



Trinity Newsletter

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ADVENT-The Lord is drawing near (and so is the building)

As a boy, I loved Advent. The world was obsessed with tinsel and insubstantial things, but at church, Fr. Meisel was talking about the last things: death, resurrection, heaven and hell. What a contrast. The church wasn't where you went to escape; it was where you went if you wanted reality.

At Trinity Church, we are still waiting. That's our reality. We are waiting for our church. We are waiting to go home. From my work on several Long Term Recovery Committees, I know that around 5000 households still wait for a new home. We wait with them.

The Good News is that the Lord is drawing near. A young architect, Miss Leah McBride, is working on a plan to renovate our old building. It will have classrooms for our children, bathrooms, offices for the staff, and a large space for worship on Sunday morning. Architectural plans take time to put together. We are hoping to get Leah under contract in the next few days. We are hoping to get a building contractor under contract in the next few weeks. Actual construction should start within a month of those final contracts.

And yes, it has taken too darn long. This is like the last few weeks of a pregnancy. At the end you know that you will have a baby. But it is difficult to be patient. How much like Advent this is. We know a baby is going to be born. We know that He is to be the Messiah, the Christ. Waiting is such agony. Our hope is that the Lord is good, and that His word will be fulfilled.

Take time this Advent to pray with great thanksgiving for your blessings.

Trinity Church has been richly blessed. We have all sorts of talented people. We have all sorts of opportunities. Our ministries are growing. God has blessed us as we have sought to serve Him.

You can help Trinity Church prepare for the New Year by filling out a pledge card and returning it. Yes, the financial world is a mess. It may have effected your income. You don't have to pledge what you pledged last year. Do what you can. It is most important that we hear from as many of our people as possible. Do what you can.

Jesus promised, "I am with you always." Your brother in Christ,

The Reverend Christopher Colby Rector



The Rev Christopher Colby, Rector

Everything You Need

My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ Jesus to give you everything you need.

Philippians 4:19

May I meddle for a moment? What is the one thing separating you from joy? How do you fill in this blank: "I will be happy when _____"?

When I am healed. When I am promoted. When I am married. When I am single. When I am rich. How would you finish that statement?

Now, with your answer firmly in mind, answer this. If your ship never comes in, if your dream never comes true, if the situation never changes, could you be happy? If not, then you . . . need to know what you have in your Shepherd.

You have a God who hears you, the power of love behind you, the Holy Spirit within you, and all of heaven ahead of you. (see box, bottom of page)

New Trinity Church Electronic Bulletin Board

The electronic bulletin board is no more!!! This experiment turned into an interesting illustration of the true fallen nature of mankind. Ordinarily we don't write about failures, but we are in this case because of its educational value. The internet has brought new wonders to the world and new opportunities and benefits. It has also brought new evils to the world. In our

- Trinity Clergy, Staff, and Vestry
- The Rev. Christopher Colby, Rector
 - The Rev. Warren B. Mueller, Deacon
 - The Rev. Jeremy D. Blauvelt, Youth & Family Minister
 - Pamela A. Freeman, Parish Secretary
 - John Barrilleaux, Organist
- Vestry:
- Lin Burdette, Sr. Warden
 - Lou Rizzardi, Jr. Warden
 - Alice F. Russell, Clerk
 - Tom Shellnut, Treasurer
 - Janet Gordon, Sarah Powell
 - Michael Broussard, Gloria Reimherr
 - Mark Ashley, Lane DeBardleben
 - Mike Smith



Bulletin Board, cont'dcase, automated purveyors of filth called "spam-bots" would invade the bulletin board and list themselves as church members by the dozen and then post filthy messages. At Trinity, we will build a better, more secure message board. What a shame that such good can be corrupted by such evil.

Top Story for December: Advent and Christmas are important times to remember those less fortunate!

Area Food Bank Needs-Read this please!

With the economy in a downward mode, the Food Bank is suffering. We are in need of donations (so as to be able to make bi-monthly shopping trips) as well as food items.

The items that are always most needed (see Food Bank on Bottom Page 2)

(from above, Everything you Need) If you have the Shepherd, you have grace for every sin, direction for every turn, a candle for every corner, and an anchor for every storm. You have everything you need.

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The Rev. Jeremy D. Blauvelt, Youth & Family Minister

Please note this..

Our **Nursery Attendant Ms. Roni Lazana** is with us weekly on Sundays.

PLEASE note her times: She is with us on Sunday *during* the 1st and 2nd services (8:00am – 11:15).

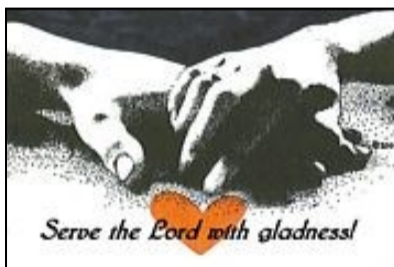
Parish Prayer List

Jane, Howard, Le An, Pammy, Helen, Michael, Frances, Nikki, Peter, Bill, Rev Lloyd, Valerie, Minna, Mary, Amy, Jamie, Danny, Bob, John, Judi, Janet, Orlando, Burton, Buddy, Lynn, Fenrick, Lynn, Tyler

All our Troops, especially those serving overseas

Diocese of Mississippi

The Anglican Communion



Around the Parish.....

Some pictures sent by Fr. Gleason (St. Luke's, Baton Rouge) of the Crawford Baptism at Trinity Church in November.....



Convocational Youth Event.....The Diocese of Mississippi voted two years ago to approve youth delegates to Diocesan council with the privilege of both voice and vote. Each convocation elects a delegate and alternate at a meeting called by the convocation's Dean. This year's meeting has been called to occur on December 6th hosted by Christ Church in Bay St. Louis at Mission on the Bay. The event will begin at 9:00 AM and go until 1:00 PM, with some free time afterwards for those who want to hang out a little longer. Those who can vote are all active youth between the ages of 13 and 18, and the delegate is any communicant in good standing between the ages of 16 and 18. Two years ago both the delegate and alternate were from Trinity. Our own Dorothy Husman will be a nominee

Fall Youth Retreat

Fall does not end until the winter solstice, so the Fall youth retreat will take place on December 12th through the 14th. All youth are invited to attend this retreat which will take place at the Bywater in Kiln, near the corn maze. The theme of this year's retreat will be Identity. The retreat will begin on Friday at 6:00 PM, and conclude at 2:00 on Sunday. The youth will return for the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5:13 PM on Saturday for a Eucharist service and potluck. All are encouraged to attend this service and bring a dish to share.

Christmas Pageant

We will once again have a Christmas pageant at the Christmas Eve Service. We will have two practices & casting calls for this pageant. The first will be Sunday December 7th at 3:00 PM at Trinity, and the second will be on Sunday December 21st at 3:00 PM.

**Health Corner
Debbi Colby**



Stay tuned for more Health Corner News in 2009.....

MUSIC FOR ADVENT

	November 30	December 7	December 14	December 23
Opening	Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending #58	There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying #75	Hark the Glad Sound, the Savoir Comes #72	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #56 (v 1-4)
Gradual	Dona Nobis Pacem #712	Prepare the Way O Zion #65	Watchman Tell Us of the Night #640	The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came #265
Offering	Trinity Choir	Trinity Choir	Trinity Choir	TRINITY CHOIR
Communion	Change My heart O God GPB #16	As the Deer GPB #89	Commune With Me GPB #20	The Servant Song GPB #246
Kneeling	Protector of My Soul GPB #60	I Love You, Lord GPB #199	In His Time GPB #45	You Are My Hiding Place GPB #167
Low Closing	Thy Kingdom Come! #615	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry #76	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #66	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #56 (v 5-8)

GREETERS NEEDED-Please Pay Attention to this! Many of us remember how nice it was to Greet and/or Be Greeted – being welcomed each Sunday by one or two members of our faithful Greeter's Committee. Although it was generally scheduled at our former 10:15 a.m. Sunday service, it would be nice to have Greeters now at our Saturday 5:13 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Services. A sign up sheet will be available in the back at the First Methodist Church. Please be willing to become a Greeter on an occasional basis at our Sat. & Sun. Services. For questions or interest in Greeting, please contact Wilma Rizzardi at 452-0161 or 216-3646. Thanks – we NEED you!

(Food Bank, from page 1) according to Mr. Otis Gates are:

Red Beans, Rice, can soups, potted meats, tuna, Vienna sausage, pork & beans, peanut



Trinity Activities for December and Beyond

The "Trinity Twirlers" gather for an hour of stretching and socializing at the First United Methodist Church of Pass Christian, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please consider joining us.

ST. MONICA ADVENT LUNCHEON: The ladies of the St. Monica Guild will hold their Annual Advent Luncheon on Monday, December 8, 2008, at noon. The ladies will be dining at the Great Southern Club, 1 Hancock Bank Plaza, Gulfport, MS. All ladies (not just St. Monica members) who would like to attend are asked to give \$17.00 (for the meal, tax, & tip) to Ainslie Tatum, 22484 Fox Run Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571, no later than Mon., Dec. 1. Ainslie's # is (228) 452-3453. You are requested to bring a donation for the Pass Christian Food Pantry to the luncheon. If you chose a Dixie White House resident's name to gift, please bring your wrapped gift, with a spice ornament tie-on, if you have one. Filled "Salvation Army Silver Stockings" may be brought, as well.

Evangelism Committee & Outreach (Gloria Reimherr & Janet Gordon)

Chile Mission (Chris Feuillade) Update:

**** Please remember to PRAY daily for Chris and for Lucila and all of the leaders of "Iglesia Anglicana del Salvador" (Anglican Church of the Savior) in Santiago.

We are asking for you to prayerfully consider giving a "special offering" to be sent to him. This will be a "Christmas Offering/Gift" that he will be using to replenish the Discretionary Fund that he began with the monies we gave him this past summer when he was with us.

You are also encouraged to contact Chris in Chile by mail phone or e-mail at: Avenida La Marina 1431, Depto. 31, San Miguel -Santiago -Chile
Home tele- phone: +56-2-517-0463 e-mail: chris-feuillade@sams-usa.org Skype name: [cfeuillade](#)
You may also make contributions towards the monthly support of his ministry. Look for updated information and pictures, on the "Chile Mission cork board" at the entry table.

HONDURAN Ministry update: Arnulfo & Silvia Matute and Dr. & Mrs. Mariano, Honduran ministry couples. Both couples continue in their respective ministries. The Matutes ministering in the university & Dr. Mariano meets the dental as well as spiritual needs of the poorest of the poor in the rural areas of Honduras. You may also make contributions towards the annual support of these ministries. Please note your check's memo "Honduran ministries support". We are sending the two couples a small Christmas Gift to help them in their respective ministries. If you are able, your contribution to this fund is welcomed.

ADVENT LIVE OAKS... at the home of Michael and Rebecca Smith co-hosted by Oliver and Lynn Young

26126 Pecan Rd., Pass Christian,

Friday, December 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish to share, and your favorite beverage, and meander along for the merriment.
R.S.V.P.-(228) 255-9616



Silver Stockings are really red! For several years, the ECW has distributed them to be filled with goodies for seniors-hence the name Silver. They will be available at the church for anyone who wishes to fill one. Please return them by Sunday, Dec. 14th, so we can get them to the Salvation Army to be distributed. Thanks for sharing in this ministry.



Anglican Relief and Development Fund

The Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) was created by the Anglican Communion Network in 2004 to be the strong hands of Christ reaching out in true partnership with brothers and sisters in the Global South. Our brothers and sisters don't need handouts, they need encouragement, opportunity and practical, self-sustaining assistance.

If interested, go to www.anglicanaid.net for more information.



A Word from Your Vestry.....by Rowella Cooper



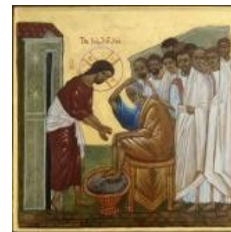
Calling All Needlepoint Stitchers!!

We have begun working with Lauren Tucker, a needlepoint canvas artist, to design the altar kneelers for the new church. The canvases will be worked with Appleton yard using Tent, Continental and Basketweave stitches. If you would like to submit a sample of your stitching for consideration, call Nonnie DeBardeleben: 452-4093 for more information and canvas.



The Deacon's Corner

The Rev Warren B. Mueller



When you receive this newsletter, we will already be well into the Church Season of Advent. It goes without saying that the secular world (eg, Walmart and all the others) have been in the Christmas Season since mid-September. It is rather a standard thing for clergy to write about how secularism in general and Commercialism in particular are destroying the meaning of Christmas and all that stuff. I actually have come to the conclusion that it's happening the other way around. Jesus tells us in the NT that the "gate is narrow" and many are called but few are chosen. What I mean by that is, the great majority of folks don't want to slow down after Thanksgiving and think about something as serious as Advent. Whatever their reasons, they want to plow ahead at full speed like we all tend to do for the rest of the year. So, the commercial sector, spotting an opportunity, rises to the challenge and spreads the 12 day Season of Christmas out into a 4 month conglomeration of "Labor Day-Halloween-Thanksgiving-Christmas".

So, do we really want to be so busy the whole year long, or could there be another reason?

If we actually slow down to think about life after Thanksgiving, we quickly realize that there is a month to wait for Christmas to come. If you don't have a million things to do, that could seem like a long wait. In the orthodox traditions of the Church, we don't put out Christmas decorations or sing Christmas Hymns until Christmas. So, we have to wait to see and hear these things. In our waiting, we might begin to think about what we are waiting for. And then we might begin to think about why God sent His only Son to be with us.

And finally we might begin to think about how the work of the Son of God was not completed in His earthly ministry and has not been completed to this day. And we might stumble across some readings in Isaiah and 2nd Peter that remind us that Jesus Christ will come again. This time in all majesty and glory, to bring all the peoples of the world to God; and God's final purpose for the world will then be completed.

That is all pretty serious stuff. In fact it is what we call Eschatological Doctrine, the doctrine of End Times (Advent is a great season because the clergy get to throw around that "Eschatological" word a lot).

Most people prefer not to think about these things. So, starting in mid-September they head off to Walmart.....Merry Christmas!!!

Trinity School News-for December

TRINITY BOOK FAIR: Our Book Fair is being held at Trinity Nursery School from Monday, December 1 through Friday, December 5, and on Sunday, December 7, from 8:30 till noon. Please consider doing some of your Christmas shopping with us.

NOVEMBER "THANK YOUIS!": Gloria Reinherr, Renee, Megan and Connor Brooks, Dale Pohl, Justin Durning, Lauren Bentz, Shelly Bentz, Terry Hilliard, Shelly Loftin, Julia Morales, Rebecca Bennett, Yanory Benetiz, Sarah Harris, Mary Arnoult, Lisa Robertson, Jennifer Johnson, and all our "Good Fairies".

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: T.N.S. will be closed from Mon., Dec. 22 until Fri., Jan. 2 for the Christmas Holidays. Classes will resume on Mon., Jan. 5 for the fours, and Tues., Jan. 6 for the threes. Shelly and I wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



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