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Restoration Update

Work continues on schedule and progress continues to be made on completion of the church. If the final clean-ups can be completed on time, Preservation SC would like to open the church to the public in July or August. The congregation will not be able to return to the building until we have the Bishop's permission and he will make that determination when he gets an approval from the diocesan engineer. We will keep you posted.

Bishop Announces Retirement

In his pastoral letter of June 6th, Bishop Waldo announced his intention to retire from his Episcopate on December 31, 2021. It is his desire that the Ninth Bishop be elected by that time and ready to enter the bishopric. The management of a large diocese without the benefit of a suffragan may at times be arduous and the Bishop would like to have more time to spend with his children and grandchildren while he is reasonably young and in good health. He has received the consent of the Standing Committee to call for the election of the ninth bishop at a special convention on September 25, 2021. The Bishop's ten-year Episcopate has been characterized by many successful and worthwhile accomplishments. The Bishop possess a profound sense of social justice and, with his fellow bishops, has brought about considerable improvements in race relations and reconciliation in South Carolina. He has also helped us to learn how to be in deeper dialogue on difficult issues, like same-sex blessings/marriage which has become a difficult issue for some Episcopalians and has created havoc in the American Church for years. He has also been instrumental in helping to develop relationships to support public education through parish-school partnerships and advocacy programs which have successfully made a real difference in the lives of many children at risk. The Bishop is the son of a priest and the brother of a priest; and the child

of a remarkable and gracious mother who instilled in all her children a profound sense of caring and compassion for the needs and well-being of the people around them. All of us at Trinity Abbeville say thank you, Bishop, for your good work, your good example and helping to make us all better Christians and better human beings. May God continue to bless you and keep you always.

Former Bishops

In its long history, Trinity has been under the jurisdiction of many fine bishops, actually going back a hundred years while we were still a part of the Diocese of South Carolina. Due to the expanding nature of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, our present diocese was split off from the low country and formed as a separate diocese in 1922. This diocese currently has approximately 30,000 members in 61 parishes and missions. Actually, the Diocese of South Carolina was the third oldest in the Episcopal Church and played a major role in establishing the Anglican Faith in this country. As stated earlier, Bishop Waldo has been an excellent bishop, but he had a tough act to follow. Bishop Dorsey Henderson (the Seventh Bishop) was enormously popular, a gentleman of infinite grace and charm, and a wonderful High Church Bishop (Anglo-Catholic) whom we lured away from the Cathedral of Saint Paul the Apostle in Fond-du-lac, Wisconsin where he was Dean of the cathedral. Although a bishop of many important accomplishments, Bishop Henderson is especially remembered for his beautiful masses. The line of bishops for this diocese is long and distinguished, some called from the diocese and others coming from far away. We have been greatly blessed with good and faithful shepherds. The full service for the consecration of a bishop in the Episcopal Church can be found on page 511 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. You might very much enjoy seeing the consecration of a new bishop

Timeline for the Search for the IX Bishop of the EDUSC.

6th June 2020

Bishop Waldo announces intent to resign and retire effective December 31, 2021

18th July 2020

Standing Committee posts application for Nominating Committee Members.

21st August 2020

Applications for Nominating Committee are closed.

12th September 2020

Standing Committee names Nominating Committee.

26th September 2020

Retreat for Nominating Committee and Standing Committee.

September and December 2020

Listening Session conducted throughout the diocese.

6th -7th November 2020

Diocesan Convention: Standing Committee provides update on the nominating process.

12th December 2020

Profile of prospective bishop and application posted.

26th February 2021

Candidate Applications Close

March-August 2021

Nominating Committee reviews candidate materials, references, conducts interviews and completes site visits.

19th June 2021

Nominating Retreat with potential candidates begin.

14th August 2021

Nominating Committee presents a slate of finalists. The Standing Committee approves finalists and post materials to website.

28th August 2021

Period of Nomination by Petition closes.

11th-12th September 2021

Candidate Walkabouts are conducted.

25th September 2021

Electing Convention for the IX Bishop of Upper South Carolina held at Trinity Cathedral.

January 1st 2021

Bishop Waldo begins retirement and Standing Committee becomes interim Ecclesiastical Authority.

26th February 2021

CONSECRATION OF THE IX BISHOP OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL. GOD SAVE THE BISHOP!

Learn more about the EDUSC Search at www.edusc.org/bishop search

Above schematic from the Diocesan Website

Feast Days In July:

Saint Mary Magdalene

On July 22nd, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*. This saint is most important because of the major role she played in Jesus' earthly ministry. She has been called the second most important women in the New Testament after the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary Magdalene was often with Jesus throughout his travels. She was present at the two most important events of Jesus' earthly mission: the crucifixion and the resurrection. Within the four Gospels she is mentioned at least 12 times, more than most of the Apostles. She showed herself to be brave enough to stand by Jesus in his hours of suffering, death and beyond. In the New Testament, Jesus cleansed her of "seven demons" (Luke 8:2, Mark 16-19), sometimes being interpreted as referring to complex illnesses. Mary Magdalene was most prominent in Jesus's last days. She was with him in his final terrifying moments at his death. She stayed with him at the cross after the male Apostles (except for St. John the Beloved) had fled. She was at Jesus' burial, and is the only person to be listed in all four Gospels as the first to realize that Jesus had risen and to testify to that central teaching of the Faith. John and Mark specifically name her as the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. She was the Apostle to the Apostles, an honorific that St. Augustine (4th century) gave her and others have conferred on Mary Magdalene. She is revered as a saint in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran Churches, while other protestant churches honor her as a heroine of the Faith.

Saint James

On the 25th of July we celebrate the *Feast of Saint James the Apostle*. He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of Saint John the Apostle. The *Bible* tells us that he was one of the first Apostles to join Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels state that James and John were with their father on the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James was one of only three Apostles to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus. The *Acts of the Apostles* records that "Herod the King" had James executed by sword. He is the only Apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament. He is, thus, traditionally believed to be the first Apostle martyred for his faith. James was fervent in the Faith and often aggressive in its propagation. He and his brother were known for their hot tempers for which they earned

the nicknames Boanerges, or "sons of thunder." Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and his relics are contained in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. His symbols are the scallop shell and the pilgrim's hat. Catholic tradition holds that the first visitation of the Blessed Virgin was to Saint James.

The Labyrinth

Dr. Rob Elsner recently met with the vestry to make recommendations and suggestions for the proposed Trinity labyrinth to be situated under the shade trees in the parish garden. He presented several design possibilities as he is familiar with several well-known labyrinths in this country and in Europe. He was able to make useful suggestions as to the model that might be best for Trinity. Trinity recently received a most generous financial gift from Father Cannon McCreary, a former Trinity vicar, to help support the development of the project. Father McCreary was the first full-time vicar to come to Trinity after the church had been closed for 20 years. He came straight from the seminary, was a dynamic preacher, and much loved not just at Trinity, but in all Abbeville. Father came back many years later as the preacher at the celebration of Trinity's 150th year when the church was filled with 300 guests from all over the United States. Father McCreary will be our guest of honor at the dedication of the labyrinth if he is able to attend. Father McCreary stated in his note: "I really like the idea as it is another way to reach out to the community and seems so appropriate to Trinity's Spirituality." Father McCreary is a poet and an exceptionally talented artist. Rob has drawn out an imprint on the lawn to give us an idea of how the labyrinth might look and has also provided us with a sample of inspirational scripture verses and meditations to be read at each station. Check it out! Rob will give us a more detailed teaching on the proper procedures for the use of a labyrinth at the appropriate time. You may use your own devotional material or you may contact Lewis for the recommended materials. Persons will be able to use the labyrinth in privacy or with friends. We have already selected some beautiful small stone benches to be situated at each station of the labyrinth. You may stand, sit or kneel at each station for your meditations and prayers. These very attractive and durable benches will be available for a \$100 donation each and inscribed as a memorial or in honor of a friend or family member. It is

hoped that this labyrinth will endure for a hundred years and be a great blessing to those who come to know and love it. We are especially grateful to the Elsners—Rob, Betsy and Sam for all their hard work in helping to make the Trinity Labyrinth a reality.

Hope You Are Well!

We have attempted to maintain contact with our members as best we can and it appears that our folks are well. Many of you have ask about our priests. Father Tucker and Betty are doing well and Father Swartsfager and Judy are well. Mother Alice is also well and hopes to see you soon. If you know of anyone in our parish who is not well and in need prayer, please advise the Senior Warden at 864-992-2200. The UCMAC food pantry for the poor is getting low. The parish house is now left open from 9:00 am until when Michele and Bud come to pick up the offerings on Sundays and you may leave your food and offerings during that time if you wish. You can feel free to call Lewis at anytime you need access to the parish house at 864-992-2200.

From the Senior Warden

Many of you are anxious and asking why our services have not resumed. In May we submitted a request pursuant to the Bishop's guidelines requesting to resume services which was signed by your Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Parish Administrator and the former Senior Warden. More recently we have made phone calls and have received no response from any of these inquiries. However, the Bishop has made clear from the start that he was taking his guidance from the CDC and state public health people. They were hoping for a leveling off of new cases. That has not happened and, if anything, the cases are still increasing, even in Abbeville County. Our request was for an outside service in the garden under the shade trees and would have allowed for careful adherence to all the Bishops requirements for distancing and other safety measures. We will make another request to resume services on July 12th, but will not be able to advise you in this newsletter as we must go to the printer tomorrow. We will let you know as best we can. You may always feel free to call me at 864-992-2200. Please remember that the main concern of the diocese is for safety as they do not wish to hear that someone contracted the illness at a church service. We all want to get back to church as soon as possible. The Peace of the Lord be with you all. Lewis.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 2020

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 119: 24 KJV)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 2			1	2	3	4 Independence Day (Altar: White)
5 5 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 6 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	13	14	15 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	16	17	18
19 7 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	20	21	22 Saint Mary Magdalene (Altar: White) 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	23	24	25 Saint James The Apostle (Altar: Red)
26 8 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	27	28	29 Mary and Martha Of Bethany (Altar: White) 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	30	31	Our Service Books BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts

July 5, 2020 (Proper 9)

Celebrant:
Eucharistic Minister:
Lector:
Acolyte:
Altar Guild:
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38,42-29,58-6
Psalm: 45:11-18
The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a
The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2020 (Proper 10)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Anne
Acolytes: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Genesis 25: 19-34
Psalm: 119: 105-112
The Epistle: Romans 8: 1-11
The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9

The July meeting of the vestry will be on July 12th to immediately follow the Eucharist. Members mark your calendars.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. BCP, P. 134 (Compline).

July 19, 2020 (Proper 11)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
Eucharistic Minister: Dick
Lector: Ruth
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Genesis 28: 10-19a
Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23
The Epistle: Romans 8: 12-25
The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

July 26, 2020 (Proper 12)

Celebrant: Mother Alice Haynes
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Betty
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Genesis 29: 15-28
Psalm: 105: 1-11, 45b
The Epistle: Romans: 8:26-39
The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop
Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. BCP, P.818.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Happy Birthday

07/04—Judy

07/04—God Bless America

A prayer for the 4th of July

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our faith in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, P. 820)

In the event that church services are allowed to resume on July 12th, please consult your calendar for details.

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Our Mission Statement:

To do the work that Christ has given us to do.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Lewis Ashley, Senior Warden
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden
Dick Haldeman, Clerk
Myra Keith
Mary Anne Campbell
Betty Tucker
Mike Clary

Parish Administrator and Registrar:

Dick Haldeman

Treasurer:

Ilona Anderson

Musicians:

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Cynthia Jefferies
Hank Baggett
Jennie Leverich
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Betty Tucker

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich
Rob Elsner
Sam Elsner

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & rounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Cynthia Jefferies (Voting)
Jan Haldeman (Voting)
Hank Baggett (Alternate)
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)

Newsletters:

Lewis Ashley
Jennie Leverich

Sunday School/Bible Study:

Hank Baggett

For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise.

Quietly They Rest

Have you visited Trinity graveyard lately? We had a group of visitors recently who were quite moved by its historical significance and unique ambience. They were especially impressed with the iron crosses. Do you know that story? These were all young confederate soldiers who did not die from war wounds, but from typhus. They were taken off the train and remanded to a small hospital unit which had been established in Abbeville to care for war casualties. They were all quite ill and were all dead within three days except for one 20-year-old. He was ill but still able to communicate with the nurse. He was of French Huguenot ancestry and had been born and reared on Sullivan's Island near Charleston at a time when the only way to get from the island to the mainland was by boat. He had a tragic story. When he was about twelve, he and his sister, with his mother and father were returning to the island after a day trip to Charleston and were suddenly overtaken by one of those sudden ferocious summer storms so common to the low country. As a youngster familiar with the sea and a strong swimmer, he managed to stay afloat, but his sister and both his parents were lost. He was moved to Charleston to live with his grandmother, also of Huguenot descent, who resided in the French Quarter. Apparently, both he and his grandmother had good singing voices and made extra money by singing at funerals (weird—only funerals?). By age 14 he had been engaged to sing on a regular basis in the boy choir at what he referred to as the great church of the planters (Probably Saint Michael's or Saint Philip's (Episcopal, of course). At this point of the war, times were bad and at age 19 he joined the confederate army and sent his pay to his grandmother. As stated earlier, by the

time he reached Abbeville, he was very sick and although some people survived typhus, most did not. The nurse cared for him lovingly, but he rapidly declined and in the stupor of his delirium, he sang the beautiful old funeral hymn—*Lead kindly light, amid encircling gloom. Lead Thou me on. The night is dark and I am far from home. Lead Thou me on. Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.* The nurse bathed his face and forehead with a cold cloth and went to attend other patients. When she came back to check on him he was gone. He was finally at home with those who loved him. When next you pass the iron crosses in Trinity graveyard, remember him.

This nurse, who had been born and reared in Abbeville, was a graduate in Literature from the prestigious College of William and Mary. Throughout her years in Abbeville she carefully kept a journal which contains more than 200 pages on life and events in Abbeville with many stories about Trinity Church. The journal now belongs to one of her great granddaughters who lives in upstate New York and visits Abbeville about every two years. On Saturdays she enjoyed spending several hours with us at Trinity and likes to think of Trinity as her ancestral church. Old Trinity gets around!

LETTERS:

Dear Trinity Friends:

You might remember my son, Jake, who frequently visited Trinity at your Saturday afternoon programs. He was the boy who liked to play his trumpet with the organist. Many of those Saturday afternoon kids did not attend church on a regular basis and you people were the only contact they had with the True Faith. I actually thought that Jake was going to embrace the Anglican tradition and that made me proud. Jake recently spent a weekend at Myrtle Beach with his beer drinking buddies and is now very sick with the covid-19. I cannot bear to lose him and request your prayers. You people do good work and care about kids who are at risk. Thank you.
Anne

Dear Anne:

We remember your lovely boy very well and will lift him up to the Great Physician. I am sure that many of the people who read this newsletter will wish to pray for Jake and for you. If this stuff were not so contagious, I would bring a priest to anoint him, but that would not be prudent at this time. I believe he will be fine. He is young, strong, a good athlete and I believe God might have some plans for Jake. Please keep us posted on his condition.
The Editor.