
PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

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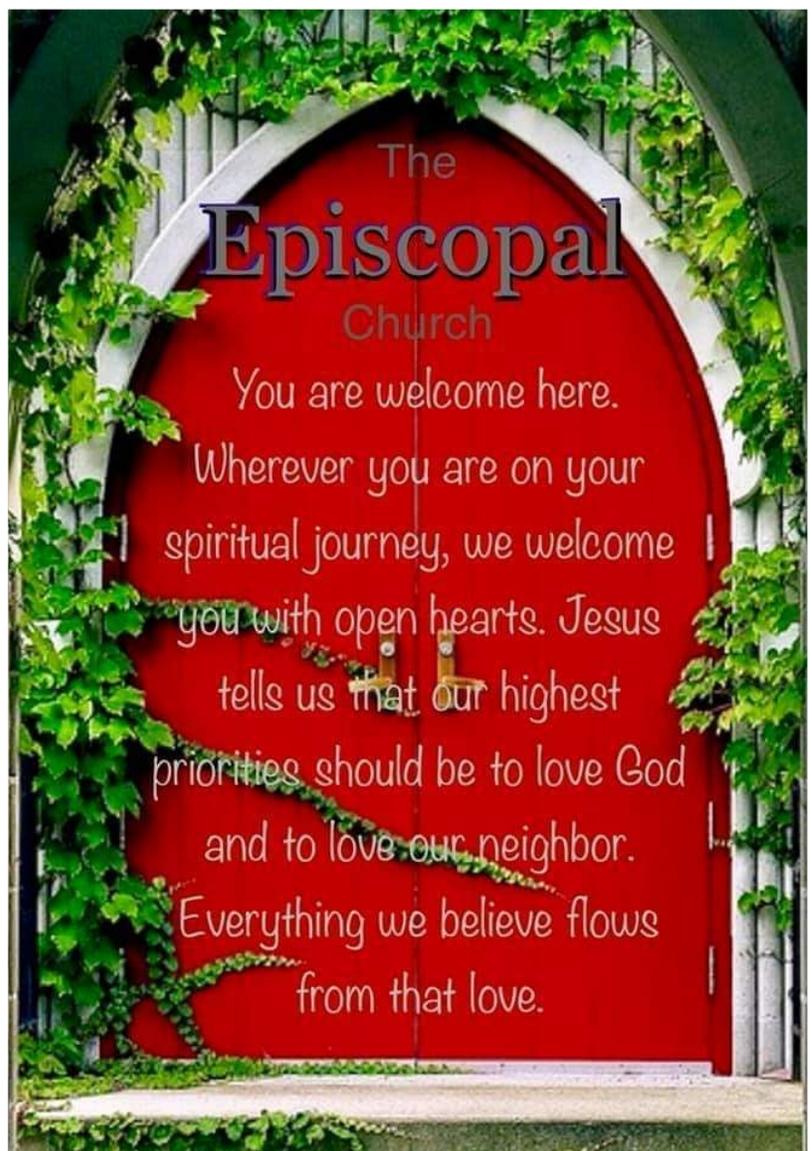
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9 to 3

Let's paint the town red!

Well, actually, just our front door. The tradition of the red front door of a church is deep in meaning. *Continued on Page 2.*



The Bishop is coming Trinity Sunday, May 30 for Confirmation

Bishop Russell Kendrick will be with us on our Feast Day, Trinity Sunday, which is on May 30. On that day we will worship together in **one service at 10 am**, which will also be broadcast on our Facebook page. Eleven of our Trinity family, who have been journeying through Inquirers' Class, will be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. A reception in their honor will follow the service. Please come to celebrate!

We ask your prayers for our inquirers who will be confirmed or received.

Matthew Bees

Grace Blaize

Rosie Blaize

Sarah Blankenship

Emily Blejwas

Addison Metcalfe

Bennett Pearce

Shane Sawyer

Beth Stepan

Seth Tagert

Roger Vance

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The tradition of red doors originated in England during the Middle Ages. If you were being pursued by someone, you would be safe if you could reach the red church door.

Pursuers could proceed no further, and victims knew that the red doors meant sanctuary, refuge, and safety. Persons who claimed sanctuary like this could state their case to the priest and ask for justice to be served. No one would dare commit violence on holy ground; furthermore, the Church didn't have to abide by civil law.



This centuries old tradition has several other meanings associated with it. Red symbolizes the sacrificial blood of Christ. Red is also a reminder of the Passover, and a sign of the Holy Spirit. The red doors also represented protection from spiritual evil. Bright red doors shine with welcoming warmth. They gleam like the tongues of fire at Pentecost and show the way to all who walk through them.

Today many Episcopal churches, as well as Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic, and others, paint their doors red to symbolize that they are a haven for emotional and spiritual healing and a place for forgiveness and reconciliation. In other words, red doors are an invitation to visitors to enter a space filled with love.

What a wonderful way for us to paint the town red—or at least the front door of our church—to symbolize to all who pass by on Dauphin Street that we are a welcoming, loving church to all people!

Our Vestry & Officers

Mike Cadden, Junior Warden

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Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Ben Harris, Chancellor

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior Warden

Marie Lacy

Steve Mussell

Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

David Quittmeyer

Carolyn Watts-Smith

The Parish Office and Food Pantry will be closed on Memorial Day

The Food Pantry will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

From our Rector

I'm pretty certain that you have noticed a lot of **red** in this issue! Well, that's because we're approaching the Day of Pentecost, one of the Principal Feasts observed in the Episcopal Church, along with Easter Day, Ascension Day, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, and The Epiphany. See your *Book of Common Prayer*, page 15.



The Day of Pentecost, a moveable feast, is on May 23 this year. We celebrate what we consider the birthday of the Church, when we hear in the Book of Acts (2.1-4) that all were filled with the Holy Spirit:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

I can't wait for us to be "together in one place" on the Day of Pentecost, when we wear red to symbolize the tongues of fire and the power of the Holy Spirit. Haven't you noticed the lovely weather—the wind, especially—we've experienced as we approach this holy day?

The physical wind—wild or calm—helps me to know that the Holy Spirit envelopes me and embraces me. I believe that here at Trinity the Holy Spirit is going crazy with joy and energy and excitement as we together continue to explore more deeply our relationships with God and our call to love and to serve others.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+

Pentecost is also Recognition Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday we will recognize and honor our graduating seniors and our fourth-grade children who have completed Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and are leaving the Atrium for Middle School Sunday Class.

Our Graduating Seniors

David Blaize

Katie Cade

Mallory Sims

Leaving the Atrium

Henry Corbett

John Gill

Natalie Hill

Madeline Tessier

Max Winstead

Thank you, Teachers!

Carol Evans

Anne Gill

John Goff

Elizabeth Hill

Youth will have two classes in the fall

This fall our older youth will participate in one of two Sunday School classes: one for middle schoolers and the other for high schoolers. If you feel called to help teach, guide, and nurture our youth, pray about it, then contact maryjayne@trinitymobile.org.

Our youth join others from the Diocese

Six of our youth traveled to St. Paul's, Daphne for an afternoon of fun with Episcopal youth from the Mobile/Baldwin county area. They competed in a scavenger hunt, participated in worship led by the Rev. John Talbert, and had a pizza dinner. New friends were made along with plans to meet together again soon!



Our youth begin serving as crucifers again

At the beginning of May crucifers began to lead our 10:30 procession again! Several of our youth have been called to serve in this way every Sunday. Leading the congregation into God's house of worship is a big responsibility, and our youth do so with reverence and commitment. We are grateful to these youth for their leadership: Daniel Gill, Philip Gill, Lauren Hill, Bennet Pearce, and Tanner Tessier. If you feel called to be a crucifer, ponder it in your daily prayers, then contact Deacon Terry for training, terry@trinitymobile.org.

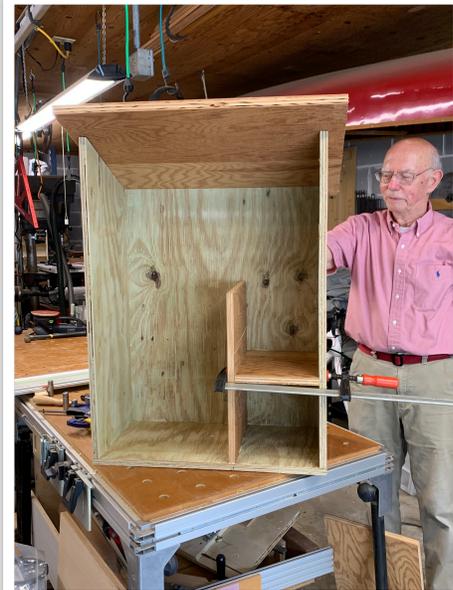


Creation Trail is open to everyone

On Rogation Sunday we asked God’s blessing on our new Creation Trail through the sweetest prayers that were written by our youth. The trail of 14 stations takes you from the Front Door of the Church along stops through the Memory Garden, then into the Meadow for the final seven stations. Thank you, Lauren, Daniel, Leo, Katie, Natalie, Rae, Jack, Philip, Mallory, Stan, Andrew, John, Roy, and William for your precious prayers, and thank you, Kate, for the wonderful video that all can view on our web site or our Facebook page.

Dr. McCall makes our welcome box

Thank you, Dan McCall, for building the welcome box for our new Creation Trail. The box will be installed near the entrance to the Church to greet any visitor, friend, or neighbor with a sign-in guest register, a laminated map of the trail, and an opportunity to make a prayer request. How exciting that we can share our wonderful open space with others!



Summer Worship Schedule

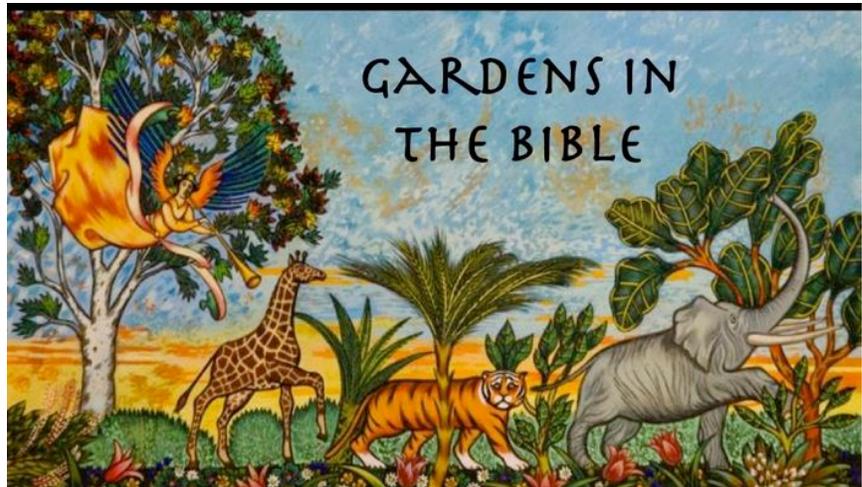
Our two-service Sunday worship schedule will continue throughout the summer and into the fall. Beginning in June Rite I will return to the spoken service at 8 o'clock. The 10:30 service will continue with music and Rite II. Coffee will be served between services, and in both June and July at 9:15 intergenerational fellowship and programs will be offered.

Music in July

During the month of July in between services, we will continue our discernment of our music program. We'll hear presentations from David Quittmeyer and other members of our Music Ministry Discernment Team. We'll get out the handbells again and learn creative ways to make a joyful noise together!

Wednesday Noonday Service ... Come!

All are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Noonday service of Holy Eucharist, and sometimes Noonday Prayer, as part of a disciplined daily prayer life. Right now the readings for this service follow the Daily Lectionary. Lectors and intercessors are those who attend that day.



Summer Bible Study in June for all ages in between services

Join Mother Mary Jayne in an exploration of the fascinating gardens in the Bible. On Sundays in June in between services we will journey through the rich passages that tell us more about God's relationship with us. Think about why and how God provides gardens to help us understand the importance of beauty, shelter, and sustenance. How are we called to be good stewards of our own gardens?

From the first book of the Bible in Genesis to the final book of the New Testament in Revelation, we'll unpack the stories of the Garden of Eden to the garden by the river of life near the tree of life—the heavenly Eden. We'll sit and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and we'll follow the lovers to their garden in the Song of Songs.

What comes from a biblical garden?

We'll explore biblical foods—fruits and nuts, vegetables and legumes, and seasonings, spices, and herbs. We'll seed some of these ourselves to start our own biblical garden! And we'll plan a biblical feast for later in the year when the fruits of our labor are ready!

Intergenerational Summer Bible Study details

Sundays in June: June 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:15 am in Irving Hall in between the 8 o'clock and 10:30

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate.

What is Operation Reclamation?

This campaign is designed to help us catch up with much of our deferred and needed maintenance on our campus. We are called to be good stewards of all that God has given us, and in October 2020 on retreat our Vestry adopted *Operation Reclamation*, vowing to reclaim our sacred spaces to the glory of God. By now you've probably seen the brochures in the bulletins for a few weeks. If not, you can find one [here](#) or on our web site. Thank you for those who have supported this effort so far. Because of your generosity, we have been able to repair the Church HVAC system and install the lightning protection system.

Does your pledge matter? Yes!

Your pledge is a sign of your commitment to the financial health of your Trinity home. You can pledge anytime by using these links. [Here](#) to print a pledge card. [Here](#) to read the letter from the Stewardship Committee. [Here](#) to learn about proportional giving. If you have questions contact our Finance Administrator, susan@trinitymobile.org.



I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.

- Lesbia Scott, 1929

As I sat in our beautiful sanctuary listening to Mary Jayne's Rogation Sunday message, I was reminded of all the opportunities we have at Trinity to know and love God and one another. I also thought about all the Trinity Saints who came before us.

They worked so hard giving of their time, talents, and treasures to build and maintain our beautiful church buildings and property—all for their love of God and their fellow parishioners. They were determined to pass on what God had blessed them with to future Trinity Saints—you and me.

We must not forget them! We should honor them by maintaining all that we have been given and all that we can give so that our future generations can also know the joy of God's love and all that they are enjoying now. The next time you are in the sanctuary and have a minute to look around, read the names of the Trinity Saints on the gorgeous stained glass windows and thank them for their gifts to us.

Your Finance Committee is working hard to make sure that we, as a congregation, appreciate and maintain these rich blessings we have inherited. In this spirit I ask that you please take a moment to read about our new capital improvement campaign *Operation Reclamation*.

Ask questions if you have any, and participate if you are able. This is just one way we can give thanks to the Trinity Saints who came before us and to assure that we are able to give our children and their children the Trinity blessings we now know and love.

Faithfully,
Pat Rodgers
Finance Committee Chair

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