



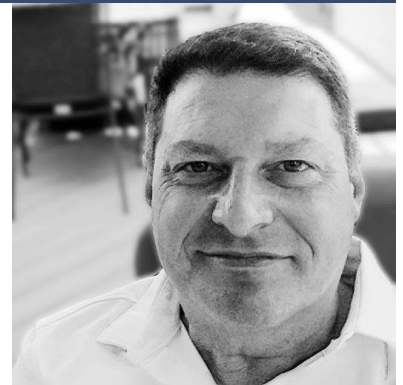
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## The Doors Are Now Open!

### Great news, Trinity!

As the Omicron variant wave peaked a few weeks back, the positive test rate numbers continue to fall to an acceptable level which enables us to return to church in person.

We will be re-opening in-person worship on **February 27th for the 10:15am service.**



We pray and hope that we can continue to stay open.

Here are factors in our favor:

1. Positive test rate under 10%
2. Omicron infection is like a mild cold in the vaccinated.
3. Masks will continue to be worn in church due to singing
4. Our church space will be sanitized before every service
5. Hand sanitizer is available
6. Bread-only communion for the time being
7. Downstairs stream for those who want to be socially distanced
8. Better weather is imminent and inevitable!

*What about the 8am service?*

As you know, we are a church in transition. So, while we complete that

process, I want to thank our regular 8 o'clockers for all of the patience they have displayed. We would like to have Rev. Bob start at Trinity and most importantly, get settled in the area, which will take us two or three weeks into March after which time we can reinstate the 8am service, assuming we are still on a path too seeing Covid off!

In peace,  
Martin Steel  
Sr. Warden

## Important Dates in March

### **March 2: Ash Wednesday**

Rev. Bob Henderson's first official service! In-person service and stream at 7pm. Drive-through ashes from 5-6:30pm for those watching at home.

### **March 5: Special Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina**

Rev. Bob Henderson, Kate Reichert, and Alex Lamont will represent Trinity in Winston-Salem. The purpose of this special convention is to consider the adoption of a mission strategy for the diocese. You can read more at <https://www.episdionc.org/mission-strategy/>

### **March 6: Rev. Bob Henderson's first Sunday**

We are excited to welcome Rev. Bob to Trinity, and will celebrate with a brunch following the service.

### **March 27: Celebrating the ministry of Rev. Susan Keedy**

Noon to 3pm in Holly Springs. Invitations will be mailed.

### **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.

# Outreach Focus: FACES

This month, the Outreach Committee highlights FACES. **Family and Community Empowerment Services** (FACES) is a nonprofit that many of you are familiar with. Trinity has a years-long tradition of supporting them with both volunteers and financial assistance.



Since 1964, FACES has provided emergency financial assistance, information, and referrals for families in the communities of Fuquay-Varina and Willow Spring experiencing crisis situations related to shelter, utilities, and other basic human needs.

Today, FACES helps more people who have lost jobs and simply cannot find work or have reduced work hours than ever before. Many come in to apply for financial assistance for the very first time.

In 2021, FACES assisted 110% above what they normally assist; most of which were first time Clients. In the beginning of 2021, some clients were starting off the year with high utility bill balances that were not exempt from the moratorium for protection, so these clients fell through this crack in the system. Many people were also told that they did not qualify for assistance, even though they were qualified. Nevertheless, they were responsible for their bills until they were able to prove their qualification. In addition to this problem, there were issues with the Government Assistance program for rental and utility assistance, problems figuring out how to disperse the funds, and a computer glitch that prevented payments. The result is a long backlog in government assistance coming through, and some of these folks continue to struggle today as they are waiting for the backlog to clear.

FACES is solely supported by donations from area churches, businesses, and individuals and the dedication of many community volunteers. They assist more families than ever, and because of the problems people, and businesses who generally support us are facing due to the pandemic, FACES is looking at reduced funding. This has prompted creative ways to raise funds, one of which is the Mardi Gras Celebration planned for March 1st. (It is a masquerade party) Please join FACES at the Cleveland Draft house in

Fuquay for a fun time.

Tickets for the event are available from Board Members (Me, Donna Wooten!) for \$12.50 each which covers the cost of finger foods, deserts, and refreshments. The fundraiser part is a silent auction of donated items valued anywhere from \$10 to \$1000. So come join with FACES, have a fun evening, and bid on some of our auction items. I am sure we have something that will appeal to everyone. You may get a bargain; FACES will hopefully make some money; and a few more families may be able to keep their lights on next month.

Thank you to all of the Trinity family members who support FACES, and I hope to see you behind that Mardi Gras mask on March 1st.

A vertical poster for a Mardi Gras Masquerade Celebration. The background is yellow. On the left, there are several colorful Mardi Gras masks (purple, green, gold) and a string of purple and gold beads. The text is on the right side. At the top, 'FACES' is written in large purple letters. Below it, 'Mardi Gras Masquerade Celebration' is written in a cursive font. The date and time 'March 1, 2022 6:30 - 9pm' and the location 'Cleveland Draft House' are listed. The address '1420 E Broad St. Fuquay Varina, NC 27526' is below that. Ticket prices 'Advanced Tickets: \$12.50' and 'At the Door: \$15.00' are listed. Below the ticket prices, it says 'Celebration Includes: Hors D'oeuvre, Dessert, Soft Drinks, Cash Bar, Music by DJ Gino, Raffle & Silent Auction'. At the bottom left is the FACES logo with the text 'FACES' and 'Foster and Community Engagement Services' below it. At the bottom right is the Triangle Community Foundation logo with the text 'triangle community FOUNDATION' and 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE' below it. At the very bottom, it says 'M Jack Dorothy S Stephenson Fund'.



# We Need Mowers!!

Trinity parishioners -- we currently have a 3-person rota for mowing the lawns, but we would like to double it so each person only has to mow every 6 or so weeks! Think about the therapeutic and relaxing value of sitting on a riding mower, in the glorious outdoors, listening to your music or a audible book or just contemplating God's creation while doing an invaluable ministry. Instruction will be provided.

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# Giving thanks for Mother Susan

With the March 27th celebration approaching, we need a final push for donations to complete Trinity's appreciation for the ministry of Mother Susan Keedy. Please send checks to the church with "Mother Susan Gift" in the memo line, or drop your check in the plate over the next few Sundays in person, or go to <https://www.trinityfuquay.org/online-giving-pushpay> to give online.



# March Birthdays



3/5 Sherry Truffin  
3/17 Claire Smith  
3/21 Diane Messer  
3/25 Johnathan McGhee  
3/29 Dennis Marchant

**If we missed your birthday or have the wrong date, please email  
[srwarden@trinityfuquay.org](mailto: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](mailto: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*

# Lift a Sweet Aroma to the Lord

Flowers on the altar not only look beautiful, they also add to the full sensory experience of worship. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, email **Annette Stowe ( [annette@annettestowe.com](mailto:annette@annettestowe.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.

## You Need the Altar Guild. The AG needs YOU!

Everyone enjoys the beauty of Trinity's services. Everything is ready and in its place as the organ begins to play. 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 reward is immeasurable, and 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 **Edna Gaston ( [ladybug.gang@gmail.com](mailto:ladybug.gang@gmail.com) or 336-592-1157 )** for more information or to volunteer. Can we count on YOU?



# Sonnet Sequence with Todd Truffin

"All the kingdoms of the world"  
by Malcolm Guite (2012)

'So here's the deal and this is what you get:  
The penthouse suite with world-commanding views,  
The banker's bonus and the private jet,  
Control and ownership of all the news,  
An "in" to that exclusive one percent,  
Who know the score, who really run the show,  
With interest on every penny lent  
And sweeteners for cronies in the know.  
A straight arrangement between me and you,  
No hell below or heaven high above,  
You just admit it, and give me my due  
And wake up from this foolish dream of love...'  
But Jesus laughed, 'You are not what you seem.  
Love is the waking life, you are the dream.'



Anglican poet-priest Malcolm Guite demonstrates the power of the closing two lines of a Shakespearean sonnet in this poem about the third temptation of Christ in the desert. As we enter into Lent, we might consider how power tempts us. The temptation is not just about personal comfort; imagine all the good you could do in the world if you had just influence in the right places. Guite allows the tempter 12 full lines to make his offer, to outline all the enticements that he offers.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the devil offers Jesus the world if only he will "fall down and worship me" (4:9). Guite translates this as a denunciation of love. If God is love (1 John 4:7-8), then worshipping the devil is a turning away from love. And it is at the end of his offer that the foolish devil overplays his hand. At the instant the devil tells him that love is a dream, Jesus, Son of Love, takes over. In the stinging retort that the couplet of a Shakespearean sonnet is known for, Jesus reminds the devil that it is love that gives life abundantly (John 10:10). May this Lent help us to identify false promises of earthly power and wake to love.



# The Trinitarian needs YOU.

Trinity will grow stronger if we all see how various parts of our community promote the Jesus Movement.

**You don't have to be an official leader of a Church Ministry to submit news to *The Trinitarian*.** 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. **We need to hear about God working in your lives!**

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](mailto: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.

