

# THE MESSENGER September-October 2016

Trinity~St. Paul's Episcopal Church Newsletter  
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## FROM DAWN-VICTORIA'S DESK

When I was in seminary at St. Paul School of Theology, the Rector of the Episcopal Church I attended had a favorite saying. Several times I remember Father Bruce proclaiming, "the Church is not a museum of saints . . . it is a hospital for the sick."

Too often, however, we treat the church like a rare gem that we feel we must carefully guard and protect. Pastor, prophet, and martyr under the Nazis Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, "the Church is Church only when it is there for others."

This is true of Christ's universal church as well as the local units that make up His Church. What does it look like when the local church is "there for others"? When a church fulfills its calling to be a hospital?

- Relationships and people are the primary focus . . . not a building or buildings.
- The annual budget is mission-driven . . . not maintenance-driven.
- Members are committed to their individual spiritual growth . . . not just "pew warming" on Sunday.
- The congregation reaches beyond its own four walls to actively engage the community and transform lives with God's love.

Father Bruce and Bonhoeffer speak a profound truth. They remind us of who Jesus calls us to be as His followers.

As the Body of Christ, Jesus calls us to be a place where the lonely, the hurt, and the outcast encounter the healing presence of Christ's love.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,  
*Dawn-Victoria+*

## TEN (plus One) RULES FOR RESPECT

Each newsletter highlights two of the Ten (plus One) Rules for Respect. We hope you find these helpful as you seek to live out your Baptismal Covenant and as you strive to love your neighbor as yourself.

The Vestry has covenanted to live by these rules as we worship and minister together here at Trinity~St. Paul's.

**9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you.** Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach "at you." I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (she does it better anyway!)

**10. When in doubt, just say it.** The only dumb questions are those that don't get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

## PRAYER & CARE

Please remember to keep those for whom our prayers have been asked in your daily prayers:

Nancy	Lorna
Edith	Tim
Marie	Laura
Katherine	Sue
Juanita	Ferrelene
Betty	Our nation
Katharine	Our military
Ray	Karen Miller
Those with cancer	
Our military	
Christians facing persecution	



*Please let Dawn-Victoria know of any changes that should be made to our prayer list.*

## CELEBRATIONS

### September Birthdays

Lilli Bricker	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Olivia Clayton	4 <sup>th</sup>
Lorna Roberson (95)	6 <sup>th</sup>
Deborah Richmond	8 <sup>th</sup>
Juanita Humphreys (95)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Elyse Rapp	12 <sup>th</sup>
Lane Orscheln	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ann Lear	17 <sup>st</sup>
Bob Gilstrap	19 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Wenneker	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Judy Hodgson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Quinten Johnston	28 <sup>th</sup>
Ella Leven	28 <sup>th</sup>

### October Birthdays

Betty Atkins	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mark Danner	1 <sup>st</sup>
Greg Skinner	4 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Atkins	5 <sup>th</sup>
Katherine Head	10 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Briscoe	11 <sup>th</sup>
Carolyn Mueller	15 <sup>th</sup>
Sandy Cockrell	21 <sup>st</sup>
Susan Hibbard	24 <sup>th</sup>
Savannah Garrison	31 <sup>st</sup>

### September Anniversaries

None on Record

### October Anniversaries

Tom & Joyce Stewart	5 <sup>th</sup>
Greg & Marilyn Skinner	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jim & Mary Jae	20 <sup>th</sup>
Bob & Susan Gilstrap	22 <sup>nd</sup>

*"Look with favor, we pray,  
on Your servants as they begin another  
year" BCP. P. 830*

## WELCOME BACK BBQ

Trinity~St. Paul's will hold its annual Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. **This is also the Sunday on which we resume our 8:30 A.M. and 10 A.M. worship schedule.**

We will enjoy a time of food and fellowship following the 10 A.M. Eucharist on the 11<sup>th</sup>. For the BBQ, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat and drinks will be provided.



**Sunday, September 11th  
after the 10 A.M.  
Eucharist**

## VESTRY NEWS

The hot water heater at the Rectory has been replaced by Master Air. This new hot water heater is working well the Rector is happy to report!

Master Air has also repaired the AC units for the Guild Hall. At least one compressor was not working and needed to have a part replaced. The Guild Hall is now nice and cool.

If you were in worship on August 14<sup>th</sup>, you no doubt noticed the heat. The AC in the Nave (where we worship) has gone on the blink. A blown fuse has been replaced and the AC is now up and running again.

The American Queen has been to Hannibal three (3) times as of this writing. It is estimated that 188 guests from the Queen have stopped by our beautiful church. We receive \$100 (in addition to donations) each time the boat docks. This is a nice boast to our organ fund.

A Fall workday is scheduled at the Rectory for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 A. A list is in the works for those who may not be able to join us but who want to help keep our Rectory and its grounds looking see. See Junior Warden Ryan Rapp for more details.



Toiletry items requested are: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper, adult diapers, and feminine hygiene products.

## CARE CLOSET

During September we will be hosting a **Care Closet for Douglass Community Services**. Other local churches have been taking other months. Please bring items any time during September and place them in the barrel that will be provided. They are especially asking for items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Specific items requested for cleaning supplies are: laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, sponges, paper towels, and dishwashing liquid.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY

4

Holy Eucharist, 9 A

11

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 A & 10 A

BBQ, 11 A  
**Acolytes Meet**

18

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

Vestry, 11:30 A

25

Morning Prayer, 10 A

D-V+ away

MONDAY

5 Labor Day

**Office Closed**

12

19

Talk like a Pirate Day

26

TUESDAY

6

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Fall

WEDNESDY

7

Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

14

Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

21 Int'l Day Of Peace

Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

28

Clergy

THURSDAY

1

8

15

22 1<sup>st</sup> day of Fall

D-V+ away

29 National Good Neighbor Day

Conference

FRIDAY

2

9 Teddy Bear Day

7 A Men's Breakfast

16

Constitution Day

23

D-V+ away

30

Loaves & Fishes

SATURDAY

3

10

17

Rectory work day, 7A

Trinity Women, 9 A

24

D-V+ away

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY

2 Friendship Day

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

9

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

Vestry, 11:30 A

16

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

**Folk Life**

23

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

30

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 10 A

MONDAY

3

10 Discovery Day

**Office Closed**

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Halloween

TUESDAY

4

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WEDNESDAY

5 World Teacher Day

Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

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Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

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Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

26

Bible Study, 12 N & 7 P

THURSDAY

6

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FRIDAY

7 World Smile Day

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7 A Men's Breakfast

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SATURDAY

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8

15 Sweetest Day

**Folk Life Festival**

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