loss of a loved one in our midst, our parishioners come together to provide loving pastoral care, a well tuned and uplifting worship, and welcoming and comforting hospitality. Preparing for a funeral involves the coordinated work of many of us, and for that I am always most thankful. We do funerals well! In this photo you will see Jenny Lind holding her newest great-grandchild, John Wycliffe Bussey, IV. The baby was born one week after Bob's funeral. The baby is also the grandson of Lucy and Seth Knight, and the great-grandson of Elise and Jim Fay. God's mercies are new every morning.

What a joy it was to welcome back Lord and Lady Carey! It is a rare privilege to welcome the retired Archbishop of Canterbury. While Lord Carey was with us, we also held a fundraiser to benefit our St. Francis Fund, and we raised over \$5,000 at that event. Trinity's St. Francis Fund has been around since the mid-nineties and has given away over \$3 million dollars to non-profit agencies helping the needy, such as Valley Rescue Mission, House of T.I.M.E., House of Mercy, etc... I am thankful for this time to be inspired by the work and witness of Lord Carey, and also the opportunity to come together to help our neighbors in need.

One of the most exciting days of the year is coming up soon, the annual celebration of Anglican Heritage on Sunday, November 6. Once again we will enjoy the pageantry of bagpipes and drums in our worship. We will also be selling special Anglican Heritage t-shirts in the church office for just \$10 to help us get excited about our heritage and this special day. Buy a t-shirt, wear it with pride, and tell others about your church! Can you have too many t-shirts? I don't think so. And if you *do*, donate them to the clothes closet at Trinity!

Our Wednesday nights at Trinity are really a lot of fun. If you have never tried this opportunity, we encourage you to do so. The food is always delicious, provided by teams of church members. There is often a kid friendly meal option as well. The



Building a Spirit-empowered community that serves and celebrates Christ.

"Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry;" Psalm 88:2

We pray God's protection for those serving in battle.

Scott McKean, Mark Fish, Mike Tax

In Our Prayers:

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| • Ruth Prestridge | • Don & Nancy Bloebaum |
| • George C. Trussell, Jr. | • Barbara Hunter |
| • George Trussell, Sr. | • Ann Sturkie |
| • Andrew Wade | • Beth Dreelin |
| • Wesley Fay | • Mark Buice |
| • Frankie Wickham | • Dr. W. Lloyd Hudson, Jr. |
| • Carol Spakes | • The Rev. Donna Gafford |
| • Joseph Spakes | • Lucius Morton |
| • Dot Young | • Terry Hurley |
| • John Langley | • Trudy Wade |
| • George Wade | • Charlie Morgan |
| • Hadley Scott | • Peggy Collins |
| • Jim Fay | • Dorothy Safran |
| • Garrett Burns | • The Berry family |
| • Col. Bob Robinson | • The Schladensky family |
| • Kay Young | • The Cheney/Hubbard families |

In Thanksgiving:

- For the ordination of The Rev. Luke Andrew Wetzel on Saturday, October 29, 2016 by The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia.

Transfers In:

- Brad & Lisa Armstrong from St. Nicholas in Hamilton.

Transfers Out:

- Elizabeth Wright Albers Cobb to Church of the Ascension in Montgomery, AL.
- Frances Elise Knight Bussey to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Jackson, MS.
- Paul & Shelley Miller to St. James Episcopal Church in Fairhope, AL.

If you know of a Parishioner who is in the hospital, has had a child, or is facing some crisis, please let the Parish Office know so our Parish family can respond.

meal starts at 5:30 pm in our Parish Hall, and around 6:00 pm the adult program begins which is usually a short devotion. This is a wonderful way to meet new friends, and visit with your church family. After the meal our children head upstairs and are currently learning about drumming. They are having a *great* time upstairs with their fun musical instruments! Please consider giving Wednesday nights at Trinity a try.

This year Christmas Day and New Years Day both fall on Sundays. We anticipate lower attendance on these holidays and we will soon be making some decisions about whether or not to keep our same Sunday morning worship schedule for these holidays. (Keep your eyes open for updates in coming publications!) We are in need of parishioners to

serve the Prayer Breakfasts on Christmas Day and New Years Day. We may have pack-out meals, or serve inside as usual. If you and your family would be willing to help us serve the breakfast on these holidays, please contact us in the Parish Office to let us know.

We need more volunteers to help work the Trinity Clothes Closet on Sunday mornings. If we do not have enough volunteers, we cannot consistently open the closets on Sundays. Please speak to Sarah Riddick if you would like to learn more about this valuable ministry.

We are continuing the search for a Director of Youth Ministries. This search is taking much longer than anticipated. In the interim we are thankful for Carlos Salgado, Deana Graham, Kathryn Scoggins, and other parents who are helping with events. Please know that we are doing our best to find the right person to lead our youth. Please also remember to pray for our young people.

Several weeks ago our organ was struck by lightning on at least two occasions. Significant damage was done to the organ, and we have been working diligently to diagnose the problem and make plans for repairing it and preventing future damage. We now have a digital rental organ in place, and we will be using this replacement organ for the coming weeks. Thankfully, it appears that our insurance company will cover a significant portion of the cost of repairs.

Stewardship season is upon us and we are hearing about stewardship in various cottage meeting that are taking place in homes of parishioners and at the church. Look for an invitation to attend one of these meetings soon. In addition to hearing inspiring stories about stewardship, and the needs of our church, these cottage meetings are a great way for us to get to know one another better and become a stronger church. I am thankful for Brinkley Pound's faithful and efficient leadership in our stewardship program.

Our Associate Organist/Choirmaster, Paul Culp, will be leaving Trinity at the end of this year. Paul and his wife, Sherri, will be retiring and moving to Costa Rica. We give thanks for Paul's many talents and his faithful leadership. I am mentioning his departure now because December is such a busy time for us all and I want to make sure you have ample opportunity to speak to Paul and wish him well.

Beginning October 30, we are offering a new adult Sunday School class - that really *isn't* a class! During the Sunday School hour we are offering an opportunity for adults to gather in the parlor for conversation. There is no teaching or structure to this class - only time for good fellowship, good coffee, and good pastries. The clergy will continue to lead classes upstairs, and Bill Stahl will continue his Bible study. If you haven't been attending the other adult offerings, give this new one a try! You may find this fits your need.

May God bless you all!

Timothy A. Graham



TERRY EMMETT AHERN

A native of Columbus, Terry is the daughter of Mary Frances Kelley Ahern and Ret. Col. William Francis Ahern, granddaughter of Emmett Curtis Lynch and Harold Strong Kelley (Ham), and great-granddaughter of Walter Wells and Mary Lavender Lowe Curtis, all of whom were faithful parishioners of Trinity since its founding.



EDUCATION & CAREER: Terry earned a Bachelor of Science from Mercer University; a Masters in Veterinary Pathobiology from Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine; and a Doctoral degree in Veterinary Medicine from Auburn as well. Following completion of her Masters, she assisted in the lab of Dr. Kenneth S. Zuckerman at UAB on a molecular project researching Juvenile Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (JCML). She practiced small animal and emergency medicine in North Carolina and Atlanta. She later branched into real estate's residential market while caring for her mother and brother. Terry currently works as a freelance medical writer.

FAMILY: Terry is the youngest of four siblings; her eldest brother, Bill, died in 2012, succumbing to complications from diabetes and sepsis. She has one sister, Maura, who lives in San Diego, and another brother, Sean, who resides in Morehead City, NC. Terry's dog Dakota, who recently passed, was her heart. She has since adopted 2 shelter boys to fill that void. "Mother was my best friend - caring for her came naturally. Remembering how wonderful, gracious, and supportive she was to me instilled a sense of responsibility to do my best to reciprocate that love as her condition deteriorated. But I could never reciprocate enough. I don't make a move without first thinking 'What would mother do?' or 'How would Granny (Emmett) handle this?' or 'I bet I know what Bill would say.' I miss them all so much."

HOBBIES: Terry enjoys anything outdoors including cycling, walking her dogs, and gardening. She also enjoys experimenting in the kitchen despite occasional flops. After her mother and brother passed away, while searching for a cycling event Terry happened upon Best Buddies International, a program that works to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for socialization and employment. Terry has found that Georgia is sorely lacking in organizations that help promote inclusion for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. "This would have been a tremendous positive for Bill. Best Buddies is a wonderful and proven program. With the Columbus chapter's collaborations with Atlanta, we're raising funds to establish a state office to allow for expansion of chapters in all middle and high schools in Georgia. Thursday, December 1st, we will hold our 2nd Annual Best Buddies Christmas Tree Lighting and hope all will come out for a good heartwarming."

FAITH: Terry was baptized at Trinity by The Rev. Colin Campbell. She remembers thinking, "Things just seem to go better when I go to church. I think adversity brings us closer to God. I have to remind myself during times of strife to give it all to God. Faith, to me, is action combined with prayer and thanksgiving."

AT TRINITY: While caring for her mother, Terry needed an outlet and ventured to join the Flower Guild. In addition, she now works one day a month answering the phone or helping Whitney in the Parish Office. Twice a year she cleans altar linens, and occasionally participates with a team on Wednesday night preparing parish family dinners.

AT TRINITY: "I am grateful to Fr. Tim, Fr. Luke and the staff, and am amazed by the talent and dedication of all the guilds who bring nothing shy of the finest and beauty we all enjoy every Sunday." Terry usually attends the 10:30 service and sometimes will join others at Trinity on Sunday evening for "double points."

Terry's family was blessed to have had such a compassionate caregiver, and we are fortunate to have her as part of our parish family.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Joseph Golden – Multiple thanks to everyone who made our annual New Orleans Jazz Brunch such a big success for 2016! It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying a time of fellowship with great music provided by the CSU Dixieland Band, led by Dr. Kevin Whalen of the Schwob School of Music faculty.

This event could not possibly happen without the dedication and leadership of Linda Shinkle, our indefatigable coordinator. She and John are crusaders for our Choir Scholarship program, and we are constantly in their debt for their active support of our CSU choir students.

The fabulous food was the work of many volunteers, led by our incomparable head-chefs, Ruth Yancey and Sandra Rodgers. The New Orleans theme inspired every aspect



Trinity Children's Ministries

For it is to such as these that the Kingdom of heaven belongs.

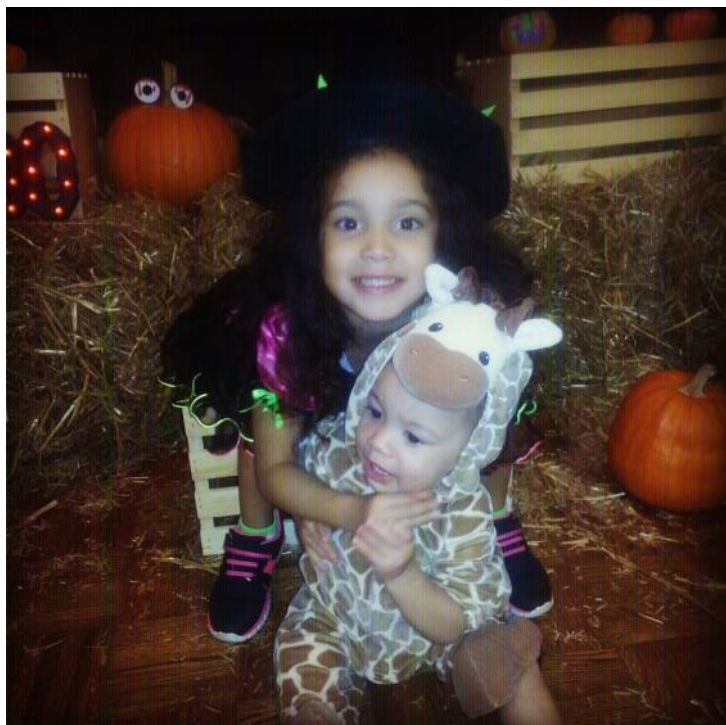
Reflexes

Kathryn Scoggins – There is a town in France called Le Chambon-sur-Lignon that for hundreds of years has been practicing what they call radical hospitality. The idea is simple, if someone knocks, they open their doors. During World War, French Jews came knocking. This town just did what they always did. They opened their doors. And in opening their doors they saved hundreds of people.



Their heroic actions didn't come out of nowhere. They had been practicing for this moment for many years. When something was difficult, they knew what to do.

Children's Christian formation is about many things, but one of the thing that it is about is honing skills that will become reflexes. It's about practicing what we do as people of faith, so when difficult times come, we know what to do.



It looks like sweet Clara was casting a big sister spell on baby brother at the Halloween Party Wednesday evening, October 26. Fun was had by all!

Upcoming EVENTS

- **TRINITY DRUM CORPS & CHORUS:** In October we began our Trinity Drum Corps and Chorus unit. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate on Wednesday evenings through November 9 from **6:00 - 6:30 pm**. Our work will culminate with a performance during church on **Sunday, November 13**.



- **WE'RE GETTING ARTISTIC:** We'll begin a long-term crèche making art project **Wednesday, November 16**.

TRINITY KID'S DRUM CORPS AND CHORUS

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO
THE LORD!" PSALM 100:1

Rehearsals Wednesday Nights, 6:00-6:30

October 5
October 12
October 19
November 2
November 13

Presentation
Sunday, November 13, 10:30

Children Age 3 through 5th Grade

Children's Offering Update

In October the children raised **\$436.39** to purchase food for Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Through your gifts, families in our community will have a filling and delicious Thanksgiving feast.



During November the children will be collecting money to purchase Christmas gifts for children at Trinity House.


Be sure to provide chances for your kids or grandchildren to earn a few dollars during the week so they can proudly give back. Thank you for your dedication and continued support of this ministry!

November Service Schedule

Ministry	November 6 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	November 13 – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	November 20 – The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)	November 27 – First Sunday of Advent
Prayer B'fast	CVEM/Martha Robert	Jean Romeo	Jill Hiers	Lucy Shefall
Prayer Intercessors	8:00 am Neill Hudson, Barbara Rivers 10:30 am Barbara Korzan, Bill Stahl	8:00 am Jean & Bob Miller 10:30 am Dr. Peggy Augustine-Shorter, Christina Stahl	8:00 am Mona Thorington, Barbara Rivers 10:30 am Kevin & Marcie Topping	8:00 am Mary Boyd Trussell, Ellen Cameron 10:30 am Trudy Wade
Eucharistic Ministers P – Prayers † - High Altar * - Lower Altar	8:00 am Bill Harper 10:30 am Jo Myers/P, Muriel Fish/†, Bill Stahl/*	8:00 am Bob Miller 10:30 am Barbara Korzan/P, Doug McLeod /†, Dr. Peggy Augustine-Shorter/*	8:00 am Bill Perkins 10:30 am Paul Berry/P, Sydney Smith/†, David Fox/*	8:00 am Malcolm Cooper 10:30 am Philip Schley/P, Jo Myers/†, Muriel Fish/*
Lectors	Parker Swift	Carl Fedde	Trip Parker	Garry Pound
Greeters	Muffy Schladensky, Debby Kemp	George & Judy Wilkinson	Connie Armstrong, Kathleen Bishop	Kevin & Marcie Topping
Verger	Carl Fedde	Carl Fedde	Glenn Fish	Carlo Thorington
Ushers	Team I – John Holt & Bill Scramton	Team II – Brooks Yancey	Team III – Chuck Staples	Team IV – Carlo Thorington
Clothes Closet	* <i>Help needed!</i>	The Ya Ya's	Jill Hiers	<i>CLOSED</i>




November Birthdays

	4	Cecil Bone	14	Ken Henson	25	Ashley Holt
	5	Will Peek	15	Lily Twigg	26	Richard Waddell, Jr.
	6	Libby Wells	16	Elizabeth Woods		Mary Maurice Young
	7	Tracy Mourer	17	Katie Anne Solomons		Sophia Hawkins
8	Carter Watts	18	Charlotte Lavery		Ford Garrard	
9	Jack Collins	19	Theo Pound	27	Debroah Mills	
	Meghan Twigg	20	Pat Passalaigne		Melanie Smith	
	Traeger Young	21	Chloey Price	28	Connie Armstrong	
10	Dr. Peggy Augustine-Shorter	22	Effie Bowers	29	Claire Berry	
	Jennifer Gurrola	23	Laura Tidwell	30	Hon. Kenneth Followill	
	Maggie Yancey		Kayla Winnemore		Henry Mullin	
11	Dot Young	21	Joseph Sillitto		Mary Stewart Mullin	
	Laura Kate Rambo	22	Sally Rowe			
13	John Shinkle		Lillie Caves			
4	Emily Doll	23	Laura Porter			
1	Patti Simkins					
2	Benson Smith					
3	Jacquie Rawls					
4	Carol Vowell					
5	Ruth Prestridge					
6	Jean Romeo					

**If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, please call the Parish Office at (706) 322-5569.*

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 am Women's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw (Parlor)	2 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 9:30 am Music Together 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:00 pm Christian Ed. for All 6:30 pm Financial Peace & Bible Study (Upstairs) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.	3 7:00 am Men's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw 7:30 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast 12:00 pm Parish Life Cmte.	4 11:30 am Music Together (Room 2)	5 10:00 am Music Together (Room 2)
		8 - ELECTION DAY 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 am Women's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw (Parlor) 	9 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:00 pm Christian Ed. for All 6:30 pm Financial Peace & Bible Study (Upstairs) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw 7:30 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Daughters of the King (DOK)	11 – VETERAN'S DAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  REMEMBER OUR VETERANS	12
6 - ANGLICAN HERITAGE *DST ends - fall back one hour! 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Trinity Choir reh. 9:30 am Sunday School for All 10:30 am HE II/Ang. Htg. (Nave) 6:30 pm Cottage Meeting at Trinity (Courtyard)	7 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 10:30 am Staff	8 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 am Women's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw (Parlor)	9 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:00 pm Christian Ed. for All 6:30 pm Financial Peace & Bible Study (Upstairs) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.	10 7:00 am Men's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw 7:30 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast 8:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Daughters of the King (DOK)	11 – VIP @ Trinity	12 19 – VIP @ Trinity
13 – VIP @ Trinity/Thanksgvg. 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am *Continental Breakfast 9:30 am Trinity Choir reh. 9:30 am Sunday School for All 10:30 am HE II/Baptism (Nave) 12:00 pm Parish Fam. Thxgvg.	14 – VIP @ Trinity 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 10:00 am Finance Committee Staff 11:00 am Lucy Shepherd Guild	15 – VIP @ Trinity 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:00 am L'ASZ Wom.'s Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw (Parlor) St. Lydia's Guild 6:00 pm Scouts Court of Honor (P. Hall) 6:30 pm	16 – VIP @ Trinity 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 4:15 pm Covenant Woods 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:00 pm Christian Ed. for All 6:30 pm Financial Peace & Bible Study (Upstairs) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.	17 – VIP @ Trinity 7:00 am L'ASZ Men's Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw 7:30 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast	18 – VIP @ Trinity Porter/Lipscomb Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm	19 – VIP @ Trinity Porter/Lipscomb Wedding 6:00 pm
20 – VIP @ Trinity 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:00 am St. Francis Fund Cmte. 9:30 am Trinity Choir reh. 9:30 am Sunday School for All 10:30 am HE II (Nave)	21 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 9:00 am Staff 5:30 pm Vestry	22 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)	23 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm *NO Parish Dinner 6:00 pm *NO Christian Ed. 6:30 pm *NO Fin. Peace & Bible Study *NO Trinity Choir reh.	24 – THANKSGIVING PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am *NO HE I (Chapel) 	25 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	26 110th Annual Diocesan Council
27 – First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am Parish Breakfast 9:30 am Trinity Choir reh. 9:30 am Sunday School for All 10:30 am HE II (Nave)	28 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 10:30 am Staff	29 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)	30 8:15 am Morning Prayer (Chapel) 11:30 am HE II w/Healing 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:00 pm Christian Ed. for All 6:30 pm Financial Peace & Bible Study (Upstairs) 6:30 pm Trinity Choir reh.	Dec. 1 7:00 am Men's WINTER Bible Study w/Chuck Bradshaw (Parlor) 7:30 am HE I (Chapel) 8:00 am Parish Breakfast 12:00 pm Parish Life Cmte.	Dec. 2 Starling/Ollman Wedding Rehearsal Time TBA	Dec. 3 Starling/Ollman Wedding at 12:00 pm Kid's St. Nicholas Day party in early afternoon. *Time TBA!

Volunteers are **NEEDED** to help host VIP families this month! If you are interested in cooking or providing a meal, spending the night at Trinity, or even just coming to the church and hanging out with the families for a while, contact Chris Scoggins at (229) 343-0580 or scoggins_chris@msn.com.

of the delicious menu.

The ingredients for our traditional Bloody Marys and Mimosas were provided by the kind and generous Betsy Leebern. Our highly skilled bartenders were Cathryn and Adam Smitherman - *very* popular people at this event!

The festive 'Nawlins style decorations were provided by the multi-talented Joan Redmond.

The Trinity Choir members plated the food and were our servers.

The crucial support of the Trinity Staff was essential, especially the work of Reggie Hill, Whitney Kiger, and Mary Snyder.

The strong support of our wonderful clergy is always an inspiration to us in the music area. Fr. Tim and Fr. Luke are our guides and beacons of faith, understanding, and prayerful compassion.

Finally, the cheerful support of *everyone* in the Trinity Parish Family means more than we can possibly say, as we provide crucial scholarship support for our CSU students. The scholarship funds really do make "*all* the difference" in them being able to stay in school and finish their degree studies. They will never forget the generous support provided at this important stage of their young lives.

Of course, all of this is only possible through the power of the Holy Trinity, working in and through all of us to further God's kingdom. We offer our humble efforts and our everlasting thanksgiving for all that we receive.

Soli Deo Gloria

The Curate's Corner

The Rev. Luke Wetzel – On my office door is a printout of the "Works of Mercy" as the church has traditionally described them. These comprehensively describe the ways that Christians are called to respond to Jesus' command to love our neighbor. Seven of the works are "corporal," pertaining to bodily needs. The other seven are "spiritual," pertaining to the needs of the human soul. Practicing the works of mercy is the way that we follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor. I have the list there as a reminder. Every day or so I try to look at them and consider to what extent I am making those things a part of my life. Are there any I have been neglecting? Do I shrink from the chance to practice them or do I embrace the chance?

Because the works are so central to Christian faith and life, Trinity provides numerous opportunities to practice the works of mercy. Each Sunday morning members of Trinity feed the hungry at our Prayer Breakfast. When we have enough people to open the clothes closet we also give out clothing. A few times a year we open up the church to shelter homeless families in partnership with Valley Interfaith Promise. By hosting funerals and receptions we aid in burying the dead. The ignorant (that's you and me!) are instructed each week on scriptures and Christian doctrine by Sunday School teachers (lay and clergy!). There is no shortage of opportunity to practice the works of mercy at Trinity. If you don't know how to get involved talk to me or Fr. Tim - we will connect you.

The Works of Mercy

The spiritual works of mercy are:

To feed the hungry;
To give drink to the thirsty;
To clothe the naked;
To harbour the harbourless;
To visit the sick;
To ransom the captive;
To bury the dead.

The corporal works of mercy are:

To instruct the ignorant;
To counsel the doubtful;
To admonish sinners;
To bear wrongs patiently;
To forgive offenses willingly;
To comfort the afflicted;
To pray for the living and the dead.

It is worth noting what the works of mercy are not. Giving money to an institution is not a work of mercy. Donating to the church or to social service agencies is a good and important thing, but it does not cause us to grow in love of neighbor. Action taken out of social obligation is also different than the works of mercy. It is a fine thing to throw a dinner party, it is a good thing to feed your children, but our capacity to love is most strengthened when we take the time to feed the hungry poor. The same is true for all of the works of mercy. It is good to pray for, comfort, visit, or attend the funeral for a family member or friend. It is even better to do so for a stranger or acquaintance.

When we serve our neighbor, tending to their spiritual and physical needs, we are serving Jesus Christ himself. He promises us as much in Matthew 25:40. The personal encounter that the works of mercy require, talking, touching, looking in another's eyes, mediates grace both to the one who is receiving and the one who is giving.

Peace.





Join us for our
**Parish Family
Thanksgiving**

Sunday, November 13th
12:00 pm
Trinity's Parish Hall

GOBBLE 'TIL YOU WOBBLE!

Join us **Sunday, November 13** after the 10:30 worship service for our 9th ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY THANKSGIVING! We will provide the turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing & gravy, and beverages. All YOU have to do is bring a large side dish or dessert to share!

Bring your **ready-to-serve** dish to the kitchen **before** church and we'll keep it warm or cold until it's time to serve. If you'd like to contribute towards the turkeys for this event, \$30 is the suggested donation. Please make checks payable to Trinity with "turkey lunch" in memo area.

Please R.S.V.P. to the Parish Office by Thursday, November 10 if you plan to attend.

**Turkeys will not be cooked in or around peanut oil.
**The 9:00 am Parish Breakfast will be Continental style so you can save room for lunch!*



Trinity Parish *Christmas* **PARTY**

Bring an appetizer and come celebrate with us!

Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm
2808 18th Ave. (St. Elmo) Columbus, GA
R.S.V.P. to Whitney in Trinity's Parish Office
by Tuesday, December 6
(706) 322-5569 or trinitycols@gmail.com
**Christmas casual.*

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ANGLICAN HERITAGE

DURING THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

WEAR PLAID OR YOUR FAMILY'S TARTAN TO CHURCH!
WE ARE ALSO SELLING A SPECIAL T-SHIRT FOR THE OCCASION FOR JUST \$10 -



Get yours for just \$10!





CVEM Thanksgiving Food Drive

Trinity has partnered with the Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry to bring Thanksgiving dinner to six families this year. Our 2016 CVEM Thanksgiving food drive will run from **Sunday, October 30 through Wednesday, November 16**. At this time, we are asking each family to donate either:

A **Walmart** or **VISA** gift card in any amount you are able. (\$5, \$10, \$20, etc.) **Please submit gift card donations on or by Sunday, November 13.**

OR

Bring a food item needed to complete a Thanksgiving dinner. **Important: Please be sure to check expiration dates on all food items! Expired items will not be delivered.**

Food items can be left in the CVEM Thanksgiving Dinner collection baskets located in the Parish Office by the Parish Secretary's desk. Gift cards can be given to any staff member. *(***Please be sure to note that your gift card donation is for the CVEM Thanksgiving Dinner collection!***)* We thank you for all of your kind donations!

The Scouts Would Like to Invite You...

Scout Troop 6 will be holding their fall Court of Honor & Dinner on **Tuesday, November 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** in Trinity's Parish Hall. They'll spend the evening honoring scout's advancements over the past six months, installing new officers, and celebrating 83 years of continuous services to youth of Columbus.

The guest speaker for the event will be a local gentleman, Mr. O'Ree Crittenden of Appalachian Trail fame!

O'Ree Crittenden became a quadriplegic in 2001 after he fell feet first from a dock. His injuries haven't stopped the self-proclaimed avid outdoorsmen from living his life. Join us to hear how, with some help from his friends, he hiked the 80 miles of the Georgia portion of the Appalachian Trail!



Christmas Memorials and Thanksgivings

Special gifts of flowers & music for Christmas 2016

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Parish Office with your check made payable to Trinity. Specify "**Flowers**" or "**Music**" on your check. Gifts must be submitted no later than **Sunday, December 11** in order to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. **Please print below.*

Your Name: _____

Please designate: _____ Flowers _____ Music

Gift Amount \$ _____

☐ In Memory of: OR ☐ In Thanksgiving for:



Holiday Services at Trinity

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Family Eucharist with Nativity Pageant

5:30 pm in the Nave **Nursery available.*

Musical Prelude at 10:30 pm followed by the

Midnight Mass at 11:00 pm in the Nave **No nursery.*

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am in the Nave

**Pack-out Prayer Breakfast at 9:00 am. No nursery. No Sunday School. No Parish Breakfast. No Children's Chapel.*

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 am in the Chapel **Nursery available.*

Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall

**No 9:00 am Parish Breakfast*

**No 9:30 am Sunday School*

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am in the Nave **Nursery available. Children's Chapel will be held.*



Trinity Episcopal Church

Building a Spirit-empowered Community that Serves and Celebrates Christ

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This year our stewardship campaign will take on a different look. The Cottage Meeting Commitment Program is centered on gathering as many of the Trinity faith community together as possible into separate small groups. These groups will meet with a host and discussion leader to:

- reflect on their spiritual lives and ministry together;
- hear the witness of one of their members regarding his/her stewardship journey;
- foster a sense of thankfulness for all of God's blessings; and,
- respond in thanksgiving with financial pledges and commitments of time for the support of God's work in the world through our congregation.

Your Vestry members, Rector, and members of the Stewardship Committee have agreed to act as hosts for these meetings along with other members of the congregation acting as discussion leaders. You will be invited to a cottage meeting that will take place during October and November. These cottages will serve as the formulation of our communication cottages where hosts and leaders will communicate with their small groups about upcoming church events and activities. For this first meeting we will focus on stewardship as detailed above.

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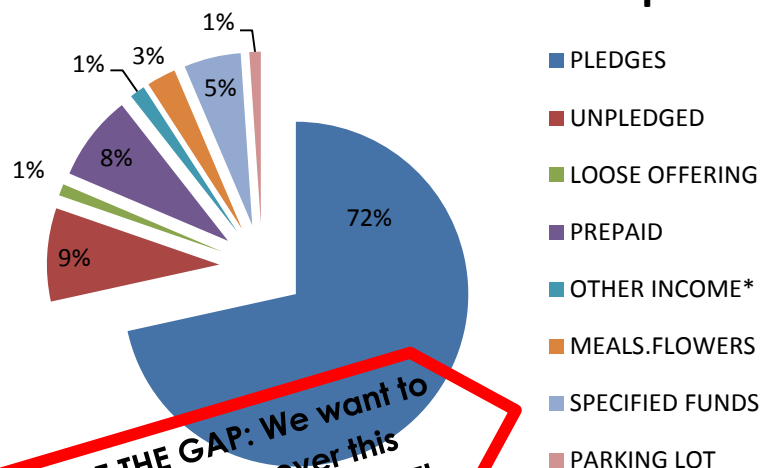
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The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God. The mission of Trinity is to build a spirit-empowered community that loves and serves Christ. We look forward to seeing you at a Cottage Meeting this fall.

Sincerely yours,

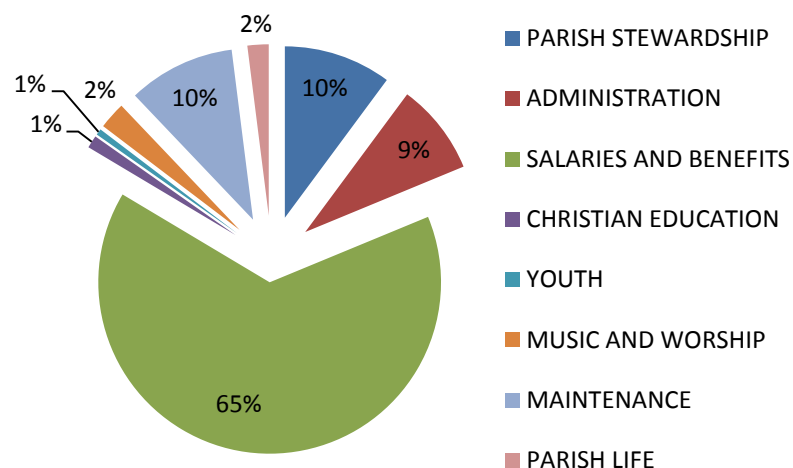
Brinkley B. Pound
Junior Warden, Chair, Financial Stewardship

2016 Income for Operations



CLOSE THE GAP: We want to insure pledges cover this source of income for 2017!

2016 Expenses for Operations



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Year	Total Budget	Total Pledged	% of Total	% increase over previous year
2014	\$952,768	\$554,580	58%	
2015	\$973,187	\$630,248	65%	7%
2016	\$972,708	\$654,834	67%	2%
2017*	\$974,000	\$703,684	72%	5%

* estimated budget

For 2017 we could CLOSE THE GAP if each current pledging member increases their pledge \$298