

PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

Our Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

The Rev Deacon Terry Goff, Associate for Outreach

Clinton Doolittle, Director of Music

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, Parish Administrator

Susan Palmer, Finance Administrator

Amos Kidd, Sexton

Jasmine Moultrie, Parish Steward

Office Angels

Martha Fuller and Billye Howard, Monday

Laurent Cadden, Tuesday

Bill Howell, Wednesday

Jessie Beaty and Nell Gustavson, Thursday

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9 to 3



Christ's light is manifest!

At the end of Christmastide, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 with a candlelight service of Compline followed by the chalking of the lintel to ask God's blessing on all who come and go here. Then we burned our Christmas greens—our tree and wreaths—that were used to decorate the Church, Chapel, and Parish Hall. The blazing fire from the burning greens symbolizes the light and warmth of Christ coming into the world on one of the darkest and sometimes coldest nights of the year. Christ's light is indeed manifest at Trinity!

Their time past, pulled down cracked and flung to the fire—go up in a roar ... Black mountains, black and red—as yet uncolored—and ash white, an infant landscape of shimmering ash and flame and we, in that instant, lost, breathless to be witnesses, as if we stood ourselves refreshed among the shining fauna of that fire.

- from *Burning of the Christmas Greens*
by William Carlos Williams 1944



Parish Hall window installation begins!

Our windows are scheduled to be replaced the last week of January, which will have a major impact on the offices, classrooms, and all our rooms. We are trying to do this with as little interruption as possible, but the evidence of crews and their work will be inside and outside the building.

The least affected area during installation will be the Parish Hall, Parlor, and Chapel, so on Sundays in lieu of classes upstairs, parish-wide events and fellowship for all will be in the Parish Hall until Lent.

All this is possible through your generous gifts toward the Vestry's initiative. Under their leadership, the reality of Operation Reclamation—
 Recalling our history;
 Reclaiming our space;
 Restoring our charge as good stewards;
 Renewing our faith in the future and God's plan for us—is coming to fruition!

Epiphany Sundays feature special parish community forums and events at 9:15 am

During installation of the windows, everyone will gather in the Parish Hall instead of individual classrooms. In between services (9:15 am) in January and February, throughout the Season after the Epiphany all are welcome and encouraged to attend special events in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, 30 January

Kate Flukinger will tell us about the Beloved Community Outreach Center of Mobile, a community of belonging and radical inclusion that is committed to faithfully engaging with the challenges and changes that the world and the Church face in the 21st century. We are preparing a meal for Prayers in the Park in the afternoon of February 6, and Kate will share how we can help.

Sunday, 6 February

Jill Creel and Brandy Snider will give us an update on our new ministry and relationship with Murphy High School. The Care Corner, literally in the southwest corner of Irving Hall, is the place where we are collecting specific foods for high school kids over the weekend. Jill and Brandy will explain how we can get involved in this vital ministry.

Sunday, 13 February

Our dear Amos is retiring in February. We will not let him leave without a proper celebration. On this Sunday we will honor him at a reception immediately following the ONE SERVICE at 10 am. If you'd like to help with the reception, contact Brenda Mussell, mardigrasbrenda@bellsouth.net or 251.402.6417.

Sunday, 20 February

Parents of our Sunday school age children will gather in the Chapel for an opportunity to connect with one another and to join in conversation about both their children's and their own spiritual formation journeys at Trinity. We hope this will lead to an ongoing Parents' Group.

Sunday, 27 February

All Newcomers are invited to join Mother Mary Jayne and other leaders in the Parlor to learn more about the ministries at Trinity and about how they are welcome to become involved to serve through these opportunities.

Our Vestry & Officers

Class of 2022

Mike Cadden, Junior Warden

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior Warden

Carolyn Watts-Smith

Class of 2023

Allison Castle

Jill Creel

Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Class of 2024

Austin Forwood

Marie Lacy

Steve Mussell

David Quittmeyer

Ex Officio

The Reverend Deacon Terry Goff

Ben Harris, Chancellor

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

From our Rector

Just like we did on January 1, 2021, we began this new year in the Church with Noonday Prayer. The difference this year, however, was that January 1, which is always the 8th Day of Christmas, was part of our commitment to worship together every day during the 12 Days of Christmas.

Traditionally churches often close the week following Easter Sunday and the week after Christmas Day. This year,



although we did close the Parish Office to give our staff a holiday, we decided to open for worship during Christmastide.

This decision—at least for me—was life-changing. As the days progressed, what manifest was something akin to a little Lent, with Epiphany like another Easter! Naturally two Sundays fell within Christmastide this season, and we continued our Wednesday Holy

Eucharist. So for each of the other eight days, we met in the labyrinth for noonday prayer, and we gathered for Morning Prayer and even before dawn for Prayer Walking, and we shared candlelight Compline on Tuesday nights, which we enjoyed so much that it is now a weekly offering.

I can say something corny like *the parish that prays together stays together*, and I am corny enough actually to believe it. When we prayed together, pondering the awesomeness of God choosing to come to us as a vulnerable baby, our hearts opened to how God is calling us as a community of faith, as Easter People sharing and spreading Christmas Love.

I plan to continue faithfully this practice of beginning every new year in prayer and worshipping every day through the 12 Days of Christmas, so I hope you'll join me and your fellow parishioners this coming Christmastide and in 2023!

To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+

2021 Highlights

January

Project Homeless Connect at the Fairgrounds was canceled due to covid, but Deacon Terry arranged a pop-up clothing event to serve our friends.



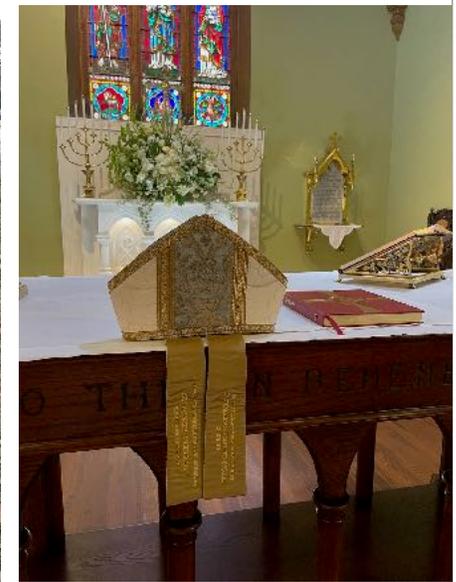
February

We hosted the ordination of the Rev Lydia Johnson, and we buried the Alleluias on Shrove Tuesday after the Pancake Supper.



March

We were able to upgrade our media with a 10K gift! And we returned to two in-person services at 8 and 10:30.



April

On Good Friday we arranged the Stations of the Cross in the Meadow to include our friends in the neighborhood.



May

Bishop Russell confirmed and received 11 parishioners into the Episcopal Church, seven of whom were newcomers.

June

We asked God's blessing on our Creation Trail, and our garden grew!

2021 Highlights

July

We dusted off our handbells and had a grand time playing them under the leadership of the Music Discernment Team.



August

We installed a Welcome Box to share information like how to pray/walk the labyrinth and pray through the Creation Trail.



September

We enjoyed special music by our talented parishioners and installed a cross in the Illumination, which is the center of the labyrinth.



October

We asked God's blessing on our precious critters.

November

On All Saints' Day all were invited to our Celebration of a New Ministry.



December

We hosted a successful Advent Art Show and Auction. On Christmas Eve we enjoyed *Silent Night* by Brothers Gill on strings.

Project Homeless Connect is 28 January

Deacon Terry is making final preparations for the big Project Homeless Connect event at the Fairgrounds on Friday, January 28. Large bags for guest carry out are still needed. These could be large shopping bags, large plastic bags from department stores, large backpacks, or pillowcases.

If you would like to help, here are some opportunities:

5 pm Wednesday, January 26

Wrap racks of clothes with plastic for travel;
Load racks and bins into trailer and SUV

Thursday, January 27

8 am Meet at The Grounds to unload trailer and begin setting up venue;
9 am Meet trailer at Trinity to load trailer (maybe 2 or 3 trips)

7:30 am to 3 pm Friday, January 28

Participate in assisting guests at Project Homeless Connect. This includes introducing yourself to guests, assisting (as needed) guests with size and selections, bagging guest items then reloading trailer at end of event and returning racks to Trinity.

If you would like to serve in any capacity, please contact terry@trinitymobile.org or 251.656.1609.



Calendar for the Season after the Epiphany

4 Epiphany, Sunday, January 30
8 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Fellowship between services
Parish Community Forum: Beloved Community

5 Epiphany, Sunday, February 6
8 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Fellowship between services
Parish Community Forum: Care Corner

6 Epiphany, Sunday, February 13
10 am Holy Eucharist: **ONE SERVICE**
Celebration for Amos immediately following

7 Epiphany, Sunday, February 20
8 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9:15 Fellowship and Parents' Group

Last Epiphany, Sunday, February 27
8 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9:15 Fellowship and Newcomers Reception

Every M/W/F at 6:30 am Prayer Walk meets in the Chapel

Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm Compline in the Chapel

Every Wednesday at Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Every Thursday at 2 pm Care Corner Pick-up

Parish Directory to be published soon!

The staff has been hard at work this past year to update our database. Information from over 160 parish directory forms from current members of Trinity Church has been entered into the database and will be used for the new parish directory. If you have not yet completed one of these forms, you will find one in the Parish Hall or in the hallway outside the Rector's Office or look for a link to one in the eNews.

Have you had your photo taken yet?

One of the values of the Parish Directory is being able to see all the names with the faces. Many of you have already had your photo taken, but we still would like to include more in the upcoming directory. If we don't have your photo yet, please make plans soon to get it taken. Pictures can be taken after each service, and you can call the office to make an appointment anytime during regular business hours, Monday - Thursday, 9 to 3 pm.



We can do this!

We are 40K from reaching our 325K goal!

At their final meetings of the 2021 calendar year, your Vestry and Finance Committee emerged pleased about the state of the parish and optimistic about our spiritual and fiscal health. For the first time in many years, we are in the black and we have not drawn on our Endowment to meet any of our operating expenses.

The Finance Committee will present the 2022 Budget to the Vestry at their February meeting. If you have not yet made your commitment to the financial wellbeing of your parish home, please pray and act at your earliest convenience.

At Press Time:

70 Pledges totaling \$285,000

Just 40K short of our 325K Goal

37 increased (including 9 new) Pledges

40 committed as Steadfast Pledgers

If you have never pledged, or if you have any questions about the process, how much to pledge, or are curious about how to become a Steadfast Pledger, please contact Stewardship Committee Chairs John Howard, jhoward987@bellsouth.net or 251.234.1285; or Bryan Pearce, bmcpearce@gmail.com or 251.234.8156.



Shrove Tuesday / Fat Tuesday

Pancake Supper

from 4 to 6 pm Tuesday,
March 2 in Irving Hall

*We'll fatten ourselves
for the Lenten fast
then bury the Alleluias too!*

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