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MEETING BISHOP SAM & CANON CATHY..



The Vestry, along with Mother Susan, Deacon Bob and Susan Steel, met with Bishop Sam Rodman and Canon Cathy Deats on July 17th.

There were three aspects to Trinity that we wanted to get some clarity on.

Becoming a Parish, Hiring a full time priest, and Space.

Becoming a Parish

Bishop Sam formally approved our process and provided some answers to questions we had around our membership push. Thank you to all of you who have agreed to transfer your membership into Trinity, and thank you to those of you who have agreed to be

confirmed and/or received into the Episcopal church. We are so close to having the numbers that with an additional push, we could be at our goal in time for the annual convention this year, and recognized as a parish. The penultimate piece to that is for us to create a board on which we collect 100 signatures of our communicants. Both the Bishop and Canon were excited about the direction of Trinity.

Hiring a full time priest.

The Bishop and Canon agree that the next priest at Trinity, following Mother Susan's interim period, will be critical in maintaining the momentum at Trinity. It is Trinity's goal and prayer, to be able to consider a full-time priest as a successor to Mother Susan. We remain some distance from being in a financial position to do that, and so our Stewardship will begin to integrate that goal. In the meantime, Mother Susan has, with grace, suggested her willingness to remain so that we may be in a position to call the right candidate for Trinity, when that day arrives.

Space.

This issue goes hand-in-hand with hiring a full-time priest. In order to grow Trinity, we need to expand our church footprint to accommodate the growth in the area and the inevitable that people will seek a relationship with God by way of stepping through Trinity's doors. We have to have a place for them to sit and worship. The likely path is to expand our current building as a first step although all options will be considered. So over the next few months we hope to begin work on the feasibility of increasing our space. The Bishop confirmed that the Diocese had no current plans to plant another church here in South Wake.

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Please feel free to discuss this with any Vestry Member or Mother Susan. We ask that you pray for strength and courage as Trinity moves towards a period of discernment, assessment and celebration. We have come a long way as a congregation but we have only really begun our journey.

Deacons bring split focus- Deacon Bob

At the Diocesan Deacons Retreat in June, I was reminded that deacons are unique creatures with a split focus on the world outside the church and the world inside the church. The theme of the retreat was that, while deacons function as a servant in the liturgy, outside the liturgy is the place where the vocational deacon functions most clearly.



It is the job of the vocational deacon to bring the needs of the outside world to the church and give voice to the voiceless. Sometimes, this part of the deacon's focus disturbs the dust and a few parishioners in the parish.

Each deacon finds his or her own path in diverse ministries in the neighborhood as the vocational deacon maintains one special ministry which she performs on a regular basis. From feeding ministries to financial help, deacons work wherever there is need and they have individual talents.

Her role is to guard against the church becoming so focused on mortgages, buildings and parish family functions that the role of Christian outreach is lost or becomes secondary to maintaining things within the parish.

Deacon candidates are working as chaplains in hospitals and in half way houses for all kinds of people in need. Still others teach or run education programs for both children and adults providing as a volunteer what the normal school system could not.

With the Bishop's permission, others also take over some of the administrative duties involving the day to day business affairs of the parish in the areas of serving those in need.

The vocational deacon is charged with maintaining his job outside the church so that he maintains his split focus. While I am retired from the days when my split focus allowed me to work full time as a teacher and nearly as many hours in theatre, I still maintain my real world perspective as a member of the Woodchase Homeowners Association.

All of the tools from my 34 year career as a teacher from preschool to college are still used as I work with the Adult Wednesday Bible class. So are the ideals that all can learn and be a contributing part of society as we examine many interpretations of the gospel readings of the lectionary. For the true teacher, failure is a reason to try again to succeed not an end product. Success is when the student demonstrates that he or she got it.

Sharing the cares of the world with all Baptized Christians, he is the person who helps activate the church's resources to respond to a need. As the vocational deacon does with all of his ministries, he is careful to respect the role of all of those involved in the world order ministries.

The vocational deacon is never to take the ministry of another parishioner but always to foster the involvement of others in the church's quest to make God's work known both inside the church and in the Galilee surrounding the church.

That's one of the reasons that I join with other volunteers from the Trinity parish family once a month on the FACES board. FACES' mission is a coordinated effort to provide emergency financial assistance, information and referrals in the communities of Fuquay-Varina and Willow Spring, North Carolina, for those experiencing crises situations related to shelter, utilities and other basic human needs.

Today, FACES is helping more people who have lost jobs and simply cannot find work, or have reduced work hours. Many come in to apply for financial aid because they have experienced a major life-altering family or medical problem. Residents are assisted on a first come, first served basis. FACES helps those in need in the area to find their voice.

Beginning in the fall, I will work for the bishop to help other parishes focus on their place as they work out what it means to be part of the Episcopal branch of the beloved community of the Jesus movement.

Wherever there is a need to give portions of God's creation a voice in the life of the church so that they are recognized when they would not have been in the normal course of business or liturgy, there the vocational deacon stands to assist the cry for help in being heard by the Christian community.

Bless- Sharing Stories of Life



When we practice blessing, we walk with others, listening to and sharing stories, journeying into a deeper

relationship with the living God we have known in Jesus Christ.

When we practice blessing on the Way of Love, we walk with others, listening to and sharing stories, journeying into a deeper relationship with the living God we have known in Jesus Christ.

In this episode, Bishop Curry and Canon Stephanie Spellers talk about how we are called to care for each other; how we can seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people (including ourselves); and how we can live in gratitude for all the blessings of this life.

Hosts Kyle and Sandy discuss what they have learned about what it means to be a blessing in the Way of Love – to be a people empowered by the Spirit to bless everyone we meet, practicing generosity and compassion, and proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ with hopeful words and selfless actions.



Out of Darkness Walk

When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide



Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. The Outreach committee are looking to support this event through participation.

contact Donna Wooten or Deacon Bob for more details.

Walk Date: **09/29/2019**

Walk Location: **South Park - Fuquay-Varina**

Check-in/Registration Time: **1:00 pm**

Walk Begins: **2:00 pm**

Walk Ends: **4:00 pm**



August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all. If we missed listing you, please email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

8/2 Robin Haden
8/4 Julie McGhee
8/10 Hayes Garrett
8/13 Anne Wingler
8/14 Andy Giro
8/15 Donna Wooten
8/15 Angela Whalen
8/18 Connie Schiel
8/23 Tom Davis
8/24 Dwight Cranford
8/29 Sara LaMarca
8/30 Shirley Lamont



ROTA Volunteers needed

We need your help with hospitality, ushers and coffee hour hosts for the 10.15 am service. Please email Judy Stewart to be put on the next ROTA which will start the 1st Sunday in September.

judestew1@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK

SUNDAY September 8th

Kids.....take note!



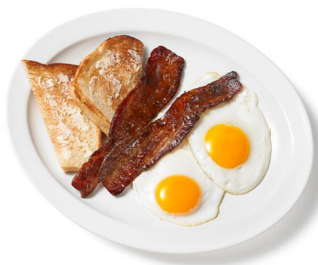
...along with outdoor games and the blessing of backpacks. Bring a friend with you!

Building Fund starts to grow!

After the recent meeting with the Bishop and Trinity's need to expand the church space, even while a plan is being formulated, there are opportunities for members to make voluntary contributions. They can be a memorial in honor of a loved one. They can be in thanksgiving for an accomplishment of a family member. They can be a sharing of unexpected income. Or they can simply be a faith contribution to the time when the Vestry is ready to announce a plan for our expansion—seed money for Trinity's future.

Trinity Men's Breakfast

IHOP Holly Springs
8.30am
Saturday
August 3rd



ONGOING

Electronics and printer cartridges

for recycling (cell phones, calculators, tablets, ink cartridges. Questions? see Marilyn Fischer.

Travel size personal care items

MMIA need nail clippers, chapstick, foot powder (small travel size), very small packs of wet wipes, razors & travel size shave lotion, Washcloths and combs. Items must be able to fit in a gallon zip lock bag. Please bring your donations of new unopened toiletries and leave them in the basket in the Parish Hall.

Monetary donations

For the Farmworkers still suffering in the aftermath of Florence and Michael. If you wish to make a donation, please write a check to the church and note on the check that it is for EFWM or go to their website and donate.

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Non-perishable Food

for the Angier Food Pantry. Please put items in the basket

Crafty Stitchers

need the following small items: Short zippers, medium & large buttons, small stuffed toys, baby toys (rings, keys, etc), playing cards, scrubber sponges, fabric scraps, small jingle bells, miniature wooden toys, and placemats.

PARISH HALL & KITCHEN PAINTING

Thank you Karen Teague and Robin Haden for all of the painting work you have done in the past weeks starting with our sign out front to the kitchen cabinets, to the current project of painting the parish hall!

PLATE ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS

Please remember to put , at a minimum, your name on the plate envelope especially if you are putting cash in the collection plate and you want it to count towards your pledge. If there is no information, it is not possible for us to track it or attribute it to you.

NURSERY CARE PAID POSITION OPEN

We have an open paid staff position for a Nursery Care provider starting in September. If you know of any candidates, please consider having them contact srwarden@trinityfuquay.org for follow up.

NURSERY CARE VOLUNTEERS

Just as important we need a rota of volunteers to assist a paid Nursery Care provider

If we can get 5 volunteers, then, as a volunteer, you are assisting every 5 weeks.....if we can double that, you are assisting every 2.5 months! **Please consider volunteering and help make Trinity an even better place of worship!**

Email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

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