

Trinity Tidings

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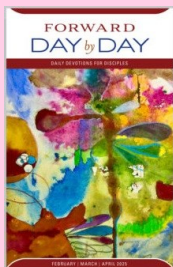
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Trinity Episcopal Church.
Our purpose to encourage
fellowship among Trinity
members and visitors and to
announce upcoming events and
activities.

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From the Priest-in-Charge (as of Feb 1, 2025)

Dear Friends,

Sunday morning, January 26, we held our 188th Annual Parish Meeting, my 29th time to preside as your Rector. Since then, I have had two changes in title, and we have a new relationship to each other! On Sunday morning, I was the Rev. Tamsen E. Whistler, my church name, as it were, since Helen Ludbrook and I were ordained Deacons at Christ Church Cathedral / St. Louis, June 15, 1984. Sunday afternoon, Jan 26, again at Christ Church Cathedral, the Bishop installed me and Diocesan Archivist Susan Rehkopf as Canons Honorary, in recognition of long years of service to the church in the Diocese of Missouri and beyond, she as a lay person and I as an ordained person. With that honor comes a new name, The Rev. Canon Tamsen E. Whistler. I am deeply grateful to Bishop Deon for this honor, and to all of you at Trinity Church. As I said on Sunday, Feb 3, nearly 30 of my 40+ years of ordained ministry have been with the people of Trinity Church in St. Charles, so any honor I've been given is one I share with you. (And I loved the decorated chair surprise!)

Six days after the Annual Meeting and the Cathedral Evensong, I received another name change: On Feb 1, 2025, I became "Priest-in-Charge" of Trinity Church, no longer "Rector" I have been since May 1, 1995. I still here, however. I am still your priest. In the eyes of the Church Pension Fund and the clergy records of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Missouri, as of Feb 1, I am retired. The Episcopal Church has a mandatory retirement age of, 72, which I reached on Jan 3. "Rector" is a position that involves a diocesan search and call process with the approval of the Bishop, not someone the Bishop appoints. The Bishop can appoint a priest-in-charge, and has appointed me to continue to serve Trinity Church as "the Rector" serves you, Feb 1—Aug 31.

At the Annual Parish Meeting, Jan 26, we distributed a retirement timeline that includes several dates for celebrations: **Feb 23**, the day before my fortieth anniversary of ordination as a priest, a reception and shared stories after each service; **March 16**, our St. Patrick's Potluck Party and Auction; **May 1, our 30th Anniversary as Priest & Parish, to be celebrated May 4**; Trinity Sunday, **June 15, my last Sunday morning** celebrating the Eucharist as your priest; June 16 – Aug 23, retirement sabbatical; **Sunday, Aug 24 at 4 PM**, Retirement Service with the Bishop and a big party!

As we move through this schedule, our paths—yours and mine—diverge. Trinity Church moves into a new season in its long life; Bob and I and our family move into a new season in our lives. New seasons, new experiences are powerful and positive expressions of God's presence in the life of the Church over millennia and the life of Trinity Church over nearly two centuries of ministry, spanning three. We are here, because God calls us to be here—God calls *you* to be here—and the Holy Spirit urges us to follow Jesus Christ into the world. That's who we are—

that's our reason for being—and if we stop focusing on Jesus Christ, we have no further purpose.

We are living in very difficult times for many people—war and poverty and illness and fear are all around us. Within our households, we may be in deep disagreement with each other over what it means to be Jesus Christ to other people, what it means to be citizens of God's kingdom and citizens of our country. Some of us have children with 504 plans to assist them with special needs in school. Some of us may know undocumented people. Several of us may be worried about Social Security and Medicare benefits, not to mention Medicaid—which my own mother needed in the last years of her life—or VA health care. Some us are or have been federal government employees.

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One Diocese, One Book!

A Diocesan Lenten Study

THE LOVE THAT IS GOD

Frederick Bauerschmidt

Tuesdays in Lent

March 10, March 17

April 8, April 15, April 22

Go to Dio MO website for
Zoom link and info

ABOUT OUR PARISH FAMILY



February Birthdays

2/2 Pat Gutgesell, Mabrie Rae Hutson
 2/5 Teresa Hartman
 2/10 Kurt Wainwright
 2/11 Rosie Harlow
 2/12 David Bricker
 2/15 Charles Hartman
 2/16 Louis Brownlow, Ray Gigliotti
 2/25 Betty Bowen
 2/27 Rick Lackey, Keith Hazelwood
 2/28 Kathy Warren, Robert Ott
 2/29 Allison Setser

February Anniversaries

2/2 Keith & Regina Dowling



February Baptismal Anniversaries



You mark a place in your journey of formation today. Celebrating the anniversary of Holy Baptism reminds us, challenges us, and encourages us, to follow Christ Jesus.

Judy Makins, Selina Tappmeyer

God Bless you as you celebrate your baptismal anniversary

For those in particular need of prayer

(As of 2/7/25)



Bud Adkins; **Jerry** Aehle; **Connie** Akers;
Deborah Alessi; **Andy** Allen; **Jaimie** Allen; **Alyssa**; **Anne, Becky, Jerry** Barnard; **Valerie** Barr; **Denny** Bay; **Terry** Bell; **Oli** Benet; **Jackie** Berger; **Rich** Berger; **Breana**; **Kent** Brown; **Stephanie** Brown; **Travis** Brown, **Ralph** Bruns & Family; **Jim** Burke; **Rita** Burnde; **Deanna** Campbell; **Anne** Chau; **Joe** Connor; **Cather**; **Nancy & Lorraine** Cummings; **Marc** Daigle; **Nancy** Dale; **Noreen** Davis; **Jess** Dixon; **Josh**; **Emily** Drury; **Patty** Eggers; **Bob** Fagan; **Alison** Fambrough; **Nancy** Feeney; **Emery** Fisher; **Sharon** Fisher; **Trisha** Fitzpatrick; **Julie** Fuchs; **Paige** Fuchs; **Donna** Furrer; **Kelsey & Derek** Funk; **Michael** Garman; **Jack** Gibbs; **Sheryl** Gibbs; **Sue** Granger; **Susan** Goddard; **Abigail** Gogel; **Suzy** Gold; **Jason** Graff; **Paul** Graue; **Carolyn** Hackman; **Connie** Hall; **Jackie** Halter; **Karen** Hamby; **Kate** Hayes; **Larry** Hewitt; **Bob** Honeychurch and **Sylvia** Sweeney; **Sherri** Hugunin; **Paula** Jeffery; **Janis**; **Tyler** Johnson; **Cornelia & Jim** Kriegh; **Karen** Kupka; **Del** Kuzemchak; **Kalisa** Krouper; **Chloe** Lane; **Pat** Leitsch; the **Leyden family**; **April** Lindbergh; **Tim** Lindley; **Doris** Lohe; **Margaret** Lynch; **Mary Jo, Marissa, Lee** Martin; **Brenna** Mason; **Zoe** Matthews; **Barbara** McKeel; **Gale** McKiddy; **Kenneth** Mettlach; **Bob** Miller; **Neil**; **Jake** Neu; **Laura** Neuman-Howe; **John** Nichols; **Leslie** Niebreugge; the Rev. **Virginia** Noel; **Jane** Overstreet; **Ernie** Parente; **Hannah, Clay, Cyrus and Ezra** Parks; **Mary** Parrella; **Robin** Perkins; **Barbara** Perkins, **Rosemary and Hurley** Perkins; **Phyllis, Fran** Pieper; **Cindy** Pricker; **Ellen** Ramirez; **Christy** Henke Ratliff; **Ray & Adele**; **Autumn** Rae; **Allie** Redmond; **Warlene** Reed; **Robert**; the Right Rev. **Hayes** Rockwell; **Lisa** Schildknecht; **Mike** Seaver; **Louis** Seiler; **Judy** Shannon; **Kurt and Dave** Sheets; **Tom** Shine; **Mary** Shive; **Kathy** Smith; **Carol** Steinhauer; **Ann T**; **Tisha** Thornton; **David** Turk; **Melinda** Turner; **Linda** Tyranski; **Mary** Vogel; **Cindy W**; **Codi** Walker; **Mary** Walsh; **Joe** Welton; **David and the Westfall Family**; **Mary** Willard; **Charlotte** Williams; **Pat** Willmering.

WORSHIP LINK

How do we connect to online worship? Go to the Trinity Church website at www.trinity-stcharles.org and click on the link for Sunday. You will be directly connected. If you need to download Zoom, please follow directions for doing so when you test the connection from the website.



Sunday worship

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81385425472?pwd=cV3GZQFAYeJdSQSiSjDoHEftH35k54.1>

Meeting ID: 813 8542 5472

Passcode: 149086

One tap mobile

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+16469313860,,88058433849#,,,,*386621# US

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81385425472?pwd=cV3GZQFAYeJdSQSiSjDoHEftH35k54.1>

Please contact the office at 636-949-0160 if your birthday or anniversary was not included so we can enter it into the data base. Articles for the Trinity Tidings can be mailed to Michelle Heitman at trinityepiscopal318@gmail.com.



From the Priest-in-Charge, cont. from p 1

Some of us are facing terminal illness or grieving loss. All of this is to say that we in the church do not exist in a vacuum; we cannot live in a bubble. What affects us at home, we bring to the church. Our common ground is Baptism, our common meal, Eucharist; our relationship to the world and to each other, grounded in our common prayer. We are in this together, not as objects in separate categories, but as human beings, inside and outside this parish church. We are called, challenged, to pray *with and for each other*—and for *the other*—in Christian love, not a noun, but an active verb.

May our transition as priest & parish be grounded in the active, disturbing, powerful love of the Holy Trinity, that we may care for each other, and the other, and begin in our seasons in live with excitement and hope, even as we let go of the familiar and seek God's will. —TEW



Above Left: Christmas Pageant participants on Dec 24, 2024. Trinity Church young people and their friends included the Narrators; Joseph, Mary, Angel Gabriel, and a sheep. They were joined by children at the service who wanted parts.

Above: Eucharist at the Annual Parish Meeting, Jan 26.

Left: Canon Susan Rehkopf & the Rev. Canon Tamsen Whistler after their installation by Bishop Deon K. Johnson as Honorary Canons of the Diocese

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!

February 23

40th Ordination Anniversary
as priest for The Rev. Canon Tamsen Whistler: Reception between services and after the 10:15 service

March 4

Shrove Tuesday
5 PM Pancake Supper
7 PM Burning Palms Liturgy

March 5

Ash Wednesday
12 Noon & 7 PM

March 16

St Pat's Party!
12 Noon Parish Hall
Lunch & Auction

March 30

Bishop's Visitation
9:30 AM One Service
Confirmation, Youth Sunday Luncheon Following Worship

SUNDAY FORUM

March 2 **Last Epiphany**

The Rev. Canon Doris Westfall will preach at both services and address the Sunday Forum about the Rector Transition Process.

March 9, 23, & April 6
Lenten Sunday Forums
Seasons of Transition: Change & Growth

CALENDAR

REGULAR BUILDING USE BY GUEST GROUPS

Mon	10 AM	AA Group #496	St. Hilda Room
Mon	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 763,	Parish Hall/Reception Area/Outdoors
Tue	7:00 PM	NA (Narcotics Anonymous)	Parish Hall
Every Other Tue	7:15 PM	Little Hills Toastmasters	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
Wed	10 AM	AA (This is the Solution)	Parish Hall
Wed	5:30 PM	CMA (Crystal Meth Anon)	Parish Hall
Second Wednesday	6 PM	SCC Historical Society	St. Hilda Room
Wed	7:30 PM	CODA (Codependents Anon)	Library (L)
Thu	7 PM	AI-Anon Climbing Higher	Parish Hall (PH)
Fri	10:30 AM	AA Group #228	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
Fri	6 PM	AA Living on Higher Ground	St. Hilda Room (SHR)
First Friday	6 PM	Night Owl Quilters	Parish Hall

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Feast of the Presentation 8 AM <i>In-person only</i> & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist	3	4 10 AM Staff Meeting	5 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	6 6:30 PM Bell Choir	7	8
9 5 Epiphany 8 AM <i>In-person only</i> & 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist <i>In-person & on-line</i>	10	11 10 AM Staff Meeting	12 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	13 6:30 PM Bell Choir	14	15 10 AM Absalom Jones Event at Grace/Kirkwood 10:30AM Here Beloved Group
16 6 Epiphany 8 AM HEI <i>In-person only</i> 10:15 AM HE II <i>In-person & on-line</i> 11:45: Prayer Ministry 1 PM Vestry: Parish Hall	17	18 10 AM Staff Meeting	19 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	20 6:30 PM Bell Choir	21	22
23 7 Epiphany 8 AM HE I <i>In-person only</i> 10:15 AM HE II <i>In-person & on-line</i>	24	25. 10 AM Staff Meeting	26 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	27 6:30 PM Bell Choir	28 6:30—9 PM VESTRY RETREAT on Zoom	Mar 1 8* AM—4 PM VESTRY RETREAT at River's Edge
40th Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. Cn. Whistler: Reception Between Services and after 10:15 service						

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 LAST EPIPHANY</p> <p>8 AM HEI <i>In-person only</i> 10:15 AM HE II <i>In-person & on-line</i> Cn Doris Westfall Here 9-10 AM Forum</p> <p>3 PM Epiphany Alleluia Concert in Church</p>						<p>1</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p><i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 5:00 PM Pancake Supper</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday</i></p> <p>10 AM Bible Study</p> <p><i>Ash Wed Services</i> Noon and 700 PM In-Person 12 Noon Music & Hybrid 7</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 AM—4 PM <i>Trinity Requiem or</i> <i>Renaissance Team</i> St. Hilda Room</p>	
<p>9 1st SUNDAY LENT</p> <p>8 AM HEI <i>In-person only</i> 9 AM Sunday Forum 10:15 AM HE II <i>In-person & on-line</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>13:30 PM Bell Choir</p>		<p>15</p>
<p>16 2nd SUNDAY LENT</p> <p>8 AM HEI <i>In-person only</i> <i>In-person & on-line</i> 12 Noon St Pat's Party Luncheon & Auction</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 3rd SUNDAY LENT</p> <p>8 AM HEI <i>In-person only</i> 9 AM Sunday Forum 10:15 AM HE II <i>In-person & on-line</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25.</p> <p>10 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM Bell Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 4th SUNDAY LENT</p> <p>BISHOP'S VISITATION 9:30 AM One Service <i>Confirmation</i> <i>Luncheon after</i></p>	<p>31</p>					



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COMPANION+COMMUNITIES

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

In the summer of 2024, Bishop Deon K. Johnson introduced a new diocesan initiative to provide opportunities for support, discipleship, and collaboration between our congregations.

Companion Communities is a pairing of communities of faith within the Diocese of Missouri. The "Companion Community" of Trinity St. Charles is Grace African Christian Connections. <https://tinyurl.com/bdpds4jr>

All worshipping communities, including parishes, missions, and campus ministries are represented and invited to participate. Plans are currently underway for developing Trinity's connection to our companion community. For further information: <https://diocesemo.org/connect/news/introducing-companion-communities>

MEET OUR

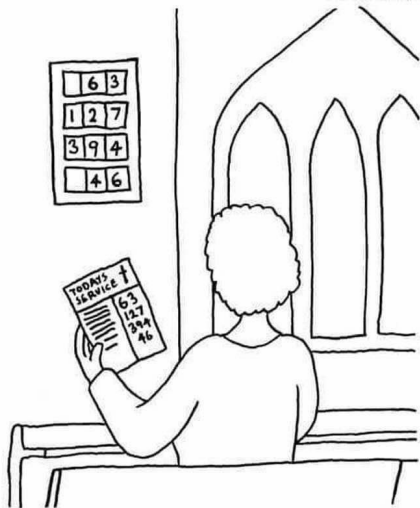
COMPANION COMMUNITIES!

Journey, Fulton	+	Calvary, Columbia
Grace ACC, St. Louis	+	Trinity, St. Charles
Faith CCI, Ballwin	+	St. John's, Tower Grove
All Saints & Ascension, Northwoods	+	St. Peter's, Ladue
Advent, Crestwood	+	St. Thomas, Crestwood
CSMSG, Clayton	+	St. Vincent, St. Genevieve
St. Mark's, Portland	+	Hope, Town & Country
St. Barnabas, Florissant	+	St. Timothy, Creve Coeur
St. Mark's, St. Louis	+	St. John & St. James, Sullivan
Trinity, St. James	+	Trinity, Central West End
Trinity, DeSoto	+	St. Francis, Eureka
Grace, Jeff City	+	Christ Church, Rolla
Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis	+	Christ Church, Cape
Holy Communion, University City	+	St. Stephen's, Ferguson
Trinity, Kirksville	+	Trinity, Hannibal
Emmanuel, Webster Groves	+	St. Paul's, Carondelet
St. Martin's, Ellisville	+	Grace, Kirkwood
All Saints, Farmington	+	Holy Cross, Poplar Bluff
St. Paul's, Ironton	+	Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis
Calvary, Louisiana/St. John's, Eolia	+	St. Paul's, Sikeston
Rockwell House, St. Louis	+	ELCM, Columbia



Eternal God, your abiding Spirit has been a shepherd and a guide to your people throughout all ages. Be our companion on the road ahead. Inspire us to pray fervently, to labor diligently, and to act justly to make your love known in all the world; as your Son sent his disciples two by two as companions in the Way, send us now; that through us the world may be transformed in love and renewed in hope; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Humor Corner



SHE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE SHE HAD WON ON HER FIRST VISIT TO CHURCH

"MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, SEE ME AFTER CLASS."



YOUR BOOK REPORTS ARE SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR."

MAN! JESUS STARTS OUT SO NICE & HOPEFUL AND THEN HE GETS ALL SAD & NASTY AT THE END!

HE'S TEACHING IN THE GREAT TRADITION OF MOSES...

... THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS IN THIS WORLD: THERE'S THE WAY THAT LEADS TO LIFE, AND THE WAY THAT LEADS TO DEATH.

OH GOOD! I ALWAYS LIKE TO HAVE A COUPLE OF CHOICES!



*DEUT. 11:26-28



LUKE 6: 17-26

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