

Trinity Tidings October, 2008

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From the Rector:

“The Mission of Trinity Episcopal Church is to be an open and diverse Christian family dedicated to serving God and all creation by fostering spiritual growth through worship, prayer, education, service, stewardship, and celebration.” That is the mission statement of Trinity Church. At this time of year, two words from the mission statement take on special emphasis: *service* and *stewardship*.

Trinity is a *service* community. At Rally Day on September 7, the vestry commissions and guilds held a Ministry Fare. This was a time for each of us to look at the needs of the church and the community and discern where we could best use our talents, skills, and available time to support the ministries of the parish and the community. I thank those who signed up to participate in the life and work of our parish by serving on the Christian education, the Parish Activities, New Member Ministry, Liturgy, Outreach, Calling and Caring, Stewardship, and Finance commissions. Several volunteered to work in the nursery, and to serve as acolytes, lectors (readers), and lay Eucharistic visitors, and for the St. Francis Guild and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Thank you all so very much.

In October, your Stewardship Commission and Vestry will begin the fall stewardship drive. This is a time for all of us to decide how best to use the financial gifts God has given us to help one another, and to expand and enliven our worship and community involvement. At Trinity, we want to help everyone who walks through our doors to feel at home, and to truly believe that they can explore their own spirituality and learn about the Episcopal traditions we honor and cherish. We want to be present to each other and care for each other with pastoral care and good fellowship. And we want to invite those who have not been to church to

return, and we very much want to grow our parish by providing attractive and inviting worship, fellowship, and service opportunities to newcomers.

Trinity is a source of power, creativity, love, and outreach, but we need to develop new channels for expression. Your financial gifts, freely given to Trinity make it possible for your church to spread God's word and to help bring about God's kingdom on earth.

This year, we would like you to again consider proportional giving. Take a look at the total you pledged for this year (2008). This includes the amount you originally pledged in the Fall of 2007 together with any amounts you gave to church-related activities throughout the 2008 year. Next, look at that total as a percentage of your adjusted gross income. Then, ask yourselves how much you give to various charities and worthwhile causes – including Trinity. Are you giving 2% or more to Trinity? Two percent is about equivalent to one hour's pay per forty hour week, and is about the average amount Episcopalians pledge per year. Next, we ask that you think and pray about your level of financial support of your church, and the work we are doing now and that we want to do in the future. Finally after praying and discussing your giving with your family and/or your significant other, pick a percentage of your income that you believe represents what God has given to you, and pledge that percentage to Trinity. There is a table on page 3 in this issue of *The Trinity Tidings* that shows some suggested giving percentages based on yearly income. Look at that table, and then imagine what Trinity could do if we all increased our pledge levels by just 1-2 percent.

When we began the 2008 year, pledges accounted for 73% of our budgeted income. We need to increase our pledge level to as close to 90% of total revenue as we can to keep our present ministries flourishing and to develop new areas of outreach and parish support. We need the help of every single parishioner to do this and to fulfill our mission. Will you help?



Yearly Adjusted Gross Income

	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	14%
\$10,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400
25,000	500	1,000	1,500	2,000	2,500	3,000	3,500
50,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	7,000
75,000	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500	9,000	10,500
100,000	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000	12,000	14,000
125,000	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500	15,000	17,500
150,000	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000	18,000	21,000
200,000	4,000	8,000	12,000	16,000	20,000	24,000	28,000

Congratulations

We give thanks for the August 13 birth of Aleana Benjamin, daughter of Andrea & Ryan Benjamin of Cadillac, Michigan and granddaughter of Jody Link and niece of Lauren Link.

Tidings News November Deadline

The deadline for your October news will be due Friday, October 24. We will fold the Tidings on Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 am. News can be emailed to:

trinitytidings@hotmail.com

The Literary Nature of the Bible

Jameela Lares, Professor of English at USM, will present four lectures on consecutive Tuesdays at 6 pm at Ascension, beginning September 23, on the Bible as literature. While the Bible is the sacred text which instructs Christian doctrine and beliefs, it is also a work of literature. Most of its books are full of stories, riddles, poems and even epics. Its study as literature can open doors to a deeper understanding of the Bible and its teachings. The four sessions will be an Introduction, Narrative in the Old Testament, Poetry in the Old Testament, and forms in the New Testament. Dr. Lares, who received her PhD from the University of Southern California, is a Milton scholar and has research and teaching interests in the English Renaissance, 17th Century literature, the bible and biblical style, and the history of rhetoric including English Reformed preaching.

Guild News

St. Anne's Guild

The September meeting of St. Anne's Guild was hosted by Pam Napier and Doris Bradley. Barbara Parker had a very interesting display and information about "Textiles of the '40's, 50's and 60's". Monday, October 13 at 1:30 pm St. Anne's Guild will meet in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be Mary Virginia McKenzie on "Trinity's Food Sale Preview".

St. Francis Guild

At the September meeting Marshal Dixon spoke about the mission of The AIDS Coalition. A delicious meal prepared by Sharon Hoze was enjoyed by all. St. Francis Guild will meet Thursday, October 9 at 11:45 am for lunch, prepared by Sharon. Cost is \$6.00 per plate. Please call the church office by Tuesday, October 7 to reserve your spot. Guest speaker will be Chris Tardy on the "Teach Them To Fish" mission she is involved in with John DeLancey.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to:

Troy and Betsy McIntire on the death of Troy's aunt, Margaret Louise McIntire.

Dorothy Hesse on the death of her sister-in-law, Sue Quint.

John and Eileen McRae on the death of their son, Chip McRae.

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.

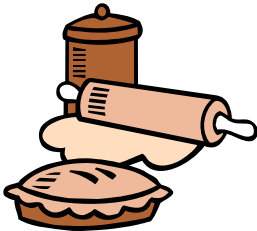
Parish Activities Fall Fest

On Sunday, October 26 the Parish Activities Committee will sponsor the annual Fall Festival at Trinity after the 10:30 service.



FOOD SALE NOVEMBER 15

Cooking days begin Tuesday, October 7 at 9:00 am in our church kitchen and will continue every Tuesday morning in October.



Come join the fun!!!

As you bake or can or make freezable food, please remember our food sale and put aside some of your food for our November sale. There is freezer space available at the church. Thank you for all you do to make our church profitable and our community well fed. Your suggestions and food stuffs

are welcome!

Choir News

During the month of September, the choir has gained two new members. Laura Stephenson, a Master's student at USM, is an alto who can also pinch hit in the tenor and soprano section! Thomas Costello, also a student at USM, has joined our bass section. Gracie Cox, also a student at USM and a member of Trinity, will be with us on a regular basis this year. Welcome!!

October Hymns

October 5

495 Hail, thou once depised Jesus
379 God is love, let heaven adore him
313 Let thy Blood in mercy poured
448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high
562 Onward, Christian soldiers st. 1,3,4,5



October 12

556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart st. 1-5
51 We the Lord's people
316 This is the hour of banquet and of song
345 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise
569 God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest

October 19

362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
408 Sing praise to God who reigns above
665 All my hope on God is founded
348 Lord, we have come at your own invitation
594 God of grace and God of glory

October 26

372 Praise to the living God
517 How lovely is thy dwelling-place
336 Come with us, O blessed Jesus
593 Lord, make us servants of your peace
380 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Evensong

You are cordially invited to Evensong at Trinity on Sunday, October 12 at 5:00 P.M. The choir will sing music of Gustav Holst, T. Tertius Noble, Stephen Paulus, and Martin Neary. Organ music of Bach and Mendelssohn will also be performed. Please join us with your friends, family and neighbors for this evening of contemplative music and worship, followed by a reception in the parish hall .

Cello Recital October 20, 7:30 PM

Cellist Alexander Russakovsky will perform in recital at Trinity Church on Monday, October 20 at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Russakovsky has been a professor at USM since 2001. He has studied cello throughout the world, first as a student of Emmanuel Fishman and Anatoli Nikitin at the Leningrad Conservatory in Russia. He received his bachelor of music from the Jerusalem Rubin Academy, and his master of music from the Yale School of Music, under Aldo Parisot. He holds a doctorate in cello performance from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

A founding member of the Jerusalem Academy String Quartet, Russakovsky has performed with the group throughout Israel, as well as in Germany, Switzerland, Holland and France. He has made numerous solo appearances with orchestras in Israel, Russia, and the United States. A dedicated chamber music player, Russakovsky has performed with string quartets and other chamber music formations in Santa Barbara, in the Chamber Music Series of the Spoleto Festival in Italy, and with the Western Slope Music Festival in Colorado. He also has served on the faculty of the Adriatic Chamber Music Festival in Bonefro, Italy.

A recipient of many awards, Russakovsky won the Angela and Maurice M. Clairmont Competition in Tel Aviv, the Performing Arts Scholarship Foundation Competition in Santa Barbara, the Charlotte and Alvin Bronstein Scholarship for the Arts from the Ohaj Festival, and the 1999 Career Grant of the Esperia Foundation.

Dr. Russkovsky will be performing solo cello pieces by Bach, Schnittke, and Britten. Admission is free.

Trinity Parish Wish List

<u>Item</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
<u>Replacement RIZO RZ 390 Digital Duplicator</u>	\$8700
The "Rizo" is the type of copying machine that we use to prepare bulletins at less per copy cost than standard photocopies. Our Rizo is old and cannot duplicate the large paper we really want to use. It is also beginning to wear out.)	
<u>Resealing the Parish Hall and adjacent floors</u>	\$1600
The parish hall floors can be made to look like the narthex floor by periodic professional cleaning and resealing.	
<u>4th and 5th Grade implements and reconfiguring</u>	\$1800
To implement the Godly Play program, we need to acquire some manipulative teaching materials (for tactile learning), as well as some bookcases, shelves, etc.	

New Daughters of the King Members

On Sunday, August 24, Sarah Wainwright and Marilyn McDaniel were initiated into Trinity's Daughter's of the King chapter during the 8 o'clock service.



From left to right: Doris Bradley, Marilyn McDaniel, Barbara Parker, Sarah Wainwright, and B.J. Andrade

A Note from Lauren

Dear Trinity,

I wanted to thank you all again for the generous gift, love, and support in my move to Alabama. It has helped to make the transition to Guntersville much smoother. I am having a great time getting to know the Church of the Epiphany and town of Guntersville. My work has kept me busy, but I'm really enjoying it and discovering new gifts I didn't know I had. I am excited to be working in the Alabama diocese and learning about all the opportunities it provides for youth and the ministers who work with them. I have also enjoyed getting to know the youth of Epiphany including my first Wednesday evening with 8 junior high boys! I hope everyone at Trinity is doing well and has a great Fall. I hope to see you all soon.

God's Peace,

Lauren Wainwright



Lauren's
Farewell
Party



Abbreviated Minutes of the August 27, 2008 Vestry Meeting

Plaques for the narthex. Mrs. Cathy Dodds reported on the plaques we had discussed previously. Memorial Fund and General Fund monies were discussed. The plaque donations were discussed. The vestry voted to table this pending a recommendation from Ms. Dodds' committee to the vestry.

Hurricane preparedness. Dr. Carmichael reported on the church disaster plan that is in place in case the current storm affects the Hattiesburg area. The Vestry will divide the parish list and make calls to find out if parishioners are OK. They will also be alerted that there are parishioners who can help them if they make a call.

Landmark Status for Trinity. Dr. Carmichael made a report on the process to go through to achieve Landmark status. There is a question about restrictions that would apply if this status is granted. The vestry voted to table this discussion for the time being.

Bishop's Request. Fr. Stroop reported that Bishop Duncan Gray requested a statement be placed in the Narthex of the church that says we welcome all persons into our church. Changes to the Bishop's statement were discussed. Fr. Stroop will work on completing this project.

Christian Education Director. Before this job can be advertised, we need to define the job description and set the rate of pay. It was recommended that the CE director be a part-time job. However, the immediate need for an EYC Director was discussed. Mrs. Jody Link is currently running the Sunday School program. Fr. Stroop will pursue recommendations for an EYC director.

Stewardship Report. Mr. Garland Sullivan made a written report on his plans for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. There will be an early September meeting at his home. The vestry voted to accept the stewardship report.

Fr. Bill's report on his job search. Fr. Bill reported that 17 parishes that received his information are at an stage in their search processes. Seven churches are at a further point in their search processes. He has been for 3 on- site interviews and has had numerous telephone interviews.

July 2008 Financial Report. The treasurer reported that we finished the month of July with \$11,000. We still owe \$10,000 to the Burks Account. The Schwab account remains open for future donations by the donor. The vestry voted to accept the financial report.

Fish Fry. Mike and Kathy Dodds were thanked for the extremely successful fish fry at their home. There were about 90 people in attendance.

Church Publicity. Fr. Stroop recommended that we continue to advertise in the Student Printz. The recommendation was endorsed by the Vestry.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. after The Lord's Prayer.



Trinity's own "St. Francis"

EYC NEWS

Andrew Bird has accepted the leadership position with EYC. Andrew is a student at William Carey University. He has previous experience with Trinity EYC, helping Lauren last year. The first EYC

meeting will be Sunday, October. 5 at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. For more information, call the church office at 601-544-5551.



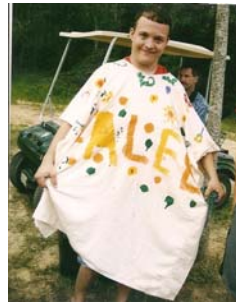
IKE Relief

Cathy Dodds will be making several trips to the Galveston area of Texas, bringing donated clothing on her first trip (weekend of September 27). Clothing is needed for all ages, from infants to adults. Bring any donations to Trinity before Friday, September 26. Cathy will continue traveling to Texas every two weeks or so after that, so donations will also be accepted after the 26th.

CIVITAN CAMP

Do you want to know what happened to the sheets members of Trinity donated to Civitan Camp? Take a look at the picture taken by Sally Wilcox on the night of the fish fry and play. Civitan would like to thank Trinity for their support.

Civitan Camp, 2008



St. Francis Guild
September 2008



Rally Day

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Treasurer's Report

Month-to-Date as of August 31, 2008

Pledges Received	\$ 21,499.00
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 27,079.83
Difference	\$ (5,580.83)

Year-to-Date as of August 31, 2008

Pledges Received	\$ 206,139.00
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 216,638.64
Difference	\$ (10,499.64)

Please remember not to write a person's name on the memo line of your contribution check. When you designate your gift to a specific person, I cannot list the contribution as tax deductible on your statement. The IRS does not allow tax deductions for contributions designated to an individual. You may use your memo line for comments such as 'Parish Relief Fund' or 'Purse Contributions'. Thank you for your help on this.

Jan Moore

“Antiques Roadshow” at St. Anne’s



Trinity Episcopal Church,

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Hattiesburg, MS

601-544-5551



2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 am HE & Healing 10:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff meeting 5:30 pm Daughters of the King 5:30 pm Microindustry Mission Mtg. 6:00 pm Adult Choir	2 5:00 pm Council Meeting at Trinity for everyone working on a committee for council.	3 ADULTS WORKING WITH YOUTH WORKSHOP: October 3-4, 2008, Gray Center, Canton	4 ADULTS WORKING WITH YOUTH WORKSHOP: October 3-4, 2008, Gray Center, Canton
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

1. Jane S. O'Connell
Kate Tardy
2. Becky Montague
3. William Treless Martin
Gene Byrd
5. Beth Callahan
6. Betty Steadman
Stewart Gammill, V
8. Mildred Hong
9. Howard Walker
Miriam Gurman
10. Charlene McSwain
Poppy Hutt
12. Karen Peters
13. Hallie Paul
Libby Lewis
14. Alex Tardy
Jackie Niess
15. Barbara Parker
Karen Shappley
James Edward Spence
16. Marcia Bowers
17. Hannah Reynolds
19. Matthew Carmichael
20. Tirza Carmichael
Theresa Brinkley
21. Jennifer McKay
Judith Jones
Doris Bradley
Savannah Walker
23. Joseph F. Tatum, III
Maxwell Dodds
Preston Sackler
Tate Rutland
24. C. Prentice Bissell
25. Ann Hill
George Henry Carter
27. Jimmy Curry
29. Mari Tru Swanson
30. Michael Dodds
31. Ned McInnis
Joe Paul
Michael Watkins

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

prayers:

Bobby & Betty Steadman
Betty & Charlene McSwain
Bettie Webb
Sharon Weathersby
Angie McMillen
Pat Green
Josh DeLancey
Curt Weaver
Lyn Johnson
The Rev. Susan Bear
Karolyn House
Judith Jones
Jo Bissell
Mary Deane McInnis
L. A. Rogers
Kay Tallirico
Dessa Hinton
Gerald Morris
Ellen Ciurczak
Dana Ragsdale
Angie Pradat
Melanie Williams
Coco Sutherland
Tom Fry
Kathryn Brumfield
Ronald Bird
Andrew Robinson
Jenny Sue Ashley
Emily Kate Smith
Joshua Cox
Clay Thames
Carol Ryan
Brooke Brewer
Edwina Grimsley
Caden Allen
Rob Rankin
Joe Clark
Jan May
Kay Meachum
Margaret Nelson
Britney Nelson
Gary Boutwell
Earlene Ledford
Julian Perry
Johnny McWilliams
John Friedman
Sandy Lee
Keller Russell
Helen Bryan
Joy Smith
Grant Oden
Sid Oden
Peggy Regl
Denise Brown

Our homebound and retirement home residents:

Marge West
Kathryn M. Jones
Willana Price
S. Mortimer Wainwright

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

Please pray for those who have asked our