



THE TRINITARIAN

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What's Going On With Our Space?

Throughout 2023-2024, the Building Committee and vestry conducted a series of listening sessions with the congregation concerning Trinity's physical home and our vision for ministry. Ongoing maintenance issues and the ministry priorities revealed by those meetings made it clear that our current building is insufficient for our current needs and for our future goals.

The Building Committee commissioned an architect to help us put abstract ideas onto paper. The drawings of that dream plan are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

A major aspect of that plan is that the grand vision be easily divided into Phases. Everyone involved understands that it is not reasonable to leap from our current situation to the end game in one step. Indeed, as we move forward, we may realize that the grandest drawings may not be the best thing as the realities of our ministry unfold.

Where does that leave us now?

First: In August, Robert Rubin with assistance from various folks applied for a diocesan grant to help fund a project linking Trinity's plumbing to the Town of Fuquay-Varina sewer system. Currently, the church relies on a septic system. As we all know, the septic system often cannot handle run-off from even moderate rain. Having a reliable sewer system is a vital requirement for Trinity even if we do not build a single additional building.

Second: At the August vestry meeting, your vestry discussed the possibilities of moving forward with a capital campaign to raise funds for Phase 1 of the plan. Reports from vestry members' conversations with the congregation suggest that there is still some confusion and hesitancy about what Trinity really needs and wants. Stay alert for opportunities to clarify Trinity's vision for the future so that we can step forward in faith and confidence.



Honor God's Blessings with Flowers

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the prayers of God's people are likened to a pleasing aroma to God. Each Sunday, a fresh bouquet of flowers stands behind the altar lifting a lovely aroma to God and symbolizing the new life in Christ.

Weekly flowers are paid for by parishioners and can be given in memory or thanks for people or blessings in our lives.

The sign up for altar flowers is on the bulletin board downstairs. Dates are listed for the entire year. If you would like to dedicate flowers, please sign up for the date you want, ONE NAME PER WEEK PLEASE. If you want flowers for a specific date, please sign up now. We have an arrangement with Harris Teeter to provide flowers for the church. The arrangement costs \$30.00. If you sign up for flowers, please pay \$30.00 to Trinity with a note that the money is "for flowers". Please remember to take the flowers home after the 10:30 am service.



A kind piece of advice posted in the Altar Guild room

Adult Christian Formation Resumes

Robert Rubin is once again offering a stimulating Adult Formation class Sunday mornings at 9:15.

We all probably know passages like these from Jesus's "Sermon on the Mount," chapters 5-7 of Matthew's Gospel:

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
- 'You shall not murder.'
- Whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
- 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
- Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
- If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.
- Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Some of Jesus's instructions here can seem confusing, troubling, and difficult to apply to our own lives. Should we really not fight back? Is my divorce wrong? Must I feel bad because I'm not poor? It often feels like each verse raises more questions than it answers! But maybe reading this as if it's a list of things to feel guilty about misses Jesus's point.

In this 8-week Bible study, with PowerPoint presentations, we'll carefully read and discuss Matthew's text, study the context and language of the Sermon, and I'll lead a discussion based on my own reading, bringing in handouts and showing videos that will give us ways to approach Jesus's message. Maybe each verse is supposed to raise those questions! Maybe the "obvious" meaning isn't the right one! Please join me in trying to come to terms with what's in the message . . . and what's not. There will be no required reading, other than Matthew 5-7 itself.

Discussion Schedule (subject to change):

- 9/7 — A one-day tour of the Sermon on the Mount
- 9/14 — The Beatitudes, Part I: Who's Blessed, and Why?
- 9/21 — The Beatitudes, Part II: Am I Pure of Heart?
- 9/28 [no class this week]
- 10/5 — "Thou Shalt Not Kill Murder"
- 10/12 — Is Not Resisting the Evil Doer Suicidal?
- 10/19 — How . . . and How Not . . . to Pray
- 10/26 [no class this week]
- 11/2 — Slaves and Masters in the 21st Century
- 11/9 — Judges and False Prophets



Let Us Pray For You.

Prayer is an integral part of our daily life. Your contemplations, concerns, thanksgivings, and celebrations can be daily prayers.

We know and trust that God hears all prayers: those that are spoken and those that are kept close to the heart.

Email your prayer request to:
trinitypray4me@yahoo.com

Please note that this is a new email address.

The Daughters of the King will lift up your requests in prayer for 30 days unless otherwise specified. All requests are confidential.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Blessings Thrift Shop Needs Your Help

Blessings Thrift Shop is celebrating 10 years of serving Angier and surrounding areas. They offer food, clothing, household items, prayer, and spiritual encouragement to those in need. They are currently located in the same shopping strip as Carolina Butcher Shop and Harvey John's Steakhouse on N. Raleigh St. in Angier. (Just a hop, skip, and jump down the street from Sunni Skies.)

They are able to offer help to those in need by keeping their overhead costs low, and that means relying on volunteer labor.

Blessing Thrift Shop is looking for 5 folks to make a weekly commitment to a certain day or time, even if just for an hour.

If you can help out in this way, call Katharine Alden at 919-696-1288



Good Job, Pledgers!

Each month, the church Treasurer, Robert Rubin, presents a report to the vestry. This report--as well as minutes of vestry meetings--have always been available to the congregation. As we look forward to a time of fundraising for expanding our ministry, the vestry thought it would be good to be more intentional about sharing the financial health of Trinity.

The vestry had approved a deficit budget for 2025; however, through July, we are not experiencing an actual deficit situation. One reason for that is people who have pledged to Trinity are up to date making their contributions. Keep up the good work!

Total Income Jan-Jul: \$79,533.71

Total Expenses Jan-Jul: \$71,596.33



How to Check Your Online Giving

As we begin the new year and enter a fresh season of pledging, it's a good idea to check your online giving settings. Perhaps you raised your pledge, or you want to ensure that the correct amount is being donated. Here's how to do it:

1. Go to <https://gyve.io/give/trinityfuquay>
2. Click on "recurring gift" (or any option really)
3. Login to your Gyve account using the email and password from when you signed up.
4. In left hand menu bar, click "Scheduled"
5. Click "edit" to modify your monthly donation.
6. Click on "Accounts" to modify or remove credit card information or bank information.
7. Click on "Sign Out" when finished.

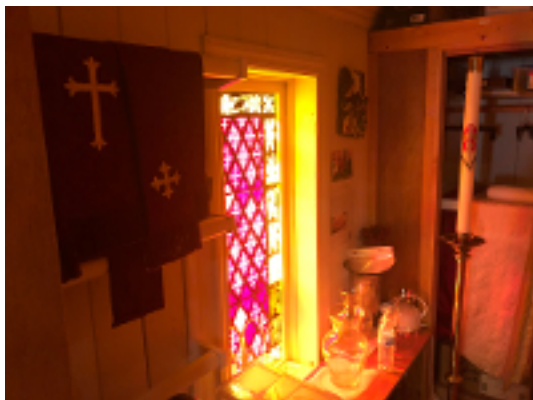
September Birthdays



Sept 1	Patrick Yount
Sept 6	Annette Damey
Sept 9	Kathryn Cox
Sept 10	Ken Jarvis
Sept 27	Julie Toy
Sept 28	Annabel Wingler
Sept 30	Jeff McGhee

**If we missed your birthday or have the wrong date, please email
srwarden@trinityfuquay.org**

The Altar Guild Wants You



Everyone enjoys the beauty of Trinity's services. None of this happens magically. The Altar Guild keeps the sanctuary in a state of readiness for worship.

The activities are not hard or time consuming. The camaraderie can't be beat. There are many different ways to participate, and some can be done in the comfort of your home.

Experienced Altar Guild members are ready to mentor one and all.

Please consider joining this vital ministry for our church. Contact **Grace Kern** (teachichs1@gmail.com or 973-632-4716) for more information.



CLASSICAL CONCERT SERIES 2025-2026



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 AT 3PM
OAK CITY BRASS
Old, New, Borrowed, Blue



NOVEMBER 2, 2025 AT 3PM
SOLOMON EICHNER
Pops and Classical Fusion



JANUARY 25, 2026 AT 3PM
DUO ROMANTICO
The Guitar, a Historic Perspective

MARCH 15, 2026 AT 3PM
CHRISSY RICKER AND JACOB GROFF
America: Celebrating 250 Years

Tickets:
\$18/Adults \$15/Seniors \$12/Students



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The Trinitarian needs YOU.

The newsletter is only as interesting as YOU make it.

Anyone can contribute content to *The Trinitarian*. Celebrate life events with your church family: anniversaries of important events in your life, new jobs, remembrances of God's work in your life, new opportunities, blessings, etc.

Don't worry if you think your writing skills aren't ready for primetime, the editor will be happy to massage the knots out of any tense prose.

Please email all news and articles to **Todd Truffin at tctruffin@gmail.com** (Pictures make the newsletter more interesting!) **The deadline for inclusion is the 20th of each month.**

Sunday Worship

Meeting in person at 8:30am and 10:30am every Sunday.

The 10:30am Service is LIVEstreamed on our **YouTube** channel **TECFV**.
<https://www.youtube.com/@tecfv-trinityepiscopalchur8313>

You can also view past services there whenever you would like.

