



# The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

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## From the Rector

*From the Rev. Timothy H. Graham, Rector*

Dear Friends,



One of the most meaningful parts of being a priest in charge of a congregation is the opportunity to work with others as a team to make ministry happen. There are some things that only the priest does at church, but most of the church functions are done by others. There are a host of lay members who volunteer their time and talent in a great variety of ways, like serving on the Vestry, being an usher, polishing communion silver, singing in the choir, or arranging the flowers for the altar. All of you who do so much deserve high praise for making this place a vibrant community of faith.

There is also another group of people that don't get mentioned or thanked often enough. And that group of people are the paid staff of the church. This month I want to thank the staff of Trinity for all that they do, and specifically, I want to thank our Parish Secretary, Whitney Kiger. Whitney recently made the decision to resign from her position here to stay at home with her three precious children. While I am sad about her leaving, I cannot think of a more wonderful thing for her to do at this time in her life.

So, let me say a few things about Whitney. She was hired by the Rector, The Very Rev. Rich Martindale, in 2007 and is now the longest serving member of the Trinity staff. She has been through many transitions in this congregation and has had several bosses and she has weathered many staff changes with grace. Her job comes with many challenges that most people do not see or appreciate. She is the first person that many people encounter when they arrive in the church office. With a smile and charm she welcomes everyone: UPS delivery drivers, air conditioning repairmen, curious tourists who want to take a peek at our beautiful church, neighbors in need of financial help, and parishioners who stop by during the week for all kinds of reasons. Some days in the church office are calm, and there are other days when everything is happening at once - a flurry of activity, people who need assistance, and lots of phone calls to be answered. Whitney juggles many demands and deadlines and keeps her pleasant demeanor through it all. She is kind and thoughtful, and cares about the people of this church. She reminds me often of parishioners that I need to be in contact with, and for that I am most grateful. She has produced many beautiful Sunday bulletins, monthly newsletters, bulletin board notices, and social media posts in these last twelve and a half years. Most of her talented design skills were learned here on the job through her own curiosity and determination. We will be searching immediately for a replacement for Whitney, but we will certainly miss her. Whitney's official last workday at Trinity will be Tuesday, October 15. She and her family will join us for worship at 10:30 am and the **Fall Festival** afterward on **Sunday, October 20**. I hope you will all find a way to express your thanks to Whitney for her love and care.

God bless you, Whitney. And from all of the people at Trinity Church, thank you!



*Timothy H. Graham*  
Fr. Tim Graham

***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.***

***In Our Prayers:***

- Ellie Wheeler
- Pat Newton
- Ines Grevel
- Bill Batastini
- Fleur Stearns
- Trudy Wade
- Dr. Lloyd Hudson
- Lucius Morton
- Don & Nancy Bloebaum
- George Wade
- Ann Sturkie
- Hadley Scott
- Joyce Curry
- Tracy Mourer
- Paul Rickard
- Joey Burke
- Bob Miller
- Cecil Cheves
- Fred Korzan
- Kathleen Bishop
- Gina Black Watson
- Doug Foster
- Betsy Blanchard Staples
- Marjorie Naybor
- Tanya Bowden
- Susan Caster
- Jean Scott
- George Trussell, Sr.
- George Trussell, Jr.
- Alma Winn
- Bob Upchurch
- Aiden Elias
- Mackenzie Etheridge
- Gladys Sherwood
- Sharon Sprouse
- Judy Wilkinson
- Michael Owen
- Jared Lipscomb
- Ida Stokes
- Ginger Calhoun
- Jessica Taylor
- Cammy Marchetti
- Virginia Turner (Ely)
- Jerome Shiver
- David Cartledge
- Hariot Lippmann
- Harold Graham
- Wilbur Wiggins
- Sara Coleman
- Rebecca DeLoach
- Jim Buntin
- Tamara Knight
- John Holt
- Bobby Wilson

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.

## **TRINITY SPOTLIGHT: Get to Know...**

### **The Hon. Kenneth Followill**



Kenneth was born in Hammond, Indiana, by virtue of his father's employment in Chicago, although his mother's family had settled in Midland, before Columbus was chartered in 1828 or Trinity Church was established in 1834. The Followills moved here prior to the country's entry into WWII.

Ken attended St. Elmo and Wynnton Schools, graduating from Columbus High School in

1952. His extracurricular activities included membership in Boy Scout Troop 213 which met at Trinity. When it became inactive, Ken joined Troop 6 led by revered Scoutmaster Billy Romeo. Billy's family had been a mainstay at Trinity, which later became troop sponsor.

Ken was raised a Presbyterian by his formerly Baptist father and Methodist mother who had reached an accord before his birth. His decision to enroll in The University of the South led to his love of the Episcopal liturgy, tradition and philosophy, although he remained a Presbyterian throughout his undergraduate years.

In college, Ken participated in numerous activities, including intramural sports, publications, service and honorary organizations, including the presidency of the Kappa Alpha Order. One of the most gratifying sidelines was playing guitar in a student jazz quartet recorded on campus by RCA Victor. Copies of the vinyl LP, "Jazz at Sewanee", appear as collectibles on the internet to this day.

Following college graduation with an A.B. in Economics, Ken received his law degree from Emory University with an eye toward working in the savings and loan association founded by his grandfather and carried on by his father and brother, Dexter. To fulfill his military obligation, he enlisted in the Army. After graduation from military Police School, he transferred to the Infantry as a reservist.

During their Atlanta years, he reestablished a relationship with Ann Carol White of Rome, Georgia, who was working downtown after graduation from Stevens College and doing post-grad work at UGA. They had met on a blind date two years earlier which she had forgotten about (apparently not a very memorable occasion). She was brought up Baptist, but like Ken, became enamored of the Anglican tradition and "converted" as did Ken after he completed confirmation classes at the Cathedral of St. Philip where he and Ann Carol were married in October of 1963. They began married life in Columbus where Ken was practicing law. They joined Trinity, and Ann Carol worked with the Altar Guild, Linen Guild, etc... Over the years, she engaged in various social and charitable pursuits. She will be remembered and appreciated for the many years as the dedicated Director of the "Mothers Morning Out" program at St. Paul UMC, across the street from the home she and Ken occupied from 1969 until her death in 2018, and where Ken still resides.

Beginning in 1964, Ken ran for and was elected to several public offices, including Solicitor and later, Judge of the State Court. In 1978, he became Judge of six Superior Courts of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit and was reelected numerous times until taking senior (semi-retired) status in 2009. He continues to hold court when needed throughout the state. At the time he became a senior judge, he was not only the longest serving active judge in the state, but also the longest in service in the 182 year history of the circuit. Of the many trials (civil, criminal, and domestic) he presided over, probably the most notorious was that of the Columbus "Stocking Strangler."

The marriage of 54 years produced two children: Ann Wakefield, who lives with her husband, Jason Wiggs, in Chicago, and Thomas Council, who, with Emily and their two children, resides in Atlanta. Ann and Tom were baptized at Trinity and are communicants in their respective cities. The families are close-knit and stay in constant communication, writing often.

He feels the combined influences of his upbringing, college, law school, and church have been invaluable in his personal and professional life, teaching him tolerance, moderation, and objectivity. He is grateful for the outpouring of love and support by the clergy, staff, and parishioners of Trinity following the death his wife. He hopes to pay some of this forward by serving with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Should any reader be summoned for jury duty to the Government Center assembly room, you will want to check out Ken's Portrait, replete with judicial robe, college ring and guitar, painted by the eminent artist, musician, and fellow Sewanee grad, Garry Pound!



## Parents, Get the Kids for This One...

**Deana Graham (A.K.A. “Mama D”)** – Parents, I was wondering if you could grab your child(ren) and share this article with them? I decided it’s time for a newsletter article *just* for them!

Hey Trinity Kids! You may or may not know this, but every month your family gets a newsletter from the church. It’s a good way for everyone to keep up with what’s going on at church - who needs our prayers, what Fr. Tim and Fr. Kyle have to say, and updates from the rest of us.

I love spending time with each and every one of you at church! Sometimes it seems like there is not enough time to get everything done; you know how I’m always hurrying us along when it’s time to go down to church! I was thinking that it might be fun for you to know more about me. Things like what I liked to do when I was a kid and stuff like that. I love to know about people and hear their stories. I hope you’ll like hearing mine.

I was named Deana because my Mom’s last name had been Dean. My middle name is Kathryn because my Dad and my Mom both had a favorite aunt named Kathryn. I loved those two aunts, too - very much! I was an only child until I was seven. I really, *really*, *REALLY* wanted a little brother or sister, but my parents couldn’t have another baby. When I was seven something amazing happened - I got a sister! My parents adopted my sister, Jodi, when she was five and a half. It was one of the greatest days of my life! I cannot imagine growing up without her. I remember the day she finally came to live with us forever, my neighborhood friends and I had a dress up party to celebrate Jodi being in our family. She’s awesome!

My parents always worked hard. My Dad was a counselor and my Mom was a high school English teacher. They were both really great at what they did. I was always so proud of them. My family had lots of fun when I was little. We went on many little weekend trips, where we took short hikes or found waterfalls or went to learn about a new city. We also went to lots and lots of cool shows - musicals, circuses, ballets, and sporting events - all *sorts* of stuff. I *loved* it! The Fox Theatre in Atlanta was always my favorite.

I grew up in Athens, Georgia on a really long street named Ponderosa Drive, and it was so fun. There were tons and tons of kids in our neighborhood, and we had so many amazing adventures. We liked to make clubs and put on shows for our parents and play at the creek and play kickball or sardines, and we swam *all* the time in the summer. I loved being on the swim team, too. My favorite stroke was breaststroke. I remember that we all used to ride our bikes down to the pool and just kind of throw them down on the ground when we got there. By the afternoon, the pile of bikes was HUGE! It was always good, unless you came first and you had to leave early. A lot of times we stayed at the pool so long, our parents brought our dinner to the pool! It was *GREAT!*

I loved swimming, but my very favorite thing to do was dance. I started taking ballet when I was really young, and I studied dance until almost college. I was really serious about dance. I went to ballet almost every single day of the week, and sometimes I even went on Sundays after church! I loved it. I had so many wonderful experiences through dancing. I got to go on a lot of cool trips and study under some very good teachers. I know it’s hard to believe

now, but for a long time, I wanted to be a dancer when I grew up. I loved it very much.

I worked really hard at ballet, and I loved it for a long time. When I was getting close to graduating from high school, I started thinking that maybe I was ready to have more free time than dancing was giving me. So, after a lot of thought, I slowly gave it up. I’ve always been glad that I danced all of those years, because I had so much fun and because it taught me so, *so* much about hard work.

Even though I danced a lot, I still had time to have a lot of fun. I had a funny car in high school called a Pinto. It was *NOT* a nice car, but it was so much fun! Since my last name was Murphy then, everyone at my school called my car the “Murphmobile.” A lot of times, we even painted on it with tempera paint, and I led the school homecoming parades! It was a funny car, and my friends and I had a really good time in it.

I had a great childhood, but everybody has some sad things that happen. When I was in the ninth grade, my parents got a divorce. It was the best thing for them, but it was hard for us all. We wanted our parents to be happy, though, and it all worked out just fine. I got to spend a lot of time with both of my parents, and I have always known how much each of them loved my sister and me.

I had such a wonderful family, and I was close to lots of people. I had amazing grandparents, and I loved to spend time with them. I had a Grandmother and Pappy and a Papa and Nana. I also loved being with the rest of my family - I spent a lot of time with my cousins, my aunts and uncles, and even my great aunts! One of my favorite things I’ve ever done in my life was to play cards with my grandmother and her sisters. They were *so* funny and we would laugh the whole time!

Growing up, we always had a dog. Sparky was our dog through most of my childhood, and I loved her very much. She was a precious mutt that we got at the Humane Society. And speaking of dogs, I grew up loving the Georgia Bulldogs a lot, and we had fun going to football games in the fall. I even went to UGA! I kind of knew, all along, that I loved kids so much, I wanted to be a teacher. My favorite teacher was my third grade teacher, Mrs. Jackson. I thought it would be neat to be a teacher because she seemed to enjoy it a lot. And now I am!

So, that’s a little bit about how I grew up. One of my favorite things these days is getting to watch all of *you* grow up. I love talking to you all about God and praying with you and laughing and singing with you! I love being your “Mama D.”

Don’t ever forget that I pray for each of you every single day. I love you!





## OCTOBER GOALS

30 DAY CHALLENGE  
NEW TRADITIONS  
HALLOWEEN PLANS

### October Goals

**Lauren Blanchard** – Last week officially kicked off the fall season. And thank goodness; I bet I’m not the only one ready for cooler weather! Although it may not begin feeling like typical fall weather until later in the season, we can still focus on what fall brings - a time for change. As we see a change in weather and in nature, we can make some changes within ourselves. Who says you need to wait until New Year’s Day to set new goals? Here are just a few fun ideas you can try with your family in October:

- **30 Day Challenge:** Set daily goals for the month of October. Whether it’s morning prayers, volunteer work, or writing hand written cards for loved ones, these mini goals can be meaningful and enjoyable.
- **New Traditions:** Find a fall recipe and have a family bake off! Not really a baking master? Try the same idea with crafts! It’s always fun to create together and the memories will last forever!
- **Halloween Plans:** Get a head start on Halloween! What costumes will be making an appearance? Any plans for a party or trip to a local event? There’s lots of fun to be had!

I hope this brings you a lot of fun and is something you can continue throughout the year! Enjoy October!



Our Fall Festival is almost here! We need YOUR help to make the day a great success! We have many opportunities to volunteer - running the games, serving lunch, manning the cake walk, and more! Send an email to [trinity.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:trinity.lauren@gmail.com) and we'll get you signed up!

### Musical Notes: Listen Up!

**Joseph Golden & Dr. Aesook Moon** – The Trinity Choir has officially concluded the recording of “*Great Hymns of the Faith, Vol. 1.*” This collection will contain the first of 54 hymns that are on the docket for the next few years. If your favorite is not on Vol. 1, it will most probably be contained in one of the future volumes. The selections are made with as much variety as possible available on any one volume of the series. Variety in tempos, dynamics, emotional content, instrumentation, and general historic era are our goals.

You can preorder yours beginning Sunday, October 6 following the 10:30 worship service. Reserve yours early and plan to give CDs as a unique gift to family and friends this Christmas!



### Free Organ Concert!

Don’t miss Trinity’s own Joseph Golden in concert! Head to Legacy Hall in the RiverCenter on **Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm**. This concert will feature organ alongside talented Schwob School of Music colleagues: Susan Tomkiewicz (oboe); Stephanie Patterson (bassoon), and Joshua May (tenor), as well as solo works including three favorite opera arias & music from Handel’s oratorio “Soloman” and the “Royal Fireworks Suite.” There will be something for everyone in this hour-long program.

Don’t miss hearing the mighty Jordan Organ and its friends!