



The Messenger

TRINITY Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia

The Rev. Timothy Graham, Rector

The Rev. Kyle Scillings, Associate Rector

Joseph Golden, Organist & Choirmaster

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December 2020

From the Rector

The Rev. Timothy H. Graham

Dear friends,

This is one of my favorite photos! It reminds me of someone I love, a very happy occasion, and the true meaning of Christmas. The photo of Harriot Lippmann was taken a few years ago in our parish hall as we were preparing gifts to be given to some friends in need in our local community, to help them have a brighter and happier Christmas.

Our celebrations of Christmas this year will likely be different because so much has changed in the last few months. We will make some necessary changes in our holiday routine and rituals to keep others safe. But we can still have peace in our hearts and pray for peace in the world. We can still reach out and share love and cheer and gifts with those we love and others who desperately need it. We can still recall the message of salvation and read again the story of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem long ago, our savior, Emmanuel, God with us! We can be assured that whatever strife is present in our lives and in the world, that nothing can diminish the hope that we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

So even if you are sheltering in place for safety, decorate your home and put on your Christmas hat and smile like Harriot! Sing the songs that the angels sing! Joy to the World! Merry Christmas and God bless us all!

Father Tim



Christmas Flower Memorials



If you would like to give flowers in thanksgiving, memory, or celebration for the Christmas Eve broadcast and outdoor service, you may send a check or give online at trinityepiscopalchurch.com



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:

Parishioners

Jean Berry
Jenny Lind Berry
Nancy Bloebaum
Jack Collins
Peggy Collins
Joyce Curry
Carl Fedde
Michael Dudley
Bill Harper
Comer Hobbs
Karyn Marra
Bob Miller
Lucius Morton
Tracy Mourer
Jo Myers
Bill Perdue
Jacquie Rawls
Jean Romeo
Hadley Scott
Fleur Stearns
George Trussell, Jr.
Bob Upchurch
George Wade
Trudy Wade
Judy Wilkinson

Friends

Julie Alexander
Brandon Arrington
Margaret Brown
Jim Buntin
Julie Burrus
Billy Cornelius
Sherri Culp
Lee Holloway
Darlene Hughes
Donna Lankford
Devon Levy
Cammy Marchetti
Philip McKagen
Connie Murphy
Michael Owen
Paul Rickard
Robert Rivers
Lynda Rose
Clifford Swift

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.

2021 Vestry Nominees

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place during the outdoor worship service on Sunday, January 10, 2021. We will elect four new vestry members to fill four vacancies. Please see the biographies below for our four nominees. Additional nominees may be made to our Senior Warden Debbie Lane at drlane@charter.net and must be received by December 20th.



Erin Harkey

Erin Harkey has attended Trinity for six years, after moving to Columbus from Atlanta. She lives with her husband, John, and their three children- Silas, Ephraim, and Naomi. Erin is primarily a stay-at-home-mom, though has served as Director of Columbus Co-operative Preschool for the past four years and has worked as a high school cross country coach. She is currently on the board of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry and was previously involved with YoungLives, a Christian mentoring program for teen moms in the area. At Trinity, in pre-pandemic days, Erin has enjoyed being involved in the 'Back Pew Club' and serving as usher for Sunday morning services.

Nell Hudson



Nell was blessed to be born into a Christian home in Bainbridge, GA where her parents were members of the First Methodist Church! She joined the church there and enjoyed Sunday School and youth activities. Nell graduated from Converse College with a BA Degree, majoring in English, then from Emory University with a Master of Arts in Teaching Degree. Nell married Lloyd Hudson in 1965 and they had almost 55 wonderful years together. When Nell and Lloyd moved to Columbus in 1970, she joined Trinity where Lloyd had been a member all of his life. Nell had fun taking confirmation classes with the youth because Trinity didn't have any more adults being confirmed that year. In the past Nell has been a Church School teacher, Superintendent of the Children's Church School, Chair of the Building Committee for the 1989-1991 renovation, a lay reader, Vestry member, Senior Warden, and member of two Search Committees. Presently, Nell is a member of the Healing-Prayer Ministry, the Linen Guild, and a Prayer Breakfast team leader. Lloyd and Nell have two sons, Walter and Frost Hudson, and a daughter-in-law, Carroll Hudson.

In lieu of the Snowflake Tree, this year we are collecting donations to be given directly to Trinity House and House of T.I.M.E

We hope that you consider helping our neighbors in need during this season of giving. Please mail or deliver your donations to the church by December 15th.

You can also give online through our website trinityepiscopalchurch.com by clicking the Give tab at the top of the page.

Patricia Lamson



Patricia Lamson has been attending Trinity since the Fall of 2016 when she moved to Columbus. She is a member of the Alter Guild, enjoys participating the the "Meet in the Middle" group when she can and helping out at Prayer Breakfast.

Patricia works at Fort Benning and has been working for the Army for 30 years. She is the Mother to 2 grown children

and 2 fur babies. She looks forward to serving the community at Trinity in new and exciting ways.

Joseph Oelgoetz

Joseph has attended Trinity Episcopal Church since he made Columbus his home in June, 2013. He officially joined the Church on April 9, 2014. Joe became an usher and has been serving since first attending Trinity.



Joseph believes strongly in supporting those that are in need, and he feels blessed that Trinity provides several ways to serve those in our community that need a helping hand. He has assisted in both the Sunday Breakfast Outreach Program, served in the Clothes Closet, have been on the Saint Francis Fund Board for the last three years, and served as an overnight volunteer for families that shelter at Trinity through our association with Valley Interfaith Promise. Joe is also a member of Trinity's Chapter of The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

Joseph is a Freemason. In that role he is the current Georgia Chairman for the Royal Arch Research Assistance Program for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia. They oversee the funding of over \$500,000 in support of University Research into the understanding and mitigation of Central Auditory Processing Disorder and into university research into Autism. He also sits on the Board for the Georgia Scottish Rite Foundation. This supports scholarships to students for their collegiate education and support of regional RiteCare programs across Georgia, which provides funding for speech therapy to those who otherwise could not afford this service.

Joseph is married to Karen Oelgoetz and they share two grown children, Jennifer and Eric. He is a Product Management & Marketing professional and is currently working for Char-Broil, LLC. Joe manages the company's product management efforts internationally, as well as managing the Super Premium Brand, Saber Gas Grills.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 2- Billy Kendall
- 4- Alma Winn
- 5- Michelle Mack
- 6- McKee Clark, Joe Passailaigue, Garry Pound, Sarah Prather
- 8- Avery Mullin, Frances Schley
- 9- John Cargill V, Maggie Johnston
- 10- Harry Graham, Forrest Parker, Philip Schley, Lucy Simkins
- 11- Ric Lanciault, Sally Walden
- 12- Christina Stahl
- 13- Judith Borom, Ann Miller, Molly Simkins, Joe Smith
- 14- Johnny Cargill, Molly Graham, Catherine Passailaigue, Keith Slaney
- 15- The Rev. Timothy Graham
- 16- Margaret Barber, Bert Mullin
- 17- Cissy Clark, Robert Doll, Carlo Thorington
- 18- Wayne Hadden, Natalie Mullen, Ed Page, Jerry Watts
- 20- Gabe Goldsmith, Jackie Henson, Kenny Henson, Coleman Perrin, Kathryn Thompson
- 22- Rania Haque, Sue Howard, George Wilkinson
- 23- Lilly Myers
- 24- Miller Page
- 25- Lara Allen Lasseter, Hazel Rust, Katherine Waddell
- 26- Gantt Shadburn, Kate Waddell
- 27- Joe Manderson
- 28- Jan Buracker, Owen Korytoski, Harris Fox
- 29- John Holt, Delaney Poydasheff, John Walden Jr.
- 30- David Cummings Jr., Judith Rothschild

Anniversaries

- 3- Ginger & Jeff Ollman
- 11- Connie & Jack Friou
- 21- Elizabeth & Mark Graham
- 27- Susan & Tommy Adams
- 29- Mary & Terry Hurley
- 31- Katherine & Wright Waddell



Dear Trinity Kids and Parents!

I miss you! I've included a few silly pictures from when we were together to remind of us two things:

1. We are such a special family! 2. We WILL be back together again, doing what we do best - worshipping and playing and laughing and praying!

This is a most exciting month for kids, to be sure. It is an exciting time for all of us. Sometimes, though, our anticipation about what we are GOING TO GET can take over in our minds, and we might forget that this is ADVENT - a time that we wait for the Baby Jesus to be born. To help us remember what a special time this is, and to help us think about others (instead of only about what we might get for Christmas) - I have an idea. I sure hope you will help me out!

During Advent, leading up to Jesus' birth, I'd love for us to think about OTHER folks, to consider the needs of others, and to think of ways we might help our neighbors. This is a hard time for many people, and WE CAN HELP!

Here is my challenge (for kids and kids at heart - that means EVERYONE):

1. Talk with family and friends and pray about helping words like these - loving, serving, helping, surprising, cooking, giving, listening, laughing, praying, and lighting the way. Think about how you can do these things to HELP other people. There is SO MUCH that you and I can do!

2. Make plans to do some of these things for others. Make a list, and put it somewhere you will see it often, like maybe on your refrigerator!

3. DO the things. Love is an action word, and so is help and all of the others. Get to work, and see what you can do to put a smile on the face of someone who needs it!

4. It could be someone in your family. It could be a neighbor. It could be someone you have never met!

5. If you are able, ask someone to take a photo and then send the photo (LOTS OF THEM) to Mama D.

6. I'll get the photos and show the to the parish family on social media! It will warm your heart when you help. You will warm the heart of the person/people you helped. Everyone in our precious church family will feel warm and happy when they see the pictures!

7. You can text them to me at 678-231-6369 or email them to graham.deana@gmail.com.

I CANNOT WAIT to see you serving others, and I bet there will be a smile on your face! See how many things you can do! What a way to fill this Advent season it will be, and I can't wait to show our church family what a difference you are making!

I love you all, and I pray for you each and every day. I see your face in my mind, and then I say special prayers just for you. One day soon, we will be back to praying together!

Until then, let's make December a helping/loving month! Get to it and send those pictures! Keep them coming!

Love, Mama D

I could not tell you how we are already in the final month of 2020! This has been quite the year. While many people are eager to bring 2020 to a close, I urge you to choose joy and thankfulness and to embrace the remainder of the year that we have left. In the season of Advent, we wait. We prepare our hearts. Let us savor the season and calm the chaos to be ready for Christmas.

"A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'" - Isaiah 40:3-5

I hope you have been enjoying your Shelter in Peace boxes!! I want to thank Susan Morris for sharing this idea with us and making it happen! Enjoy this picture from our boxing team, who helped assemble and fill all our boxes! *Not pictured, Mary Frances Young, who ran circles around her fellow youth members!

A huge thank you to all who have donated to The Health Hut. It is really making a difference in our community.

Lauren Blanchard

