

Trinity Episcopal Church

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TRINITY MINISTRIES

Welcome to Trinity! Trinity is a place full of ministry and we want you to join us. "Ministry" is a word that we banter about in Church quite a bit, but what is it exactly? Ministry is the activity carried out by members of the Church in fulfillment of the Church's mission. Each of us has one or more ministries that we engage in every day. Some of these are personal that involve taking care of others (and ourselves). Many of our ministries involve working with others in a more organized fashion dedicated to specific activities like education, youth, or food preparation. Other team ministries involve participation in worship and liturgy, like being a chalice bearer or a reader for church services. Some ministries are identified formally as such, and some are not; some ministry is directed towards members of the church, and some towards non-members.

Ministry is an opportunity for us to give back from the abundance that God has given us in terms of our time and talent. We all have different skill sets and talents that can be of use to the Body of Christ. And ministry is one of the most important avenues by which we can employ our gifts to fulfill mission of Trinity Episcopal Church 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. Ministry is more than just volunteering some time, although it certainly does involve that! Ministry provides service to our members, to visitors, and to the community at large. Ministry is an especially vital way we put into practice our Christian vocation to love and serve God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Within the pages of this brochure you will find many of our ministries described. Note that the ministries described go very much beyond our various commissions and guilds. There are many different ways for you to become involved and to take ownership of your ministry to God and to your Church family.

We hope you will find one or more ministries that appeal to you, and that you will volunteer to serve. And if you don't find what you are looking for, maybe that is God's way of telling you that it is time to start a new ministry. If that is the case, then let's talk! There are sure to be other people who would be very interested in your ideas of service.

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Adult Forum

Between 9:15 am and 10:15 am each Sunday, is a Christian formation program for adults. This is a time for adults of all ages to explore issues of faith, spirituality, church history, and modern problems facing the church today. To accommodate different learning styles, many classes involve written handouts, Microsoft PowerPoint™ presentations, movies, DVDs, and other visual aids. Most classes are also posted on line, enabling people who miss a class session to catch up. Fr. Bill coordinates the form, teaches many of the sessions, and asks for volunteers to teach. **If you are interested in teaching a class please contact the church office at 601-544-5551.**

In addition, other programs are offered through the year on Wednesday evenings or Sunday afternoons. *An Inquirer's Class for Those Interested in Christianity and the Episcopal Church* is taught by Fr. Bill each year. A special offering called *Via Media* will be offered this fall.

Previous Sunday classes have included:

- *The Poetry of John Donne*. This class was presented by one of our parishioners who is an internationally recognized expert in John Donne.
- *The Prophetic Poems of Gerald Manly Hopkins: The Premiere Christian Poet*
- *The Book of Revelation*.
- *Via Media for Lent*. The Via Media program is a program offered by the Episcopal Church as an evangelism tool and to help people deepen their faith.
- *Bible Stories: An Adult Education Class*. This class looked at some of the well known stories of the Bible and looked thoroughly at some of the more well known characters of the Bible to deepen our understanding and strengthen our faith.
- *The Holy Eucharist*.
- *The Agony in the Garden and The Terror of Crucifixion*.
- *Who Is Jesus The Christ?* This class was devoted



to a discussion about person of Jesus and what we mean when we speak of Jesus as a human being and as the Son of God through analysis of early Christianity and the Gnostic scriptures, Jewish pseudepigrapha, Kabbalah, Christian Apocrypha, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

- *The Gospel of Mark*.
- *The Holy Eucharist and the Daily Office*. This class dealt with the structure and form of the Holy Eucharist and the Daily Office.
- *What do Christians Really Believe? An Introduction to Theology*. This class explored some of the basic questions that all human beings ask such as how do we know God exists? What are some of the models of creation? What is evil? Did God create evil? Who is Jesus? What does Jesus' death have to do with salvation? What is the resurrection?

- *The Nine Commandments*. Based on the book by the same title by David Noel Freedman, this class gave us an opportunity to explore the covenantal relationship between Yahweh and Israel, and to examine the history of Israel and Judah during the period of the Tribal leagues through the establishment of the divided Kingdom.

- *Evangelism: Lessons From The Early Church*. This class looked at the New Testament evangelists to learn from their culture and perspective why and how they spread the Good News.

For more information please contact the church office at 601-544-5551.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild responsibilities include: setting up and clearing the vessels for both Eucharist services each Sunday (and for any additional services at which Communion will be administered); changing to the appropriate hangings for each church season and for special holy days, weddings, baptisms, and funerals; being present to assist after a funeral with the removal and folding of the pall; helping with the greening of the church; polishing the Communion silver; and covering cans for flowers taken to ill or homebound pa-

rishioners by the Calling and Caring Commission. Coco Sutherland graciously washes and irons all the communion linens and the Altar and Credence Table linens every week. Our schedule for duty rotates on a monthly basis, with one member serving at the 8:00 service and at least two members assigned for the 10:30 service.

For more information or to sign up for the Guild please contact Libby Lewis at 601-268-6687.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, Inc., is a ministry to men and boys within the Anglican Communion. It was founded by a group of teenagers and their Sunday School teacher at Saint James Parish, Chicago, Illinois, (now the Cathedral of the Diocese of Chicago) in 1883 as an outreach to young men living in boarding houses in the vicinity of the church. In the first year they brought nearly fifty young men for baptism and confirmation. Many other familiar ministries within the Episcopal Church came from the initial actions of the Brotherhood. These include the Lay Readers Training Movement, The Daughters of the King (our "sister" organization), The Forward Day by Day movement, Faith Alive, and many others. The three disciplines of the Brotherhood are 1) daily prayer; 2) regular study of the Scriptures; 3) service (personal evangelism --bringing other men and boys to a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. Any baptized Christian male, over age 10, is eligible for membership in the Brotherhood, although one needs to be an Anglican to be an officer of the organization. Women and girls are eligible for Associate status. Annual dues are \$40/year for adults and \$8/year for students. For more information please contact Brother Jim Blauvelt at 601-394-5176 or BrAthanasius@yahoo.com He is the Assistant Diocesan Coordinator.



Calling and Caring Commission

Vision Statement: The Calling and Caring Commission is set as a gathering of Christians that offer themselves as a group and as individuals to reach out to those in need and provide services to comfort and assist.

The primary functions of the commission are:

- To insure that visits are made to fellow parishioners and others as requested who are hospitalized, home bound or residing in nursing homes.

- Deliver the alter flowers each week to parishioners who are ill or have some other type family crisis.
- Provide transportation to church services/ functions for homebound or nursing home residents and college students.
- Coordinate with Mary Marthas to insure that meals are provided for parishioners who are ill or in need.
- Coordinate with Rector and Lay Eucharistic Ministers to insure that communion is provided to homebound, hospitalized, and nursing home residents.
- Coordinate with Outreach to provide visits, meals, and other benevolent help to parishioners in need.

For more information please contact John or Babs at 601-268-7329.

Campus Ministry

The Episcopal Church at Southern Miss is the community of Episcopalians and friends on the Southern Miss campus who gather for worship, fellowship and mission. The community is focused on students, faculty, and staff who because of their academic journeys are in between parish homes. The Chaplain maintains a consistent presence in the transitory campus environment, leads on

campus worship, provides short-term pastoral counseling and acts as a bridge between the Southern Miss community and the local parishes. It is the Chaplain's hope this year to begin fostering a mission relationship between the campus community and St. Michael's Boy's Farm in Picayune Mississippi.

For more information please contact Fr. Bill Barfield, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Southern Mississippi, at 601-818-9227 or visit the website <http://www.canterburyusm.org/>

Centering Prayer

The method of Centering Prayer is designed to help seekers develop a personal relationship with God through an intentional process of "resting in God" (a term coined by the sixth century pope, St. Gregory the Great). With discipline, this contemplative practice can bring about profound spiritual and psychological growth. The Trinity Centering Prayer group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00- 3:30, in the parish

library. Besides the twenty minute period of centering prayer, the group reads and discusses pertinent material on centering prayer and inner awakening. Anyone interested in learning about Centering Prayer is welcome to join. For more information please contact Patty Bomboy at 601-310-5798.

Christian Education for Children & Youth

Christian Education and formation is a vital function of Trinity Church. The Director of Christian Education is Lauren Wainwright, who can be contacted for further information about any part of this ministry (601-818-3810). Christian Education not only provides the fundamentals of the Christian faith and the Episcopal tradition, it also serves as an evangelistic tool to attract new members. There are five principle areas of Christian Education/Formation: Nursery, Children's Sunday School, Children and Youth Hour, EYC, and Adult Forum. EYC and Adult Forum are discussed separately in this brochure.

Nursery. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children through the age of 3 beginning at 9 am each Sunday. The coordinator for the nursery is Sarah McClure. Parents of very young children are encouraged to volunteer their time in the nursery to assist Sarah. Betsy McIntyre 601-544-3376 or Anna Laura Brett 601-584-0904 are the persons to contact to volunteer to assist in the nursery.

Children's Sunday School. Sunday school is designed primarily for children aged between 4 and 12. It starts at 10:15 am. The coordinators for Sunday School are Jody Link (601-488-0551) and Leslie Hutt. Jody and Leslie will be asking the parents of children to assist with Sunday School on a rotating basis each Sunday.

Children and Youth Hour. This is for children and youth older than 4 years. The program begins at 9:15 am. Appropriate Christian formation programming will be developed depending on the ages of children that attend. Lauren Wainwright is the coordinator for this ministry (601-818-3810).

Choir

The Trinity Choir leads the worship service every Sunday morning at the 10:30 service, and also presents several evening programs or services during the year. The choir is mainly made up volunteers with

several scholarship students from local universities. The repertoire is quite varied, ranging from Gregorian chant to contemporary music, simple to difficult, accompanied and a capella. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 and on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

The youth choir, 6th grade through 12th grade, rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 5:30. In addition to singing anthems, this choir learns music theory and liturgy. We also have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact Jane Butler at 601-264-7038 or 601-544-5551.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King (DOK) is a lay Order for women of all ages who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, or churches in communion with it, or who are in the Historic Episcopate. Members pledge themselves to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism and are dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of their parish. At Trinity, DOK meets every first and third Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the library for prayer, programs and spiritual uplifting. We invite you to join us. For more information or to join please contact Doris Bradley at 601-264-1508.

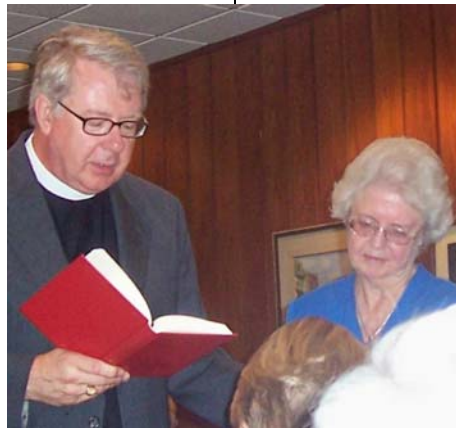
Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry, also known as EFM, is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. Students meet regularly, usually once a week, in seminars under the guidance of trained mentors. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work. There is currently one EFM group at Trinity mentored by Patty Bomboy, but all the positions in that EFM group are filled.

We would like to start a second EFM group here at Trinity, but we need a certified EFM mentor to accomplish that. If you are interested in mentoring an EFM group please contact Fr. Bill at 601-329-3538.

Finance Commission

The finance commission assists and advises the Treasurer and Vestry in all matters pertaining to the



financial management and development of the parish. The commission also prepares the draft budget for the church, and reviews income and expenditures on a regular basis. Being on the finance commission provides an opportunity to contribute to the mission and vision of the church through financial stewardship. Persons who serve on this commission gain considerable expertise in the understanding of church financing and church financial records, which are invaluable skills for those considering serving on the vestry. For more information please contact Fred Swanson, chair, at 601-584-9070.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

In the Episcopal tradition, there are two ways adult communicants in good standing can become involved in serving the bread and wine: as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) and Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). LEMs are those persons who wear white vestments and distribute the wine to communicants during Holy Eucharist. They are sometimes called chalice bearers. LEVs are those persons who take the bread and wine to homebound parishioners immediately after services of Holy Eucharist, and perform Communion under Special Circumstances as described in the BCP (page 396 ff). LEVs are not licensed to take communion at any other time but immediately after the service in the church. Both of these positions require annual training by the priest, and licensure by the Bishop. Licenses must be renewed yearly. Training for these ministries will be provided in the Fall in conjunction with the training of acolytes and ushers. Separate training will be provided in the Fall for LEVs. For more information please contact Fr. Bill Stroop at 601-329-3538 or wgstroop@earthlink.net.



Liturgy Commission

The Liturgy Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the rector in planning worship throughout the Christian year. Matters of worship, liturgy, and music are discussed at our periodic meetings. Suggestions are made about upcoming worship services, seasonal observances, and the like. We also seek to learn more about the liturgy of the church, how to enrich and enhance the worship of the parish. Contact Mike Wat-

kins 601-582-1158 or Bill Stroop 601-329-3538 for further information.

Merry Marthas

Do you like to share “kitchen time” with enjoyable friends? Do you like to chop, dice, peel, scrub, bake, boil, and handle vegetables, meats, and baking goods of all kinds?

There are jobs for any and all; but you must work to “earn your apron”.

Would you like to cook for the Lenten Lunches? Would you like to cook for the sick? Would you like to serve at Parish Food Functions?

If so, the Merry Marthas would welcome your addition to our group. Please contact Coco Sutherland at 601-582-7171.

Newcomer Ministry

We are a ministry that seeks to welcome all that come through our doors at Trinity Episcopal Church.

We have welcome packets, thanks to Reverend Bill Stroop, that sit in our pews for all who attend to preview or take home with them. We also mail a welcome card to each and every person who fills out an informational card and leaves it in the plate on Sunday. Our next step is, through the informational card, to call and introduce ourselves and fill the need or just introduce them to people within Trinity Parish with like interests or ministries

that can help to continue the welcome, whether they have children and need information on what we offer for classroom and nursery, to adult forum and gatherings.

Every quarter we celebrate our newcomers with an English Tea hosted by Jody Link and Leslie Hutt, our English Lady who specializes in English Teas! When they attend we have special gifts for them, linen bookmarks stamped by Jody Link and beautiful stationery designed by Barbara Parker. All these things are given in God’s grace to each and every person who is seeking more and looking for a church community. Reverend Bill Stroop also makes a personal contact upon receiving the cards and this information is shared with Jody Link, our Chairman of the Newcomer Ministries. We also rely on our Ushers to inform one the people they recognize as “first time” attendees of Trinity. We are looking to grow our ministry to include more parishioners of Trinity so that we may

grow and continue to build our community within the community. Please come and join us! For more information contact Jody Link at 601-447-4253.

Outreach Commission

*Let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

The Outreach Commission organizes, implements, and supports new and existing ministries of outreach and service in the wider community. Emphasis is on local programs and “hands on” involvement.

Did you know that money can't solve everything...?

- Our Adopt- A-School, Mary Bethune, needs mentors to talk about their lives with students needing direction...is that you? Your commitment? One visit to the school may inspire a child to be all that he or she can be. Call Beejee Dickson at 601-584-8378 or Kathy Garner at 601-261-5059 for more information.
- Trinity's Interfaith Assistance team needs volunteers to help those in our community needing assistance in meeting their most basic needs...is this you? Your commitment? Call Babs Faulk at 601-268-0456 for more information.
- Breadbasket has provided needed food to those in need in our community for over 20 years. Is this something that you can do? This ecumenical joint effort includes the stocking of a food larder, grocery shopping, and delivery of food to those in need. Call Karen Shappley at 601-268-6962 for more information.
- Mother's Day Out is an important respite care opportunity for parents. Abby Rogers dedicated her love and caring to this ministry. Can you help continue this legacy. Civitan Camp is another way Abby impacted our community and our church. For more information on Mother's Day Out, call Pam Hamilton at 601-261-6528. To find out how you can help with Civitan Camp, call the church office at 601-544-5551.
- Angel Tree helps local children of those imprisoned who at times do not have a celebration at Christmas. This fall, you have an opportunity to make a child's Christmas a little brighter through

this ministry. Can you help? Your commitment? In late fall each year, you will work with the local Angel Tree coordinator and set up an “Adoption” table for at least two Sundays. For more information, call Kathy Garner at 601-261-5059.

Of course, sometimes money can help too. The most important part of our Outreach Ministry is YOU. But in order to complete the tasks we are given to do, money must be a factor of the equation. If you are able to dedicate a small portion of your wealth to outreach...

We can:

- Feed more people.
- Offer a vision of a better future to a child.
- Prevent homelessness.
- Give a parent of a disabled child a needed break.
- Make a child's Christmas brighter.

For more information, call the church office (601-544-5551) or Kathy Garner (601-261-5059).



Parish Activity Commission

The Parish Activities Commission plans and coordinates social events and opportunities for fellowship that promote the community spirit of Trinity Church. Contact Jan Van Nostrand for further information at 601-583-2923.

Property Commission

The Property Commission works with the Junior Warden, the rector, and others to assist in oversight, maintenance, and development of parish buildings and grounds. This includes not only routine management, but also planning for future needs and special projects. Contact Meg Puckett for more information, 601-268-1988.

Saint Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild is a service guild that coordinates, cooks, and delivers meals to parish members during and after serious illnesses, deaths, and other emergencies. The Guild meets the second Monday of each month between September and May (inclusive). Mari Tru Swanson is the contact person, 601-584-9070

St. Brigid's Guild

St. Brigid's Guild is a study, service, and social guild organized to incorporate women of all ages into parish life. Meets monthly during the school year. More information can be obtained from Jo Ann DaPozzo, 601-264-6036.

Saint Francis Guild

The Guild of St. Francis is for men and women 50 years and older who meet for fellowship and educational purposes. St. Francis Guild meets the second Thursday of each month from September through May (inclusive), for a scheduled program and lunch. For more information, contact Mildred Hong at 601-264-5848.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee of Trinity Episcopal Church consists of a volunteer or appointed Chair, who works in conjunction with other volunteer leaders within the church to assist the Finance Committee and the Rector in matters relating to the financing and budgeting process annually. It is our responsibility to plan Trinity's annual pledge drive and obtain those pledges in time for the preparation of the annual budget. We ask also for contributions of time and talent as well as financial resources. Our main thrust is from early September through November although we are really working on these things all year. Stewardship is not a "sprint", it is a "marathon". We are presently making plans to initiate a campaign to secure long term funds for Trinity by means of estate planning including such things as life insurance trusts, bequests in wills, IRA contributions and other vehicles. We will have a qualified speaker to address these issues with us on a formal basis soon.

We invite any and all who would like to participate to join us.

For more information please contact Ben M. Carmichael M. D., Chairman at 601-268-9638.

Via Media

Via Media is a series of faith-based courses. When offered each session begins at 5:30 pm with a light supper, fol-

lowed by a video designed to stimulate discussion of the evening's topic. Small group discussion, and worship time complete the evening.

For the past four years, the Episcopal Church has made headlines globally and locally. There has been dissension and division among the world wide members of the Anglican Communion (of which the Episcopal Church is a member) following the consecration of an openly gay Episcopal Bishop in the United States in 2003 and the election and consecration of the first female Presiding Bishop last year. There is a lot of talk about what constitutes "church," what it means to be Christian, and what it takes to be an Episcopalian and/or Anglican.



Via Media is one response to all of this attention.

The eight session program is focused on exploring the big issues of faith, and it is open to anyone interested in Christianity as it is celebrated in the Episcopal or Anglican traditions. The sessions are:

- An Anglican Way of Being Christian
- God and Creation: The Abundance of God's Goodness
- God in Jesus: An Incarnational Faith
- God the Holy Spirit: Breath of New Life
- The Bible: The Word of God for the People of God
- Sin: Roadblocks to Abundant Life
- Thy Kingdom Come: The Promise of Christian Hope
- So What?

The objective is to create an open and inclusive environment that will appeal to people who may have never been to church but nonetheless wonder about their place in the great mystery. It will also appeal to those who have issues about faith or people curious about the Episcopal Church or Trinity Church. *Via Media* can also help members of our existing congregation develop the language necessary to invite other people to join in our faith journey. We encourage everyone to bring their ideas and questions, and we'll provide the informational resources and a place to exchange thoughts and opinions in a safe and respectful environment. This is a place to explore faith and to ask the tough questions.

Using a combination of learning styles which includes video, written materials, small group discussion, and large group forum, we will encounter the basic principles of Christianity through the Anglican approach of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Everyone is encouraged to ask questions, and to learn how to answer their own questions of faith.

Please call the church office to reserve your place (601-554-5551).

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Trinity Episcopal Church is an open and diverse Christian family dedicated to serving God and all creation. We foster spiritual growth through worship, prayer, education, service, stewardship and celebration. As a historic and landmark parish in a thriving and changing community we seek, welcome and nurture all who wish to share our journey.

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