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Outreach Highlight: Angier Food Pantry

Trinity has a long tradition of supporting the Angier Food Pantry. Since 2012, we have collected food to be delivered to the pantry, and the outreach program supports them financially. Several members of our congregation volunteer their time at the pantry.



When they were first in operation, the city of Angier provided a rent-free space to the food pantry; however, a few years ago, they were asked to vacate the free space and are now paying rent on the space they use. When they began paying rent, Trinity stepped in and began providing financial assistance to help with their overhead expenses.

The support that Trinity provides to the Angier Food Pantry allows them to continue to assist members of the community who are dependent on such support to provide for their families.

The Outreach Committee will meet Feb 5th at 10 am via ZOOM to address how our outreach program will move forward in 2022 to support the Angier Food Pantry and all of our other projects. Check your email for a link to the meeting. I hope to see you there.

--Donna Wooten

February Birthdays



2/1 Judy Stewart
2/7 Frank Bowles
2/9 Jack McGhee
2/9 Ellie Yamamoto
2/10 Wendy Cranford
2/14 Angela Norris
2/16 Nancy Joy Barthelmy
2/18 Chad Wingler
2/21 Dylan Stewart
2/25 Annette Stowe

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

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:
prayerrequest@trinityfuquay.org

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



Yes, We Do Have a Building Fund

At the beginning of the Rector search process, our Vestry surveyed the congregation. 43 people responded. One of the most frequent topics raised was our lack of facilities: "too small, no classrooms, inadequate kitchen, not easy for handicapped to get around, etc." There was also a recognition of changes in the area around us: new subdivisions nearby, the impending new middle school across the street; the planned widening of S. Main Street that will cut into our front yard. The respondents were interested in having our Vestry initiate planning for a larger facility of some type.



However, while undeniably important, the building issues were not the top of the priority list. The change from a mission congregation to a parish was an important, long-awaited first step. The calling of our first Rector was another important step. Returning to in-person services will be a third step. Once we settle into our next chapter, we will know which families we might have lost during the COVID years, and what new families have chosen to join us.

At that point, our Vestry and Rector will be in a position to look toward Trinity's future. They might come up with a 3-5 year plan. Or a 10-15 year plan. Whatever the plan, a new building will certainly be needed. And somewhere down the road, there will likely be a drive to fund any building.

To that end, some of our congregation have begun to grow a building fund. At the end of December, 2020, the balance was \$37,690.63. At the end of



Grades 1 thru 6

Lessons are now available online at
<https://www.trinityfuquay.org/sunday-school>

Angier Food Pantry Needs:

Breakfast Cereal
Rice

Please drop off any donations at the church.

The Food Pantry is also looking for volunteers to collect, sort and pack food.

December, 2021, the balance had grown to \$56,022.98, about a 50% increase. Seed money that can sprout and grow! Some have made contributions in memory of a family member. Some have made contributions to honor a birthday, or graduation, or another special event. Some perhaps have made a contribution out of unexpected income (a lottery winner?), and some the Spirit has moved to the tithing level of support for Trinity. Others have made contributions just because they know a new building will be needed in the future. A few of you know that I have a file of jokes. One group of jokes is about religion and churches. The punch line of one gem is a response to the oft-asked question, "But where is the money for a new building going to come from?" One old man said, "Much of it is already here. It's just that it's now in your pockets instead of in our Building Fund."

I may not be around long enough to see a new building at Trinity occupied. But I might just see it under construction. And I hope to see another increase close to 50% in the 2022 growth in our building fund.

God's Peace to all of you. I am looking forward to a resumption of in-person services.

--Bob Williams



Sonnet Sequence with Todd Truffin

Youth Sunday

*16th Street Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama*



This morning's already good--summer's
cooling, Addie chattering like a magpie--
but today we are leading the congregation.
Ain't *that* a fine thing! All in white *like angels*,
they'll be sighing when we appear at the pulpit
and proclaim "Open your hymnals--"
Addie, what's the page number again?
Never mind, it'll be posted. I think. I hope.
Hold still, Carole, or else this sash will never
sit right! There. Now you do mine.
Almost eleven. I'm ready. My, don't we look--
what's that word the Reverend used in
last Sunday's sermon? Oh, I got it: *ethereal*.

--Rita Dove (2021)

Presbyterian theologian Frederick Buechner suggests that one thing that art does is put a frame around a moment so that we can better pay attention to something that might get missed. The lesson to "Stop, Look, and Listen is also the most basic lesson that the Judeo-Christian tradition teaches us" Buechner argues, reminding us that in order to love our neighbors, "before doing anything else we must see our neighbors."

Other excellent poems have been written about the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. Dove's "Youth Sunday" helps me see the girls who were killed that day. There is a time to consider the larger historical impacts of that day. This poem makes sure we remember that, like the poem itself which is "missing" a line, at the heart of this event were 4 girls whose lives were violently cut short. Let us remember Addie, Carole, Carol, and Cynthia.

Here's Your Chance to Provide Altar Flowers!

Now that some are meeting in person and others are worshipping online, the opportunity to dedicate flowers for the altar is open.

For those who wish to participate, please email **Annette Stowe (annette@annetestowe.com)** at least 2 weeks in advance.

In the email please include the desired date, name of donor(s), reason for dedication (in memory of . . . , in honor of . . . , in thanksgiving for , , . to the glory of God . . .etc) , and indicate who will be picking up the flowers after the Sunday service.

Then mail a check for \$25 to Trinity Episcopal Church and indicate "flowers" on the memo line. Please contact Annette to sign up or if there are any questions.



The Altar Guild Needs YOU.

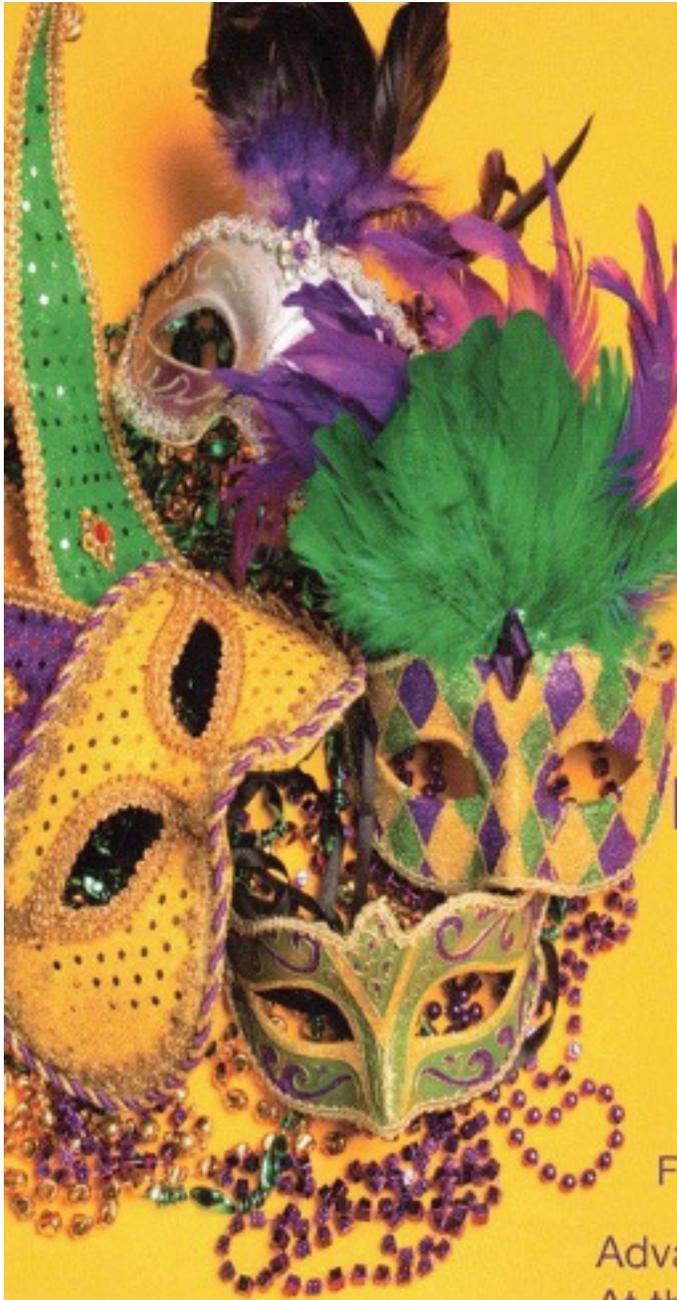
In this month's newsletter Deacon Bob writes about the challenge churches in the diocese are facing getting volunteers to do the work done prior to the pandemic. You've also heard Mother Susan speak about the need for Altar Guild workers.

The Altar Guild keeps the sanctuary in a state of readiness for worship.

The activities are not hard; the reward is immeasurable; and the camaraderie can't be beat. There are many options to participate. Experienced Altar Guild members are ready to mentor one and all.

Please consider joining this vital ministry for our church. Contact **Edna Gaston (ladybug.gang@gmail.com)** for more information or to volunteer, . Can we count on YOU?





FACES

Mardi Gras Masquerade Celebration

March 1, 2022
6:30 - 9pm
Cleveland
Draft House

1420 E Broad St.
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Advanced Tickets: **\$12.50**

At the Door: **\$15.00**

For Advance Ticket Mail Check to:
P.O. Box 1857
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
email: chair@faces-cares.org

Celebration Includes:
Hors D'oeuvre, Dessert, Soft Drinks
Cash Bar
Music by DJ Gino
Raffle & Silent Auction



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Let Us Know What's Happening

The Trinitarian is one way we communicate what's going on in our little patch of the Jesus Movement. You don't have to be an official leader of a Church Ministry to submit news to *The Trinitarian*. If God is doing something amazing in your corner of the world, we want to hear about it. If a member of your family is serving God outside the church walls, we want to hear about it. If you hear about an opportunity to minister to the community, we want to hear about it. If you are celebrating an important milestone or achievement...you guessed it, we want to hear about it.

Don't worry if you think your writing skills aren't "newsworthy," the editor will be happy to massage the knots out 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

Services are LIVEstreamed on our **YouTube** channel every Sunday Morning at 10:15am.

Subscribe to TECFV on YouTube. You can also view past services whenever you would like.

