

# The Trinity Tidings



To share the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by loving one another,  
loving our community, and putting our faith into action.



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*Deacon*

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Sheila Shelton - *Bookkeeper*  
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Jenny Tice - *Administrative Assistant*

## Vestry and Officers

Bonnie Atkinson, *Senior Warden*  
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Bob Garfrerick  
Ralph Jones  
Beth Lane  
Bo Osborn  
Dorlea Rikard

## Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 – 10 a.m.

We will have one service only this Sunday as we join parishioners of all three services together for our annual meeting. The service will be at 10:00 am followed immediately by the Parish meeting and Trinity Corporation meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to receive written reports from 2016 and elect new members to the Vestry and Trustees. This year we will be electing four (4) people to serve on the Vestry for a three (3) year term and one (1) person to serve as a Trustee for a five (5) year term. Those nominated for the Vestry are: Bonnie Atkinson, Scott Townsend, Rachel Hillis, Mark Grisham; and as a Trustee: Cliff Darby.

Our church canons and by-laws require that “members of the vestry must be parishioners sixteen (16) years of age or older who are communicants in good standing and who are regular financial contributors to the parish.” Likewise, a “communicant in good standing” is defined as one who is known to the rector and wardens, is a financial giver of record, and has received Holy Communion at least three (3) times over the course of a year. We hold our Trustees to meet the same requirements. Our by-laws also require that one year lapse before a former member of the vestry who has served a full term can be re-elected.

Nominations from the floor will be allowed at the meeting on Jan. 22, with the knowledge that anyone nominated from the floor must give their consent and must meet all eligibility requirements. If no nominations are received from the floor, we will proceed with the election.

Please feel free to contact me, or one of the Wardens, should you have any questions. I look forward to gathering with you at our annual meeting this Sunday. Please plan to stay after the meeting and support our EYC as they serve lunch as part of their Trinity Annual Meeting fund raising event.

-- Fr. Andy+

# Sunday Schedules

## 3 Epiphany -- January 22, 2017

### Annual Parish Meeting

#### 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

**Greeter:** Amy Letson    **Chalice Bearer:** Patty Klos

**Lectors:** John Bonney, Heidi Tilenius    **Intercessor:** Volunteer Needed

**Ushers:** Carole Graves, Ron Letson    **Vestry Person of the Day:** Beth Lane

**Acolytes:** Merrie Margaret Brewton, Anna Claire Letson, Jacob Letson, Will Letson

**Readings: First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:1-4    **Psalm:** Psalm 27:1, 5-13

**Second Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18    **The Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-23

## 4 Epiphany -- January 29, 2017

### Confirmation with Bishop Sloan

#### 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

**Greeter:** Helen Richards    **LEM:** Patte Clement

**Ushers:** Ralph Jones, Nolan Richards

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Bo Osborn

#### 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Greeter:** Elizabeth Gruber    **Chalice Bearer:** Carl Casiday

**Lectors:** Heidi Tilenius, Beth Keyse    **Intercessor:** Michael Gallaher

**Ushers:** Scott Cross, Walter Matthews

**Acolytes:** Bennett Brake, Mary Mullis Keyse, Siras Keyse, Anna Mansell

**Children's Chapel:** Vince Brewton

**Readings: First Lesson:** Malachi 3:1-4    **Psalm:** Psalm 84:1-6

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 2:14-18    **The Gospel:** Luke 2:22-40

*Please check the online schedule for any changes.*

## Vestry Ballot

(For three-year term):

Bonnie Atkinson

Mark Grisham

Rachel Hillis

Scott Townsend

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(Write-in candidate)

## Trustee Ballot

Cliff Darby

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(Write-in candidate)

## Our Prayers

### Those on our prayer list:

Sean Michael O'Bannon, Katie Clement, Milo Nicholson, Martha Gruber-Cabler, Betty Montgomery, Elizabeth Shaia, Susan Hunnicutt, Bill Wallace, Reba Blouin, Paul Jones, III, Jimmy Blythe, Betty Goodsell, Jap Patton, Joyce Kimbrough, Lindy Blackburn, Lexi Edington, Maggie Williams, George Flowers, Ragan Morris, June Nuessle, Ned Hughes, James Lisby, Kim Jones Johnson, Hurshel Miles, Jane Frith, Margaret Boudreau, Bob Murphy, Linda Persall, Jerry Jacob, Billy Aldrich, Maria and Hans Meier, Lisa Linkins Cink, Rene Passarella Ciarametero, Jill and Scott Aultman, Ann and Frank Moses, Daniel Wilson, Mary and Joe Garner, Frank Helderman, Bob Gehling, Kelly McCord, Caroline Moore, Anna Lea Moore, Penelope Blankenship, Sheree Barnes, Dottie Foote, Nancy Johnston, Mary Lou Gray, Benny Brake, Louis Weil

### Those in the Military:

Denys Zea, Don Beckwith, Scott Sibley, Jacob Bobo, Adam Garfrerick, Taylor Grier, Kyle A. Taylor, Michael Larsen, Ben Wimberly, Chris Muse, Sam Spearman

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### Coming up:

Molly Tomlinson, Mary Massey Torkington, Amy Letson, Patte Clement, Glenn Harscheid, Stewart O'Bannon III, Mr. and Mrs. Frierson Mitchener, Martha O'Bannon, Monty Shelton, Brad Dethero, Gil Self, Vanessa Morse, Tom Misner, Raegan Misner, Zac Abramson, Dorothy Foote, Randall Byrd

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## Grief support group seen as need

Are you interested in being part of a grief support group? A number of people have asked about starting such a group at Trinity.

If you are interested in being part of a grief support group, let me know, so that we can start getting a group organized.

-- Callie

## Altar Flowers

The following dates are available:

Sunday, Feb. 5

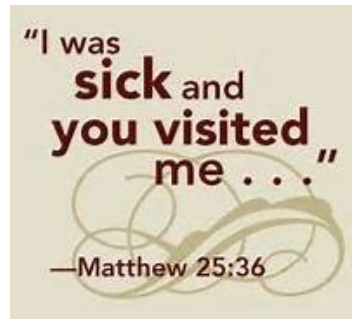
Sunday, Feb. 12

Sunday, Feb. 19

Please call  
256-764-6149  
for more information.

### Altar Guild

January:  
bitsy Kingsley



### Care Committee

January:  
Becky Taylor



Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them



*We extend our deepest sympathies to Kathryn Townsend  
on the death of her aunt, Hazel Melson.*

## MUSIC NOTES

Trinity Choir is purchasing chairs for the choir rehearsal room. The chair, pictured here, is solid oak with a rush seat. It is especially designed for posture and support of singers.

The quality of the chair makes it a suitable designation in memory or in honor of a person. Already, two chairs have been named in memory of former choir members. Cost of a chair is

\$272, the gift of which will allow for a named chair. The choir will gratefully accept donations of any size to help pay for the chairs. The chairs will be finished in a stain to match the wood in the church, in the event that they are used for extra choir seating on special occasions.

-- Noel M Beck, organist  
and choir director



## New programming coming for kindergarten through 3rd grade

For the past few years we have had a regular weekly offering for 4th-6th-graders, and that ministry has taken off. Club 456 is a wonderful group and I am excited to announce that we are going to have programming for kindergarten-third grade, beginning Feb. 1 on Wednesday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. For now we will meet in the classroom beside the Club 456 room in the Education Building. Children are invited to come and bring their friends. I will be leading this ministry and I can't wait to see what we can do with this group. If you are interested in having your child participate with us please let me know or just come and join us February 1!

## Club 456 Notes

Club 456 will be meeting at our regular time of 5-6:30 p.m. We will meet in our room and pick up will either be in the park or in Mullen weather dependent. If it is raining



everyone will gather in Mullen after our meal. We have a ton of great things planned this spring. If you would like to help with a meal in the upcoming weeks we

need volunteers for several Wednesdays in March and April. We hope to see everyone on Wednesdays!

-- Jessie and Rebekah

### Coming Up:

**Wednesday, Jan. 25** -- Lesson: The Bishop is coming! (Who, what, when, where, and why?)



## Youth Ministry

### Camp McDowell

Registration is open for Awakenings at Camp McDowell for both campers (7th-and 8th-graders) and staff (10th-12th-graders). The event is March 17-19.

Registration is now open for all sessions for Camp McDowell Summer Camp.

### Enchilada Dinner

All Youth should wear a white shirt and meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. to help prepare and serve the Enchilada Fundraising Dinner during the Annual Parish meeting.

### Confirmation

Final Confirmation Class will take place at 9 a.m. on Jan. 22 with Deacon Catherine. We'll meet in the breezeway.

Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Jan. 29.



## Registration open for Camp workshops

The Alabama Folk School at Camp McDowell has space available in several workshops coming up from February through May:

- February 17-19:** "From Scratch" Workshop
- March 17-19:** Fiber Arts Sampler Retreat & Songwriting Workshops
- April 17-20:** Bluegrass & Gee's Bend Workshop
- May 15-19:** Stone Mosaics, Plein Air Painting, and Polymer Clay Workshops

Camp McDowell is at 105 DeLong Road, Nauvoo, Ala. For more information or to register, visit [www.alfolkschool.com](http://www.alfolkschool.com).

## Canterbury @ UNA

Vocare 17 is coming up March 3-5! All folks between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to Camp McDowell for a weekend retreat offering community, the chance to talk about our calling, and a powerful spiritual experience.

Callie will be the head spiritual director for Vocare this year and a number of our Canterbury students will be on staff.

If you are or know someone who might be interested in this retreat, go to this link and fill out an application: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1AsvDgZJtSZhn7ENhPzm9XVw-BzVG1Ap1wUxDvVviE7NrNA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

## Room in the Inn

I am in the process of working on our Room in the Inn schedule for February 6 and 27. If anyone is interested in being a part of this great work of feeding and sheltering our homeless friends during the coldest months of the year, please contact me, Callie, at the church office or by email ([cplunketbrewton@gmail.com](mailto:cplunketbrewton@gmail.com))

I am in desperate need of volunteers to make this ministry happen. It is meaningful and rewarding work, and I will always put new volunteers with more experienced ones, so you'll be working with someone who knows what they're doing and can guide you. We volunteers have a lot of fun working Room in the Inn together and would love for you to join us.

# Children's Ministry

## Wednesday program for k-3rd grade coming soon!

I am so excited to announce a new event that will be taking place weekly beginning in February! As many of you know I have been working on a ministry especially for our k-3rd-graders for a while and now we are going to have one! Every Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. we will have programming for k-3rd-graders. I am working on ironing out all of the details now and there will be schedule soon.

## Still time for summer interest survey

The Summer interest survey that was sent out last week has had a lot of response. Thanks to everyone for that! If you would like to take it but haven't had a chance yet, please let me know. There are also paper copies here in the church office.

## Volunteers needed for Ministry Schedule, especially Children's Chapel

Our current Ministry Schedule runs through February 1, and I would really like to add a few more volunteers to the list before our new schedule is made. Volunteering is simple. Children's Chapel takes place almost every Sunday of the year; it is a ministry for 3 year-olds through 3rd grade, and it's fun! This ministry needs volunteers the most. Chapel lasts for about 45 minutes-1 hour each Sunday and begins at the start of the 10:30 service. The lessons are already prepared for you and will be emailed to you sometime during the week before you are scheduled to volunteer. Right now, in addition to a lesson based on the gospel, each week we are praying our way through the Lord's Prayer.

-- Jessie Stracener, Children's Ministry Coordinator

## Wednesday, Jan. 18

**Club 456**  
5-6:30 p.m.

All children entering grades 4, 5 or 6 are invited to join us every week for this ministry! We have a lot of great things planned for this fall and we hope you can join us. Programming runs from 5-6 p.m. with a meal to follow.

## Sunday, Jan. 22

### Annual Parish Meeting

10 a.m. (One Service)  
(Children's Chapel at 10 a.m. -- TBA)  
(Meet in the Children's Chapel room at 10 a.m.)

## Wednesday, Jan. 25

**Club 456**

5-6:30 p.m.

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## Sunday, Jan. 29

### Bishop's Visit!

### Children's Sunday School

9:30 a.m. -- Rachel Mansell  
(Meet in the Children's Chapel room at 9:30 a.m.)

### Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m. -- Vince Brewton  
(Meet in the Children's Chapel room at 10:30 a.m.)

### 5 p.m. Children's Chapel

-- Laura Heckert

## Trinity Welcomes Bishop Sloan on Jan. 29

On Sunday, January 29, Trinity will welcome The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as he will preside at our 10:30 service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is always a special time when one of our bishops comes to visit as we have a chance to speak with him about our diocese and wider church. The Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church state that every congregation within a diocese is to be visited by the Bishop at least once every three years. We are fortunate in this Diocese to receive a visit annually by the Bishop. During the visitation, "the visiting Bishop shall preside at the Holy Eucharist and at the Initiatory Rites, as required, preach the Word, examine the records of the Congregation ... and examine the life and ministry of the Clergy and Congregation." (From Canon III.24.4(b)) This is a fancy way of saying that the Bishop will preside at the service, administer the rites of Confirmation, preach, and look at the state of the parish by being with the clergy and members of the congregation.

During our Sunday School time, Bishop Sloan will be in Mullen Hall and available to the congregation for questions and conversation. At the service, Bishop Sloan will confirm seven (7) adults and five (5) youth. We only have these visits once a year so please take the time to come and visit with Bishop Sloan. Following the service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a reception honoring the Bishop and our newly confirmed members of Trinity. I look forward to being with all of you on this special day.

*Fr. Andy*

## Home Communion hosts needed

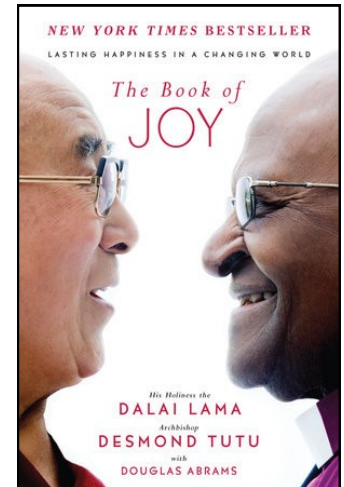
About once a month throughout most of 2016, Trinitarians gathered at one another's homes to share appetizers and fellowship followed by a simple Eucharist. We've been graced by the musical abilities of several of our church musicians, such as Gil Self, Jeff Austin and Noël Beck.

These Home Communion have been among the highlights of my work here at Trinity, and I know other folks have also found them to be joyful and holy times. I would love for them to continue, and so I need your help. If you are willing to host a Home Communion in 2017 or want more information about hosting, please contact me at [cplunketbrewton@gmail.com](mailto:cplunketbrewton@gmail.com) or at the office at 256-764-6149.

*-- Callie*



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## Wednesday book group studying 'Book of Joy'

The Wednesday Book Group is reading The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Please join us in the discussion in the Library at noon. Books can be ordered by Jenny.

## Tidings by mail, email

If you would like to receive the Tidings newsletter by mail in addition to the e-mail version, just let us know.

We'll be happy to send one your way! Just call the office at 256-764-6149 or email us at [trinity@trinityflorence.org](mailto:trinity@trinityflorence.org).

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