

### PASTORAL CARE

If you, someone in your family, or one of our parishioners is in the hospital, or becomes homebound, please call the office and let us know as soon as possible so that Father Tony is able to call or visit. Our pastoral care team is also available to bring meals to the home, do small chores, and help with many other needs that we are able to meet.

### SERVICE SERVERS

Would you like to help greet newcomers and our members each Sunday? Or maybe you would like to help with passing out our bulletins and bringing the elements up to the altar.

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 on how to help with the services. We will also be training people to serve on the altar during the services. If you are interested in helping as a Eucharistic minister on the altar, please contact Fr. Tony.

**DON'T FORGET THAT NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY AND WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL.**

### **Bishop's Institute for Ministry & Leadership Upcoming Events**

#### **A Weekend with C.S. Lewis September 7 - 9, 2018**

The Rev. Dr. Earl Palmer will return to lead A Weekend with C.S. Lewis - Witness to Truth and Grace in a Time of War: C.S. Lewis and Dorothy L. Sayers at the BBC (1941-1944). Friday 10 am - Sunday noon with lunch at Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center. Dr. Earl Palmer is an author, preacher and distinguished C.S. Lewis Scholar.

#### **Yoga and Christian Contemplative Prayer Retreat September 28-30, 2018**

Led by Megan Cochran. Friday 5pm - Sunday noon with lunch at Camp Weed and Cerveny Conference Center. The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville will serve as Chaplain and the Rev. Cn. Dr. J. Allison DeFoor, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Florida as worship leader.

## Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

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14th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug. 26, 2018

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!

### **FIRST SUNDAY AND LAM**

Nest Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and we will be collecting non perishable food, items, including pet food, as well as toiletries and paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, diapers etc.) for them. They are also in need of paper and plastic bags. Anything that you might be able to donate is very much appreciated. Thanks!

### **TRINITY TALENT SHOW**

The Outreach Committee is going to sponsor a talent show on Sat., Oct 27th. We are hoping that anyone who has a talent, a friend with a talent or knows a group who would like to be included will sign up to be in the show. Anyone from the community, friends, relatives and groups are welcome to participate and to come to see the show. In the past we've had musical acts, dancing, a magician, a comedian, and lots of fun. Laurie Alsbrook is signing up everyone who would like to take part. There will be a rehearsal a day or two before the show so that we can get the timing down and we're happy to help in any way we can. The show will start at 7:00pm and will include a brief intermission during which there will be goodies and drinks. Tickets will be available at the beginning of October, and all proceeds will go to support our Outreach Ministry.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 8/26**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**9:30 JC and the Gospel Forum Room**  
**10:00 One Service**

**Monday 8/27**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**  
**6:00 Home Study at Fr. Tony's**

**Tuesday 8/28**

12:00 pm Betty's and the Bible  
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room  
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

**Wednesday 8/29**

**9:00am Morning Prayer**  
**6:00pm Evening Service**

**Thursday 8/30**

Thrift Shop 10am-4pm

**Friday 8/31**

Thrift Shop 2-5pm

**Saturday 9/1**

Thrift Shop 9am—Noon

**Sunday 9/2**

**9:30 JC and the Gospel Forum Room**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**10:00 One Service**  
**Pot Luck Lunch Following**

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

Aug. 28 Primary Election  
PH in use all day

**SEPTEMBER**

Sept. 2 First Sunday  
One Service 10:00am  
Pot Luck Lunch Follows

Sept. 3 Office Closed for Labor  
Day Holiday

Sept. 4 Class on Israel starts  
1:30 Parish Hall

ECW Dinner Mtg. 6pm

Sept. 10 Matter of Balance Class  
Starts 10-12 PH

Sept. 11 PH in use pm

Sept. 13 Movie Night

Sept. 19 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

Sept. 20 Grill and Chill

Sept. 29 Men's Club



**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Gary Patience.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of, gratitude for, or to celebrate a person or event, please call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

I've heard, on more than one occasion and from members I trust and respect that there are cliques at Trinity. "Say it ain't so!" I thought, but still there are folks who visit Trinity, who join Trinity, who contribute time, talent, and money to Trinity who still wonder if they belong.

Ann and I joined Ascension Episcopal in Dr. Phillips, Orlando in the early 1980's – a young couple with two young boys coming to a relatively new church in town. As much as we attended, and gave our energy and heart to that church, we still didn't quite belong, weren't quite accepted. It took years to truly belong, to be in the circle. Human nature? Perhaps, but it still hurts, even a tinge, when one is not fully welcomed and accepted.

Cliques are difficult to overcome. Even Jesus had an inner circle among the Twelve: Peter, James, and John. And the Twelve were notorious for trying to keep people from seeing Jesus. On more than one occasion he rebuked the disciples and let the little ones come to him.

Often I hear a parishioner say, "You're so busy, I don't want to bother you." Later I learn you were in the hospital, or sick, troubled, or grieving. My door is always open! Please come by or call me and let me know so we can pray.

There are groups within the Church who are more connected than others. Ann and I learned early that if you are not on the Vestry, you are pretty oblivious to all that is going on. Stepping off Vestry is like stepping into a black hole, an information void. Leadership is one clique that cannot be avoided; an inner circle of members who need to be open, sharing, and caring with everyone.

Another group that hangs together regularly is the choir and the musicians. We are an artsy bunch and are blessed to do what we love. And yes, you are invited! Bring your voice, your guitar, your kazoo! Come and join us!

There are several other groups in the Church who could become cliquish – Altar Guild, DOK, ECW, Sister's Circle, and the Men's Club. It is important that we all watch our behavior when participating in these groups, especially at functions open to the public.

While most of us would deny that we've ever been a part of a clique or turned someone away, truth is it happens more than we would want to admit. Do you lean your chair against the table to save a spot with your friends? Do you sit at the same table with the same faces on First Sunday?

Or, do you seek out the newcomers and ask them to sit with you? Do you feel comfortable sitting next to a visitor and helping them find their way in the Prayer Book? Becoming, being, the warm, welcoming Church we want to be takes a lot of effort! Please take time to greet our visitors and welcome newcomers into Trinity's family. Let's make sure everyone knows they are welcome and make them feel right at home.

Warmly Tony+