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## A Word from Mother Susan

My dear Trinity family,

I know that we have all missed gathering for worship these past eight months. Some of us have especially missed being able to receive communion.



As you know, we are celebrating the Eucharist on our virtual service on the first Sunday of each month. So, I am inviting you to join me for communion on Sunday, November 1 which is All Saints Day.

We will still have the virtual service just like we do each Sunday at which I will consecrate bread for each of us.

Then, between 11:15 and 12:30, you can come to the church to receive your communion outdoors in front of the church.

Everyone must wear a mask, and we will observe social distancing.

I can't wait to see you then. Susan+

# A Word From The Senior Warden

We have produced over 35 online services at Trinity since the COVID-19 pandemic stole everyone's attention back in March. Is God testing our physical endurance and faith in Him? I believe so. We are challenged to find new ways to communicate or a new level of frequency against this backdrop, and we rise to the challenge with our faith intact.

We will get through this. But in a strange way it has also been a blessing. God is telling us to take better care of each other and to always have a plan. The pandemic has caused us to reconnect in different ways, but to reconnect all the same. Families, church members, friends are checking up on each other, reconnecting using Skype and Zoom, and regenerating a sense of family and community.

We hope we are connecting with our streaming services. For a small church like Trinity, we are blessed to be able to find a way to make it happen. We recognize that it's not ideal for everyone, especially those who don't have computers, and we continue to look into ways to improve.

As an example, if you own a Smart TV, you own a computer! Smart TVs are able to install internet applications and some are equipped with internet browsers. If you own a Smart Phone, you have internet capability. You can navigate to [Trinityfuquay.org](http://Trinityfuquay.org) and watch the service. Also, we now have our own YouTube channel. If your phone or TV has a YouTube app, you can subscribe to our channel and view services that way as well.

We have been running the collective ZOOM Service on Sundays for some months now. It is not without technical difficulties. Every household that joins is using a different computer in age, capability, speed and operating system, and every household has different internet "Bandwidth" or speed depending on who is providing the service and how many devices are connected to the service at anyone time. Your WIFI operates on "Channels," so even your neighbors may be operating their WIFI on similar channels and that can impact your performance.

Incredibly, despite these challenges, our church services have had 1,184 total views, averaging 34 households of one or more persons for each service.

Please let us know the quality of the streaming at your home location. We would like to experiment and get your feedback so we can fine tune the delivery of the services. We cannot do it without your input. Please email me at [srwarden@trinityfuquay.org](mailto:srwarden@trinityfuquay.org) with ANY input!



# A Word From The Editor

Greetings, Church!

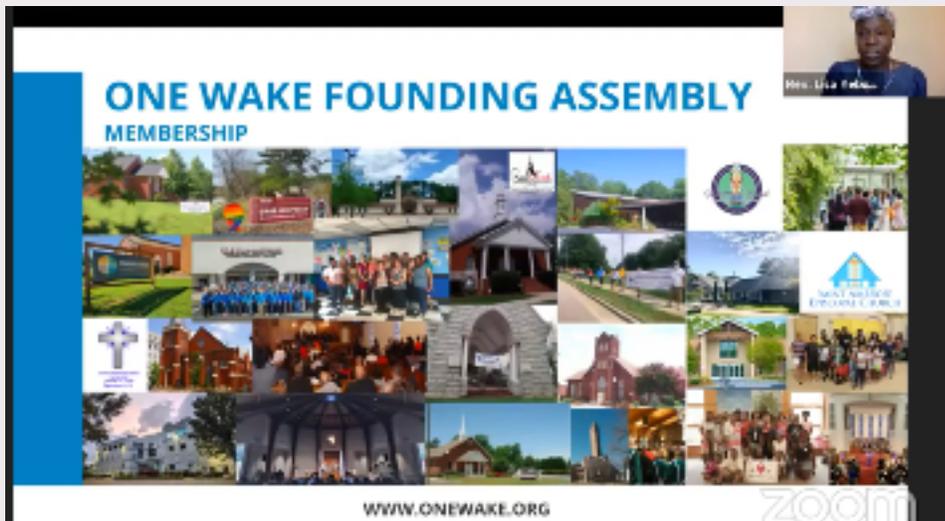
Last month, I assumed the responsibility of producing The Trinitarian because our amazing Senior Warden was working himself to exhaustion for the good of our church. I did yearbook layout back in the day when we literally cut and pasted items with scissors and rubber cement, and I used the first Apple Mac layout program. This means that in the realm of foggy theory, I might have an idea how to do this work :-)

If you have any news, announcements, or other items that you would like to share with the church, please email it to either Martin ([srwarden@trinityfuquay.org](mailto:srwarden@trinityfuquay.org)) or myself ([tctruffin@gmail.com](mailto:tctruffin@gmail.com)). **The deadline is the 20th of each month.**

The Trinitarian will be as interesting as you make it! See you in the funny papers... Todd Truffin



# ONE Wake Founding Assembly a Success!



On Tuesday, October 13, 3,168 people representing 42 dues paying religious and non-profit member institutions turned out virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live to support the public launch of ONE Wake.

The launch was the culmination of four years of patient, old fashioned community organizing led by leaders from institutions across Wake County. Over the last four years, ONE Wake has: trained thousands of leaders in the universals of community organizing; engaged 3,300 people in listening sessions to create a grassroots agenda; and organized membership dues commitments of \$112,000 in 2020 (.05% operating budget per member institution), which will increase to at least \$224,000 in 2021 (1% operating).

On Tuesday night ONE Wake won recognition and generated important initial public commitments from top decision makers on issues related to affordable housing, living wage jobs, and education:

- ONE Wake leaders gained public commitments from John Kane, CEO of Kane Realty, and from Raleigh Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin to work with ONE Wake to discuss specific ways in which Downtown South (a large, proposed development) can benefit, and not harm, all communities.
- 7 of 11 candidates for the Board of County Commissioners agreed to work with ONE Wake in championing the construction of affordable housing on county owned land;
- Hours prior to the meeting ONE Wake leaders got word from that the Director of the NC State Property Office has agreed to meet to discuss how land owned by the state of North Carolina in Wake County could also be used for affordable housing development;
- NC Attorney General Josh Stein agreed to address predatory lending practices impacting over 200 families who live at a Cary mobile home park. Stein also committed to penalize landlords who illegally evict tenants during the CDC eviction moratorium;
- ONE Wake members announced the post-election launch of a listening campaign to engage 1,000 stakeholders on education, and our plan to engage the Wake County Schools Superintendent and School Board in public conversations about the best way to address the needs that will be identified;

If you are interested in serving on Trinity's Core Team or would like further information on being involved with Trinity and ONE Wake, please contact Karen Teague at [kteague1988@gmail.com](mailto:kteague1988@gmail.com)

# Are We There Yet?

We've all been **there**! Driving down the road, whether towards a destination known, or somewhere new, when we hear those annoying words from the back seat, "Are we **there** yet?" Wherever we are headed, "**there**" implies that we are on the move to someplace or something. This destination can bring fear, anxiety, excitement, joy, or a wonderful blending of all four.

Today, we may be asking ourselves, "Are we **there** yet?" as we travel this unknown road called COVID-19. We knew where we were before this pandemic, where we belonged. But needing to close our church doors to keep everyone safe, it may seem as if this journey will never end. When will we get **there**, to the other side of this epidemic? Are we **there** where, once again, we can connect in person with our fellow church members?

As stressful as these months have been, in tension there is hope. There is hope because God's people remember that we are not alone. God is omnipresent in our lives regardless of our situation. Having experienced being in this fearful place, we have the possibility of coming out as better Christians. When we finally get "**there**," Trinity Church will be more important than ever in our personal journey.

God guided our leadership to introduce new ways to worship, new opportunities to support our community, and new ways to continue His work. We have learned how to use technology to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship with our church family. None of this would have been possible without you. Your generous financial support has enabled us to grow. We are on the road together.

I invite you to consider the words in the pledge campaign logo for 2021. Each word clearly defines who we were before COVID-19. These words continue to reflect who we **are** as a church during this experience and will continue to be when we get to the end of our journey.



We respond to God's unfailing love for us by giving generously of our first fruits, being content with what we have, being stewards of our time and strength, and by providing for the poor.

Jesus taught us that God is a constant and abundant provider of all our needs. May your pledge reflect a measure of God's generosity to you and be grounded in your faith, love, and commitment to continue building God's kingdom here on earth.

As a committed and valued member of Trinity Church, we invite you to prayerfully consider completing the online pledge card for 2021 by visiting <https://www.trinityfuquay.org/pledge-online>

Take time to reflect and to pray, listening to God and seeing His hand at work.

We are not **there** yet, but we're on our way. Through giving, we strengthen faith, serve Christ, serve others, and more clearly communicate our gratitude, enhancing the opportunity for individual and collective joy.

Together in Christ,

# My Early Voting Experience - Deacon Bob

## A PRAYER WHILE WAITING TO VOTE

by The Episcopal Public Policy Network:

Gracious God,

Be with us as we enter the line to our polling place. Help us to remember the great cloud of witnesses around us; that our ancestors' dreams and struggles are why we vote; that our vote matters, and we are walking by faith. Though it may be hot, or cold, though it may rain or it may be sunny and turn to night, give us strength not to give up. We know you are with us. Our dreams and passions guide us to vote, for ourselves, for our communities, and for those who cannot vote. Help us to vote faithfully. Help us to walk with you. Help us to walk in love. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Founding Assembly for ONE Wake, in addition to their three core missions of affordable housing, education reform and minimum wage improvements, ONE Wake announced a get out the vote campaign.

I'm one of those people who usually votes on election day as early as the polls open. After all the fuss about ballot insecurity and election fraud, it was delightful to hear ONE Wake's positive messages designed to get every voter, regardless of party affiliation, to do their civic duty.

Couple the positive messaging with the risk of exposure to COVID-19 along with both of us in the compromised immune system category, and, Cyn and I decided we would vote early this year.

But, I did so with trepidation. I was used to a tense atmosphere at the polling station, poll workers serious about the business of voting and serious about avoiding any confrontations with the voters to the point of over stressing the rules.

Even when we went when the polls opened, there was always a line to get the voters to the ballots and the ballots into the scanner with voters standing on top of each other.

What a difference there was this year at the W. O. Council Gym! In spite of the rain, the poll workers were congenial and helpful while gently enforcing the rules. They were masked, and there seemed to be a genuine concern with the people who were voting as well as with following the rules. The voters were friendly, masked and maintained social distancing while waiting to vote. The instructions were clear and the ballots were secure right into the scanner.

Even when my wife had a problem with her ballot, the poll workers were clear with instructions and the problem with the ballot was rectified and her vote counted. When we returned to the parking lot, people were still courteous, letting cars get out of the packed lot and back onto the street with as little difficulty as possible.

I found the whole scene fascinating. With the acrimony in the political races so far, people could rise above party affiliation and pandemic to behave with civility and care for each other. Thank you poll workers and fellow voters. Thank you, Lord, for turning my trepidation into your joy.

I pray that this may be a new beginning where everyone recognizes the responsibility and the honor of voting for the candidate of their choice. Maybe this is a sign that there is hope for a brighter tomorrow when we put caring for each other first and party politics a socially acceptable distance away.

Deacon Bob, TSSF



# 4 WAYS TO GIVE



## GIVING BY CHECK

***Drop your check in the church mailbox or mail it to Trinity Episcopal, 1128 S Main St, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526***



## ONLINE GIVING

***This is the simplest and most secure way to give.***  
We process online transactions both through checking or savings accounts and through all major debit/credit cards.

**CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE**



## MOBILE GIVING

***Download the GivePlus mobile app*** from your app store, search 27526 and select Trinity. Click the donate button and register. Add checking or savings, debit or credit card.



## TEXT GIVING

***Text the dollar amount you wish to give,*** for example: 50, to 844-952-2166 and follow the prompts to enter a credit/debit card

**STEP BY STEP HELP**

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# Sonnet Sequence



The Gospel readings for Pentecost 25 shows us Jesus stating that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. The month of November begins with All Saints' Day on which we remember others and includes Christ the King Sunday on which we celebrate the sovereignty of God Our Savior. Anglican priest Malcom Guite unites these remembrances in a series of sonnets about these feast days. His poem "The Feast of Christ the King" wallows in the mystery of the King who is seen in "the least of these" (Matt. 25:40). For now, I point our attention to the All Saints' Day poem "The Gathered Glories."

Guite opens with Paul's dark glass (1 Cor. 13:12) and intensifies the image of human inadequacy by emphasizing glass's brittleness. That shattered glass, however, is still capable of reflecting light and hope. That light "kindles the words of all his unknown saints...the ones we shunned and shamed." In these first eight lines—the octave—Guite subtly shows Jesus uniting us, the broken people shaming others, with those whom we would deny: "He weaves them with us." Although we have sinned against God and neighbor by overlooking those "plain in our sight," the wronged "stand beside us even as we grieve."

In the second part—the sestet—the focus shifts from the broken *us* to "the lone and left behind...unnumbered multitudes." These are those in whom Jesus says we will see him: the poor, the imprisoned living in "the shadow of the gibbet," the sick. So, as we stand grieving our shattered dark glass next to these forgotten ones with whom Christ weaves us, "all saints are known and named," and we all "triumph" in the reflected light of Christ. The sparkling light reflected from all of these broken pieces are, indeed, "the gathered glories of His wounded love."

This poem makes me wonder why we shunners and shamers are grieving and those we have wronged stand by us. Is it because we are newly discovering our brokenness while those "far beyond our seeing" already accept theirs? Is it because those who have already reckoned their brokenness know that the only beauty in them is the reflected light of Christ? Whatever the case, in His love "all saints are known and named," and in the light we see our brokenness and his beauty.

## "The Gathered Glories"

Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards,  
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light.  
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words  
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright  
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,  
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.  
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing,  
He weaves them with us in the web of being.  
They stand beside us even as we grieve,  
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,  
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above  
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,  
To triumph where all saints are known and named;  
The gathered glories of His wounded love.

--Malcolm Guite, 2012

## November Birthdays

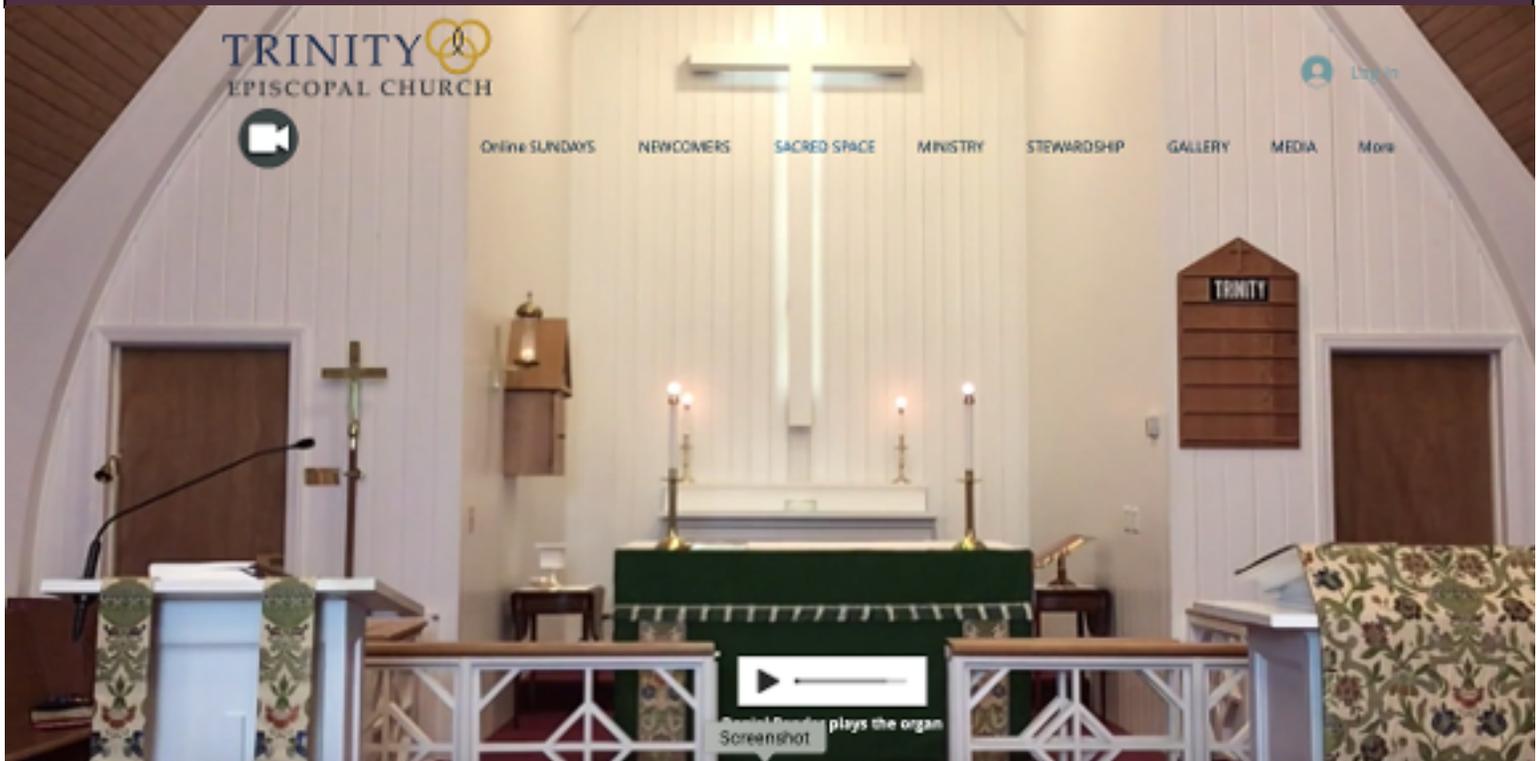
11/4 Blake Stewart  
11/8 Brian Earnest  
11/9 Susan Gilbert  
11/14 Bruce Hamilton  
11/17 Frances Macauley  
11/20 David Stewart  
11/24 Phil Day  
11/24 Todd Truffin  
11/26 Dawn Bowles



# Happy Birthday to all!

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

## SACRED SPACE

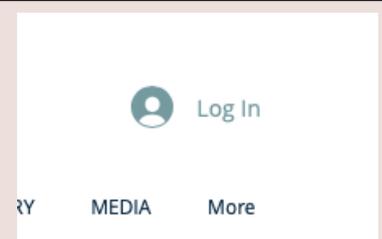


We hope you can take advantage of being at church on our "[Sacred Space](#)" page. This video of the space plays automatically when the page opens. To listen to our organist, Daniel Ponder, please click the play button and adjust your volume accordingly. There may be a slight delay on the music starting depending on your internet speed.

## Updated Directory

To access the directory on the website, you must be a site member. Look for the "Log In" at the top right of the website, click and follow instructions to sign up.

**Please note, access is restricted to known church members.**





Grades 1 thru 6

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

## Angier Food Pantry Needs:

**Breakfast Cereal**  
**Crackers**  
**Cookies**  
**Rice**

Donations can be left on the back pews in the church - enter by the front door.

Need an entry code? email [swarden@trinityfuquay.org](mailto:swarden@trinityfuquay.org)

# Adult Bible Study is Happening!

Our in-person Noon Adult Bible Study Plus classes will continue every Wednesday. Before you come, please check your temperature. Stay home if your temperature is above normal for you or if you don't feel well.

Bring your chair, your mask, and your Bible. Wash or sanitize your hands at home and come to the church lot. We meet outside around the picnic table in the back of the church. Everyone will sign in and sit in a circle, staying 6 feet apart from anyone not from your own household. Everyone must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth.

We are continuing to look at the Women in the New Testament during the first half of class followed by a theological review of the next Sunday's Gospel. Please project so that everyone can hear. Simply raise your hand and if you need the speaker to speak louder and enunciate more.

As always, should there be a sudden change in the COVID-19 pandemic situation, we will wait on our Bishop's okay to return to class. Call Deacon Bob if you have any questions at 919-285-2338. Leave a message if no one picks up right away, and he will get back to you.



