



The People of God

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A Message From Fr. Tom



Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

Pentecost, which falls on June 8th, is one of the seven *Principal Feasts* of the Church year—right up there with Easter and Christmas. On Pentecost, we remember how the Holy Spirit descended like fire, gave the disciples new boldness, and sent them into the world to speak God's love in every language. Pentecost is not just the Church's birth-

day—it's a reminder that we are part of a Spirit-led movement that is still unfolding.

According to the Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer, "*The Holy Spirit is God at work in the world and in the Church now.*" (p. 852). The Holy Spirit is that rush of energy we feel when church is alive and when things are clicking. It is the tongue of fire we sense when there is positive energy, togetherness and purpose. It was the gift of the Holy Spirit that brought the first Christians together, and it is the gift of the Holy Spirit we still feel today when church is at its best.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not just meant to build the institution of the church, it is meant to build the lives of the followers. Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said, "When the Spirit came down on those first followers of Jesus, they got up and went out." You and I are the true beneficiaries of the Holy Spirit. It is God's lasting gift to the lives of ordinary people. Because of the Holy Spirit, we will never lack power, we will never lack direction or guidance. The Spirit makes us bold to speak truth to power (Acts 4:31). The Spirit gives us guidance when the way is unclear (John 16:13). It gives us conviction that leads to repentance and change (John 16:8), and it gives us freedom from fear (Romans 8:15).

And yet, how often do we think about the Holy Spirit? How often do we pray for the Spirit's presence to come upon us? How often do we remember that we are heirs

of the Spirit, and that the same tongues of fire which fell on the first disciples at Pentecost still fall upon us, still empower us, still make us greater than the sum of our parts?

One of my favorite quotes about the Holy Spirit comes from Desmond Tutu, who says, "*When the Spirit fills us, we cannot remain neutral in the face of suffering.*" Those of us who are bothered and disturbed by the suffering around us are responding to the Holy Spirit within us. The Spirit is that which unites us and gives us compassion and empathy for others. And it also empowers us to do God's work.

Through countless generations, Christians have been motivated to go out and make a difference in the world because the Spirit has pushed us out there. We only have to look at Jesus's words as he returns to the synagogue in his hometown. He opens the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah, and he reads: "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor... to let the oppressed go free.*" (Luke 4:18). Jesus is clear that the Holy Spirit is central to his mission in this world, and he is clear that his mission is to help, to make a difference, and to bring good news.

Are we clear about our mission as people of faith in this world? Do we feel empowered in the same way that Jesus does? What is our Good News? These are things for us to think about at Pentecost. Let's remember that Pentecost is not just about wearing red and celebrating the beginning of the Church. Pentecost is about real things, God making a real difference in people's lives. And then sending those people to go out and make a difference in the world.

Blessed and Happy Pentecost. Go out and make a difference. Know that the Holy Spirit has prepared you.

I hope to see you in church,
God's peace and blessings be with you,

Tom+



Thank You For the Music

As the choir winds up our year of singing we are ready for summer break. I need to thank everyone who has continued to work so hard to make our Trinity Music Ministry a vital part of our church. It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of it. Special thanks to April Snyder for playing so beautifully for the choir pieces and on the organ when I am away on one of my many trips. Thanks to Lois Sivert, too, for playing once a

month or so ... and extra thanks to my old college friend Frank Hallock for directing the choir in my absence. He has done a fine job and will be assisting us again from time to time. Have a great and rejuvenating summer. I am already anxious to start again in September.

Love to you all,
David Lewis, Choir Director



From Bunnies to Bombs

As you may know, I was in Australia just after Easter celebrating the 86th birthday of an old friend in Melbourne. While there we visited the Anglican Cathedral. You have no doubt heard of church cats but have you ever heard of a church bird? Every morning for the past ten months a beautiful wild Lark Magpie hops into the narthex as soon as the doors are opened. Then he waits for someone to open the inside sanctuary doors and hops on in to spend time in the church, greeting those who see him. He has never failed to show up. I was really moved by seeing him. They fondly call him "Larry the Lark". Such a simple pleasure.

Then we went to Japan for about three weeks. It was lovely, modern and old at the same time and oh-so-polite. We saw many Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines as well, and amazing gardens. Gardens make me cry. For a break, we also went out to Okunoshima Island ... otherwise known as Rabbit Island for the hundreds of semi tame domestic bunnies who have made it their home since the 1970's. You may know that Scott and I are crazy about bunnies, so we just had to go there. It was sweet and gentle and uncrowded.

The next day we went on to Hiroshima. It was a 24 hour emotional rollercoaster. After spending a whole day and night with the hundreds of sweet bunnies on

the island we made our way to the iconic A-Bomb site. The Atomic Bomb memorial park, museums and dome ruins are bracing. There were people at the dome with petitions in many languages pleading for the destruction of all atomic bombs ... right in front of the ruins. I signed, of course, but not without sobbing. I found a little off the path shrine, and was moved to go there and kneel to ask for forgiveness and relief from guilt and embarrassment. It is hard to be an American these days, especially when looking at this and the photos of total, absolute destruction. Looking at this it is hard to be part of the human race at all. They also made it clear that Japan was in no way innocent in the war. It was "truth telling" at its best. No revisionist history.

The extremes of complete innocence with the baby bunnies to the recognition that, in many cases, people can be really terrible. There were also folks protesting the Gaza genocide and the war in Ukraine. I also prayed for our abundant lives, our precious friends and families and all the wonderful blessing we have received. I still feel overwhelmed.

I just needed to share that with you.

David Lewis



Community Garden

I recently picked up an old newspaper from 1918. I love antiquing & thrifting and thought this was a gem. All about World War I and the sacrifices everyone had to make. The paper was called "The People's Home Journal" it was published out of New York by the F. M. Lupton publishing company.

As I started reading it I found things about the demand to garden when times are tough. It appears the federal government implemented a program call Little Gardens (I've also heard them to be called Victory Gardens) asking our populus to go back to prior times and plant seeds to feed their families and our troops. In April 1918 Little Gardens were doing well but but everyone was asked to do more! I've included copies of two items out of this publication for all to read.

What surprised me most was the ground roots effort by the National War Garden Commission to urge everyone on. To have the biggest Little Gardens yet! Wouldn't it be lovely if our federal government, cities and states could get behind this kind of effort again. How very much could be done to help our fellow man by just supporting growing of food.

And that number, \$350,000,000 generated fresh food for our country. That number, even by today's standards is an amazing feat. With current technology and techniques how large would that number be today. It would be \$7,994,975,000 using a 3% inflation factor. Now that's a lot of tomatoes, peas, carrots, celery, corn and peppers!

We all know times are difficult, inflation, two income families, children in daycare, bills to pay, little time to think, let alone take the time to garden. But wouldn't it be wonderful if we could go back to those times, support our families and neighbors with this kind of support. A few seeds, some good soil, sunshine, little hands in dirt, some water and voile food on the table. Could we stamp out hunger? Could the homeless be channeled into a life of gardening? Could we HELP each other with what matters most. Sharing, caring, talking, pitching in where we can? My dream is to have that happen. Wouldn't many LITTLE GARDENS just be lovely again?

The foresight of Trinity to start a community garden 10 years ago was very smart. What a wonderful way

to reach out to our local community with the very opportunity so embraced in 1918. Our very special place, at the rear of the church, provides nourishment for many and fresh air and sunshine. We did good, we did, we did!!

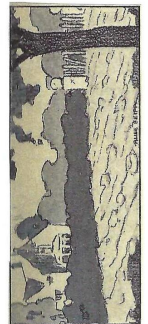
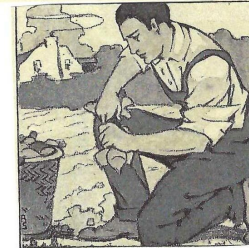
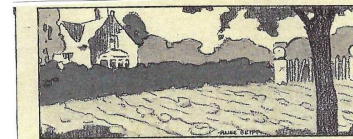
Join us in our beautiful garden on SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH, RIGHT AFTER CHURCH FOR A BBQ, MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP. Join us to dedicate our new gazebo and sit with us under it in the shade of summer.

We're sorry about having to postpone the Mother's Day Tea but we'll do it in the future. I so very much appreciate sharing my gardening thoughts with everyone!

Sandra Scott, Garden Manager

By Lewis and Mary Theiss

Why this Serious Problem
Will Face Us Until Long After
the War Is Ended



1918—Little Gardens Greatest Year

As a further effort on our part to induce the thousands of THE PEOPLE'S HOME JOURNAL little gardeners to make a big rally for the coming season, we will publish in the May issue an article on this tremendous movement, which is doing so much to help win the war, by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National War Garden Commission. Mr. Pack is one of the many patriotic citizens who is giving his time and labor to the government without financial return. This year must be the biggest for Little Gardens. They added \$30,000,000 to the food products of the country last year. If we increase this figure ever so little, the JOURNAL, the pioneer in the Little Garden movement—now a national issue—will be more than modestly proud of its achievement.

Read This Article!

It was written by two of the most observing journalists in the United States, a husband and wife who have time to think. Mr. and Mrs. Theiss are both graduates of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Theiss is also a graduate of the University of Michigan, and took a degree in the University of Pennsylvania. She has been an editor. Mr. Theiss began his journalistic career on the New York Sun eleven years ago. For over ten years he has written for magazines, contributing many important articles to *The World's Work*, *Outlook*, *The Independent* and other publications. He is also the author of several interesting novels.

Read this article aloud to your family and then pass it on to your neighbor, asking him to do the same thing. Then write us about the possibility of organizing a community market in your neighborhood.





Samaritan Team

Welcome to the first month of summer! Here are some of our highlights for this month:

- The **Turk Center Dinner Ministry (formerly Haven House)** continues twice a month, **on the second and last Thursday of each month** For June, our “dinner and dessert” dates are **June 12 and June 26**. If you are interested in this Ministry, or think you might want to volunteer, get on our email list! Getting our sign-up email doesn’t obligate you to volunteer, but you can’t even think about it if you don’t get the email! So contact Jan McDaniel at jan.mcdaniel@gmail.com or call 760-670-7455, and we’ll get you connected!
- “**Sack Lunch Sunday**” happens every month, typically on the first Sunday of each month. For June, the date is **Sunday, June 1**. Our sandwich-and-sack-lunch-making is such a well-organized process, that it is a sight to behold! But even more rewarding to see is that everyone is *laughing and having a really fun time while doing all this very efficient and wonderful work!* And at the end, we typically end up with more than 100 to 150 sack lunches to provide to Interfaith Community Services for distribution. Many thanks to all who participate in this great monthly ministry. So stick around **at Coffee Hour on June 1st** and get involved in making sack lunches – you’ll be glad you did. If you have any questions, see one of our organizers: **Faith Much, Cindy Kratz, and Sandra Robinson** from our Samaritan Team.

- On Sunday, April 25 at Coffee Hour we were treated to a presentation by a representative from EDCO, Bob Hill, about recycling, how it works in our community, and what we can all do to help. Thanks to Kim Billman for getting this set up. We all learned a lot!

And as for **the Samaritan Team** itself, we are always open to folks who would like to join us in initiating new ways for Trinity to do Service and Outreach. The Samaritan Team *usually* meets on the **third Sunday of every month right after church, in the Dove Library (starts at about 11:30, ends in one hour)**. Come learn more about the on-going Ministries and projects at Trinity that serve our community and our neighbors in need. Just grab your coffee, and bring your curiosity and your IDEAS on SERVICE and OUTREACH. Everyone is welcome, because we are ALL Samaritans!

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Newcomer Trini-tea - June 1st

Please join us for the Newcomer Trini-tea on June 1st from 1:30 to 3:30 at the home of Jonathan Cartford and Patty Stein. **PLEASE RSVP** at the number listed and let us know if you can attend. Address, etc. will be provided at that time. 760-975-7997.

And, don’t forget! Trinity 101, to learn about all things Trinity, will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, July 13th, following the service. If you can’t make it to the tea, this is a great place to start.

Patty Stein and Jonathan Cartford





Creation Care

When you see this, we will have already had the great privilege of hosting our wonderful speaker, Mr. Bob Hill, Recycling Director for EDCO. As this is written, it hasn't happened yet but, though it's Memorial Day weekend, I'm sure that it will be wonderful. This is a great chance to help us with how we do things here at Trinity, in our homes, and communities.

Please keep bringing CA CRV plastic bottles, aluminum cans and, now, glass bottles to church any day of the week. The bins will be in front of church on Sundays, and in the Sunday School/Kitchen hall all other days. All of you wine drinkers: save those bottles up and bring them! Thanks!

Little Free Pantry: All has been going well with this little gem. Kids, plan on getting your little hands painted in the near future to decorate it!

Vacation Bible School: there will be an eco-lesson as was done last summer. The kids just eat it up and can

probably teach us grown-ups a thing or two. Any ideas to include would be greatly appreciated (contact Kim). "Send Your Love Around The World" bulletin board in the Parish Hall: Though this falls under Samaritan Team, it's definitely a Creation Care issue. So many children in impoverished parts of the world need our help to just get by and get through school. Did you know that, in many areas, children cannot attend school without a uniform? Most of these kiddos' families can't afford them. Sponsorship costs little, and you will build relationships that last a lifetime. Our love and concern can reach far beyond Trinity's walls! Please do put up your child's photo with name and country on the map or I can do it for you. If you don't sponsor, please consider it!

Remember, it's the little things that make the difference! :)Kim (imkimb56@gmail.com)

Welcoming Visitors with Grace

One of the most beautiful aspects of our worship at Trinity is that no one walks alone. Whether someone is here for the first time or returning after a time away, each person who walks through our doors is beloved and worthy of care. In this spirit, we invite every member of our Trinity family to embrace the sacred ministry of hospitality.

If you happen to notice someone unfamiliar in the pew next to you, consider it a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit. A warm smile and a simple, "I'm so glad you're here," can mean the world to someone navigating a new church experience.

For those who are new, our service can feel a bit mysterious at first, with two hymnals (the blue *Hymnal 1982* and the black *Sing Joyfully*), a bulletin, a service booklet, and various standing, sitting, and kneeling mo-

ments. You don't need to be an expert to help. All you need to do is just lean over and quietly offer, "Would you like help following along?" That small kindness can make a newcomer feel truly seen.

And don't stop at the dismissal! After the service, invite our guests to join you for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Walk with them if you can, introduce them to a friend or two, and help them feel the warmth of our community beyond the sanctuary.

Hospitality doesn't require a committee, just an open heart. Let's continue to be a church that embodies welcome, where each guest is embraced as Christ among us. Blessings!

Leila Sackfield, Senior Warden

ICS Food of the Month - Please bring any non-perishable food to Trinity. The need is especially urgent.
This month's highlighted item: **canned beef stew & canned chili**



Do you know Rachel Burdette?



I was born in Linton, Indiana and grew up as the second of 4 daughters to my mother, Virginia and Air Force Chaplain father, Robert. In this military family, life was a series

of different homes. One home in Turkey provided an experience of other cultures and a chance to learn to speak Turkish.

I married, completed college with a B.S. of business administration. Though the marriage failed, I had three daughters, Alisha, Etta, and Suzanna. I worked various jobs until, as a curriculum coordinator under a federal grant, I met my current husband, David and had two more children. Over the next 30 years, this marriage also included a few moves as David, a geologist, worked in various civil service positions with his last job working for the National Park Service. Retiring, the final move settled us in Escondido to live near the two youngest children, Julia and Gregory.

When we moved here, it was just before churches began closing due to Covid. I attended several churches in the area but was unable to find a church home. I asked a neighbor, Sandy Dabasinskas. She suggested her church, Trinity Episcopal and said that there were some very nice people there. I attended and was greeted by several friendly people and Pam Putnicki welcomed me. The next Sunday again, I was greeted and welcomed. It felt like I finally found my church home.

I have been able to be part of several activities at church including: Prayers & Squares, Altar Guild, Toymaking, and Vacation Bible School. There are so many ways that Trinity reaches out to the community and encourages new members to be included.

God has been ever present in my life and after I challenged him at age 12 to prove that he is real, despite my doubts, so many times he has. Throughout my 69 years of life, prayers have been answered numerous times with miraculous results. The most recent being my 4th grandchild. Trinity church family responded with prayers along with others. My daughter, Julia and her husband Sean were expecting their first child. After my daughter went to the hospital, she endured 2 days of labor before her son was delivered. He had to have suction applied to his head to be born. During delivery, the cord was around his neck and this caused one problem that resulted in oxygen loss to his brain. At his birth, I saw a “blue” baby who was in an emergency state. He was diagnosed at birth with Extreme HIE (Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy), possibly from the cord being stretched and then clamped off early. He was placed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit immediately. He was in a cooling unit for 72 hours. He had one seizure when he was being cooled.

After the diagnosis and traumatic birth, I contacted Marilyn Meredith and she placed him on the prayer list and Episcopal website. Immediately God started answering prayers, the baby, Rowan, started making incredible progress in healing. Milestone after milestone were reached rapidly. Originally, doctors said he would be in the NICU for at least two weeks. Prognosis did not look good for his full recovery but God answered prayers. Rowan went home at 9 days. He had an MRI and no damage was evident. Rowan is eating, growing, and acting just as he should. In fact, the doctors said that he has no evidence now of having any problems. Thanks to prayers answered by God, we now have a healthy baby. What better result can there ever be? Thanks be to God and all those who have prayed for him.

Written by Rachel Burdette



Stewardship

A Year-Round Practice of Faith, Wisdom, and Gratitude

I am encouraging all of us here at Trinity to think of stewardship as more than a pledge drive or a season on the calendar and instead view it as a way of life rooted in our relationship with God, our responsibility to our community, and a response to God's abundant blessings.

Spiritually, stewardship is a recognition that all that we have comes from God and is entrusted to us for a purpose. It's a practice of faith that invites us to live generously, trusting that God will provide. Each act of giving, whether time, talent, or treasure is a spiritual offering, an opportunity to draw closer to God and to one another.

Practically speaking, stewardship sustains the daily life and ministry of our parish. From keeping the lights on to funding outreach as well as our many ministries, your support enables everything we do.

It's the faithful work of managing resources wisely so that Trinity is able to remain a vibrant place of worship, service, and welcome.

In thanksgiving, stewardship is our joyful response to God's goodness. I invite you to reflect on all that we value and love here at Trinity. From our beautiful sanctuary and grounds, to the welcoming sense of community we offer, we are moved to give, not out of obligation, but from a place of deep gratitude.

So, let us embrace stewardship not as a yearly campaign, but as a continual practice of spiritual growth, thoughtful action, and heartfelt thanksgiving.

Leila Sackfield
Senior Warden

How To Sponsor Altar Flowers



There's nothing like fresh flowers to make people feel special. For \$35.00 you can have fresh flowers on the altar in honor of a special occasion, person, memory, event, or any other reason you can think of.

All you must do is sign up in the flower book in the Narthex when you come to church, pay \$35.00 (make sure you indicate your payment is for flowers) and the Flower Guild will purchase and arrange them on the Sunday of your choice. **Please Sign Up!**

Financial Report

Annual Budget: -\$24,984.09

April 2025:

Income (YTD)	\$125,252
Expenses (YTD)	\$108,998
YTD Net Income	\$16,254

MILESTONES

Birthdays

- 1 Karen Campbell
2 Isabelle Jefferson, Suzanne Schaffner, Nancy Chartrand
3 Scott Sexton
4 Julie Carroll
11 Maria Callard
14 Leslie Mette
15 Pam Surko
17 Ron Smith, Stephanie Tobin
21 Kristopher Cronenberg, Margaret Molesworth
22 Dennis Godfrey, Maxine Lieurance
23 Emily DeLano
24 Kim Speckhan
25 Robert and Kay Reiner
26 Kathleen Hawkins, Gail Human
27 Robert Reiner, Danica Dabasinskas

Anniversaries

- 4 Frances & Neal Hook
14 Jim & Liz Murtland
19 Sandra & Catherin Smullen
20 Hunter & Kathleen Hawkins
21 Don & Martha Bozulich
23 Dave & Dru Cowles
25 Robert & Ray Reiner



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Beatrice Gadzekpo ('28)
Helen Joline ('27)
Joe Stanford ('26)
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Tasha Thompson ('27)
Mel Waterhouse ('27)

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Morning Service **10:00am**
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