

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: *Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

Our Vision: *become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*



Military Women's Memorial | Arlington National Cemetery

Elmore County's **TRIBUTE TO VETERANS** CONCERT & GALLERY OF HONOR

*Honoring all Who Served in the
U.S. Military Past, Present, and Future.*

Friday, November 11

Gallery of Honor opens at 4:00 pm | Concert begins at 6:30 pm

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Spiritual, Not Religious

In this time some people profess to be “spiritual”, but not religious. What does this mean? It may mean that people pray and read modern spiritual material on their own but do not want to become a member of a church. It often means that someone has had a bad experience in a church in the past. There are definite things people miss who do not have a church home. I believe that people gain more than they lose from church.

Church homes can give us the following:

- The constancy of Scripture. The Bible is a difficult book to read, especially the Old Testament, which assumes a working knowledge of Israelite history. Scripture heard throughout all the stages of life deepens our connection to God working in the world.
- The accountability of community. Showing up and participating in something outside ourselves and our family opens our hearts to others. Service to others gives us the deep gratification of being useful, especially in the phase of life when work or family seem to no longer need us.
- The joy of fellowship in Christ. Other communities gather around common goals or interests, the arts, books, hunting, etc. but there is nothing like fellowship in Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit that comes when 2 or 3 are gathered together in His name.
- The transcendental peace of the sacraments. The sacraments and blessing that comes during worship are ineffable, but no less powerful for focusing the soul on Christ. Books give us intellectual focus, but the sacraments give us soul focus.

Have a blessed week.

Ally +

Christmas Angels 2022

As many of you know, the last two or three years we have sponsored families who approached the church directly for help to provide Christmas for their children. This year we are partnering with Angel's Helping Hands, who is working the vetting, and the One2One Foundation is responsible for assigning families in Elmore County. To date we have been assigned two families with a combined number of nine children, ranging from 7 to 16 years old, including one special needs child. We invite members of the Parish to “adopt” one or more of these children for the purpose of providing each one with a good Christmas. We anticipate families picking up their gifts around December 10, so there is plenty of time to shop.

As usual, you are also welcome to donate money towards this project, and we will also be collecting food to provide each family a good holiday meal. We also anticipate receiving direct requests from families in the community so the number of children could increase. For further information contact Kathy Atchison (334-567-1013).



Adult Sunday School – Religious Art

The daily readings this week offered several choices for our art-focused Bible study. Monday's reading centered on Jesus' parable of the feast to which the poor, the lame, the crippled, and the blind were invited because the original invitees gave excuses to the host. On Wednesday, the reading from Luke related the parables of the lost coin and the

lost sheep. Friday's gospel lesson told the story of the dishonest manager. There are many great examples of art which illustrate these lessons, but the most compelling story for me was the parable of the prodigal son which was the focus of Thursday's gospel reading. We will use paintings by Rembrandt and Rubens to contemplate the message of this parable during class Sunday. Remember that we meet Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Fruits of the Earth

Trinity's annual Fruits of the Earth Celebration is now in progress. Please bring non-perishable food items and fill the Church windows. The Flower Guild and Women that Care sponsor this food drive for the benefit of the Food Pantry.



Annual Parish Meeting

Trinity's Annual Parish meeting will be held Sunday, November 27th after the 10:30 service with a Potluck lunch immediately following.

What are you doing New Year's weekend?

Everyone is excited and looking forward to the first Trinity Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell. Reservations have been made, meals have been scheduled and it's time for you to decide to attend this exciting New Year's Event. Retreat dates are Friday December 30 thru Sunday, January 1, 2023. Trinity's retreat will be located in Stough Lodge, where we will all be together. To reserve your room or obtain more information, contact any retreat committee member: Erin Rogers (334) 312-1097, or erincadenrogers@gmail.com, Amy Jones at 334-399-4203 awjones@elmore.rr.com or Barbara Davis at 334-546-0485 bddpt@elmore.rr.com.

Really, what is Spiritual Direction and when would I want it?

Awareness and Contemplation – Many people enter spiritual direction to become more aware of God's presence in their life and in the world. They want to FEEL the love of God so they can live in harmony with it. Exploration and discovering for yourself how God interacts with you is your only goal. There are many ways a spiritual director can help you to enhance your awareness of God.

Reflection – Some people come to spiritual direction wanting to better understand an experience of God from their past. A spiritual director is trained to help the directee recall times when they felt close to God or felt at one with the universe. In working with the memory, you allow the Divine to reveal something new as a result of it, and you may experience the blessing again or in a new way and learn something new about yourself or about God.

Discernment – The spiritual practice of discernment grows out of our awareness and trust in the Divine. Discernment asks the question, "What is the Divine inviting me to be or do in this situation?" Whenever we come to an important choice in life – new job, relationships, how to spend time, etc. – we may want to know what God wants for us.

Spiritual directors can help a person sort through the facts, practical considerations, gut feelings and insights in order to come to some clarity about the choice.

Discernment is less about a process than a way of life. The only goal is to be in such a love relationship with God that our choices lead to a greater alignment with that Source of Life. There are several discernment processes available . . . Jesuit Tradition, Ignatian Style and Quaker. Of course, these are not the only reasons to go to Spiritual Direction, but these are 3 of the main reasons. If you have any questions or interest in Spiritual Direction, see Suellen Young.

Bible Timeline Study

Did you miss the first Bible Timeline Study? Don't worry – it's coming back! Bible Timeline Study will start during Advent and be on Wednesdays at one o'clock in Dunn Hall. The cost of the workbook is \$42. The first meeting will be November 30th. If there is enough interest for a night class, Ally will be happy to teach one on Wednesday evenings.

This was by far the best example I've ever read of tying the entire Bible together as one cohesive message of God's plan for our salvation. It no longer reads as 66 books grouped together as Old Testament and New Testament, but instead as one consistent message. It really makes you want to go back and read each book over again, with the central message running throughout..... Steve F.

This Week at Trinity

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| Nov 13: | | The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Christian Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Meet & Greet |
| Nov 15: | 6:00 p.m. | Scouts |
| Nov 17: | 6:00 p.m. | Men's Group, Carter House |
| Nov 20: | | The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Christian Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Massey Gentry |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Meet & Greet |
| | 12:00 p.m. | EYC, Dunn Hall |

Remember in Prayer

We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:

Lane Young, Carrie Pinckard, Doreen Stampley, Stella Pinckard & Ally Perry who celebrate their birthdays this week;

And to Dennis & Dawn Kizziah who celebrate their Anniversary this week;

We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:

Immediate Concerns: Becky Wilkinson, Jasper Roberts, Carolyn Keesee, Kelley Wright, Lakeisha Ray, Glenda Driver, Jordan Alexander & Bill Dunn.

Shut-Ins:

Continuing Concerns: Laci Swaney, Jasmine Presley, Johan Beumer, Crawford Kennedy, Robin Chadderdon, Avery White, June Ward, Ray Howell, Carol Wright, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham

Pledge Offering

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| Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income | \$ | 3,462 |
| Received Sunday, Nov 06 | \$ | 4,585 |
| Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income | \$ | 155,790 |
| Received Year to Date | \$ | 153,931 |
| Over/(under) Budget..... | \$ | (1,859) |

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions about the budget or financial situation

St. John's Episcopal Church Annual Bazaar

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will have its annual bazaar Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 10-2 p.m. in the Education Building. Sunday School classrooms will be turned into shops for handmade arts and crafts, a pantry of homemade casseroles and breads, cakes pies and cookies; a silent auction; a treasure attic full of gently used household goods including kitchen ware, china and silver, holiday and decorative ware and much more.

This year, the Silent Auction has already collected a variety of framed paintings, including by artists Jake Wagnon, Clark Walker, Sharon Yavis and our own Cam Armstrong, and mirrors, antique baskets and decorative items, vintage toys, silver, certificates dinner and a movie and much more. Of special interest are an antique kilim rug in very desirable clay tones and measures 5 feet by 12 feet and a beautiful painting of Madonna and child by Diana Mendoza.

The Arts and Crafts shop features handmade Christmas ornaments, including pinecone angels, spice garlands, wine bottle bags, greeting cards, photo cards by local artists, cross stitched and needlepoint items.

A special feature are the wax animals made by artist and parishioner Catherine Ross McLemore using melted altar candles poured into antique candy molds. The animals are painted and decorated in vintage designs and are so popular, they sell out very quickly. Other church member artists have also donated some of their craft items.

The Treasure Attic is still adding items and some already donated are a large set of Noritake china, vintage Royal Worcester "Lavinia," and "Polka Dots" in pink by Mikasa. There are fancy and plain glasses, decorative flower parts, pitchers big and small, beautiful linen cocktail napkins, puzzles and silver-plated serving ware.

Lunch using some recipes from the ECW's "St. John's Disciples Blest Recipes," including Martha Allen's chicken and rice casserole, Betty Mathews' marinated green beans, vinaigrette spring salad mix with fruit, rolls and blueberry crumble will be served in the Parish House from 11-1. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance from the church. Take-out lunch will be available for drive-through in the rear parking lot at the tent by the kitchen door.

A new feature this year will be a Boston butt sale from 5-7 p.m. for \$40 each. Pre-order is available by contacting the church office or logging onto St. John's website and clicking BAZAAR. There will be a limited few available for pick-up. Most of the shops will be open during the early evening hours.

All proceeds are designated for the ECW's outreach projects that benefit the local community. This year, the beneficiary will be Mercy House, a day shelter located in the former WSFA/TV station that provides food, clothing, shower facilities and laundry stations for people in need.