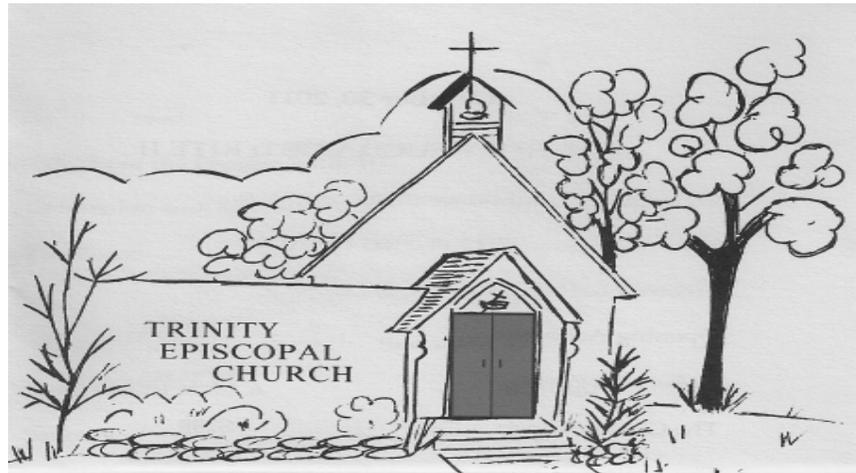


TRINITY TIDINGS

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From Behind the Altar

At the life profession of a monk at a Benedictine monastery, the monk makes his vows at the offertory of the Eucharist, and leaves a signed, handwritten copy of those vows on God's altar. Then he lies prostrate on the floor of the choir, in the place where his coffin will someday rest during his funeral. He is covered with the funeral pall, the cloth that on his funeral day will drape his coffin, and the other monks and the congregation chant the litany of the saints over him. At the end of the prayers, the deacon comes to the edge of the pall and says, "Awake you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light."

The inclusion of a funeral rite in the service of monastic consecration is not an exclusively Christian practice. Hindu monks,

for instance, do it too. But for Christian monastics it has a particular meaning not found in other faiths. It is a way of reenacting their baptism. Baptism is the Church's, and God's way, of uniting human beings with the saving death of Jesus Christ.

Christian teaching about how we are united to God is very clear. By entering into union with Christ in his death and resurrection in the sacrament of Baptism, we become participants in Christ's divine and human life, and by doing so are united with God forever. The union with Christ is unlike any other union we can enter into. It is exceptional, because Christ is uniquely different from any other person with whom we can have a relationship. This relationship is so strong that Saint Paul could write these Words: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor

angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor thing to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is this powerful and never-ending relationship that we celebrate each Easter.

I pray that as you observe the sacred liturgies of the Church this Holy Week and Easter (see schedule included in this newsletter) you will experience a renewed sense of the joy, peace, and satisfaction that comes from sharing in the death and resurrection of Our Savior.

Faithfully in the Risen One,
(The Rev’d) Jerry L. Miller

Holy Week/Easter at Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Liturgy (April 9)

10:00 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week (April 12)

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Stripping of Altar (April 13)

6:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 14) (Fast Day)

12 noon (Liturgy of the Day)

5:30 p.m. (Stations of the
Cross)

Mass of the Resurrection and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (April 16)

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

At the Eucharist on Easter Day, after the Paschal Candle has been blessed, we will hear the ancient proclamation of Easter (the Exsultet) sung by Courtney Henderson. The text can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 286 and 287. This ancient and moving proclamation helps us understand more fully the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus, and has been a part of the Church’s Easter traditions since the seventh century.

The Exsultet will be printed as an insert in the Easter bulletin to enable the congregation to follow the text and make responses where indicated.

Also on this day Bonnie Lyst will be acknowledged as a baptized member of Trinity. A festive coffee hour will follow in the parish hall. There will be no Sunday School classes this day.

Youth Happenings

Youth ministry continues to have amazing opportunities for youth to explore their faith and have fun with other youth. In addition to the Diocesan-level events of Camp and Missionpalooza, the Southern Youth Network will be having a Good Friday Lock-in in Springfield. Don't forget that when Bishop Curry visits West Missouri the first weekend of May, there is a special event time set aside for him to help the youth do mission work in Kansas City. He'll also be at Hammons Field that Sunday afternoon. I hope many people can come join us! As always, if you have any questions, please ask!

April 14-15 - Good Friday Lock-in at Christ Church, Springfield

May 5-6 - Lock-in and Mission Morning Breakfast with the Presiding Bishop at St. Paul's, Kansas City

June 11-16 - Camp WEMO at Camp Wakonda

July 25-30 - MissionPalooza at St. Paul's, Kansas City

Amanda Perschall

Altar Guild News

There is much work being done to make Holy Week and Easter worship special. There are several who will be cleaning brass and silver and ironing linens.

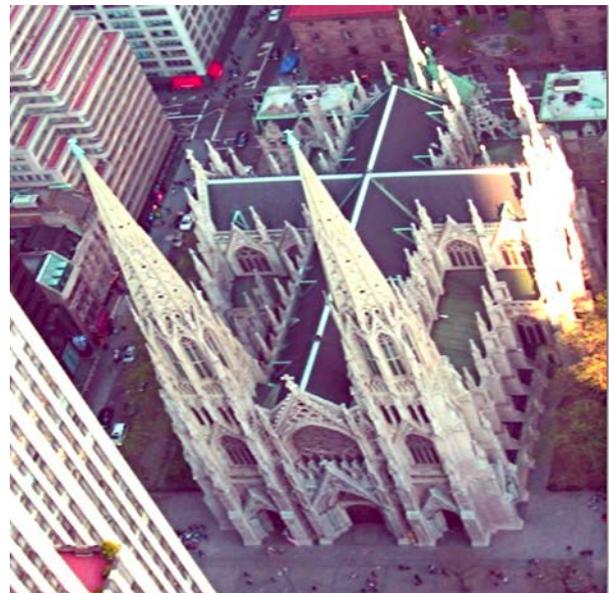
Two families are giving special memorials to honor their late loved ones. A beautiful banner and stand will be given in memory of Betty Donnelly. The family of Larry Kenady is giving a candle lighter stand and crosses to be worn by altar servers. Also,

several members have given to the Flower Fund for palms and Easter lilies.

This is a very generous and caring congregation. Your gifts and labor express your determination to be a place of God for the community.

Karen Miller

Sacred Places in the United States: St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, NY



St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, seat of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, is the largest Roman Catholic cathedral in the United States (the Episcopalian Cathedral of St. John the Divine, also in New York, is larger). Over 3 million people annually visit this American edifice of religious freedom where the nave can seat 2,400 people at each of the seven

weekly masses. An estimated 1 million annually participate in Christmas services.

In the Neo-Gothic style, St. Patrick's Cathedral construction began in 1859 and was consecrated in 1879. It replaced the 1785 "Old St. Patrick's" cathedral built when New York City housed very few Catholics. Today, Old St. Patrick's functions as a parish church and is the oldest Catholic building in the city.

The impoverished Irish made a powerful statement when they chose the 5th Avenue location for their church. During the week, many came to the neighborhood to work for the wealthy. But on days of worship, at least, they could claim the prestigious spot for themselves. Today, the Irish are mixed in a diverse community of Italian, Hispanic, Asian and other population groups.

The 339-foot-tall chapel holds some of the most prized art, music instruments and more inside its walls. Copper doors beneath the high altar lead to the crypt, where ceremonial hats mark the tombs of past cardinals and archbishops as well as other prominent individuals such as former slave and philanthropist Pierre Toussaint. Hidden staircases give way to passageways and underground rooms loaded with items of historical interest. Here are found graffiti markings written in honor of four New York City firefighters who lost their lives during their brave work on Sept. 11.

A seldom seen, secret, stained glass window is tucked away behind the Gallery Organ. The window is also concealed from the outside of the church. The meaning behind the secret window comes from a popular Gothic cathedral idea that all the Glory is given to God: "Even if we don't see it, God sees it."

A virtual tour of the cathedral can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-A9WbTCsLGo>.

David Daniels

Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, to speak at Hammonds Field, Springfield, Missouri on Sunday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m.

On Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7 the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael Curry will lead two events: 'Awakening the Spirit in West Missouri'. These Events will be held at the Kansas City Power & Light Stage, and at Hammons Field, Springfield. At the events Presiding Bishop Curry will be introducing 'The Jesus Movement' which he describes as "Following Jesus and growing a loving liberating, life-giving relationship with God, with each other, and with creation." The Jesus Movement is a way of life that is not self-centered. But a way of love grounded in compassion, goodness, justice, and forgiveness.

The events will also feature performances by local musicians and a short ecumenical service. Priests from the church will be on hand to answer questions about The Jesus Movement and The Episcopal Church.

Everyone, from all religious denominations, are invited to attend the main Awakening the Spirit events.

Come hear one of today's most charismatic speakers talk about the Jesus Movement.

The Jesus Movement - A way of life that is not self-centered. A way of love grounded in compassion, and goodness, and justice, and forgiveness. That is the way of Jesus, and that way of love can set us all free.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be leading this event. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

See more about the Jesus Movement:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/jesus-movement>

In the Spotlight



How well do you know your fellow Trinity Church members? Featured in this newsletter, is the fourth in a new series of articles to help you get to know the people

with whom you worship. Each issue will feature a different member of our congregation. This week, Edmund Gottfried-Caulk is in the spotlight.

Edmund was born on August 27th, 1974 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, to an American military father, Marvin Caulk, and German mother, Hannelore Schue. Edmund is the oldest of three siblings. Edmund and his family moved around to several different military bases in Germany before making a final PCS to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1984.

Edmund spent the rest of his childhood in the small town of Dixon, Missouri, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy from 1993-1995. From 1996-1998, Edmund completed an enlistment period in the Army National Guard as a supply specialist, before completing his military career as a combat medical specialist on active duty Army service from 1998-2004.

In 1996, while stationed at the Algoa State Prison in Jefferson City Missouri with the National Guard, Edmund happily celebrated the birth of his first-born child, Katie Marie Caulk. It was on a very cold day in December of 1999, at the very cold duty station of Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, that Edmund warmly welcomed his son, Christian Philip Caulk, into this world.

Upon his release from active duty in 2004, Edmund met his future wife Sara Gottfried, and the two were wed in 2006. That same year Edmund promptly enrolled in college at Drury University and began working on his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. After graduating with honors in 2009, Edmund began his current career with the Missouri Department of Social Services as an investigator of child abuse and neglect.

Edmund has been a lifelong animal lover and wildlife advocate. He is the happy father of five beloved dogs, all of which have been adopted from animal shelters and rescue groups. In his spare time, he enjoys visiting both state and national parks with his family, and simply being outdoors.

Edmund and his family found a forever home with Trinity Church in July of 2015. "We were immediately made to feel welcome", says Edmund. "The genuine warmth and fellowship we have every Sunday with other church members is one of my favorite things about Trinity Church."

Crosslines Ministry Report

March 2017

The total of Laclede County families assisted during 2016 totals 7,872 which included 21,683 individuals. 2016 brought in 586 new families for assistance. That is a lot of people to be helped through Crosslines Ministry. For the month of March 2017, 488 families and 1189 individuals received services.

The total contributions of Trinity Episcopal Church made the first item on the Director's report. The February food drive brought in 151 food items, 2 blankets, and \$100 which at a minimum could be converted into 50 more food items. That means the church broke the 2016 food drive. Many thanks came from Viola Blankenship, director. In March, 32 food items were donated by Trinity.

Besides the regular monthly contributors (U.S.D.A. Commodities, Wal-Mart, and Aldi's) to Crosslines during March, a monetary donation came from Knights of

Columbus, Niangua Day Trippers, and Will Bradley for parking lot. A large donation of food also came from Niangua Day Trippers and the Church of Latter Day Saints. A new regular contributor will be the Price Cutter bakery.

The special needs for April are shampoo, body soap, and deodorant.

Peggy Graydon

Yard Report

Thanks to Don Miller for straightening the euonymous hedge at the end of the ramp. It had grown with a variance of 12 inches from one end to the other. For a few weeks it will look a little bare but euonymous do grow fast. Next step will be to even up the top and lower it a bit.

Keep in mind that it is OK for anyone to pull weeds as they are spotted in the flower beds.

Peggy Graydon

Articles for the Newsletter

Articles for the Trinity Tidings Newsletter may be emailed to Bonnie Daniels, editor at bonnieraydaniels@centurylink.net . If you do not have email access, we will also accept paper submissions.