



## Trinity Tidings November, 2008

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### From the Rector:

November is a month of thanksgivings. It begins with All Saint's Day which we will celebrate on Sunday, November 4. All Saint's is one of the seven principle feasts of the Christian year. It is a time to remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have preceded us in death – the saints who have so very personally touched and enriched our lives. It provides an opportunity to give thanks to God in whose love we will eventually be reunited with our loved ones.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving near the end of the month. For those who wish to attend, we will enjoy Thanksgiving Day at Trinity, and there is a separate article about that in this issue of *The Tidings*. No matter where we gather in fellowship, Thanksgiving Day allows us to pause for a moment and remember that all that we are, and all that we have comes from God: our loved ones and families, our homes, our friends, our Church, our communities, our nation, and our world. As you reflect on and give thanks for your blessings, please remember Trinity Church and the fall stewardship drive. If you have already made your pledge, please accept our thanks. If you have not sent in your pledge card, please reflect on all that God has given you, and make a sacrificial pledge to your Church so that we can continue to do God's work in this area of God's Kingdom.

November is also the last month of the Church year. Christ the King Sunday, occurring this year on November 23, is traditionally the last Sunday of the church year. It is a celebration that anticipates Advent by acknowledging that the will of God is to restore all things to Godself through the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The new church year begins Sunday, November 30 with the first Sunday of Advent. The word “advent” means “coming” or “arrival,” and the season of Advent remembers the first coming of Jesus and anticipates the second coming of Christ the King. Following the three-year cycle liturgical cycle, we will read from the Gospel of Mark.

November is a month of remembrances and celebrations. It is a month that invites reflection and renewal. I hope you will let the feasts and special events of the month fill you with God’s love, and refresh your spirit anew.



### **Lap Blankets Available in Church**

If you are cold in the sanctuary , please help yourself to a lap blanket. They are rolled up in a basket, which is located next to the West Pine Street door in the nave of the church. Return them there when you are done with them.

### **Ushers Needed**

Usher: (n): English, Scottish, and Irish.: occupational name for a janitor or gatekeeper., Middle English *usher* (Anglo-Norman French *usser* , Old French *ussier*, *huissier*, from late Latin *ustarius*, a derivative of classical Latin *ostium*, “door”, “gate.” The term was also used in the Middle Ages for a court official charged with accompanying a person of rank on ceremonial occasions.

Are you friendly? Do you like people? If so, we have the perfect ministry for you. When a newcomer comes to our doors, the usher is the first person they meet. A welcoming presence can make the difference between a visitor and a member. We

are in need of ushers and greeters for our regular 8 am and 10:30 am services, and we will need additional people for the additional services during the Christmas season. If you would like to try ushering before committing on a regular basis, serving during Advent and Christmas is a great time to try on this ministry. Our usher coordinator is Mrs. Gretchen Grimsley and she will provide training. She can be reached at [gretchen@mchughfuller.com](mailto:gretchen@mchughfuller.com) or 601-325-7671.

## **Congratulations**

We give thanks for the baptism of Charles Victor Morse, son of Christopher & Kathryn Morse, grandson of Kathy Polk and Roy Garretson, great grandson of Betty McSwain and great nephew of Charlene McSwain.

### **Tidings News Holiday Deadlines**

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday schedule, the deadline for your Tidings news in November and December will be due earlier than usual. Deadline for December news is Friday, November 14. We will fold the Tidings on Wednesday, November 19 at 10:00 am. Deadline for January news will be December 11 and we will fold the Tidings on December 17.

News can be emailed to:  
[trinitytidings@hotmail.com](mailto:trinitytidings@hotmail.com)

**TRINITY'S FOOD & BOOK SALE  
AND MORE  
NOVEMBER 15  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

## **Guild News**

### **St. Anne's Guild**

Monday, November 10 at 1:30 pm St. Anne's Guild will meet in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be Jane Butler on "why we do what we do".

### **St. Francis Guild**

Thursday, November 13 St. Francis will meet at 11:45 for lunch prepared by Sharon. Cost is \$6.00. Please call the church to make your reservations by Tuesday, November 11.

## **Condolences**

**We extend our sympathy to:**

Eloise, Sandy, and Alice Carol Gray and families on the death of Carol Gray Rawls.

John & Tricia DeLancey and family on the death of Tricia's dad, Fitz McCoy.



## **Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Emergency Relief Fund**

This fund has been set up to help Mary Deane McInnis with her medical expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please make checks payable to Trinity Emergency Relief Fund. Use the envelopes provided in the pews to designate that the contribution is for Mary Deane or put a note with the check designating that it is for Mary Deane. **Please do not put her name on the memo line of your check. The contribution is not tax deductible if her name is on the check.** She would like to acknowledge your gifts, so we will provide her with names and addresses but not amounts.

## **Daughters of the King Changes**

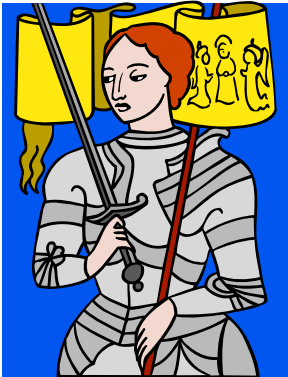
The Daughters of the King Koinonia Chapter at Trinity will begin meeting once monthly starting in November. The November, and future meetings, will be held the third Wednesday of each month, beginning with November 19, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at Pam Napier's residence at 49 Overlook Point. Members and anyone interested in joining may contact Pam at 601-549-4941 for more information or for directions. The organization previously has met twice monthly. Members who have email addresses will receive meeting information and a map and/or directions via email.

## **Third Annual Blue Christmas Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 14**

The holidays can be less than joyous. Sometimes the loss of a loved one or a serious illness can make it hard to experience the happiness of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The bright lights, happy Christmas carols, and sounds of laughter can be more irritating than

than uplifting. Some people find that the long dark nights of December drag the spirits down. Others find the whole season depressing for a variety of reasons. At Trinity, we are aware that this can be a particularly difficult season for many people. To honor that fact, we will come together for a special Blue Christmas service to acknowledge the reality that this can be a hard time, full of painful memories, grief, and loneliness. We want those who come to this service to feel that they are among kindred suffering spirits. In the event that this holiday season is difficult for you, I want to invite you to come to Trinity at 4 p.m. on December 14 to share your emotions with other sympathetic people who are alone, depressed, or who hurt. This special service was helpful to many people in past years, and I hope that it will help you acknowledge and release any pain or anxiety you may have, so that the light of Christ can re-enter your soul and brighten your life.

—Bill`



All Saints' Day  
Saturday  
November 1

“I sing a song of the saints of God...”

## Third Annual Thanksgiving Worship Service

### And Potluck Feast—Join Us!

We will celebrate Holy Communion at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 27 in the Parish Hall. Like last year, we will have a Thanksgiving Potluck meal in the Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity for those who do not have family in the area to get together with their church family and share fellowship and Thanksgiving. Fr. Bill will cook the turkeys, gravy, and stuffing (oyster stuffing and “regular” stuffing), and the church will provide the wine. Everyone is welcome to attend this meal (last year we had about 30 people participate). If you plan to come to the meal and wish to bring something, please call the church office to volunteer to bring a dish in one of the following categories:

Potato, sweet potato, or yam

Side dish

Hot vegetable side dish

Hot casserole

Green salad

Fruit salad

Cranberry, pickle, olive, or other such side dish

Dessert

Non-wine beverage



## Trinity's Web Page

*Fr. Bill*

Trinity Church has a presence on the world wide web at <http://www.trinityhattiesburg.org>. If you have not been to the web site before, or have not visited it recently, please take a look. You'll discover a wealth of information there about our church and our parish life together. And if there is someone you know who is looking for a church home, give them our web address so that they can pay a virtual visit.

What's on our web page? At the top left side of the page are photographs of the church, and the pictures change every few seconds. The text on the home page provides viewers with an overview of our church, our worship services, and church activities and programs. Links to pages with further information about our services, the Episcopal Church, and many of our programs are embedded in that text. At the top right side of the page is a box with links to the Episcopal News Service, and the articles posted there change every day. In the body of the text is also a box with links to some prayer resources – including the daily meditations from Forward Day by Day.

One of the most important features of the web page is the navigation bar near the top of the page. Clicking on the words inside each of the honey-brown boxes will take you to separate web pages describing our guilds and commissions, our ministries, youth programs, outreach opportunities, our history, and other information. You will also find navigation buttons to the monthly issues of *The Trinity Tidings*, the *Sunday Weekly Grail*, and specific information for newcomers. There is also a button for the monthly calendar showing the scheduled events at Trinity. If you serve in any capacity for our worship services – such as an usher, greeter, lay Eucharistic Minister, acolyte, lector, or verger, you will find a button labeled “Worship Server Information” that will take you to the current schedules for those activities. Past and current sermons can also be accessed by clicking on the “Sermons” button.

The web pages (and associated links) are updated about daily, so the information on the web site is always current. I hope that you'll check out Trinity's web page at <http://www.trinityhattiesburg.org>.

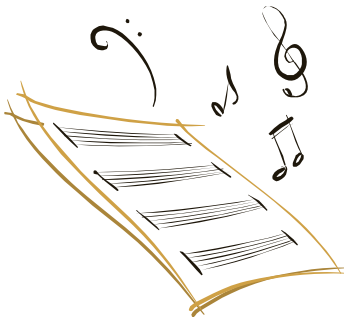
## Hymns for November

### *November 2*

287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest  
625 Ye holy angels bright  
560 Remember your servants, Lord  
286 Who are these like stars appearing  
628 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

### *November 9*

436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates  
11 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
620 Jerusalem, my happy home  
58 Lo! He comes with clouds descending



### *November 16*

598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth  
632 O Christ, the Word incarnate  
53 Once He came in blessing  
655 O Jesus, I have promised  
680 O God our help in ages past

### *November 23*

573 Father eternal, Ruler of creation  
460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
382 King of glory, King of peace  
433 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing  
494 Crown him with many crowns

*November 30*

57 Lo! He comes with clouds descending  
68 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers  
73 The King shall come when morning dawns  
454 Jesus came adored by angels  
640 Watchman, tell us of the night

On behalf of the choir, I would like to thank all of you who attended the Evensong on Oct. 12. And I would like to thank the choir for their beautiful music and Fr. Bill for providing a wonderful reception .

*Jane Butler*

## **Abbreviated Minutes of the September 17, 2008 Vestry Meeting**

**Plaques for the Narthex.** Mrs. Cathy Dodds reported that she has tried to contact other churches about their use of plaques, but got no response. She will continue to try to contact other churches. Since the Narthex is leaking again there is no rush in placing the plaques on the walls. Ideas were discussed on how to detect where the water is coming from when it leaks.

**Welcome Statement.** Ms. Patsy Gray has agreed to write the Welcome Statement in calligraphy. This statement was requested by Bishop Gray. It will be framed and will hang in the Narthex.

**Landmark status.** A report was received about pros and cons of having Trinity Church designated an historical landmark. Discussion was held about proceeding with the application process for the church building (not the entire facility). The biggest problem with historical status seems to be the approval process for making changes on the outside of the building. The topic will be discussed again at a later date.

**Outreach request.** The outreach commission requested \$100 for a new sign at our adopted school, Mary Bethune Alternative School. A motion was passed to fund this request.

**EYC Director.** Fr. Stroop reported that Mr. Andrew Bird wishes to become our new EYC director. He is a full-time student, and he has recruited three other students to work with him. He would structure a program around prayer, teaching, games or activities, and community service. Issues of compensation for the director and the student helpers was discussed. Safe church training would be required of all personnel involved, and Mr. Bird should attend the Youth Workshop on October 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> at Gray Center. The vestry voted to approve the hiring of Mr. Bird with a probationary status until the end of the year, whereupon the situation will be re-evaluated.

**Plans for Annual Council.** Dr. Carmichael reported that there will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at Ascension. Preparation for the event is going well.

**Fr. Bill's report on his job search.** Fr. Stroop reported to the vestry about his search process.

**Financial Report.** Mrs. Jan Moore reported that we ended the month with \$6,000 in the bank. There were no unusual expenses last month. We have made two payments to the Diocesan pledge. We are behind in paying the other 6 that are currently due.

**Stewardship Commission.** Dr. Carmichael reported that there was a commission meeting this week in the home of Mr. Garland Sutherland, Stewardship Chairperson for this year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. after reciting The Lord's Prayer together.

**DON'T FORGET:** Set your  
Clocks back an hour  
on November 1st—



## Teach Them to Fish

Teach Them to Fish is a mission to Omoa, Honduras, which began as an outgrowth of the Honduran Medical Mission. The idea behind the mission is to provide Omoa Episcopalians with skills that will help them economically. John Delancey has made two trips to Omoa to teach them stained glass skills, and is presently in Omoa on his third trip. The mission will be expanding to a second village chosen by Bishop Allen of Honduras. Parishioners in that village will be taught jewelry making skills. Products made in Honduras will be brought back to the US to be sold.

To support the mission, members of Trinity are making fused glass items, with the profits used to help send John to Omoa. Eventually, the goal is to also have other Trinity people travel to Omoa, either to teach craft skills, or to help with maintenance of the church.

Members of Teach Them to Fish include: Jessica and Susan Smith, Jo Walker, Jane Lee, Sara Wainwright, Chris Tardy, and John Delancey.

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

1. Currie Fletcher  
Davis Thomson  
Betsy Sharff
2. Andrew Bomboy  
Stan Lightsey
3. Huel Harris  
Ward Conville
4. B. W. Curry, Jr.
5. Julian Perry  
Evans Heithaus
6. Alice Gunn  
Jeanne Dews
7. Pam Napier
8. David Harry Halliwell, IV  
Meg Puckett  
Holt McMullan  
Mary McIntire
9. Heather Turner
10. Tess McIntire
11. James F. McKenzie  
Alice McCann
13. Sally E. Herrington  
Marjorie West  
Thomas G. Puckett
14. Virginia A. Tatum
15. David Hamilton
16. Jeanie Gail Bowman
17. Cindy Bivins  
Anna Burris
19. James Riley
23. James Williford
24. Paul Andersen  
Patrick Stephen Harris
25. Susan Steadman  
Victoria Klauk  
Dawn Tanner
26. Carol Currie Fletcher  
Lynn McMullan  
Roy T. Canizaro
28. Joshua DeLancey  
Isaac Reynolds
30. Holt Coltharp

*If a birthday is listed incorrectly or a name is omitted, please call the parish office.*

**Please pray for those who have asked our prayers:**

Bobby & Betty Steadman  
Betty & Charlene McSwain  
Bettie Webb  
Sharon Weathersby  
Angie McMillen  
Pat Green  
Josh DeLancey  
Curt Weaver  
Judith Jones  
Jo Bissell  
Mary Deane McInnis  
L. A. Rogers  
Dessa Hinton  
Gerald Morris  
Ellen Ciurczak  
Coco Sutherland  
Tom Fry  
Kathryn Brumfield  
Ronald Bird  
Andrew Robinson  
Emily Kate Smith  
Joshua Cox  
Clay Thames  
Carol Ryan  
Edwina Grimsley  
Joe Clark  
Jan May  
Earlene Ledford  
Julian Perry  
Helen Bryan  
Joy Smith  
Grant Oden  
Sid Oden  
Denise Brown  
Nicole Marquez  
Hammond Sackler  
Howard Walker  
Nancy Bryant  
Carol North  
Jessica Smith  
Paul Ruff

**Our homebound and retirement home residents:**

Marge West  
Kathryn M. Jones  
Willana Price  
S. Mortimore Wainwright  
Eloise Gray

**For our men & women serving our country:**

Airman John O. Sutherland  
Blake Heidelberg  
Kevin Lewis  
Major Beau Eidt  
Joseph Duncan  
Major Patrick Walden  
SFC Shawn Walden  
Paul Waldoff  
Christoph Martin  
Sr. Airman Rian Eason  
Wesley Prevsch (Former Trinity  
Play School Student)

**For our Seminarian**  
Jody Burnett**For the Bishop's Missionary Corps**