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REFLECTIONS OF TRINITY - 60 YEARS AGO



Dear friends at Trinity Church:

I am so happy and even thrilled that you have reached parish status. Learning of this gives me a sense of completeness that fills my heart. I am happy to share some reflections from my time with you sixty (ye gads) years ago. These reflections are not necessarily sequential or in order of importance.

My time as your minister-in-charge was from 1959 to 1961. I was certainly wet behind the ears, having just been ordained deacon a few weeks before. I was also assigned to St. Paul's in Cary. There was a

lot discussion as to where I would live and finally it was decided to be Cary – and I must stay much to the disappointment of the folks at Trinity.

My first service was to be in late June. I spent weeks preparing and was “ready to go” when I received a call from the Sr. Warden (Howard Cone) telling me that everyone was going to be at the beach that weekend. We would postpone the service to the next week.

We were kind of small as a congregation. I must say I was relieved for my anxiety was riding high at the beginning of this momentous undertaking ..

There was a wonderful group of leaders (Mission Committee and many more) who worked so smoothly with each other. One was certainly Ed Brown. This good man enabled the forming of the church and construction of the beautiful building. Let me add that Mr. Brown, unlike many powerful people who brought parishes into being did it with grace, humor and openness. He nurtured me in this new role as “priest in charge”, taking my ideas and challenges seriously. I would drive up to his beautiful home for weekly conversations about both the work of the parish together with social and political issues confronting us as a community and congregation.

Also, my time in the home of Howard Cone was so helpful as I felt my way through what seemed to me a huge undertaking. Howard was a rock, continuously providing wise counsel and advice both to me to the Mission Committee. One delightful memory concerns his young daughter. *continued..*

As he was in the tobacco business, she was extremely embarrassed that he did not smoke like the parents of her friends.

One of my great challenges was balancing my time with St. Paul's, Cary. Both churches would occasionally complain that I spent more time with the other. I was trying very hard to "satisfy both".

We would publish a little article about the church every week in the local newspaper. My task was to visit the newspaper office, write out the copy that would then be published. Once the editor took it upon himself to add to my copy with these opening lines, "Trinity Episcopal Church and Fuquay-Varina were so pleased to have The Rev. Waite Maclin as a visitor from Cary this past weekend!" I was very upset as I had worked so hard to convey that I was equally present in both congregations, NOT AS A VISITOR!

At that time the church bordered on a large tobacco field. Once preaching, a tobacco fly flew into my mouth. Oh, what to do? I just swallowed! Well, that unlucky fly met his/her maker in a very spiritual cause.

I cannot remember the concern, but a group of women parishioners came to me with a list of complaints. The final one was that they felt that my wearing loafers in the service was undignified. I replied: "Well ladies, that is where I draw the line. I ask that you look upon those shoes as "altar slippers."

The following memory is a little difficult to share. It reflects the times we were in. As most new clergy came out of seminary ordained Deacon, ordination to the Priesthood would take place within the first year at the new congregation. We were excited that this important event would be celebrated at Trinity. As we began to make plans, in my discussion with the Mission Committee I remarked that an ordination was an act of the whole Church and the Diocese, meaning that African-American priests would be in attendance celebrating with us. This caused much discussion and great concern. The decision was made to not have the ordination at Trinity and it took place at St. Michael's in Raleigh. I remember how sad we all were. Oh, those were hard days throughout our communities and the churches that served them. We have come a long way.

I still have chills as I remember the tragic accident and death of Sherrill Akins, falling from a forklift in his warehouse. Sherrill was such a vital member of Trinity and the town. His energy, progressive ideas and all around wonderful presence was such a joy and contribution to all our lives. His lovely wife, Marguerite, along with all of us, was just shattered. My good memory though was how the parish surrounded her with love, support and space so that the grieving could take place in God's good time.

The parish was so faithful in visiting the homebound and nursing-home residents. I found that to be one of the central parts of my ministry. One of the most pleasant memories was my weekly visits with three patients at one of the nursing homes. We would play checkers every week.

Robert Rubin very kindly sent me a list of parishioners from that time. Many of the names are pleasantly familiar. One of them is Emily Stephenson. Bob and Catherine Williams put me in touch with Emily and we had many months of delightful correspondence. On a visit to North Carolina I visited Emily and that time of reminiscing was pure joy.

There you have it. As other memories come back, I will send them to you as well.

Many blessings, Waite Maclin



From Montana to North Carolina, Outreach calls all - Deacon Bob

Spending the first week of December in Montana is usually not something people cheer about. Heavy snows, high winds and way below freezing temperatures usually put a damper on everyone's spirits.

Yet, spirits were high and even the locals were amazed as the Rev. Martha (Marty) Stebbins became the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana and the 100th woman bishop in the Episcopal Church with the mildest weather anyone could remember.



The weather was a scant 10 degrees below North Carolina's mild temperatures until Sunday when a snowstorm invaded and dropped the temperatures into single digits. As the snow covered the ground, Rt. Rev. Marty pounded her staff on St. Peter's door. There were more than a few shivers among the congregation waiting for her inside.

The liturgy went off without a hitch until the sermon when, instead of mounting the pulpit, Marty came to the top of the steps outside the sanctuary and began to preach moving into the midst of the people.

While she began with the thanks to all the people who made the celebration work and came to be a part of the festivities, her preaching turned to going into the Galilee of the Beloved Community starting in Helena and moving out into the rest of the Diocese of Montana.

She said that, as part of our reaching out, we should have the difficult conversations with everyone over the holidays and let all know that, no matter what our opinions are on those divisive subjects, we still love all and care about everything enough to reach out to all and join all in service to our family and community.

Marty reminded everyone that we had voice, vote, talent, time and treasure to share to make our homes and country a place to be proud to enjoy God's grace.

As she recessed out, I realized that the vision Marty laid out in her sermon was the same vision Bishop Sam and Bishop Ann have for the Diocese of North Carolina. I began thinking about what we could do at Trinity. The vestry has already taken one huge step to change the culture here and allow us to serve others in the tradition established by our parish family.

It all goes back to answering the questions I asked last time. How can I, as your deacon, help the new parish family of Trinity-Fuquay continue to be a leader in the community? How can I, as your deacon, help the new parish family of Trinity-Fuquay become a leader in the diocese? What other changes will the convention bring into our lives? How big can we dream under the wisdom of the Spirit's guidance?

One answer to those questions is what we do with our Outreach efforts. Next time, we'll look at what the changes mean to the Outreach Committee and our ministry.

A Blessed Holiday season to all as we continue through the New Year and Epiphany in the Parish of Trinity-Fuquay.

Deacon Bob Thomas

Craffy Stitchers meeting

The Craffy Stitchers will meet Tuesday, January 14th at 10am at the church. We will discuss projects for 2020 as well as demonstrate how to use hand looms to make hats. Making these hats and crocheting/knitting scarves continues our outreach project for the Farm Workers Ministry. We welcome new members and new ideas for other projects. For those not familiar with Craffy Stitchers, we meet the second Tuesday of every month. You are encouraged to participate even if you are unable to attend every meeting. There are always projects which can be done at home. Our meetings offer the opportunity to socialize at a time other than Sunday mornings.

Please join us!

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all.

If we missed listing you, please email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org

- 1/3 Caroline Castellaneta
- 1/4 Brian Perry
- 1/6 Drayton Wingler
- 1/11 Raymond Garrison
- 1/15 Carlene Galvin-Harris
- 1/22 Elaine Brown
- 1/23 Betty Reynolds
- 1/25 Victor Cortes, Jr.
- 1/27 Renee Wood



COME WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!



YOUTH GROUP

Our new youth group kicks-off on January 25th, 2020.

All teenagers are eligible to join the youth group.

Our volunteer youth group leaders are Kate & Monty Reichert, Susan and Martin Steel, Karen Teague and Donna Wooten.

We will be bowling at Buffaloe Lanes South Family Bowling Center on January 25th.

Our booking is from 6pm to 8pm. Transportation from the Church and back will be provided.

This event is totally free. Bowling and food will be provided at no cost!

If you have an eligible teenager and they are interested in this event, please email srwarden@trinityfuquay.org with their name, your name and cell phone number and we will contact you to discuss any concerns or needs.

We also plan to reach out to all parents to discuss future participation and understand when additional children may become eligible to join the group.

Bishop Anne will visit January 19, 2020



The Right Reverend Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple, VI Bishop Suffragan of North Carolina will visit with Trinity on January 19th, 2020. She was elected the Diocese's sixth Bishop Suffragan and the first female bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina on January 26, 2013, at the 197th Annual Convention. She was consecrated on June 15, 2013, in Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Bishop Hodges-Copple grew up in Dallas, Texas, and attended Duke University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in 1979 with a major in public policy. She earned her Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, in 1984.

ONGOING

Electronics and printer cartridges

for recycling (cell phones, calculators, tablets, ink cartridges. Questions? see Marilyn Fischer.

Travel size personal care items

MMIA needs fiber shopping bags for the veterans to carry items in, plastic flip-flops for women (sizes 7 -10) and washcloths. Please bring your donations and leave them in the basket in the Parish Hall.

Monetary donations

for the Farmworkers still suffering in the aftermath of Florence and Michael. If you wish to make a donation, please write a check to the church and note on the check that it is for EFWM or go to their website and donate.

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Non-perishable Food

for the Angier Food Pantry. Please put items in the basket. None sugary Cereal please!

Crafty Stitchers

need the following small items: Short zippers, medium & large buttons, small stuffed toys, baby toys (rings, keys, etc), playing cards, scrubber sponges, fabric scraps, small jingle bells, miniature wooden toys, and placemats.

BY WAITE MACLIN

**There is a parish named Trinity
That has stayed around promoting our Lord's Divinity
You were accepting and faithful
As a young deacon came to you so grateful
That his youth and inexperience you honored with
sanguinity.**

**I am reflecting on those early years with fondness
As we felt our way with gladness
There were challenges, there were successes
Which we embraced with no sadness
Trying to carry out our mission with kindness**

**That I am pleased that Trinity has become a parish
Is an understatement, so tell the world with a flourish
Sixty-three years you have been earnest
In finding maturity, thus "mission status" has vanished
I will honor and celebrate your life with joy each time I
raise the Chalice**

TRINITY MEN'S BREAKFAST

1st Saturday in the month at iHOP in Holly Springs.
Meet at 8.30am until they run out of coffee. Feel free to bring your partner...a Women's breakfast club is developing...same location, different table !

