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Restoration Update

Things are going well at old Trinity. We are so thankful that God has brought us this far and that he continues to use this grand old church for his Glory. Important decisions are now being made and many are suggesting the continuing planning for the programming be returned to the Meadors Restoration Group in Charleston who are regarded as the premiere restoration experts in the southeast. One just needs to look at their work in Charleston which is probably the best historically preserved city in the US. We initially engaged the Meadors Group in the initial phases of our planning and they provided us with an extensive four-hundred page plan to complete the project. The dialogue will continue with all concerned parties and the diocese will make the final call in due course. All of you are largely responsible for our success this far as you have maintained a continuing determination that we will succeed in bringing old Trinity back to her original glory. You should hear what visitors say when they enter Trinity for the first time—WOW!

Patriotic Program

Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make our patriotic Star-Spangled Celebration such a great success on July 3rd. We had about 150 enthusiastic visitors in our congregation, many wearing their red, white and blue attire. We have already received several letters stating how much the program was enjoyed by the members of the community. The prayers (BCP), patriotic readings and songs went a long way to please the patriotic crowd who gathered for the program. Many thanks also to our good friend, Henry at the *Press and Banner* who covered the event and presented an excellent story with some great pictures from the program. Abbeville is full of folks who love “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” To all of you who risked your lives to preserve our freedoms—

thank you for your service.
God save the Republic!!

80th General Convention

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church sat at Baltimore on July 8-11. The meeting had been postponed a year because of Covid-19 and shortened from 8 days. The convention was able to move with relative efficiency through a process that the Presiding Bishop referred to as “matters essential for the governance and good order of the Church.” Still, 412 resolutions were presented to the convention. Among essential actions, the bishops and deputies passed a \$100.5 million budget for the next biennium (the 81st General Convention is scheduled for the summer of 2024); gave approval for the first reading of a constitutional change to clearly define the Book of Common Prayer (here we go again —editorial comment); and continued the the Church’s commitment to reckoning with its history of racism. About 1,200 persons attended—typically as many as 10,000 people participate—and they had to provide proof of vaccination and conduct rapid tests in their hotel rooms each morning. There was no exhibit hall, a space usually filled with displays from vendors and Episcopal ministries, and no visitors allowed. The convention continued to grapple with the usual very difficult issues concerning social justice, reproductive rights, racism and gun violence. Interested persons may find a much more lengthy reporting of the activities of the convention at the website at the Episcopal News Service (www.ENS.org).

Lambeth 15

Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the 15th Lambeth Conference is now sitting in England, beginning on July 26th and concluding on August 8th. Meetings will be held at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral and Lambeth Palace in London. The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Com-

munion for prayer and reflection, fellowship and dialogue on church and world affairs. The theme for the conference is God’s Church for God’s World-Walking, Listening and Witnessing Together. The conference will focus on what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs and challenges of a rapidly changing world in the 21st century. The Lambeth Conference is a once-a-decade gathering of bishops from across the Anglican Communion and plays an influential role in the life of the Anglican Church as it brings together the bishops and spouses for prayer, Bible study, worship and fellowship and helps shape the life of the Church for the next decade. The Episcopal Church USA is a vital member of the Anglican Communion and generally considered to be the Church of England in America. Our Bishop Richards is currently with the bishops in England.

Important Changes Underway

Until now, the wider worldwide Anglican Communion, outside of England, has been represented by just one of the 16 members on the Crown Nominations Commission for the Archbishop of Canterbury. But under changes to the Standing Orders of the General Synod formally approved July 12th, there will now be five representatives from other churches of the Anglican Communion—one each from Africa; the Americas, Middle East and Asia and Oceania and Europe. The new rules will also ensure the inclusion of laity and clergy as well as bishops, a balance of men and women and that at least one of the five will be of Global Majority Heritage. All diocesan bishops of the Church of England, including Archbishops, are appointed by Her Majesty the Queen following a nomination by the Crown Nominations Commission for the See. These new changes will now mean that the Episcopal Church will have some influence, though small, on the future appointments of the See of Canterbury.

Feast Days in August:

The Transfiguration

On August 6th, we observe the *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The Transfiguration of Jesus is an event in the New Testament narrative in which Jesus is transfigured (metamorphosed) and becomes radiant on a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels describe it, and 2nd Peter (1:16-18) refers to it. In these accounts, Jesus and three of his Apostles go up on a mountain and Jesus becomes radiant in bright beams of light. Then the prophets, Moses and Elijah appear next to him and he speaks with them. Jesus is then called "Son" by a voice from above assumed to be God the Father as at the baptism of Jesus. This miracle is unique among others that appear in the canonical Gospels in that the miracle happens to Jesus himself. The Transfiguration is one of the major milestones in the Gospel narrative in the life of Jesus; the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. In modern Christian teaching, this event is a pivotal moment, and the setting on the mountain is presented as the moment when human nature meets God; the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus himself as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth. As the four go back down the mountain, Jesus tells Peter, James and John not to tell anyone what they had witnessed until the "Son of Man" has risen from the dead. The importance of the Transfiguration not only supports the identity of Jesus as the "Son of Man" (as in his baptism), but also the statement "listen to him" identifies Jesus as a messenger of the Father God. (Taken in part from Wikipedia and the Canonical Gospels).

Saint Mary the Virgin

On August 15th, we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. The Roman Catholics refer to it as the *Feast of the Assumption*, while the Eastern Orthodox Church refers to it as the *Feast of the Dormition*. This feast celebrates the triumphal entrance of the Blessed Mother into Heaven when her earthly mission was complete. The Orthodox Faith teaches that Mary died a natural death like all humans and that her soul was received by God upon her death; but that her body was resurrected on the third day after her burial at which time she was taken up bodily into Heaven. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church teaches that Mary was assumed into Heaven bodily to great rejoicing

among the Heavenly Hosts. So what does our Church teach on the subject? We celebrate and honor this important feast, but in typical Anglican fashion, we do not attempt to explain too much (the Holy Mysteries). We readily acknowledge the great importance of the Blessed Mother in the Incarnation of our Savior; and in bringing Him to us, she played a major role in our salvation and that of the whole world. Hoppolytus of Thebes, a 7th century author, claims in his partially preserved chronology to the New Testament, that Mary lived for 11 years after the resurrection of Jesus, dying in AD 41. *Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

Ave Maria

O God, you have taken to yourself the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her, the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen. BCP, p.243.

Saint Bartholomew

On August 24th, we observe the Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle. Bartholomew was one of the twelve and usually identified with Nathaniel, who is mentioned in John 1. He was introduced to Jesus by Philip, another one of the Apostles. In the east, where most of his evangelical labors were spent, Bartholomew was mostly known as Nathaniel. In the Synoptic Gospels, Philip and Bartholomew are mentioned. In the *Acts of the Apostles* (1:13,14), Bartholomew is listed as one of the witnesses to the Ascension and appears again in John's Gospel as one of the Apostles to whom Jesus appeared at the Sea of Galilee after the Resurrection. Some ancient writings state that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary journey to India where left a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. Together with his fellow Apostle Jude, Bartholomew is reported to have brought the Gospel to Armenia in the 1st Century, and both Apostles are considered important patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Saint Bartholomew was later martyred in Armenia.

Trinity's Own Saint

We would be remiss in our discussion of the saints if we did not mention the Reverend Dr. William Porcher DuBose, Vicar of Trinity from 1866 to 1871. The Episcopal Church does not officially create

saints, but has established a Name Day for Dr. DuBose which we observe on August 18th. He was born in 1836 near Winnsboro into an affluent Huguenot family. He was an extremely precocious child and entered The Citadel in 1851 at the age of 15. By his final year (1855), he was the ranking student officer and an assistant lecturer in English Literature. He completed a graduate degree at the University of Virginia and then entered the Episcopal Diocesan Seminary at Camden to study for Holy Orders. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in December 1861. He served in the Confederate Army and was twice wounded. Dr. DuBose Served as the Vicar of this parish during the very critical period of reconstruction in the in south and was the second vicar to serve Trinity in our present building. It was reported that his years in Abbeville were happy as he and his wife were raising four small children. Dr. DuBose left Trinity to become lecturer and professor of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) where he became a primary mover in the establishment of the seminary there which has trained and continues to train many of our finest priests in the Episcopal Church. Dr. DuBose authored some of the most important writings in the Anglican Faith. He died at Sewanee in 1918 and is buried there. At his death he was regarded as the most important theologian in the history of the Episcopal Church; and one of the most notable in the long and distinguished history of the Anglican Church. Perhaps our beloved Trinity played a role in molding this great teacher, preacher and theologian.

Getting Ready to Sing!

After a 4-year hiatus due to plague and woes of reconstruction, we are happy to resume our very popular "Old Time Hymn Sing" this year on Sunday afternoon, September 25th at 3:00 pm. The first hymn sing over ten years ago drew over 200 singers from several counties. We will be singing many of the old, popular and well-known hymns that we sang with our mothers and grandmothers that were the standards of the Church. Full details of the program will be included in the September newsletter. Please make your plans now to be with us and invite your friends. This Hymn Sing is usually sung on the Sunday nearest the *Feast of Saint Michael and all Angles*. What better time to sing praises to God than near the feast of His Holy Angles, who continually do praise Him?

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AUGUST 2022

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C Office Lectionary Year 2	1 Joseph of Arimathea	2	3 6:00 PM Evening Prayer	4	5	6 The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)
7 9 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	8 Saint Dominic Priest and Friar 1221	9	10 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	11 Clare of Assisi Monastic, 1253	12	13
14 10 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	15 Saint Mary The Virgin, Mother Of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Altar: White)	16	17 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	18 William Porcher DuBose, Priest and Vicar of this Parish (See article in text)	19	20
21 11 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	22	23	24 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	25 Saint Bartholomew The Apostle (Altar: White)	26	27
28 12 th Pentecost 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist	30	31 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	All Lessons and Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	Want to be an evangelist? Invite your friends to Trinity. If they come, the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

August 7, 2022 (Proper 14)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm: 50:1-8, 23-24
The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 14, 2022 (Proper 15)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Charleen
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm: 80:1-2, 8-18
The Epistle: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The Vestry meeting will be on August 14th immediately following Mass.

August 21, 2022 (Proper 16)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Ruth
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm: 7:1-6
The Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-20
The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

August 28, 2022 (Proper 17)

Celebrant: Father Manning
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Colors: Green
1st Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm: 81:1, 10-16
The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8
The Gospel: Luke 141, 7-14

Happy Birthday:

08/04—Joan

08/06—Charleen

08/19—Myra

08/23--Buddy

Recent Ordinations:

Bishop Richards has announced that in the last few weeks that the Rev. Garrett Ayers and the Rev. Fergie Horvath were ordained to the Diaconate and the Priesthood, respectfully. They were his first ordinations to preside over as a bishop, and both were described as beautiful events. Deacon Garrett will eventually be ordained as a priest, so both carry the charisms of the priesthood. Both are very different people, yet they have taken vows to live a particular kind of faith life in service to Christ and His Church. Alleluia!



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER 1 Chronicles 16:34



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Our Mission Statement:

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards
The IX Bishop

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Hank Baggett, Junior Warden (22)
Mary Lynn Lyle (24)
Myra Keith (22)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Lewis Ashley (24)
Mike Clary (22)

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

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Charleen Clark

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Cynthia Jefferies, Delegate (Voting)
Dick Haldeman, Delegate (Voting)
Lewis Ashley (Alternate)
Mike Clary (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.

Letters From Our Friends:

Dear Trinity:

We attended your Star-spangled Celebration program and all I can say—it ranks as one of the top 4th of July celebrations I've ever attended. It gives me chills when I think of how majestic your organ and organist presented. The whole program was beautiful. I'm just sorry that my friends in Savannah Lakes didn't know about the program. If you let me know of any other programs, I will make sure it gets in our mail. Thank you so much for making this 4th of July so special.

Sincerely,
Sarah Updegraff

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your letter. We are so pleased that you enjoyed the program. We love all our friends at Savannah Lakes. The Senior Warden will be sending you a list of our programs for this year. The "old time" hymn sing will be in September and the popular blessing of the animals in October; and a lot of great things happen at Trinity around Christmas. Please be with us whenever you can.

Editor.

Dear Editor:

Your patriotic program was stunning!! I was transfixed when the majestic Cross led the procession, as it should have as it represented the Precious Blood. And the Colors were presented beautifully. I am not much for tears, but admit to getting misty-eyed several times. I had never before heard of Abbeville's courageous Major of Saint Lo and the important contribution he made to our cause and freedom. Your church is magnificent and its ministry so profound. I strongly sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit. These kinds of programs are so important in that they allow us to feel and express our love for this great democracy and an opportunity

to teach our children a sense of patriotism and love of country. I was especially impressed by the way your program suggested an almost tender love between church and state in a country that demands a separation between church and state. God bless America and all you good folks at Trinity Church.

Lt. Colonel Colin Sloan
Athens, Georgia

Dear Colonel:

Thank you for your kind words. We were so pleased to have you with us at Trinity. Please be with us whenever you can; and thank-you for your noble service to our beloved Republic.
Editor.

Dear Sir:

My companion and I were recently visiting Abbeville from Myrtle Beach and having a pleasant glass of wine at the lovely garden center across from your church. We found the church quite beautiful and one of the guys at the garden center told us we would be welcome to visit the church which we did. ~~Soon~~ and I were both raised in the Catholic Church and told by a priest that our love was unacceptable to God and he could not love us in our relationship. We were removed from the Sacrament. The church organist told us that we would be welcome in the Episcopal Church and that we would be allowed and encouraged to receive the most Blessed Sacrament at the High Altar with everyone else. He made us feel so good when he read to us from the Holy Bible which said no power on earth, in heaven or in hell could separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:38-39). Not even the Catholic Church. The experience touched us deeply and we both cried on the way back to the beach. If we didn't love the beach so much, we would move to Abbeville just to be able to attend your beautiful church. We have had a great burden for a long time just because we loved each other. That burden has now been lifted. We were both altar boys in a large Catholic parish. Thank you, Trinity.

Cliff and Sam
Myrtle Beach, SC

Dear Cliff and Sam:

We loved the opportunity to meet you and enjoyed your visit. "O Love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong. It shall forever more endure—the saints' and angles' song!"