
From the Interim Rector . . .

Sermon for 2 Epiphany/Address for Annual Parish Meeting January 18, 2015

Today after the 9:30 service, we will hold our Annual Parish Meeting, as required by canon law of the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of TN and our parish bylaws. During the actual meeting, I will have some brief remarks – mostly to express thanksgivings. However, this sermon will use the lectionary readings for the task of challenging us to ready ourselves for the new work God will call us to do in 2015. Did you expect anything less from me??!!

The boy Samuel heard a voice but didn't recognize it. He went twice to old Eli, thinking it was he who called, perhaps with a task that needed doing. Not until the third incidence did Eli realize it was God calling Samuel.

I think we make the same mistake. God calls and we respond to the familiar - something we have done in the past in the way we have always done it.

When Eli finally realized it must be God speaking to the boy, he told Samuel to respond differently next time the voice called.

Like Eli, the people of Trinity Church are at a time when we are being called to listen AND to respond to God in a fresh way. We must hear what God needs of us today, rather than perpetuating what we thought God wanted of us in the past.

Change is almost never easy. I've learned that "big time" in the seven months since becoming your interim rector. Some of the changes so far have been fairly easy to identify as good and necessary. Some have failed early on due to poor implementation or timing. Most have been, or are still being made after many prayers said, some sweat poured, but so far with few tears and no blood shed!

The Rev. Tom Ehrich, speaking of society and the church, reminds us 'that change isn't the enemy Yes, changes [take] away some privileges and certainties. Racial integration, for example, changed the world for whites, as well as for blacks. Welcoming women into full church participation changed things for men. Legalizing abortions, legalizing same-sex marriage, offering immigrants a fair shake, turning back from imperialist foreign policies -- these all shook the foundations for some people.' "But that's the way it is. We can't stop the shaking, nor should we. Some changes are nonsense, some are unfair; but some are about justice, advances in ideas and science, new inventions, restless human spirits." "And some are about God. Some changes are exactly what the Lord promised to Samuel: 'I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle.' We can't make our worlds safer by stifling change. For we would only be preventing justice, growth, new life and God."

Those of us who zealously guard against any changes except those we personally desire, need to do what Eli did: recognize that God is doing a new thing and guide the young and the new among us into it.

Rather than sitting around with hands clamped tightly over ears and complaining to others about how things aren't the way you would do them, open the ears of your hearts and LISTEN to God's voice. Begin by asking God to open you up to seeing your brothers and sisters in these pews in a new way – through God's eyes! Pray for forgiveness for any petty thoughts or words about them you may have had or made.

Pray for me, please! For me to seek God's will, for good health, for kindness of spirit and mature discernment. Pray for our vestry and wardens – new and continuing. Pray for our staff and contracted workers, our treasurers, the Parish Ministries Council and all leaders of committees and groups.

And STEP UP! Come and see what good can come out of youth and new persons and new ways. Come and see what God will do when we help them through our prayers, mentoring and encouragement to hear God's fresh call to them. Don't wait for someone to "read your mind" and ask you to fill a service need that matches your skills and schedule. Each of us is "marvelously made," wrote the Psalmist. We have been gifted by God in diverse ways – none more important than another. When we say we need your time and talents as much as your financial gifts, we mean it!

However long you have been a part of the Trinity family, I challenge you to find the courage to come closer to God – to listen freshly – to respond positively, not simply to what we know or have known, but to what God wants for us and of us.

So soon after we celebrated the Incarnation, the words of theologian and author Frederick Buechner seem appropriate for us to hear and take to heart:

"Adeste fidelis. Come and behold him, born the king of angels. Speak to him or be silent before him. In whatever way seems right to you and at whatever time, come to him with your empty hands. The great promise is that to come to him who was born at Bethlehem is to find coming to birth within ourselves something stronger and braver, gladder and kinder and holier, than ever we knew before or than ever we could have known without him."

Come and see, Trinity Church, come and see! Amen.

Dorothy+

Activites

Get Involved!

All activities and ministries are coordinated through the parish ministries council's four teams. Please contact the person listed for additional information.

Worship and Liturgical Ministries: Mark Hunter, Johnmarkhunter3@gmail.com

Christian Formation (classes, spiritual formation): Anne Finley, annefinley73@gmail.com

Service and Mission (outreach ministries and special initiatives): Kate Smith, norakatemom@gmail.com

Parish Life (social groups, fellowship gatherings): Nancy Gibson, gibsonn@apsu.edu

Remembered in our Prayers

Diocese and Worldwide:

Our Military, all victims of war, natural disasters, terrorism, poverty or abuse.

Our Parish

Almighty God, look graciously upon us, the people, vestry and interim rector of Trinity parish in this time of transition; that we may devote ourselves afresh to your service. Strengthen our faith, knowing that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us. Grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirt and confidence in your timing as we seek a new rector for the parish; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Parish Family and Friends

Tia Batterson, Naomi Cannaday, Leighna Crowley, Maryellen Dillon, Nancy Doherty, Art Eaves, George Fisher, Frank Hodgson, Jo Houghton, John Knickerbocker, Karleen Knickerbocker, Kay Laperle, Doris McCormick, Juanita McKinney, Mildred Mickle, Barbara Miller, Ann Oakley, Ed O'Bryan, Betty Scott, Rob Scott, Robert Scott, Gabe Segovia, Margaret Sutfin, Alexa Wojciechowski, Dorothy Woodham

Altar Flowers

2/1- Jim Marshall

2/8- Ellen & Tim McCollum

2/15- Mary and Lance Smith

2/22- Juanita McKinney, Mary Catherine & John Robey

To provide flowers contact Mildred Mickle at 503-0159, or Jan Hammett at 645-2458.

Greeters

2/1- Martha Hendricks and Kathy Ondras

2/8- Paige King and Elaine Martin

2/15- Kendall and Terry Welsh

2/22- Lawson Mabry and Jan Hodgson

Classes

Old Testament Studies- knick8885@bellsouth.net

Anglican Traditions- gildrier@apsu.edu

Trinity's Network Nancy.gibson@gmail.com

Leadership development-
paigethomasking@gmail.com

Movie discussion group- niki815@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour

2/1- Available

2/8- Available

2/15- Daughters of the King

2/22- Red door Committee

If you enjoy coffee hour think about signing up. You don't have to do anything fancy and can always buddy up. If you are unable to do coffee hour please donate so we can buy drinks and snacks. Questions please call the church office, 645-2458.

Annual Pancake Supper



The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 17th, from 5:30-7:30pm**. The youth will serve, help prepare, and clean-up after dinner, which will include pancakes, sausage, and eggs. Prices are as follows:

Ages 16 and up = \$5.00

Ages 8 – 15 = \$3.00

Ages 7 and under = free

This event is a fundraiser for youth mission projects.

Trinity's Youth needs YOU to help make this a success.
If you can

MAKE PANCAKES
COOK SAUSAGE
WASH SOME DISHES
BUY PANCAKE MIX
DONATE SAUSAGE
POUR SOME MILK, or
LOVINGLY DIRECT TEENAGE VOLUNTEERS
- then we need YOU!

Contact Kate Smith at [\(931\) 551-7412](tel:9315517412) or norakatemom@gmail.com to sign up as a volunteer or donor.

Please plan to attend the organizational meeting Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30.

In Addition,

This year we will be featuring a historical and hysterical Anglican tradition of Shrove Tuesday Pancake races! Teams will be racing in a relay format down the halls of Trinity Parish. There are rules and mandatory uniforms being strictly enforced. Watch DOK race the Vestry and get in on the fun by challenging a person or group to your own race. More details to follow but for questions, to set up a race, or get more info please contact Sue Sweeney, Sue.sweeney@resort-support.com



Certified Pre-School Teacher Needed

Applications are being accepted from now until March 2 for a certified pre-school teacher for Trinity's Preparation for Kindergarten Program. Applications are available at the church office or online at [Trinity Parish](#). The school will be held July 6-23, 2015, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday in the parish hall. This free program is designed especially for low income or foster care children who have no access to a pre-school experience due to waiting lists for participation in Head Start and public school pre-K programs. The goal is to help these children develop some school readiness skills that will increase their chance for academic success in kindergarten and beyond. A board of directors (Erin Nolder, Jeanie Northington, Lauren Turner, Anne Finley, Jan Hodgson) will provide oversight for the program and volunteers will provide assistance for the teacher.



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday services with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist will take place on February 18th

at:

7:00 am

Noon

6:00 pm

No other activities will be held that evening.



Nashville Predators Fellowship Night

Join us for a night of hockey fun and fellowship. Saturday, March 7th at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$40 a piece but includes all you can eat and drink, a shirt and a tour before the game. Must sign up by February 8th, money will be due February 15th. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside DC Hall. If you have questions or would like to register by e-mail please contact Nicole Bartnik, niki815@yahoo.com.

February is Mystery Month in the Library!

Librarian Tia Batterson is planning a special display on top of the library piano of mystery books from our collection. There are some excellent new ones as well as old favorites. You are encouraged to come by and browse.

Help Needed with F.U.E.L. Ministry

We need people to deliver FUEL bags to Byrns Darden on Thursdays before 10am or after 1pm. .
POC for this ministry is Jeanie Faust.
E-mail is faustjeanie@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Super Bowl Party--Sun, Feb 1st

Pancake Supper--Tues, Feb 17th

Skating Outing, Sunday, Feb 22nd, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. **At Rainbo Skating Rink**

For questions/information regarding youth activities, please contact Hunter Stapp, hunterstapp@yahoo.com.



We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to outgoing vestry members, Kate Smith, John Holt, Kathy Murray, and Ken Shipley. We welcome Heather Fleming, Ric Williams, Phil Blake, and Sheila Foust to Vestry, congratulations!

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Important Dates

2/1- Superbowl Party

2/17- Pancake Supper Races

2/18- Ash Wednesday Service

2/22- Biscuit Sunday
youth skating outing

2/24- Empty Bowls

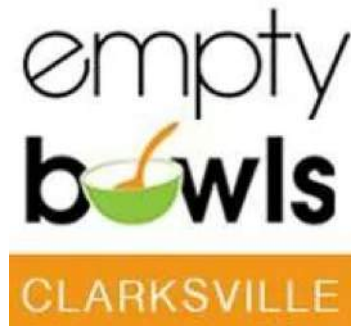
Nashville Cares

Nashville CARES needs YOU! If you have two hours a month, a car, and a sense of direction, we need YOU! Trinity volunteers deliver food bags to clients of Nashville CARES each month. Got two hours? Got a car but no sense of direction? Hey, we'll draw a map. Contact Kendall Welsh at kendallwelsh@gmail.com or [\(931\) 237-3298](tel:9312373298)

Pastoral Conference Center of Clarksville Pancake Breakfast

7 – 11 a.m. On Saturday, March 7th
Serving at the Fellowship Hall of
Grace Lutheran Church,
[2041 Madison St](http://www.clarksvillereformed.org), Clarksville

Tickets are \$5 each available in the church office.
Breakfast is pancakes, sausage, juice or coffee.
All proceeds benefit the Pastoral Counseling Center



February 24th is the Annual Empty Bowls Lunch in Dorothy Conroy Hall from 11 am – 1 pm.
Tickets are \$15.00 available from the church office.
Ticket includes soup, bread, beverage, dessert and hand-painted bowl.

Proceeds benefit the hungry in our area.
If you would like to help by making brownies or serving the day of the event, please contact Shirley Hood or Malinda Mabry-Scott.

****Donations to help underwrite this event would be greatly appreciated.****



Picnic and Parties Committee would like to thank everyone for making Trivia on Tap a huge success!!
Look for it again in April

February Birthdays

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| 2/1- Zach Miller, Belle Tackett, Jacob Williams, Johanna Williams. | 2/16- Eleanor Rocconi, Timothy Smith |
| 2/2- Hazel Goodlett, Ken Hartman, Larry Rocconi | 2/17- Elyse Wanke |
| 2/4- Kristen McCormack | 2/19- Jo Comperry |
| 2/7- Michael McMullen, Madison Moquin | 2/23- Bradley Bartnik, Zachary Bartnik |
| 2/10- Hunter King, Janice Mickle | 2/24- Craig Mace, Tim Wanke |
| 2/11- Victor Jay, Chris Smith | 2/25- Menzo Fassen, Tabitha Tackett |
| 2/14- Joan Pollard | 2/26- Anne Finley |
| | 2/27- John Jay, Nathaniel Miller |

Trinity Schedule of Lay Servers

Sundays in February and March 1st, 2015 Year B

lectionary / verger	Lector	Acolyte	Chalice	Prayers of the People
February 1 st dean	7:30	7:30	7:30	
4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Laura Harpel	Blake Yrabedra	Laura Harpel	9:30
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111	Ben Kimbrough, Sr.	1 st Connor Dial † Anne Marie Rocconi Bellemey Welsh Kaie Thirteen	9:30 Jim Moore Katie Dean	Anna Caldwell
1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Phil Blake			
February 8 th smith	7:30	7:30	7:30	
5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Laura Harpel	Blake Yrabedra	Jesse Owens	9:30
Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c	Paige King	1 st Lillie Smith † Rebecca Williams Harrison Holt Jack Holt	9:30 Chris Smith Jan Hodgson	Anne Finley
1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Bruce Blake			
February 15 th hunter	7:30	7:30	7:30	
Last Sunday after Epiphany	Laura Harpel	Blake Yrabedra	Jesse Owens	9:30
2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6	Bill Colclough	1 st Will Mabry † Selby Shipley Jack Holt Bellemey Welsh	9:30 Kathy Murray Mark Hunter	Jan Hodgson
2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Greg Poole			
February 22 nd holt	7:30	7:30	7:30	
1 st Sunday in Lent	Laura Harpel	Blake Yrabedra	Laura Harpel	9:30
Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9	Sean Hogan	1 st Elizabeth Mabry † Kara Liberatore Chloe Dial Jack Murray	9:30 Liz Holt Greg Poole	Judith Burke
1 Peter 3:18-22	Shirley Hood			
March 1 st dean	7:30	7:30	7:30	
2 nd Sunday in Lent	Laura Harpel	Blake Yrabedra	Jesse Owens	9:30
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:22-30	Michelle Blake	1 st Sarah Holt † Jack Murray Harrison Holt Selby Shipley	Laura Harpel 9:30 Katie Dean Denise Shelton	Jim Moore
Romans 4:13-25	Quentin Humberd			

1st = first server. † = crucifer. Other acolytes are lucifers. *Lectors (and others) who would like easy web access to the lectionary can use the same resource I do when I make the schedule - <http://www.lectionarypage.net>. Additionally, a **pronunciation guide** is located here: <http://netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm>. Lectors should move to the seats near the front on the eagle lectern side during the opening hymn. Please contact me at johnmarkbunter3@gmail.com if you are unable to serve at the time you are scheduled. It is quite simple for the vergers to make a replacement. We discourage the practice of lay servers swapping dates as that increases the chance for confusion. The vergers at Trinity are Katie Dean, Liz Holt, Mark Hunter, and Chris Smith. The verger of the day will have made all adjustments by 9:30 for the principal service. Any personnel adjustments after that time are likely to lead to confusion and should be avoided. Mark*

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Vestry Members

Heather Fleming (2015)

Mike Dale (2014)

Sheila Foust (2015)

Mark Hunter (2013)

Bill Kimbrough (2014)

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James Moore (2014)

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Greg Poole (2013)

Phil Blake (2015)

Ric Williams (2015)

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OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE (September through May)

Sunday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)
8:30 AM Old Testament Class
9:00 AM Grace Chapel, worship
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)
9:30 AM Children's Chapel (through Offertory)
11:00 AM Children, Youth SS & Adult Classes
11:00 AM Handbell Rehearsal
(Coffee hour in parish hall immediately following 9:30 service)

Monday

5:30-7:00 PM Girl Scouts (1st & 3rd) and 2nd & 4th)

Tuesday

1:00 PM Needles (Knitting/crocheting group) (2nd & 4th)
5:30 PM Brownies
6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (2nd)
6:00 PM Vestry Meeting (3rd)
6:30 PM Daughters of the King (DOK) (2nd)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist- HE (MP on 1st Wed. of mo.)
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist- HE
6:00 PM Supper Served
6:30- 8:00 PM Youth Group
6:45 PM Children's choir Rehearsal (1st & 3rd)
7:00 PM Adult Classes
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (2nd & 4th)

Thursday

1:00 PM Hospice Grief Support Group Meeting
6:00-8:00 PM Nashville Cares Support Group (last Thurs. of mo.)

Saturday

9:30 AM Episcopal Church Women (2nd)

Please visit [Http://trinityparish.com/calendar](http://trinityparish.com/calendar) for up to date Trinity
Events and Services.