

Trinity Tidings

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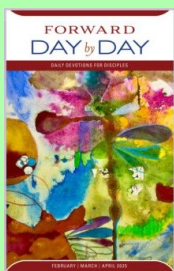
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Our purpose to encourage
fellowship among Trinity
members and visitors and to
announce upcoming events and
activities.

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FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Dear Friends,

Blessings in the middle of the 50 Days of Easter! Blessings in Eastertide! On Sunday, May 4, we celebrated 30 years as Priest and Parish, an amazing milestone and a wonderful day—who knew in 1995 that we would be able to put up with each other for 30 years!! According to Hallmark, 30 is the “pearl” anniversary, so our ushers at both services handed out faux pearl necklaces for everyone to wear—like Mardi Gras beads—for the day. The beads were lighthearted symbols of our shared years of ministry.

We celebrated Holy Eucharist, the meal our Savior Jesus Christ provides us week by week. At 9 AM, several of us attended an excellent forum offered by Michael Fowlkes, member of Trinity Church in the Central West End (St. Louis). He presented a workbook that he and his sister have written on preparations and details we can provide for those who deal with our estates after we die. (If you want to purchase the workbook, *A Season of Transition*, we can order them through Michael Fowlkes for \$15 each, or you can go to Amazon and find it.)

After worship, we continued our celebration in the Parish Hall with all kinds of delicious food and lots of fun. We had cupcakes decorated with edible pearls, “pearlized” balloons in centerpieces on our tables, green and gold and blue colors throughout the room. People from each table shared memories, recent and distant of our relationship as pastor and parish in the last 30 years—not as a long string, but interwoven, a beautiful web, a net of pearls connecting all of us.

The only regret I have for that wonderful day is that we did not take group photos after each service on the “porch” of the church; and at the meal, photos of current and former junior and senior wardens, current and former Vestry members, former search committee members, the four clergy present—all of whom have served or are serving Trinity Church—and of everyone squished in the parish hall, wearing our faux pearls and our smiles for posterity. We will just have to hold these memories without photographic evidence!

On the walls in the church, we have added two timelines and re-attached our Trinity Grows tree. The shorter timeline—18 feet—starts in 1836 and extends to 2036 (2036 ...), reflecting our current 189 years and moving into the future. Each year is equal to one inch. The second timeline, below the first, is 28 feet long and represents the past 30 years, 1995-2005, with 27 feet marked, each year equal to nine inches. (If this were a map, the 30-year section would be a magnification of 30 inches from the 189 inches to date). **We are building the timelines together**, with photos and events, not only for the past 30 years, but with notes on the 189-year timeline, showing our history and moving forward into the future. Keep bringing in photos as you find them.

On the wall opposite the timelines, between two Trinity banners, we have re-hung The Trinity Grows tree. The large tree still includes photos and lists of spiritual gifts, but we will be adding “leaves” with short answers to these questions: **What is your favorite tree at Trinity Church? Why is this tree important to you?** Everyone is invited to share in this—and if you have a friend or a child or a grandchild who cannot easily write out what they want to say, or who cannot come to church, please write it down or type it for them and put it on the tree. Like the timelines, the Trinity Tree stories are an ongoing project. Although it feels like a long time for many of us, 30 years is just over 1/6 of our 189-year history, more than ten times the lives of our youngest parishioners, but less than a third of the lives of our nonagenarian members!

From the Priest-in-Charge continues on last page



Confirmation Day 3/30/2025



Great Vigil of Easter 2025
Fire, Story, Water, Bread & Wine!
Godparents, parents, infant at the font.



This year's Giving Garden and Pollinator Garden, well underway



"Spring Fling" Planting Day, April 26.

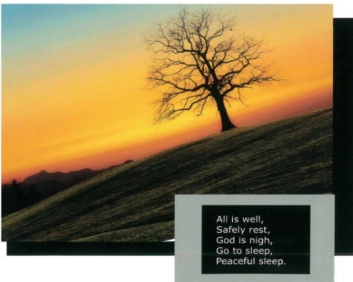
30th Anniversary Celebration
For Priest and Parish May 4



The parish Hall was decorated with balloons, colorful tablecloths, and candy. The food and fun were plentiful. Parishioners and former parishioners shared stories and memories. Note the faux pearls we wore for the celebration.

Workbook Available

On May 4, Michael Fowlkes from Trinity Church in St. Louis gave a presentation on the book below. It deals with what you need to do for handling details after a person dies. If you are interested in ordering a copy, see Tamen Whistler or go to Amazon.

A Season of Transition

**May 25: Special
Rogation
Processions
After each service**

The word "rogation" comes from the Latin, *rogare*, which means, "ask." Traditional Rogation Days in The Episcopal Church are the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before the Feast of the Ascension. Rogation Days began in the Fifth Century in France, with prayers and fasting to ward off a volcanic disaster. They continued in the Middle Ages with prayers in fields to protect newly planted crops in hopes of a bountiful harvest. In England, in the late Ninth Century (800's), Rogation processions included not only prayers for crops, but also an activity called, "Beating the Bounds." Once a year in the spring, the parish priest would lead a procession around the edges of all the property in the area. According to one source, the reason for this was to mark in the minds of the younger people where the boundaries were—boundary stones or posts not always in place and maps almost never available. So, the people "beat the bounds" with willow sticks. They also, apparently, sometimes used the willow sticks to beat the boys who were part of the procession—to instill in them a vivid physical memory of the parish boundaries. Queen Elizabeth I eliminated the beatings in the 16th C. In the Episcopal Church, Rogation Processions frequently take place, as ours does, on Sundays after the service of Holy Eucharist and before the Dismissal.

From 1978 Edition of *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, pp. 146-7, 1193

🌍🌟 You Are Invited! 🌟🌍

JUNE 1, 12:30 PM

**Launch of the
African
Anglican Church
Service**

**May 18
Cello Concert
2:30 pm**



**June 8 Pentecost Party:
50 Days' Bake Sale
and Auction**



June 15: Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is our Feast Day, always a special day for us. This coming Trinity Sunday, June 15, is also ***the last day*** ***The Rev. Canon Tamsen Whistler***, our pastor of 30 years, ***will preside as our priest at a Sunday morning Eucharist.***



On June 16, she will begin a retirement sabbatical, to be back with us Sunday, August 24 for a retirement service and a big party! The Choir is planning ***special music at 3:30 PM, with the service to begin at 4 PM.*** The Bishop will preside.

In addition to all of us—as many Trinity and former Trinity members as possible—Tamsen's and Bob's family will be here, as will diocesan clergy, community people, including members of the St. Charles Ministerial Alliance, some neighbors, Scouts, and perhaps some people from the 12-Step groups that meet in our building.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
June 15, 9:30 AM & Aug 24, 3:30 PM

ABOUT OUR PARISH FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS



Jane Lackey	05/11	Alonzo Middleton	6/5
Jessica Heupel	05/12	Joyce Slatton	6/14
Wendy Bordogna	05/14	Elijah Bowen	6/15
Benjamin McCune	05/16	Judy Bruns	6/16
Benjamin Horning	05/17	Genevieve Eisele	6/16
Michelle Heupel	05/18	James Hood	6/21
James Crain	05/22	Sarah Horning	6/21
Babs Kehl-Fairchild	05/24	Joshua Kupka	6/26
Elsa Crutchfield	05/25	David Shetler	6/27
Erin Shetler	05/27	Richard Middleton IV	6/27
Ann Mason	05/28	Emily Genoff	6/29
		Gail Johnston	6/30

For those in particular need of prayer (as of 5/7/25)

Bud Adkins; **Jerry** Aehle; **Connie** Akers; **Deborah** Alessi; **Andy** Allen; **Jaimie** Allen; **Clement** Arthurton; **Alyssa**; **Anne**, **Becky**, **Jerry** Barnard; **John** Barnard; **Valerie** Barr; **Denny** Bay; **Terry** Bell; **Oli** Benet; **Jackie** Berger; **Rich and Mariah** Berger; **Breana**; **Kent** Brown; **Stephanie** Brown; **Travis** Brown; **Ralph** Bruns & Family; **Jim** Burke; **Rita** Burnde; **Deanna** Campbell; **Anne** Chau; The Rev. **Barbi** Click; **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; **Sharon** Fisher; **Trisha** Fitzpatrick; **Julie** Fuchs; **Paige** Fuchs; **Donna** Furrer; **Kelsey & Derek** Funk; **Jack** and the **Gibbs Family**; **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 & **Sylvia** Sweeney; **Sherri** Hugunin; **Paula** Jeffery; **Janis**; **Tyler** Johnson; **Cornelia & Jim** Krieger; **Karen** Kupka; **Del** Kuzemchak; **Kalisa** Krouper; **Chloe** Lane; **Val and the Lanning Family**; **Pat** Leitsch; the **Leyden family**; **April** Lindbergh; **Tim** Lindley; **Doris** Lohe; **Margaret** Lynch; **Mary Jo**, **Marissa**, **Lee** Martin; **Robert** Maschmeier; **Brenna** Mason; **Zoe** Matthews; **Fred** McCormack; **Leslie** McDonald; **Barbara** McKeel; **Gale** McKiddy; **Cate** Mertins; **Kenneth** Mettlach; **Bob** Miller; **Neil**; **Jake** Neu; **Laura** Neuman-Howe; **Colin** Nichols; **John** Nichols; **Leslie** Niebreugge; **Jane** Overstreet; **Ernie** Parente; **Hannah**, **Clay**, **Cyrus & Ezra** Parks; **Mary** Parrella; **Robin** Perkins; **Barbara** Perkins, **Rosemary and Hurley** Perkins; **Phyllis**, **Fran** Pieper; **Cindy** Pricker; **Ellen** Ramirez; **Christy** Henke Ratliff; **Ray & Adele**; **Allie** Redmond; **Warlene** Reed; **Robert**; the Right Rev. **Hayes** Rockwell; the **Rutsch Family**, **Lisa** Schildknecht; **Louis** Seiler; **Judy** Shannon; **Kurt and Dave** Sheets; **Tom** Shine; **Mary** Shive; **Rev. Susie** Skinner; **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.



Wedding Anniversaries



Charles & Teresa Hartman 05/18 34
Ken & Georgia Braucksick 05/18 23
Michael & Chris Nichols 6/06
Brett & Wendy Grassmuck 6/06
Marty & Mary Parrella 6/15
Craig & Amy Lackey 6/19

May and June 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.

Betty Bowen, Marty Neuman, Amanda Rose Middleton,

Rosalie Hokulani Harlow, Nancy Noel, Dove Charlotte Braucksick, Ann Mason & Carol Nicholson

God Bless you as you celebrate your baptismal anniversary

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

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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.

MAY	Sun	M	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	11 Easter 4 8 AM HE I (<i>In-person only</i>) 10:15 AM HE II (<i>Hybrid</i>)	12	13 10 AM Staff Meeting	14 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	15	16	17 9:30 AM-12:30 PM RorR Team <i>St. Hilda Room</i> 10:30-11:30 AM TBG in Parish Hall 4 PM Revolt Funeral
	18 Easter 5 8 AM HE I (<i>In-person only</i>) 10:15 AM HE II (<i>Hybrid</i>) 1 PM Interment Alison Bowen 2:30 PM Cello Concert	19	20 10 AM Staff Meeting	21 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	22	23	24
	25 Easter 6 8 AM HE I (<i>In-person only</i>) 10:15 AM HE II (<i>Hybrid</i>) Rogation procession after each service.	26	27 10 AM Staff Meeting	28 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	29	30	31
JUNE	1 Easter 7 8 AM HE I (<i>In-person only</i>) 10:15 AM II (<i>Hybrid</i>) Coffee Hour after each service 12:30 PM African Anglican Service	2	3 10 AM Staff Meeting	4 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	5	6	7
	8 Day of Pentecost 8 AM HE I (<i>In-person only</i>) 10:15 AM HE II (<i>Hybrid</i>) Dove, languages, paper flame sticks at both services 12 Noon Pentecost Party/50 Days' Bake Sale & Auction 12:30 PM African Anglican Service	9	10 10 AM Staff Meeting	11 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice	12	13	14 10 AM - 3 PM RorR w/Shepherd <i>St. Hilda Room</i> 4:30 PM Susan Hunt Funeral
	15 Trinity Sunday 9:30 AM (<i>Hybrid</i>) Summer AM Schedule starts <i>"Trinity Sunday Sundaes"</i> <i>Tamsen's final Sunday AM</i> 12:30 PM African Anglican Service	16	17	18 <i>No Choir Practice in the Summer.</i>	19	20	21

Trinity Church to Add a Third Sunday Service

Beginning June 1, The Rev. Dr. Martin Muhia will establish a third Sunday service at Trinity Church. The Bishop has asked us to host and Martin to lead a service for African Anglican Christians, many of whom are living in St. Charles and North St. Louis County, but who have not realized that the Episcopal Church is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Their first gathering for worship will be Sunday, June 1, at 12:30 PM in the church. All of us are invited to help launch this new ministry!



You Are Invited!

Launch of the African Anglican Church Service

All African Anglicans in St. Charles, St. Louis, and beyond are warmly welcome, along with friends from all Anglican traditions!

Psalms 122:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD".



Rev. Dr. Martin P. Muhia - Host & Ministry Planter,
Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Charles
Diocese of Missouri

Formerly of ACK Nairobi Diocese, Rev. Dr. Muhia brings a wealth of experience to this ministry, having faithfully served the Church in Kenya at the Parish, Diocesan, and Provincial levels – including many impactful years of ministry in Nairobi, the nation's capital.

This service will offer all traditional Anglican sacraments and rites including:

- ✓ Baptism
- ✓ Confirmation
- ✓ Eucharist
- ✓ Churching
- ✓ Weddings
- ✓ Enrollment into Mothers' Union
- ✓ Enrolment into Anglican Men's Association
- ...and more.

Contact Rev. Dr. Martin P. Muhia: 636-949-0160

Event Details:

Sundays ; 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Starting Sunday June 1, 2025, and continuing every week

Venue: Trinity Episcopal Church 318 South Duchesne Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63301

Come worship, connect, and grow in Christ together. Karibu sana!

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

Our shared ministry is part of a continuum, beginning for us as Priest and Parish in 1995; beginning for this congregation in 1836; beginning for the Christian community more than two millennia ago with the events of Jesus' life death and resurrection, beginning eons before that with God's bringing Being into being with a burst of breath and light.

Our season of shared ministry is drawing to a close, but the ministry God calls us to do as disciples of Jesus Christ continues in new ways for Trinity Church and in new ways for me and for my family. Keep adding to the timelines in Faith • Compassion • Community. We give thanks for new seasons of ministry ahead.

—TEW



THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Summer 2025 | Psalms

Beginning on June 1st, Forward Movement is sponsoring a summer Bible study, focused on the Psalms.

The Trinity FB page will be following along with this program, posting one Psalm per day, from 6/1/25 to 7/31/25.

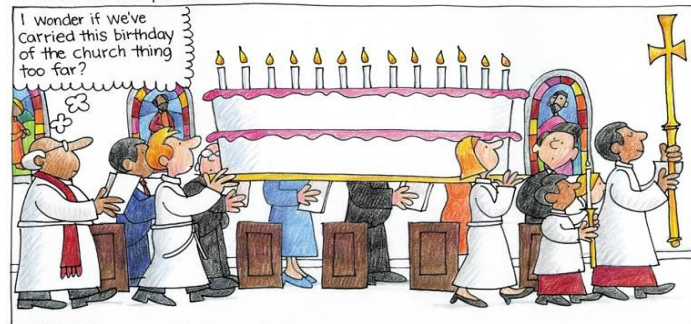
For more information, and a list of featured Psalms, go to this link:

<https://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/> (Track 1)

Humor Corner



IT HAPPENED ONE PENTECOST...



SO, WHEN THE SERAPHIM SING "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY," IS THAT A SHOUT-OUT TO THE TRINITY?

WELL, OTHER PARTS OF SCRIPTURE GIVE A CLEARER WITNESS TO THE REALITY OF THE TRINITY.

THIS IS MORE OF A HEAVING UP OF PRAISE IN THE FACE OF GOD'S OVERWHELMING GLORY.

I GET IT! GOD IS TOO FABULOUS TO BE JUST ONE PERSON!



WWW.AGUSDAY.ORG

ISAIAH 6:1-8

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