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*The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church:
We exist to love God and our neighbors!*





Greetings!

Last month I wrote to our fine editor of the Trinity Times asking if April was to be the swan song of these newsletter missives. My thought was to leave this space open for Fr. Mackey as he begins later this month. No, I was told, you can do both.....

So, I thought okay, that will give me a month to think about what to write and share here. Plenty of time to think of something pithy, pertinent, and perfect(?) to share.

Ummm.

As I write this the end is not here but is pretty close. My last day amongst you will be Mid-May, the 15th. The last Sunday will be May 5th to provide a space to pivot to the new guy.

Where to continue now? With thanks. So many members of the parish have been very kind with words of gratitude and support not just in these waning days, but throughout my time with you. All of these are greatly appreciated and will be remembered. As well as the thoughtful to-

kens and gifts of appreciation that helped sustain me.

I also appreciated the patience and perhaps tolerance when new things were introduced. And as I have tried to share new things and experiences with you, I give thanks for the many things I have learned and experienced while with you.

And with some retrospection I think we did some good things together. I was happy to be part of bringing new folks on, part of the talent show, hosting the bishop and being present to those who needed pastoral care. We underscored the need to train and prepare ourselves to welcome and care for those we hope to join us in the days ahead.

I was proud to represent Trinity in the community where possible and to be able to invite, invite, and invite any I came in contact with neighbors around the area. It was also neat to see the pride and love folks have for this place.

One of the podcasts I listen to begins each episode with a discussion of the "four basic food groups". Something is presented and then there is a takeaway from it. This makes me think of the four questions I posed to all of you when I first began in one of my ser-er, homilies.

Remember what they were?

"Where are you?", "What are you doing here?", "Who do we say Jesus is for us?", And (my favorite in this time we are in), "What do we do now?" If you remember, those questions came to me one day years ago as I contemplated all the questions people ask of the Scriptures.

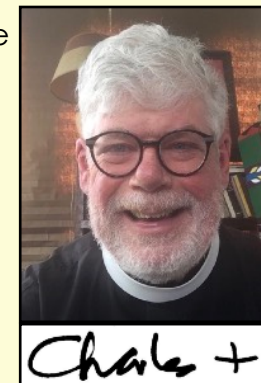
While hardly the four basic food groups, these questions are worth going back to as we - as you - continue on your faith journey. Asking these questions of ourselves and the community is like drinking from deep wells that can sustain, situate, and satiate on the journey to know G-d, to discover G-d's dream for you.

I have been asked what's next for me. I dunno. I will keep reflecting on those four

questions as I move from here to the yet to be determined there. There have been discussions for some spots in the Church. Bishop Nathan Baxter once told me that G-d does not always open a new door when one closes. Sometimes you wait in the Spiritual hallway. All I know is that as the old saying goes, "G-d ain't done with me yet." For that I thank G-d.

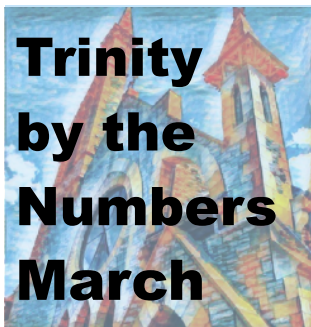
Peace to you all. It is my favorite word and I don't offer it lightly. You deserve to have it. But almost as importantly, you are called to share it.

If I don't see you in the future, I'll see you in the pasture.



Charles +

(PS: Franklin says thanks, too!)



Weekend Worship Attend.:
5:30/8:00/10:30
Mar. 2,3: 17/9/44 (70)
Mar. 9,10: 17/11/49 (77)
Mar. 16,17: 19/9/53 (81)
Mar. 23,24: 19/12/60(91)
Mar. 31 (Easter, 10:30): 136

Maundy Thursday: 42
Good Friday: 18
Wed. Healing: 17
Friday, Stations of the Cross - 24
Community Resources/Thrive:
Number served - 80
Utility Assistance -19 families

Easter at Trinity



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>2. Kevin Oliphant, Jr. Ann Grubisha</p> <p>3. Irma Grotey</p> <p>10. Ellie Rose Parsons</p> <p>17. Butch Shock David Richardson</p> <p>18. Lynne Francis</p> <p>20. Grace Staats</p> <p>23. Jack Ralsten</p> <p>25. Pam Parsons Zane Ullmann</p> <p>26. Callin Hudson</p> <p>28. Mary Thomas</p> <p>29. Lauren Adkins</p> <p>30. Dianne Hess</p>		<p>ANNIVERSARIES</p> <p>11. Becky & Jeff Stump</p> <p>19. Margie & Mark Miller</p> <p>24. Liz & Scott Ramsay</p> <p>27. Jane & Bob Harris</p> <p>30. Julie & Mike Matheny Dorsey & Frank Northrup</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:15 — HE & Healing 5:30 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm) 7:00 pm — Choir Rhrsl.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm — AA</p>
<p>5 EASTER 6</p> <p>One Service</p> <p>9:00 am — Sunday Sch.</p> <p>9:30 am — Choir Rhrsl.</p> <p>10:30 am — HE, Baptism, Rite II</p> <p>FR CHARLES' LAST SERVICE</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00 am — Feeding Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe</p> <p>12:15 — Life Group</p> <p>5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:15 — HE & Healing 5:30 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid)</p> <p>11:00 am — Knitters</p> <p>ASCENSION DAY</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm —Saturday Evening Prayer</p> <p>7:00 pm — AA</p>
<p>12 EASTER 7</p> <p>8:00 am — Morning Pr.</p> <p>9:00 am — Sunday Sch.</p> <p>9:30 am — Choir Rhrsl.</p> <p>10:30 am — Morn. Pr.</p> <p>5:30 pm — Movie Night</p> <p>MOTHERS DAY</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 am — Feeding Ministry</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 am — Men's breakfast, Trinity Hall</p> <p>12:15 — Life Group</p> <p>5:00 pm — Smoot Girls Ensemble (Choir rm.)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:15 — HE & Healing 5:30 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid)</p> <p>6:00 pm — Blenn. St. Soc (Trinity Hall)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 pm —Saturday Evening Eucharist</p> <p>7:00 pm — AA</p>
<p>19 FR GEOFFREY'S FIRST SVC PENTECOST</p> <p>8:00 am — Eucharist, Rite I</p> <p>9:00 am — Sunday Sch.</p> <p>9:30 am — Choir Rhrsl.</p> <p>10:30 am — HE, Rite II</p> <p>12:30 pm — DOK, Cf. Rm.</p> <p>2:00 pm — WV Mus.Nave</p> <p>Discretionary Sunday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00 am — Feeding Ministry</p> <p>6:30 pm — Vestry</p> <p>Trinity Times Deadline</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe</p> <p>12:15 — Life Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:15 — HE & Healing 5:30 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 pm —Saturday Evening Eucharist</p> <p>7:00 pm — AA</p>
<p>26 TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 am — Eucharist, Rite I</p> <p>9:00 am — Sunday Sch.</p> <p>9:30 am — Choir Rhrsl.</p> <p>10:30 am — HE, Rite II</p> <p>5:30 pm — Game Night</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11:00 am — Feeding Ministry</p> <p>Office Closed Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 am — Men's breakfast @Corner Cafe</p> <p>12:15 — Life Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:15 — HE & Healing 5:30 pm — Life Group (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am — Bible Study (hybrid)</p>	<p>31</p>	

Father Mackey's Orders Received

When a clergyperson from another denomination comes into the Episcopal Church, if he or she has been ordained by a bishop in the "historic succession" of bishops, they are not re-ordained. Rather, after careful inquiry and fulfilling the canonical requirements, the priest has their orders "received" into the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. This is the case with our new rector, Fr. Geoffrey Mackey.

Though he grew up in the Episcopal Church, Fr. Geoff was ordained by a Catholic bishop in the Byzantine Rite. On April 23, 2024 Bishop Cowden formally received his sacramental priesthood with the words: *"Upon these promises, I admit you to the exercise of the office of priest in this Church, recognizing your authority to preach the word of God and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit continue to bless you and God's people through your ministry. Amen."* The reception took place during a service of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist held at historic Olde Saint John's Episcopal Church in Colliers, where Fr. Mackey's parents attend.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Bishop Cowden asked Fr. Geoff to pronounce the blessing. He used the words of the Epistle to the Hebrews:

"May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this night and remain with you always. Amen."

Father Geoff standing before Bishop Cowden and Canon Chad Slater



Father Geoff giving the final blessing at the end of the liturgy



Bishop Cowden
with
Father Geoff
and his father,
Father Jeffrey
Mackey



Highlights from April Vestry meeting

- The Treasurer reviewed the March financial reports and reported that the church's financial condition remains strong. The Diocesan Managed Trust Funds have increased over \$81,000 in value since the beginning of the year.
- The DRE wants to start advertising the Peterkin camp schedule and letting families know that scholarship funds are available to help with the costs.
- Anne Deputy discussed several fundraising opportunities to raise funds for outreach, including collecting ink and toner cartridges and dine and order events at local restaurants. Anne and Mickie Richardson have also started a greeting card outreach program for local healthcare facilities.
- The Building & Grounds Committee reported that Canterbury Electric will be repairing the damaged chandelier in the Nave and checking and securing all the other chandeliers.
- There will be one service on May 5th at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate Fr. Charles' last weekend with us. Fr. Geoffrey's first services will be on May 18th and 19th.

Submitted by Julie Rathbone, Recorder

The Book Sale News



The annual Trinity Episcopal Church book sale will begin accepting donations June 5. "We appreciate the effort our donors make to bring their books to us, and know they want their contributions to count," said Lynn Fury, book sale chairperson. "Over the years, we have noted what books sell, and what has to be disposed of after the sale. Donors can help tremendously by first weeding-out unsalable materials." Before carting their books to the church, patrons can ask themselves three questions to make sure their donations are on target.

Is this book the right type?

Typically, books by popular authors and current best-selling titles in hardback or paperback get snapped up quickly at the Trinity fundraising sale. Nonfiction histories and classic novels in good condition also find ready buyers. Cookbooks remain traditional favorites, but only in regular sizes; no small booklets or pamphlets.

"Reader interests have shifted over time," Fury said. "In the past, every family with a child wanted a set of encyclopedias. Now you can't give them away."

While current books generally sell better than aged editions, certain types qualify as prized "gems." Trinity gems are any West Virginia history, yearbooks, hardcover pictorial "coffee table" books, or pre-1940 books.

Donors can pre-screen their own selections and remove unsaleable materials:

- No encyclopedias · No dictionaries, reference or textbooks ·
- No magazines or pamphlets · No Readers Digest condensed books

Is this book in good condition?

Even the most avid reader is likely to pass over a book that reeks of mildew.

Before putting a book in your donation box, give it the eye and sniff tests:

- No moldy or musty odors · No dirty or torn covers · No pages falling out

Is this outdated?

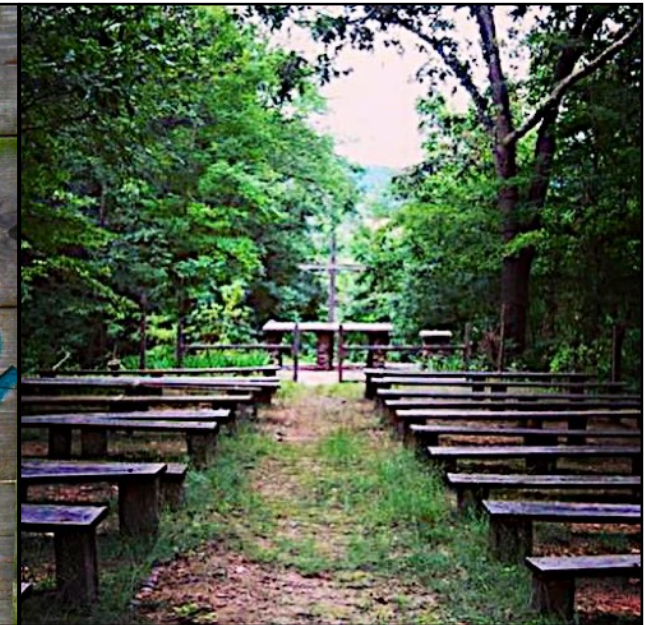
New developments can quickly make information out-of-date, especially in fields such as technology, sciences, travel and psychology. Check the publication date in your books to determine whether they remain current.

- No outdated (before 2014) materials on topics vulnerable to quick "information expiration" such as technology, self-help or travel
- No cassette or VHS tapes. However, the Trinity sale organizers still accept vinyl records and compact discs (CDs).

Volunteers will start accepting donations on Wed., June 5 from 10:30 a.m.-noon, in Trinity Hall. Donations will be received every Wed. through Sept. 4, except when other church events require use of the hall.

The 2024 book sale will be held October 2 - 5

Hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Oct. 2 - 4 and 9 a.m.-noon on Sat., Oct. 5.



June 16 — 22: Senior Camp

(Entering 10th gr. thr. graduating seniors)

June 23— 29: Junior Camp

(Entering 4th gr. The. 6th gr.)

June 30 — July 3: Alpha Camp

(Young children and their grown-ups)

July 7 — 13: Intermediate Camp

(Entering 7th gr. thr. 9th)

July 14 — 20: MAD (Music, Art, Drama) Camp

(Entering 4th gr. thr. 12th grades)

July 21 — 27: Family Camp

(all ages)

*More information available at
<https://www.peterkin.org/>
Contact the church office about
scholarships available this year.*





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Trinity Sidewalk Social Outreach
TRINITY TALENT will be the next Event to
be held June 8 - 12pm to 3pm

Crafts & Artwork by talented Trinity Artists will be displayed outside along the front & side of the office.

All of the artists who displayed their talents at the Talent Showcase are needed to display their amazing talents again. Other Trinity Artists are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

This will be a fun and interesting way to help our community get to know us. Sign up on the sheets in the library or Trinity Hall or email stewardship@trinity.com for more info or to register your participation.

We had 8 amazing displays at the Talent Showcase, we would like to have double that number for June!

The Sidewalk Social is a Community Outreach. Help make a difference in our community by helping Trinity connect with community members through art, food, fellowship and a mutual desire to make a difference.

As always we will be collecting donations of items or cash for our Food & Clothing Supply Closet for our Outreach programs. We will have food and drinks for sale. Artists displaying their talents are welcome to sell their art. We hope that our whole Trinity family will support Trinity and our artists by helping to spread the word and by coming out and bringing family and friends! More details on that will be available soon.