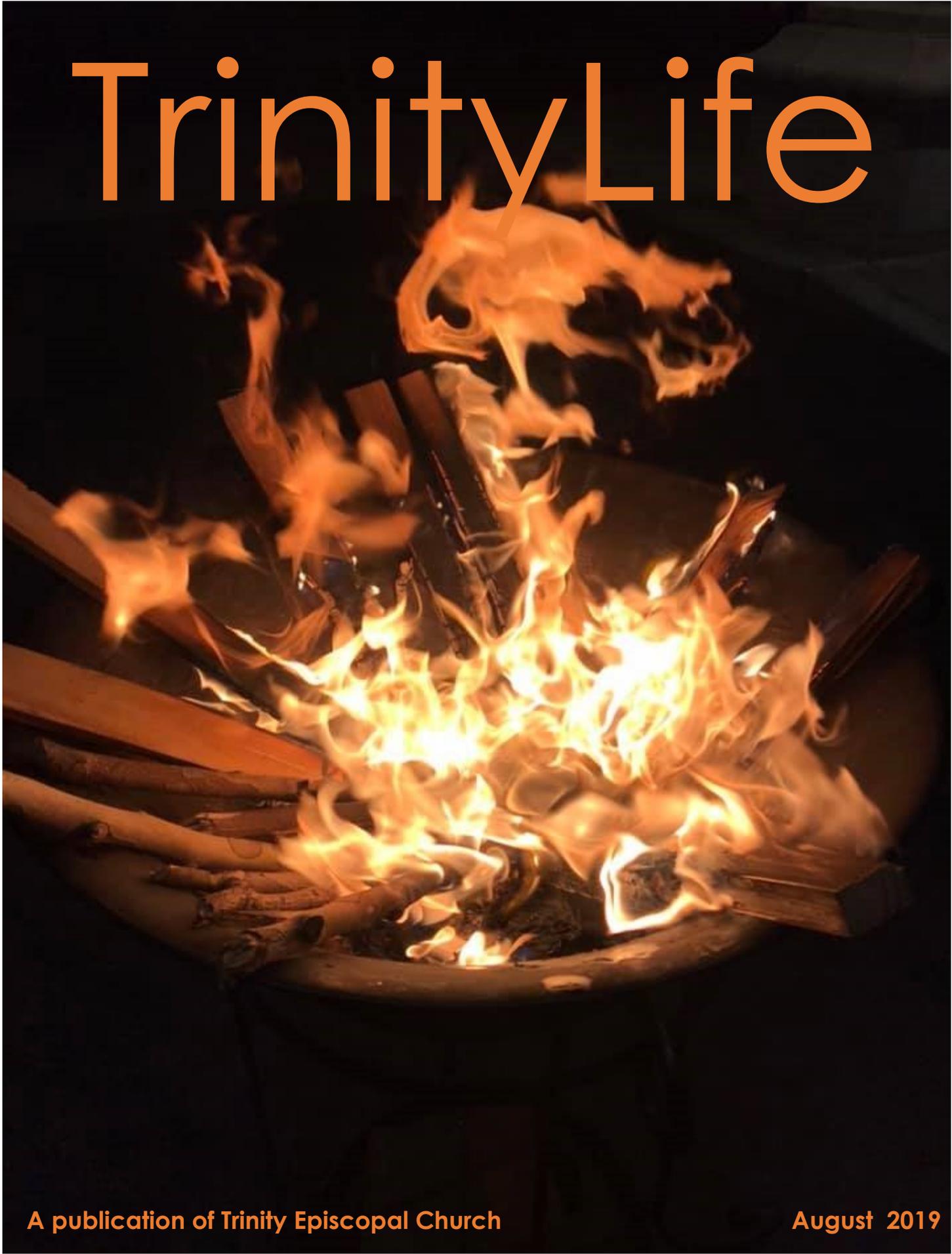


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Front: Flames rise in the darkness outside the church at the Sunrise Vigil on Easter Day. The Paschal Candle is lit from these flames and carried in to the church. The flame is then shared with the congregation and the service continues in candlelight as the sun rises.

A LETTER FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

THE REV. KRISTI MAULDEN



Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. -Matthew 6:33

This little line of scripture has been a theme in my life since I first sang it as a round in choir. I often wonder how it is that we seek the Kingdom of God as a first priority. It sounds like such a great idea: let me put God's priorities first always and work for God's reign in all things on earth. But, there is much that gets in the way. There is a loss of focus when the needs and concerns of this life press in. Anyway, what is it that we are supposed to be

seeking?

In some ways, this phrase reminds me of one of my favorite childhood book, The Secret Garden. The story is set in the vastness of the English moor at a large estate. A young orphaned girl with a difficult disposition comes to stay. It is a story of her transformation and her search for a garden that has been locked away. When she finds that garden, she watches the spring take over. The magical beauty of the garden brings her to life. Here it is that she finds friendship and healing. If she had not set out to search for this place, this special realm, she might have remained aloof and friendless, unloved and unlovable.

In a sense, we are seeking God in a secret garden. Secret, because we lose our way to the garden door or we have forgotten the key to the gate or we no longer wish to find it. It is a place of mercy and justice where all God's children are welcome. I believe it is worth the effort. Maybe you have been in that place where God's peace and joy were found. Maybe you have found that place and have forgotten the way. Maybe you have never been. The key to the path is hope: hope that God has you and that you are named, unique and loved. The path is lined with forgiveness. This is one of those things that shall be added unto you – forgiveness.

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. It can be elusive. We might think that we have forgiven those who have hurt us, but then something triggers our anger and resentment, and we realize we have not truly forgiven. If we are truly seeking God's realm, we must lean into forgiveness. We lean into God's forgiveness of us and learn from that experience. There is nothing we can do that God cannot or will not forgive. Forgiveness is like God's promise of springtime. It always comes – sometimes late and sometimes stormy – but it always comes.

These years at Trinity have been for me a bit like the secret garden. It has been a place of growth for me and for my family. It has been a place of healing and of refuge. I have found deep connection to God and God's kingdom through working, praying and living into God's kingdom with each of you! Trinity is also a place of beauty and grace: the obvious is our building and our worship. We know how to worship God in beauty and in holiness. But, the deeper beauty is in the care you all have for each other. The way God has worked to transform you in so many ways. And in the great love you all share with the wider community. I have been blessed to be with you.

I pray that you will continue to share this part of God's kingdom with the wider world.

In peace,

The Rev. Kristina Maulden
Priest-in-Charge

A LETTER FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

June 5, 2019

Dear Fellow Trinity Parishioners,

Summer is here and schedules tend to relax a bit, but please know that the search committee remains fully engaged in the discernment process for our next Rector. All of us on the committee appreciate your questions, thoughts, concerns, and even fears, but most of all your prayers and support. Here is an update through the end of May:

We have completed skype/on-line interviews with all candidates who expressed interest in consideration. This has taken some time, as we were receiving applications from January through March. Though all of the candidates appear to be outstanding priests and worthy of consideration, the committee identified a shorter list of those we felt may be called to Trinity. Over the next two months we will visit each of these candidates to get to know them better in person and observe them "in action". Based on those interactions, the final phase will involve the Vestry in considering the recommendations of the search committee and finalizing a call. There is no firm or even estimated completion date, but please know that we are moving diligently but prayerfully through these steps.

We are blessed and thankful to have the leadership of Pastor Kristi and the hard work of all the staff and volunteers during this time of search and discernment. Each person we have interviewed has felt drawn to the love, energy and outreach that they see in Trinity. This makes our work as a committee very exciting and humbling.

Finally, we ask that you join us with this prayer:

Holy Spirit, You search us out and know us better than we know ourselves. All our thoughts and ways lie open before you. Set us free from opinions and perceptions that bind and imprison us. Give us minds and hearts ready to be lead in our discernment into the way of truth. This we pray in the name of the One who is the truth, who declares you the Spirit of truth, Our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

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WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION IN THE MAIN CHURCH
Holy Communion, Rite I; spoken service

9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION IN THE MAIN CHURCH
Holy Communion using the more contemporary language of Rite II. Traditional family service using an altar for communion that is closer to the congregation, with hymns supported by adult and children's choirs. Children have the choice of remaining with their parents for the entire service or taking part in Children's Chapel for the first half of the service. *Childcare available from 9:00am.*

11:00AM HOLY COMMUNION IN THE MAIN CHURCH
Holy Communion using the traditional language of Rite I. Hymns and anthems are led by the full adult choir. This is typically considered a "high church" service.

11:05AM HOLY COMMUNION IN THE CHURCH DOWN UNDER
The Church Down Under, located beneath the Main Church space, is designed for families with children. Each part of the service, including Holy Communion and music, is made accessible to children of all ages.

5:00PM EVENING SERVICES IN THE MAIN CHURCH
Evensong is offered the First and Third Sundays of each month from September through May. This service is ancient in origin and beautiful to experience.

5:00PM TAIZÉ SERVICES IN THE MAIN CHURCH
Taizé is offered on Second Sundays of the month throughout the year. This contemplative communion service is led by piano, guitar, harp and voice.

WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

WEEKDAYS MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
8:30am Morning Prayer in Bishop Brooke Chapel.

MONDAY
12:05pm Pray the Rosary every week, and Stations of the Cross during Lent in Lady Chapel (north chapel in the Church).

WEDNESDAY
12:05pm Holy Communion; spoken service. The First Wednesday of the month is a Requiem Service. Bishop Brooke Chapel (south chapel in the Main Church).

SPECIAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, Tuesday, December 24
5:00pm Holy Communion with Christmas pageant
8:30pm Musical prelude before service
9:00pm Holy Communion with full adult choir and brass
10:30pm Musical prelude before service
11:00pm Holy Communion with full adult choir and brass

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, Wednesday, December 25
10:00am Holy Communion

EPIPHANY PROCESSION, Sunday, January 5
5:00pm Service in the Main Church

ASH WEDNESDAY, Wednesday, February 26
7:00am Imposition of Ashes in the Main Church
11:00am Ashes to Go curbside until 1:00pm
12:00pm Imposition of Ashes in the Main Church
7:00pm Imposition of Ashes in the Main Church

PALM SUNDAY, Sunday, April 5
7:30am Holy Communion in the Main Church
9:00am Holy Communion with Palm Procession
11:00am Holy Communion with Palm Procession
11:00am Stations of the Cross in the Church Down Under
4:30pm Organ Recital in the Main Church
5:00pm Choral Evensong in the Main Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Thursday, April 9
6:00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper and pot luck dinner in the Church Down Under
7:00pm Holy Communion in the Main Church, Agapé Meal, Stripping of the Altar & Watch through the Night

GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 10
12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy in the Main Church
7:00pm Veneration of the Cross and Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Main Church

HOLY SATURDAY, Saturday, April 11
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt followed by pot luck lunch, meet in the Great Hall

EASTER DAY SERVICES, Sunday, April 12
6:00am Sunrise Vigil followed by festival breakfast
8:00am Holy Communion; spoken service
9:00am Holy Communion (Rite II) with full choir
11:00am Holy Communion (Rite II) with full choir
11:05am Holy Communion in the Church Down Under, interactive family service with Flowering of the Cross

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

By Deacon Deborah Underwood

We invite you to join one of Trinity's Education for Ministry classes. In EfM, participants study the historical context of New Testament scripture, and its importance and significance in our own theological perspective, church development and the contributions of theological trends and thinkers.

EfM is a chance for members of the church to delve deeply into their knowledge of the Christian faith. Those who complete the four year course will receive a certificate from the school of divinity at Sewanee: The University of the South.

Classes begin in September and meet weekly through May. It may seem a long way off, but take time to reflect now whether you'd like to join because registration is limited. Visit the EfM website for more info and sample lessons: efm.sewanee.edu/information or email Deborah Underwood at DeborahU@att.net.

TRINITY DAUGHTERS OF THE KING CHAPTER TO HOST 2021 SPRING

ASSEMBLY

By Deacon Linda Paul

Trinity Chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will begin planning the Spring Assembly to be held April, 2021 here at Trinity Church. We will be hosting over 75 women from around the Diocese. What a wonderful way to showcase our faithful Chapter and our beautiful Nave in my final year as the DOK Chaplain of the Diocese.



Look for announcements about these special meeting dates, as well as our regular quarterly gatherings for prayer and study. Remember to look for those distinctive crosses we wear, especially if you need special prayers. We strive to serve our church family!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4th, 7:00PM
Contact Casey Cantwell, Director of music
(918) 582-4128 x129 or casey@caseycantwell.com

Join the
Trinity Choirs
in Songs of Praise!

THROUGH THE WARDROBE TO NARNIA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CREATES COMMUNITY

This summer, we went through the wardrobe and in to the land of Narnia for Vacation Bible School. And what an adventure we had! We learned that, just like the children use the lamp's light to help them find their way, God's light will always lead the way if we look for it. We were reminded that, even when we lose our way and make choices we regret, as Edmond did, God will always accept us just as Aslan and the siblings accepted Edmond. One day we spent talking about sacrificing for others. What would we give (or give up?) for others? Aslan gave his life for the children, just as Jesus gave his life for us. Throughout the week we played games, did crafts and built community through fellowship and song, all while learning these truths through stories and fun.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make VBS possible, and influence young lives, year after year!



ENDOWMENT EVERYDAY

GIFTS TO THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In honor of Ben Parisi's 15th birthday from Carter & Jenny Robertson

Honoring all 2019 Graduates from Gary & Patti Smith

To the honor and glory of God from Lucia & Brent Laughlin

In honor of Ann Radford for serving as Altar Guild directress from the Altar Guild

In memory of Margaret Swimmer, for outreach

From the Rensselaerville Institute

Katy Hall

Shelley Jackson

The Gehres family

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Gilcrease Museum

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St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville, Florida

Jim Langdon & Juley Roffers

Mary McIlhany & Harley Galusha

Patti & Gary Smith

In memory of Bill Epperson

Eric Saulnier

Joseph & Barbara Woltz

Marguerite Chapman

The Gehres Family

GIFTS TO THE THOMAS MATTHEWS MUSIC ENDOWMENT

In Memory of Bill Epperson from Martha Mattes

In honor of Casey Cantwell
from Karl Cocke

In memory of Margarete Gilbert
from Karl Cocke

In memory of Lester & Myrtle Groom
John & Rebecca te Velde

Barbara Mattes

Martha Mattes

Joe & Joan Sizemore

Marguerite Chapman

GIFTS TO THE JAMES AND DONNA NICHOLS ORGAN ENDOWMENT

To the honor and glory of God from Charles Brown

In memory of Bill Epperson from Marla Smith

In recognition of the gifts of love and service
provided to Trinity by Steve & Lindsey McKee, from
Jeffrey Cox

GIFTS TO THE BLESSING OF THE PETS FUND, WITHIN THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In loving memory of Ruth Black

Teresa & Richard Hardy

Chris & Marilyn Koontz

Nancy & Dean Pierce

Janet & Bob Tomarkin

Bryce Legrand

Ann Matthews

The William Christopher family

Gail Payne

GIFTS TO THE MULFORD CHURCH PROPERTY ENDOWMENT

In gratitude for the hard work of our outstanding housekeeping, maintenance, security and reception staff – Lora Wright, Jerry Henry, Barbara Harlas, Debbie Schneider, Angela Tilley, and Donnie Henderson, from Chris and Hannah Middlebrook

To make a gift, please contact Jenny Robertson at 918-582-4128 or www.trinitytulsa.org/give.. A message of your choosing may accompany your gift and will be printed in Sunday News and in the weekly e-newsletter.

FINDING GOD IN NOVA SCOTIA

By Ari Sanders



Nova Scotia, at first, was a small country in the province of Canada I knew little about, but through one short week it became a place that would hold memories of bonding, community, and of worship. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey, and the 2019 J2A class took that journey to Nova Scotia. Throughout the trip we searched for God in these new places, but more often we found God when we weren't looking. Through the brisk hikes on the cliffs of the sea, to the cooking of meals in the kitchen, we found God in the beauty of the country and its people, and we also found God in each other.

It wasn't all smooth sailing. Right off the bat we had to deal with the stress of cancelled flights. Our original route to Nova Scotia was no longer possible. We had to sit for hours in the Tulsa airport waiting to even begin the first leg of the journey. It was that feeling of being so close yet still hundreds of miles away. We felt helpless in a way. The kids couldn't do much about rescheduling. We simply had to rely on the adults and trust that they would figure something. If we had to Uber all the way to Nova Scotia, then that's what we were willing to do. We sat in that airport for nearly eight hours, but we never lost hope. We passed the time playing cards, having photoshoots, just being together. We tried to make the best of our situation, and before we knew it, we were in the air in route to Nova Scotia.

Where I personally found God was in the people of Nova Scotia and in the family that the group created. The stereotype that Canadians are incredibly kind people did not fail to be true. The strong sense of community we discovered in the small sea side towns of Nova Scotia was inspiring. The way these people truly knew one another. Enough so that in their sea-inspired church, they had buoys in honor of the fishermen in the congregation. Just by taking a glance at these people and how they interacted with one another, anyone could see that at the very heart of this small town was the people.

The beauty of the country, the heart of its people, and the theme of family that seemed to shine throughout the trip were all ways we discovered the Lord's presence on our journey. The J2A group and its leaders stayed strong and hopeful from the very beginning even when roadblocks were discovered. Despite everything, we made it to Nova Scotia. Though our journey did not end when we finally landed back in Tulsa after the week. Those memories we made along the way and the long list of quotes recorded during the trip will stay with us long after and continue to bring laughter. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey, and in this case that journey will remain with us for a long time.



Clockwise from top left: View to the lighthouse from a 60ft. Tall ship; Lily Gehres as a lector at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Neil's Harbor; Ben Parisi and Elliot Middlebrook show off Canada capes awarded to them for being good sports with travel chaos; the church on the hill at the Highland Village Museum; Baptismal font from 14th century England given to St. Andrew's by the first priest, alongside the buoys of local fisherman who are members of this parish; Pilgrims rest at the end of white point trail overlooking the ocean; Pilgrims milling cloth and singing a Gaelic milling song at the Gaelic College at St. Ann's; Pilgrims at the Tulsa Airport before the adventure began; Leader, Margaret Haggard, rings the bells of St. Andrew's Anglican Church; Asa Southard, Ari Sanders and Lily Gehres preparing dinner for the group.

PILGIRIMAGE CREATES COMMUNITY

By Ben Knoblock, J2A class member

The 2019 J2A pilgrimage to Nova Scotia, Canada greatly changed my views on pilgrimages and other related activities. Originally I thought to myself, “I don’t really want to go and spend a week with people I’m not very close with, it will be awkward.”

I was right about the awkward part. When we first arrived a few jokes were cracked and every once in awhile group conversations would spark up, but for the most part everyone stuck close to the people that they were most comfortable. It seemed like an impossible feat to throw a group of people that only met a handful of times each year and expect them to be completely transparent, and to remove the “cliques” that stopped the group from bonding. I was very wrong.

As the trip progressed, the group was faced with unexpected roadblocks on the pilgrimage that often caused the tension level to be pretty high. But, instead of our group falling back into the cliques that we originally had, we slowly learned the others’ worth. The walls that we all had built around us slowly began to come down. When there was a hard time or emotions were flaring, our group chose to rally around whoever was feeling down. We all developed friendships and bonds that were originally unexpected. We laughed, cried, sang, and even cooked together. It was incredible to see the emotional walls of security that people usually have to distance themselves fizzle away.

As a whole, our pilgrimage group really adopted Trinity’s saying: Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you. I didn’t only get new friends from this trip, but we also developed our own little dysfunctional, funny, goofy, loving family, and only God could cause a group of such diverse people to share so much love in such little time.



Above: Katie Swanston (left), Jaidyn Spottedwolf (center) and Ben Knoblock cook dinner for the pilgrims in Nova Scotia.



Above left: Auston Mears dries out after a soggy hike. Above right: Ari Sanders and Lily Gehres take a break to admire the views.



NOVA SCOTIA MEANS NEW SCOTLAND?!?

PILGRIMAGE 2007 AND PILGRIMAGE 2019

By Lizzie Radford

I traveled on my own Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland in the summer of 2007. In the end of June this year, I had the privilege of accompanying 11 J2A youth members on their pilgrimage to Nova Scotia, Canada. There were striking similarities between my two journeys. Notably, Nova Scotia was settled by a the Scottish-Gales and was developed as a Gaelic Anglican community. There was a lot of Celtic influence in both communities and both were beautiful with lush and moving landscapes. Outside of the physical and cultural similarities, both places acted very easily as “thin spaces.” These are places where our experiences of time or of place make the space between what is of heaven and what is of earth thin, and encountering the spiritual is easier as the distance between the two is less.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles can describe both of my pilgrimage journeys. I proudly feel that the J2A youth were well prepared by last year’s Urban Adventure to handle the travel challenges that were thrown at them on pilgrimage. It was so special to watch the youth members strengthen their community—even when spending eight and a half hours in the Tulsa airport—by playing card games, having photo shoots with the gate agents, and sharing a meal together. It reminded me of my J2a class waiting several hours in the Glasgow airport for our delayed luggage, just sitting in the baggage terminal and then using multiple means of transportation, sharing jokes, laughter, taking crazy photos of ourselves and being generally silly. Some of the best memories and the moments of community building come in the still, small places - like airport terminals or baggage claims.

The foundation of community that is built in these still, small places creates trust that allows young people to be vulnerable with each other. This vulnerability allows for them to open up to the larger, more obvious thin spaces and experience God

in ways that are unique to the beautiful places pilgrims travel. These seemingly surface memories are easy for youth to talk about and share with people who didn’t experience the deeper moments with them. They can look like unintelligible inside jokes, car karaoke or hide & seek games. These low-hanging-fruit moments strengthen the bond between young people and give them tangible memories of the way that they felt and therefore what they experienced in the cliff top moments.

The moments of laughter, silliness and comfort are beautiful. The beauty of those still, small moments brings depth to the “thin-space” moments. Thin-space moments can be on a seaside cliff or visiting in a fishing village church with the 99-year old fisherman who had fished the waters and worshipped in the pew we sat in (he forgave us) for most of those 99 years. While being present for these glaring “thin-space, communion-with-God moments” was moving. It

was incredible to watch a 15-year old boy talk about how he saw God standing on a sea-side cliff, or a 15-year old girl tell us that standing in front of the ocean made her feel like the world was so much larger than “what I usually worry about,” and how “God really is in control.”

In the midst of the larger moments - the most spiritual things I witnessed during our trip to Nova Scotia were in the still, small moments. No matter how tired the group was or what problems there might have been - anytime one of the youth members needed support, their peers were there for them before the adults even caught wind of an issue. If someone was overwhelmed, anxious or just not in a great place; their peers comforted them, helped them to solve the issue or to pull in one of the adults to help with the issue.

The closeness they developed and community they’ve built reminds me of the community I in my

“This vulnerability allows for them to open up to the larger, more obvious thin spaces and experience God in ways that are unique to the beautiful places pilgrims travel.”

own J2A class. My own memories of pilgrimage are mostly in the still, small and silly moments which then lead me to reflection of the big moments. This community that I developed during this trip was fundamental in how I developed into my larger faith community. I would come to depend on this community of faith several times between my own pilgrimage to Iona and this group's pilgrimage to Nova Scotia.

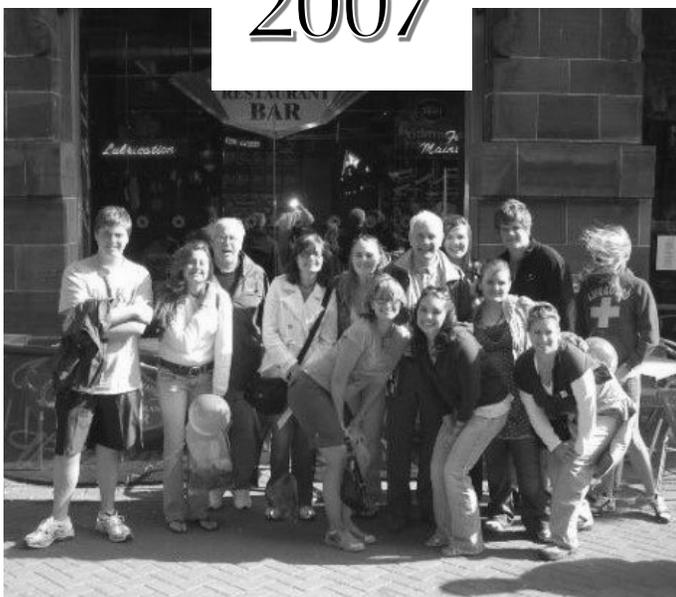
My Iona group has since lost three members: two students and one of our leaders. The presence, even years later, of our group during those moments of grief, is how the community sustained itself. This system of support was built in the memories we developed, the inside jokes, the photos we took and the community of love that we developed. Our memories and laughter are how we keep them with us and how we celebrate them. Watching the 2019 J2A class of pilgrims develop their own faith community gives me hope that they will be that same system of

support for each other as they grow on their continued spiritual journeys.

What I have learned about my faith by being a pilgrim, and by leading a group of pilgrims, is that faith happens when we least expect it. God makes himself present to us in both the grand moments of nature's beauty as well in the still, small moments. Our faith journeys can lead us through tough and narrow places but it is our communities that get us through it and raise us up. Every moment is an opportunity for grace to find us, as one of my favorite St. Crispin's songs says "Give yourself to love, open up your heart to the tears and laughter." When we do this and give ourselves to the still, small moments of God's love, we strengthen our whole community. Pilgrimage is a unique way to foster this community building and provide opportunities for thin-spaces and development along a young person's faith journey. I have been blessed with my own faith community that developed so much from pilgrimage and in having a chance to provide those spaces for young people in the church!



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CHRISTIAN FORMATION 2019-2020

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Classes take place at 10:00am on Sundays. All classes meet on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted. To register for classes, please contact Becky Moseman at 918-582-4128 or BeckyMoseman77@gmail.com.

Godly Play Program Coordinator: Katie Wilzcek

Godly Play is a Montessori-based Christian curriculum through which children deepen their faith and innate spiritual curiosity. Children are invited to connect stories to their personal experience. This program prepares them to join worship while developing an understanding of bible stories, symbols, and rites.

3years through Kindergarten: Classroom 2

Story Tellers: *Jacque Swanston, Elizabeth Edwards, and Kristin Jablonski.*

1st through 3rd Grade: Classroom 3

Story Teller: *Nancy Brock & Katie Wilzcek*

On The Edge (4th & 5th Grade): Classroom 5

Leaders: *TBA*

Journey to Adulthood Program Coordinator: Becky Moseman

10am Sundays. Rite -13 & J2A rooms on the 3rd floor. YAC meets in the 4th floor apartment.

Rite-13, J2A, and YAC are segments in the Journey to Adulthood program that teach that adulthood is learned. Classes explore current issues through scripture in a safe space with two to three leaders who model adult friendship. Rite-13 recognizes members of its class that become teenagers with a liturgy in church. J2A will prepare for their Urban Adventure in spring 2020. YAC will refine what they believe by using scripture and current headlines, and plan small outreach projects.

Rite-13 (6th & 7th), Rite-13 room

Leaders: *Shannon Urbon & TBA*

At Trinity, when young people turn 13, they participate in a special rite of passage using Rite-13. This group, the name of which draws from the Rite, is a celebration of God's gift of becoming a teenager. In the safe space nurtured in the class, youth begin the exploration of spirituality, society, self, and sexuality.

J2A (8th & 9th), J2A room

Leaders: *Danny Kern & TBA*

J2A gets its name from the abbreviation of the broader curriculum. This section delves deeper into the previous topics but encourages these young people in their leadership and independence. This year the group will prepare for a spiritual pilgrimage in summer 2019.

YAC (10th - 12th Grade), 4th Floor Apt.

Leaders: *Lizze Radford & TBA*

Young Adults in the Church was shortened to its acronym, YAC. This group focuses on vocation and leadership in the church. They will work on team building and several service projects for continued growth and fellowship.

Youth Confirmation Preparation

Youth in grades 10 through 12 are invited to take part in Confirmation Preparation during regular YAC class times, beginning Sept 15th. Topics to be covered will be God, Faith, the Bible, our beliefs, church history, worship, the Sacraments, prayer, the mission of God, and your ministry. We have not yet determined when this class will take place but please contact Becky Moseman at Becky@TrinityTulsa.org to express interest.

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

The classes are seasonal and serve to enhance the Christian Formation experience for youth outside of traditional Sunday classes. Classes begin in January. Dates and times are specific to each class and are listed with class details below.

Program Coordinator: Becky Moseman

Contact Becky Moseman at Becky@TrinityTulsa.org to express interest in any of these opportunities.

First Communion Classes:

(5 years old and up) Classroom 2

Leader: *Deacon Deborah Underwood*

This hands-on and interactive class is intended to help children understand the significance of Holy Communion. January 12th, February 9th, March 8th & April 19th from 4:45-6:00pm

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Above: Members of the First Communion Class receive recognition for completion of the course.

CIT Training

(5th through 7th) Conference Room

Leaders: Becky Moseman and Hannah Middlebrook

This one-day course is required for any young person who wishes to be a leader at events such as Vacation Bible School. Students will learn about the characteristics of good leaders, small group management and CPR. This class should be taken annually to renew their skills for the new year. This group will assist with the Easter Egg Hunt and the Stations of the Cross in the Church Down Under. March 29th, 12:30-3:00pm, lunch included.

Sexuality & Culture

(8th Grade and up, with parental permission)

Conference Room

Leaders: Becky Moseman and Hannah Middlebrook

Relationships start with healthy communication and self-image. In this three hour workshop sexuality and culture will be discussed openly to help older youth model positive behavior for their peers through informed choices and actions. Parents are welcome to view the curriculum. Friday, January 17th 6:30pm—midnight. We will start with dinner and end with a fun youth activity.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We aim to meet the needs and interests of our adult learners with a variety of Christian education classes. Classes meet Sunday mornings, weekdays and weeknights, and cover a variety of topics to interest new to Trinity and those who have been with us for years.

Life at Trinity Class for Newcomers– This class is designed for those new to the Episcopal Church and to anyone who would like to update. Select any of the seven classes that fit your schedule and interests. Come to Ed's office on the 3rd floor. We

use the book *Jesus Was An Episcopalian*, a good read to refresh and discuss. Questions or concerns, call Ed Roling at [918-852-3574](tel:918-852-3574) or ERoling@TrinityTulsa.org.

Parenting Class—Join facilitator, Mike Jablonski, and other parents in the Club Room (opposite the east elevators) at 10:00am every Sunday to read and discuss a book the group will read together. The first book title is yet to be determined.

History and Use of the Book of Common Prayer—If you have questions about the Book of Common of Prayer in general, the catechism, daily prayers or other ceremonies and services of the church, this is the class for you. Lead by Deacon Linda Paul and Jim Urbon, this semester-long class begins September 8th and will meet in the 3rd floor library at 10:00am through December. Contact Linda Paul at deaconlbpaul@gmail.com with questions.

Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church— This class facilitated by Deacon Deborah Underwood will use Rachel Held Evans' book of the same name. Class will meet in the library at 10:00am beginning in January. Email DUnderwood@TrinityTulsa.org with questions.

Wednesday DVD Series—11:00am on Wednesdays in the Library room on the 3rd floor. This class is self-lead by the participants. Video and discussion will finish in time for Noon Eucharist. We are currently viewing *Philosophy, Religion, and the Meaning of Life* and welcome input on which series to view next.

Young Adults Class—Beginning on September 11th, Trinity's young adult group will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm to discuss current events, videos, articles, songs, and other timely topics as they relate to our lives as Christians. Those who attend are encouraged to choose a topic and facilitate discussion for a class. The class will meet at Trinity in classroom 5 on the 3rd floor. For more information you can join our "Trinity Young Adults" Facebook group and/or email Emily Bibens at emily.e.bibens@gmail.com.

Do you have an idea for a class you'd like to lead? We encourage our parishioners to take an active role in their own formation and help fellow parishioners on their journeys. Please contact Becky Moseman to discuss your idea more at BeckyMoseman77@gmail.com

TRINITY PARISHIONERS STEP UP TO HELP ST. VINCENT VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM GROWS

Trinity parishioners are always ready to lend a hand. We volunteer to feed the homeless and hungry at Iron Gate, we mentor at-risk youth through New Hope. We are on boards of non-profits ranging from the Owasso Community Theatre to Neighbors Along the Line. We cook meals for hungry kids, knit shawls for those in need of prayer and visit the hospitalized.

Altruism is an integral part of our community and we want all of our parishioners to benefit from volunteering as they are able. But sometimes, people just can't make a long-term commitment. As a staff, we wanted to help make connections between willing volunteers and short-term commitments, and thus, St. Vincent Volunteers was born.

The St. Vincent Volunteers is a new opt-in group designed to help parishioners get involved in one-time and short-term volunteer opportunities. Since the program began in June, dozens of volunteers have opted-in to receive emails about volunteer opportunities. Even more exciting, dozens of volunteers have turned out to clean the church, maintain the campus, welcome visitors and help parishioners in need.

To sign-up for the St. Vincent Volunteers, simply visit our website or scan the QR code below with your smart phone. Registration is as simple as providing your name and contact information and selecting your areas of interest. Or suggest something not already available – we welcome your ideas. You will only receive emails pertaining to opportunities that meet your interests, and only need to respond if you want to accept the opportunity. It's that simple. Register today for the St. Vincent Volunteers and get involved in ways you know you'll enjoy without the stress of long-term commitments!

To learn more, visit www.TrinityTulsa.org or contact Hannah Middlebrook at 918-582-4128 or HMiddlebrook@TrinityTulsa.org.

Areas of interest include:

- Hospitality/events (Fall Harvest Dinner, Parish Picnic, etc.)
- Meals for those facing hardship
- Greeting for holidays and events
- Visiting homebound & hospitalized
- Manning welcome/information tables
- Youth volunteer (one-time and short-term)
- Building maintenance skills
- Parishioner funeral reception
- Disaster response
- Photography
- Car rides (one-time and short-term)
- Campus clean-up/ garden maintenance
- Interior cleaning



Above: St. Vincent Volunteers, Valerie and George Walls, take part in a campus clean-up event.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone to register now!

FELLOWSHIP AT TRINITY

Trinity's Bridge Club is celebrating two years this summer! Every Thursday, from 2:00-4:00pm, players gather in the Club Room to enjoy an afternoon of conversation, fellowship and a good hand of Bridge. The group is made up of all levels of experience, and everyone is welcome. If you have time on Thursdays over the summer or during the rest of the year, stop in. And don't be intimidated if you've never played—there's always someone to help you become a seasoned player. Everyone is welcome!



Above: the weekly Bridge Club meets in the Club Room

Game Night is another popular way for parishioners to enjoy fellowship. Folks of all ages gather to play card games, board games and just enjoy some adult company for a few hours. With a potluck smorgasbord and great company, what's not to love? Watch for more Adult Board Game Nights over the coming year.



Above: Game night draws parishioners of varying generations for a night of fun!

Fellowship comes in many forms, including a shared interest in equality and social justice. This June, parishioners of all ages once again gathered to represent Trinity in the annual Pride Parade. Families, friends and new acquaintances danced and cheered their way down the parade route (ok, some of us walked and rode in the truck) to show that God is Love and at Trinity, we welcome everyone as their authentic selves.

Below: members of the social justice commission and other parishioners gather for a protest against human detention centers.

Trinity's Social Justice Commission comes together every month to work to improve the lives of immigrants in our community. Through their work they not only positively affect families facing the hardships of deportation with grocery delivery and community support, but they strengthen their bonds with other Trinity parishioners.

Below right: Trinity represents in the annual Pride Parade.

Fellowship can be found in many forms at Trinity. We encourage you to find a way to get involved, whether it's through volunteerism or purely for fun, and deepen your relationship with our church community.



PRISON VOLUNTEERS ARE GROWING IN NUMBERS

By Deacon Linda Paul

When the desire of the heart meets the needs of the world, ministry happens!

The Episcopal Church was one of the first denominations allowed inside Oklahoma prisons, starting almost 50 years ago. Through a series of priests, deacons and lay volunteers, we have become known as a faithful, consistent, and assuring community of leaders. Many of the inmates learn to read better by attending services, using Lectionary Readings and the Book of Common Prayer. We hold Baptisms, and those who are leaving receive prayers for Wisdom, Guidance, Grace and Peace as they re-enter society.

St. Patrick's is the church within the prison walls. With over 50 people in this community each week at the Department of Corrections Taft Units, Trinity volunteers hold church services, are volunteer Chaplains, teach classes, and hold annual events like Kairos. The only denomination in Oklahoma that has weekly worship services, the Episcopal Church Prison Ministry is a faithful mentor to the incarcerated.

Teaching classes on abuse recovery, domestic violence, anger management, and re-entry: our cadre of volunteers work each week helping with these programs, and the worship services at Minimum Security prisons, Eddie Warrior and Jess Dunn

Correctional Centers in Taft, 10 miles west of Muskogee. Other programs can include Bible Study and Church History. Inmates love to play Bible Trivia. But watch out! They are exceptional at Chapter and Verse answers. And they are very competitive!

There are many classes that are required by the court. Teachers are currently being sought to fill at least six classes that need to be taught on a regular bases at both men's and women's correctional centers. Monthly training in Tulsa and Oklahoma City make it easy to get certified and receive a entry badge. A six hour day, with a lunch break, is all you need to sacrifice for a badge. Then the Coordinator will work you into the schedules at each prison with a mentor.

St. Teresa said we are the Eyes, Ears and Hands of Christ to the World. If you've ever thought you'd like to try something a bit different as the Eyes, Ears and Hands of Christ, maybe prison ministry would is that something different. It's wonderful to walk in where you are appreciated by words and deeds for giving from yourself! Be prepared to laugh, listen and love!

Talk to the Coordinator, Deacon Linda Paul for registration! Deaconlbpaul@gmail.com

PARISH RECORD

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND DEATHS RECORDED AT TRINITY FROM MARCH 2019 – PRESENT

BAPTISM

Jacelynn Meghan Johnson
Samantha Lou Russell
Ridley Grace Russell
Heidi Josephine Hear

DEATHS

Charles Clinton Smith, Jr.
Margaret Ann Swimmer
Don Lloyd Pearl
William Russell Epperson

MARRIAGES

Gillian Paige Hamm and Jonah Macрге Burks

IRON GATE'S NEW HOME

By Ashli Sims, Iron Gate Development Director

Ways to Stay Involved

Iron Gate may have a new address, but the heart of our mission remains the same - we feed the hungry and homeless of Tulsa every day. Trinity Episcopal Church has been our home and our partner in this important work for more than 40 years. And we need your support now more than ever. We still need your helping hands to serve meals and sack groceries. Please stay involved with Iron Gate to help us feed our neighbors in need:

Become a Monthly Donor – Just \$20 a month will provide 100 families with milk. You can donate online at www.irongatetulsa.org/donate.

Volunteer – We will need help serving, stocking, chopping and answering phones. Please sign up to volunteer at irongatetulsa.org/volunteer.

Stock our Shelves – Iron Gate has a brand new pantry to fill and we need your help to provide groceries for our neighbors in need. You can shop our Amazon Charity Wish List and items will be shipped directly to our door or you can purchase the items yourself and drop them off at Trinity.

Host a Food Drive – Engage with your company, school or other community group to host a food drive for Iron Gate. For more information, email Cari at cgutierrez@irongatetulsa.org.

Share Your Story – Tell a friend or post on social media about why you support Iron Gate and encourage others to get involved.



Above: the nearly-completed facility at Archer and Frisco.

With the red and white logo appearing on the metallic black brick on West Archer, the excitement has become palpable. Iron Gate guests stream into Iron Gate's current dining room and they've already embraced our new home. "When are *we* moving?" they ask, which brings a smile to Executive Director Carrie Vesely Henderson's face.

"Our guests are so excited. When they talk about our move in terms of we - when are we moving - it really lets us know that they are invested in this process," Henderson said. "And we just can't wait to welcome them to this building that was built for them."

Iron Gate broke ground on the new 17,000-square foot facility on West Archer almost a year ago. Since then the block has been transformed with the rise of the new county family justice center on the south side of the street and the transformation of a vacant lot on the north side of the street into Iron Gate's new home. Construction fever is catching with the Day Center for the Homeless beginning their own construction project to update their facility.

"This whole area is going to look totally different," Henderson said. "We are really proud of the homey look and feel of Iron Gate on Archer." From the covered patio which features seating, ceiling fans, misters, and heaters, to the bright and airy inside, Iron Gate has worked to make the new space a welcoming place for our guests.

Large windows provide a great view of downtown and lots of light for the new dining room. There will be counter top seating like your

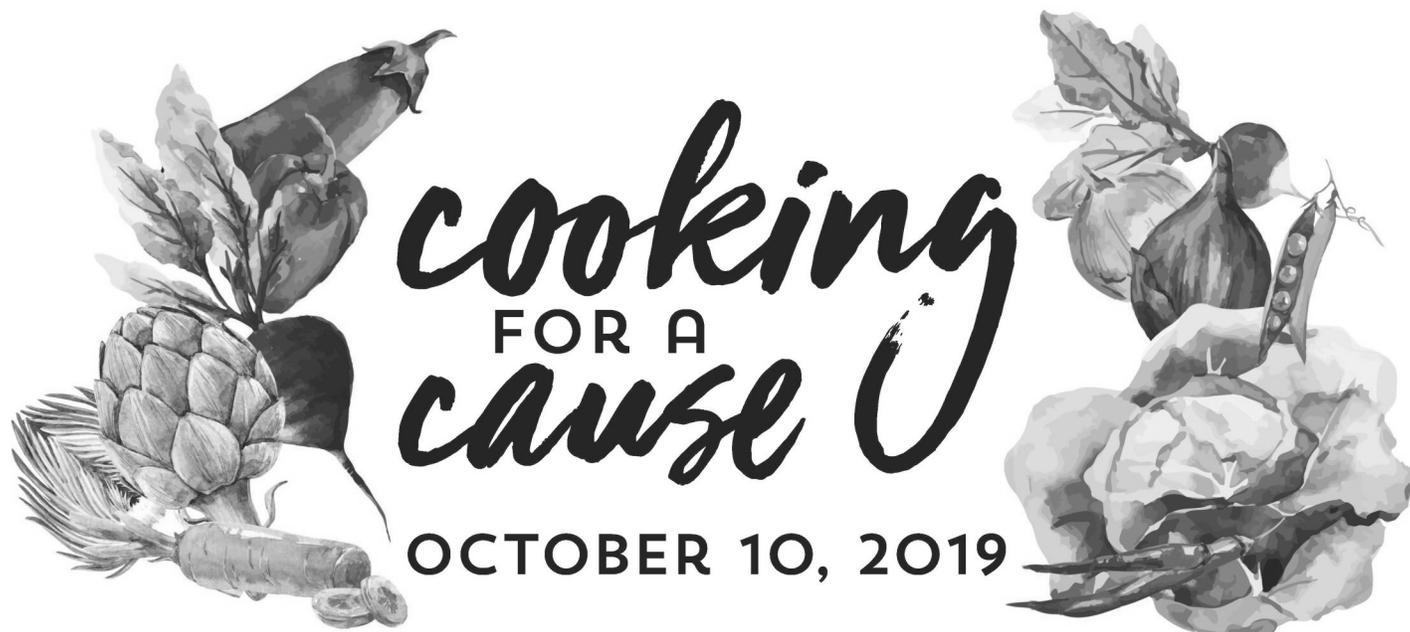
neighborhood coffee shop as well as round tables for families or small groups, as well as more traditional rectangle tables. Iron Gate's current dining room seats about 88 people. The new dining room will seat 217. The space was built to last with terrazzo floors and granite counter tops.

The new building features a 1,200 square foot room dedicated to the grocery pantry. "This will be a real game changer for Iron Gate," Henderson said of the new pantry room. "We will really be able to provide our guests with the dignity of a grocery store experience." The room features display refrigerators for milk and eggs, upright freezers donated by Whirlpool for frozen food, tables for fresh produce, and several racks for staples like rice, beans and canned goods.



Above: the interior will have a dedicated grocery pantry, more spacious dining area and increased storage.

Iron Gate plans to open the new facility at the end of the summer with a grand opening celebration slated for the end of September.



COOKING FOR A CAUSE – OCTOBER 10

Iron Gate's 13th Annual Cooking for a Cause is coming soon. Don't miss the tastiest way to feed the hungry in Tulsa. Cooking for a Cause features some of your favorite chefs, cooking up some of their tastiest dishes, in a fun, casual atmosphere. And it all benefits Iron Gate's mission to feed the hungry and homeless of Tulsa

13th Annual Cooking for a Cause
October 10, 2019
Metro Appliances & More
(53rd and Mingo)

<https://www.irongatetulsa.org/cookingforacause>
For more information on sponsorship opportunities email Ashli at asims@irongatetulsa.org.

NEW HOPE'S NEW HOME

By JODI EDMISTON, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

New Hope Oklahoma has moved to a beautiful new facility in west Tulsa called James Mission. James Mission is a non-profit that serves children and families in the foster care system. We will be able to partner with other nonprofits that are located within the building, along with James Mission. The facility has a full size basketball gym, industrial sized kitchen for cooking classes, large community rooms to serve more kids, and on-site counseling. This exciting new development provides us an opportunity to serve a side of Tulsa that does not have many resources for children that are impacted by incarceration.

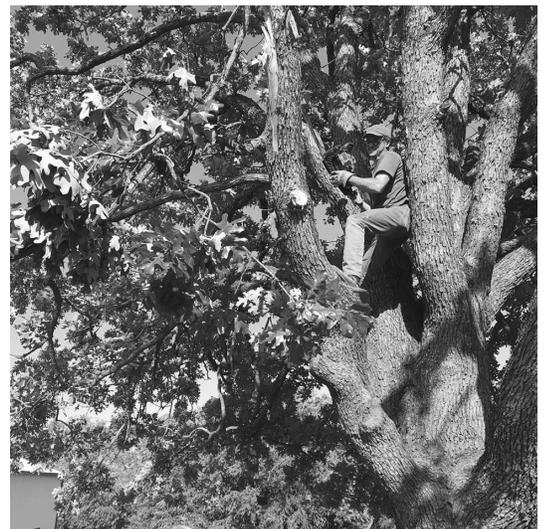
We are so thankful for Trinity's support over the last 25 years and are excited to stay connected. Our Annual Trinity Luncheon will be hosted on September 14th at 11:30am. This luncheon supports our afterschool program that is being expanded this year. With our program growing, we will have new volunteer opportunities that will directly be working with our children and helping us make an impact on them.

We hope you will continue to stay connected with us – the partnership between Trinity and New Hope is part of what makes us so strong. To stay updated on all that is happening with New Hope follow us on Facebook and sign-up for volunteer opportunities on our website, www.NewHopeOklahoma.org. If you have any questions, please email Jodi@newhopeoklahoma.org. Thank you for helping us grow strong enough to spread our wings!



Clockwise from top left: The James Mission facilities; a camper enjoys archery at Camp New Hope; Kids with shared experiences – often traumatic ones – just get to be kids at New Hope; staff and counselors at Camp New Hope. Your support is what makes all of this possible - Thank you!

AROUND OUR CAMPUS



Top row, left to right: Fr. Jack Powers leads a tour of Trinity; Choir members rehearsing for Easter services

Middle row, left to right: Youth choir members, Theo Middlebrook and Carmen Baker, at the National Cathedral during the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) course this summer; Lizza Radford mans a table at Pride Prom to let LGBTQ+ youth know they're welcome at Trinity; Campers from our Musical Theatre Camp as the cast of the Wizard of Oz readies for their end-of-camp performance.

Bottom row, left to right: Larry Bailey (left) and Joe Wilkinson prepare for the Easter festival breakfast; Rex & Catherine Zedalis, who have since moved to New Mexico, receive a special farewell from Pastor Kristi after decades at Trinity; Joe Gilbert trims a badly damaged tree in the after math of the Sapulpa tornados when Good Shepherd Episcopal Church needed our help (look closely!).



Above: Keith Clewell mans "Baby," the smoker to prepare gorgeous smoked hams sold by the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood of St. Lawrence is just one way to get involved at Trinity. See inside for more!

TRINITY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

7:30am spoken Communion
9:00am Communion
10:00am Christian Formation
11:00am Communion with adult choir
11:05am Interactive family service in the Church Down Under, Undercroft

SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:00pm Evensong on the first, third and fifth Sundays
5:00pm Taizè on the second Sunday

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

8:30am Morning Prayer

MONDAYS

12:05pm Rosary in Lady Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

12:05pm Communion

To include someone in the weekly prayer chain, please email Deacon Deborah Underwood at DeborahU@att.net.