

# 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

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Jasmine Moultrie, Parish Steward

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Martha Fuller and Billye Howard, Monday

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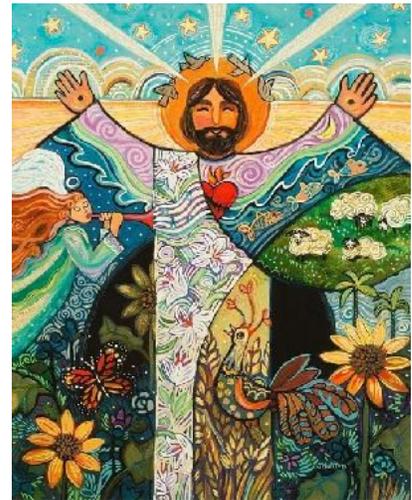
Bill Howell and Debbie McLean, Wednesday

Jessie Beaty and Nell Gustavson, Thursday

Office Hours  
Monday through Thursday  
9 to 4

## *Lenten Series on Wednesday nights* **Caring for God's Creation**

The Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation is a commitment to practice loving formation, liberating advocacy, and life-giving conversation as individuals, congregations, ministries, and dioceses. This Lenten Season we are exploring the theology of Creation Care in a five-week series with speakers representing Gulf Coast Creation Care, Mobile Baykeeper, Shipshape Urban Farms, SALT (South Alabama Land Trust), and Clean Water Alabama.



At 6 pm on five consecutive Wednesday nights beginning March 9 continuing through April 6 in Irving Hall, we will share a simple Lenten supper of soup and salad followed by time with our guest speakers. (For guest speaker details, see pages 4 and 5.) Not only will our speakers talk about their work—which are all caring for creation ministries—they will also share with us their personal experiences of how God is at work in their lives as faithful stewards of God's Creation.

We are grateful for the sponsors of our Lenten suppers: our Daughters of the King chapter, our new Friends of Music, our Youth Group and families, our Vestry members, and our Men's Cooking Team.

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### Amos Kidd retires after 15 years of service to Trinity

On Sunday, February 13 we celebrated our dear Amos for his 15 years of faithful service to Trinity Church. He is officially retiring at the end of February. We sent him off in style with a lovely reception and gifts from the parish, including a generous purse. Thank you, all, for saying good-bye to Amos in style!

### From Amos

*I want to express my deepest thanks to my Trinity family for showing the true love that you have for me. I am overwhelmed with your love and generosity. I already deeply miss all of you and love you all.*

*I will always hold Trinity deep in my heart. I will not be a stranger, and you will always be my family. God be with you all.*

Love, Amos

### Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Fat Tuesday, March 1 from 4 to 6 pm

Everyone in Mobile is familiar with Mardi Gras! The balls, the parades, the revelry. But not everyone understands that Fat Tuesday, aka Shrove Tuesday, actually has deep religious history. Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) dates back to an ancient Roman festival honoring the deities *Lupercalia* and *Saturnalia* which took place in mid-February. When Christians arrived in Rome, they incorporated the festival into Lenten preparations.

### Why do we eat pancakes?

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent—the 40 days leading up to Easter—was traditionally a time of

fasting, and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were *shriven* (absolved from their sins). Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast, and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. So we celebrate with our Pancake Supper gone innovation with pancake-wrapped sausages on a stick! They are really good!



### Burying the Alleluias

Throughout the liturgical year, we make certain changes to the Eucharist to reflect the liturgical season. Next to the change in the color of the priest's vestments, the absence of the Alleluia during Lent is probably the most obvious. There is a long-standing tradition for suspending the use of Alleluia from Shrove Tuesday until the Easter Vigil. On Shrove Tuesday we will again bury the Alleluias in the Meadow.



## Our Vestry & Officers

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### Class of 2023

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The Reverend Deacon Terry Goff

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Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

## From our Rector

I am grateful that we've chosen to focus on Creation Care throughout the Season of Lent. Our Wednesday night series will be a wonderful way for all of us to explore God's call to us to be faithful stewards of all that we are blessed with here on the Gulf Coast. We indeed live in a rich, diverse area that teems with unique flora and fauna. And the land and water surrounding us—that we sometimes take for granted—literally calls us into times of recreation and exploration. That, too, is Caring for Creation—caring for ourselves; recreation is re-creation!

That's exactly how I felt when I found myself, at the invitation of parishioners and avid sailors Carmen and Guy, one glorious day late in September on the wind and waves in Mobile Bay. I had so much fun that I told them I felt like I was on a mini-vacation. The experience was one of those that does a body and soul good! I didn't even realize how much I needed it until I was experiencing it!

Caring for Creation means caring for ourselves too. Part of being faithful stewards of all of God's Creation is being mindful of our relationships, how we spend our time, and, yes, especially how we care for ourselves, allowing ourselves those sacred times of re-creation. Join me this Lent in deepening our understanding of Creation Care.

To love and lead,  
*Mary Jayne+*



## Care of Creation Prayers

### *For the Harvest of Lands and Waters*

O gracious Father, who opens your hand and fills all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that men and women everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For the Future of the Human Race*

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *We are excited to welcome our Lenten series guest speakers!*



Guest Speakers are Lella Lowe, Cade Kistler, Dale Speetjens, Diana Brewer, and Gary Finch



**Lella Lowe**  
**Gulf Coast Creation Care**  
 Lella, an expert in global climate change, is a founding member of the Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition, a member of the inaugural class of the EPA's Environmental Justice Academy and received certification by the Climate Reality Project. She is a member of Church of the Redeemer and a passionate advocate in our Diocese for the environment.

**Cade Kistler**  
**Mobile Baykeeper**

Cade, who served as Program Director for six years, now fills the Baykeeper role. He grew up on Guntersville Lake in north Alabama. After graduating from Auburn, he worked with the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness restoration intern in Washington state.

However, sweet home Alabama called and Cade returned. He and his wife live in Baldwin County where they together explore the treasures of the Gulf Coast. Cade is thrilled to have the opportunity to work for the citizens of the Alabama Gulf Coast and preserve the environment of this majestic area.



## Care of Creation Prayers

### *For Knowledge of God's Creation*

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *For the Conservation of Natural Resources*

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayers for the Natural Order from our Book of Common Prayer, page 827*



### **Dale Speetjens Shipshape Urban Farms**

An entrepreneur, Dale is co-founder and CEO at Shipshape Urban Farms. He has a history of working in the design, planning, and higher education industry. He is skilled in Systems Design, ArcGIS, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Planning with degrees in Community and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design from Auburn University.

### **Diana Brewer SALT**

Diana is the Development and Communications Coordinator at South Alabama Land Trust, whose responsibility to future generations includes protecting the lands and water we depend upon. Diana has nearly 30 years of experience in public relations and marketing in Mobile and Baldwin counties, primarily in the areas of healthcare, tourism, and the arts.

### **Capt. Gary Finch Clean Water Alabama**

Gary, one of the founders of Clean Water Alabama, is a professional outdoorsman and conservationist from Fairhope, Alabama and the host of the syndicated outdoor program *Gary Finch Outdoors*. His background as an Eagle Scout and a Veteran pilot instilled, at an early age, the importance of long-term planning to ensure that we continue to preserve our natural resources.

## Keeping a Holy Lent

Ash Wednesday, this year on March 2, is the only time of the year that we come to the altar twice during one service—once for the imposition of ashes and the other to receive communion. And on this day we are all invited into the observance of a Holy Lent.

### Worship

Make worship a part of your Lenten disciple, not only on Sundays but during the week.

### Discernment

Take time to discern what God is calling you to do and to be within your Trinity community.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations will be available in Irving Hall all throughout Lent, in the Church during Holy Week, and in the Meadow on Good Friday.

### Reconciliation of a Penitent

This is one of our seven sacramental rites. See BCP 447. To make an appointment: [maryjayne@trinitymobile.org](mailto:maryjayne@trinitymobile.org).

### Lenten Series

Attend the five-week Lenten series on Wednesday nights to learn more about how to care for all that God has given us.

### Prayer Walking

Devote time for contemplation by walking the Labyrinth at 6:30 am each M/W/F.



- Ash Wednesday, March 2**  
**6:30 Prayer Walk in the Labyrinth**  
**Noon Imposition of Ashes in the Church and HE**  
**6 pm Imposition of Ashes in the Church and HE**
- Sundays in Lent, March 6,13,20,27; April 3**  
**8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Church**  
**9:15 Sunday School Upstairs Parish House**  
**9 to 10:15 Time Between in Irving Hall**  
**10:30 am Holy Eucharist in the Church and Facebook Live**
- Wednesdays in Lent, March 9,16,23,30; April 6**  
**6 pm Lenten Soup Dinners in Irving Hall**  
**6:30 pm Lenten Speaker Series: Creation Care**
- Reconciliation of a Penitent**  
**by appointment with the Rector**
- Stations of the Cross**  
**During Office Hours in Irving Hall,**  
**In the Church at 6 pm during Holy Week,**  
**In the Meadow on Good Friday**
- Every M/W/F at 6:30 am Prayer Walk meets in Labyrinth**
- 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**

## Men's Retreat at Beckwith March 4-6

There's still time to register. The theme for this weekend of faith and fellowship is Sacred Ground: Reconciliation and the Beloved Community presented by the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton, bishop of Maryland. Men's Conference founders Glenn Boom and Ed Rhoel will also be honored.

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## Women's Retreat at Beckwith April 8-9

Sponsored by DOK Bishop Russell will celebrate the Eucharist and preach Saturday morning. Plenty of space and time is allotted to visit with friends, make new friends, and just enjoy beautiful Beckwith. The retreat program focuses on prayer practices. Come ready to share different ways you like to pray—both alone and in groups. We will learn from each other!

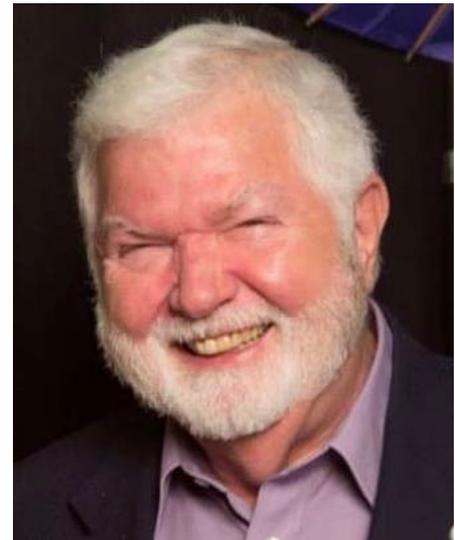
\$135 single room + meals;  
 \$110 double + meals; \$50 day only + 2 meals

To register click [HERE](#).

# Doolittle returns to Trinity

## Clint joins the staff as Director of Music

In January our Rector announced that Clinton Doolittle has accepted our invitation to serve as Trinity's new Director of Music. Clint, a native of Mobile and a Murphy graduate, earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton. For



nine years he served on The Lawrenceville School faculty. After returning to Mobile he earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of South Alabama. For 20 years he chaired the Music Department at Murphy High School and was Director of Choral Music, while serving as Trinity Church Organist/Choir Master until 2008. Active in the Mobile music community, Clint has been music director at Mobile Theater Guild, Joe Jefferson Players, and

Chickasaw Theater, and has worked with Mobile Opera. He returns to us most recently from the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.



Clint is cultivating the support of Trinity's Friends of Music and is making plans for special organ and music concerts and events

in the near future. In addition, he plans to revive our Handbell Choir after Easter. He will offer three terms: Post-Easter to May; September to Christmas; and Post-Christmas to Lent. If you are interested in joining the Handbell Choir, contact [clinton@trinitymobile.org](mailto:clinton@trinitymobile.org).



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the dynamic sermon  
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