



Trinity Topics

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***'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'* Mark 9:35**

It is rather unusual that I come to lead Trinity Church as a deacon and not a priest. What's the difference? A deacon's primary duty in the Church is service—the word deacon means “servant” in Greek. Originally, the only clergy of the Church were the apostles. The creation of the order of deacons is described in Acts 6:1-4. The apostles struggled to maintain order in a quickly growing and diverse Church, and they ordained deacons to ensure fair distribution of food to the widows.

For the next century or so, the church in each city was led by one bishop who had the role of preaching and performing the sacraments for everyone while deacons saw to the more practical matters of church life like distributing food to the poor and caring for the sick. It was only when the Church grew to the point that the bishop was no longer able to perform the sacraments every week for everyone in his region that the office of priest was created to fill the sacramental role in parish life. This is why, for the time being, I cannot celebrate the sacraments – the bishop will delegate this separate authority to me at my ordination to the priesthood.

To this day, anyone who would be a priest is first ordained a deacon, because the first and most important part of Christian leadership is service. Even after being ordained a priest or bishop, a clergy person continues to be a deacon because that service is something that is never left behind. Being called to be your rector is about more than being in charge—it means I am here to support you and your efforts to live the Christian life. This means no one should be afraid to give me constructive feedback. There is no task in the parish that is below me, and my door is always open. I can only pray to be worthy of this wonderful and sacred task the Lord has given me.

The Rev. Deacon Zachary Brooks

Supply Priests

Father David Boase will celebrate The Holy Eucharist with us on Sunday, September 4.

Archdeacon Shawn Denney will celebrate The Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays, September 7 and September 21.

News & Announcements

Maintenance update

Trinity Church has already begun a major round of maintenance and facility upgrades. These projects will not only make our lives of ministry and worship more comfortable, but also ensure that our church will stand as a testament to our faith in God for many years to come.

A new air-conditioning unit for the sanctuary has already been installed, and a plumber has made his rounds repairing several leaks. The old heating and cooling system for Harris Hall is being removed to make way for a completely new and upgraded system that will include bringing air-conditioning to the Sunday school and choir rooms. This will include a new unit that is presently being installed on the north side of the church. The windows of Harris Hall are set to be repaired, sealed, and painted. There will be some minor repairs to the church roof, and new flashing will be installed near the chimney. Masons will repair crumbling mortar around the chimney, the line around the foundation of the church will be re-caulked, and the slate porch will be repaired. The gutters will be cleaned out, and the walls of the church and Harris Hall will be power washed. The locks of the church are also being replaced and brought up to code.

These projects are projected to be completed by October 15. To ensure workers can get equipment in and out of the church, please refrain from parking in the alley outside of worship times.

Parish Directory

It is time to update our Parish Directory. Did you return your parish directory form that we mailed last month? If not, please return it in one of three ways: leave it on the table in the foyer; mail it back to the church; or email it back to church.

Doorbell Dinners

Trinity Church delivered Doorbell Dinners from August 1 to 5. Coordinator Adah Mitchell would like to thank the following helpers: K-Lou Ashmore, Owen Blackorby, Pat Bone, Deacon Zachary Brooks, John Clancy, Melissa Evans, Nancy Forsberg, Cameron Hume, Jagger Jamison, Newton Mitchell, Dana Ryan, Sarah, Claire, Marley & Stella Van Aken, Mary Watts, Isla Willis, Ginda Woodruff, and Ryan Worrall.

Church School & Choir

As in previous years, both Church School and Choir will resume after Labor Day. Sunday, September 11 is the first session of the new Church School year. The Choir will begin rehearsals on September 1 to prepare for the September 11th service.

Trinity Fellowship

The Fellowship Group will convene on September 6, at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join the Fellowship Group every first Tuesday evening for fellowship and study. Deacon Zach will lead the group in reading *The Call* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. This series of lessons explores the life and work of St. Paul, who continues to influence our understanding of the meaning of Jesus for Christian life today. Each session will include a short video presentation which takes the viewers to some of the sites Paul visited on his journeys.

If anyone would like a copy of the book, we can order one for you. The hardback edition is \$12.72, and the softcover, large-print edition is \$13.39. Contact Jo Ann so that she can order them as soon as possible.

Hosts needed

New sign-up sheets are next to the kitchen door for Coffee Hour, Trinity Fellowship Dessert, and ECW Salad Supper. Check your calendars to see when you are available to host.

Congratulations

Owen Blackorby, son of Brian and Mary Watts, is an Eagle Scout. His project was to renovate the butterfly garden at Washington Elementary School. He replaced the fence, removed weeds and stumps, planted new plants, and laid new pathways throughout the garden. This project helped clean up the grounds and gives the students of Washington School something to admire on their way to the bus.

New Calendars

Altar Guild and Church School Members should find the calendars for the 2016 – 2017 year in this mailing.

United Thank Offering

Sunday, September 25 is the Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering. Many follow the discipline of using the blue box, by inserting money as a way of offering thanksgiving for people, joys, blessings, and events in their lives. Boxes are available in the foyer of the church. If you do not use the box, please consider making a one-time contribution on September 25.

Deaths

Tomlin Boynton Gardner, son of Margaret Bellatti, died on July 21, 2016. Morning Prayer on August 17 commemorated him.

Luke Richard Kennedy, son of Patrick and Betsy Kennedy, died on August 4, 2016. The funeral Mass was celebrated on August 10, at The Church of Our Saviour.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

Important Events to Note:

Thursday, September 1:

Choir Rehearsal resumes
at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 6:

Trinity Fellowship meets at 7:00 pm.
(Dessert is served from 7:00 – 7:30. The
study is from 7:30 until 8:30.)

Sunday, September 11:



Church School
resumes.

Monday, September 12:

ECW

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient.
Lettuce and beverages are provided.

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 20:

Vestry Meeting at
7:00 pm

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2016

September 4:

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

September 11:

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion

September 18:

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion

September 25:

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Liturgy of the Word &
Holy Communion



Wednesdays at 10:00 am:

The Holy Eucharist

September 7

September 21

Morning Prayer

September 14

September 28