

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger

To the Faithful at Trinity Parish Redlands,

By the time you read this, the season of **Epiphany** will be winding down and **Lent** quickly approaching. The season change will happen when we stuff the Alleluias in a box at the **Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday** (March 4 at 6:00 pm) and then are invited to the observance of a Holy Lent on **Ash Wednesday** (March 5 at 7:00 am, 11:00 am, and 7:00 pm). But before we change seasons, we will have our **Ministry Fair** in the Parish Hall on Sunday, March 2. This will be an opportunity for everyone to share what we do and see where our gifts may be offered both inside and outside our Trinity Parish community. Set up will be on Saturday, March 1. Contact Marie Reynolds or the church office for more information.

Since the first of the year, I have had numerous requests from worshippers to learn more about The Episcopal Church in general and to become members of Trinity Parish in particular. With the Vestry's decision to move toward calling me as Rector and with our **Celebration of New Ministry coming up on Saturday, May 24**, I have decided that the season of Lent should provide an opportunity for us to learn more about the church we love.

Generally there are three paths to membership: baptism, confirmation, or transfer of membership from another Episcopal congregation.

Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as God's children and makes us members of Christ's body, the Church, and inheritors of God's kingdom. Baptism can happen at any age. You can also have your baptism from another Christian church recorded with us to be recognized as a baptized member of Trinity Parish. Baptisms are generally conducted at Sunday worship following instruction by the priest. To sign up for a baptism, contact the church office. To record a baptism from another church, contact Christina Christopherson, registrar.

Confirmation is the season of study and ceremony by which maturing children and adults publicly affirm their baptismal covenant. The ceremony is conducted by a bishop, who lays hands on and prays over each participant, connecting us to the church across time and space. In some cases, persons who were previously confirmed at another Christian church are received into The Episcopal Church. Contact the church office for more information.

Transfer from another Episcopal congregation may be accomplished by letting us know where you were previously a member. To request a transfer from another Episcopal congregation, contact Christina Christopherson, registrar.

Beginning Sunday, March 9, I will be in the small room off the Great Hall after both services to offer brief lessons and answer questions about our common life in what I am calling "**Episcopal 101**". We also will return to ZOOM on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm to "**Unpack the Prayer Book.**" Wherever you are on your journey, Trinity would love to be your spiritual home.

Thanks for all you do. See you in church!

Faithfully,

Bill Dunn+

Priest in Charge



Don't forget to allow more time to get to church on Sunday (3/2) and move your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday (3/8) for Daylight Saving Time !

Vestry News

Greetings from your peripatetic Senior Warden. I did leave for vacation shortly after our Vestry retreat, but I am now back, catching up with my duties and bringing you up to date on what has happened since my last report to you.

Sound System

As you are aware, our sound reproduction system has been having difficulties for some time. Only some of the microphones seem to let the speaker be heard well, the Organ and Choir are not well heard on the on-line streaming, and the sermon can only barely be heard by the choir and altar party. We have been fortunate to retain Jake Fite, who arranged the sound reproduction for the recent diocesan convention, as a consultant, which received positive comments from all. The Vestry approved funding for this project at a special meeting in early February. Details are still to be arranged, but we are hoping this project can be completed in time for Fr. Bill's installation as Rector.

Celebration of New Ministry, May 24, 10 am

Our steering committee had its first meeting, and plans are quickly taking shape. Your Junior Warden, Melanie Hanson will be Master of Ceremonies for the service – which means she can tell the bishop, clergy and other attendees where to be at what time. John Saville, who knows us well, will be our preacher. Besides an excellent meal, the reception promises to have lots of fun activities. Please make sure your calendars are marked for this next great event in Trinity's history.

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras

As I write this, we have just experienced a wonderful, fun-filled, joyous Mardi Gras party and successful fundraiser for Fire Victims. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in preparation and cleanup for this fantastic event, and to those who attended and supported it. This was a week or so before actual Mardi Gras and the publication of the Messenger. However, Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday is March 4. Trinity will be hosting the traditional Pancake Supper in the Great Hall, starting at 6:00 pm. This year it is a fundraiser for our Cub Pack 33. Scout Troops 33 and 331 will be serving the supper. Tickets will be available after services on Sunday, or at the office. Cost is \$7 per adult, \$4 per child and \$20 for family (2 adults, 2 kids).

Parish Life and General comments

We are all very pleased to see how our parish and congregation has continued to grow in strength, numbers, activities and stewardship under Fr. Bill's leadership. Our many ministries are thriving, our pledging has surpassed goals. We were encouraged by our HolyCow! consultants to increase our fellowship opportunities and offerings, and this has helped our spiritual and numerical growth.

Please keep track of all our various events and services in the weekly *Trinity News* Kathleen puts out and participate, as the Spirit moves, in the activities of your church.

As you know we say "Good-bye, "or "Until we meet again," to Alleluia on March 5. More from Fr. Bill and elsewhere in this publication about Lenten Observances at Trinity.

All members of the vestry are available to hear your concerns at any time, and we welcome comments, questions, suggestions, or any useful participation any member of the congregation may have going forward.

Bob Bourne, Sr. Warden

Flower Donations for the Easter Season

The Altar Guild does not place flowers at the High Altar or the Mary Chapel in observance of Lent. Palms will be placed in the church for Palm Sunday.

As in the past, with the contributions received from our church families, the Altar Guild will place the beautiful flowers at the High Altar, the Mary Chapel and various places in the church to celebrate Easter!

Parishioners may continue to sponsor flower arrangements throughout the regular church year in honor of loved ones or for special remembrances.



Donation envelopes for Easter flowers have been placed in this issue of *The Messenger*, and they are also available in the pews. Those donating are asked to **clearly** print their names and dedications in the space provided on the envelope.

One Body & One Spirit Annual Appeal

Among the 1,000-plus structures lost in still-raging Southland firestorms are homes of scores of members of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, where St. Mark's Church in Altadena and parish rectories and school buildings at St. Matthew's, Pacific Palisades, also have been destroyed.

As we learn more, we will share additional ways to support. In the meantime, financial contributions may be made to the Diocesan Appeal fund online at <https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal>. Until further notice, all donations to the Annual Appeal will be used to help institutions and individuals most affected by the wildfires.



Many thanks to **Diane Schlicke** for her Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) presentation on Sunday, February 23! She showed us the location of our AED and taught us how to use the device in case of a cardiac emergency.

Opportunities for Service

Supporting our Youth helps empower them with the tools they need to thrive in their communities!

Supporting Youth Hope by donating essential feminine hygiene products is vital for promoting health and dignity among individuals who may lack access to such items. Contributions of pads, tampons, menstrual cups, and panty liners are in great demand and your donation can make a significant difference in ensuring that everyone has access to these types of products.

In addition, they are seeking donations of adult bicycles in good condition to support kids needing reliable transportation to school and work. If you have a bike to donate or know of any resources that could assist in the effort, please reach out to help ensure these kids have a safe and efficient means of getting where they need to go.

March Donation - Personal Hygiene Items

For most of us, our morning routine probably includes such mundane tasks as combing our hair, brushing our teeth, and gargling with a little mouthwash. Maybe we take a quick shower and wash our hair, while humming a tune and making plans for the day ahead. Pretty boring to think about, huh?

However, for some in our community, something as typical as being able to brush their teeth is a luxury. This month, we are asking for personal hygiene items -- combs, brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and mouthwash (non-alcoholic, please), or other items you can think of that would be appropriate for self-care.

Collection will be March 1-31. As always, your generosity in providing for our at-risk community is so appreciated. You have no idea of the impact your gifts make to those who have so little. Thank you!



SHARED MINISTRY

Trinity volunteers provide meals to those in need the second Saturday of each month. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare, cook, and serve; donate food; or provide funds to purchase items.

For more information on how you can support either through volunteering or making a donation, please contact Kathleen at office@tec-redlands.org

Upcoming Opportunities

For Youth Hope

April -- Gift Cards for fun!

April's gift opportunity is a little unique. We are asking for gift cards. Think of experiences you would want your own kids or grandkids to have. A movie? A fast food dinner? A paint or pottery class? Or maybe a card to a book store. The possibilities are endless.



Questions? We have answers! Please contact Kathleen at office@tec-redlands.org.

Upcoming Events

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33**



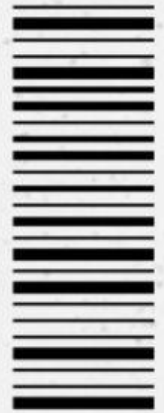
SHROVE TUESDAY FUNDRAISER

MARCH 4, 2025
6PM

ADULTS- \$7, CHILDREN - \$4
2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN - \$20

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TICKET # ---



SAVE THE DATE



**TRINITY CAMP
FUNDRAISER
MARCH 18
4:00-9:00PM**

Ministry Fair

**Held at 9:00 am
between services**

**Sunday
March 02**

This is a time to put your talents and skills to work with a Ministry to help in keeping our church strong and moving forward

office@tec-redlands.org





The Episcopal Community

On March 30th, we will be hosting members of The Episcopal Community as we welcome our new sister, Canon Martha Estes. Martha has been studying the Rule of Benedict for the past 8 months and has completed her work to become a member. She will stand before our congregation at Trinity and will receive her cross, a symbol of our Community. She will be surrounded in prayer by her sisters in person as well as online.

The Community was founded in 2010. We are a vowed nonresidential community in The Episcopal Church and work together building a community of prayer and mutual support living out our baptismal covenant, following the Rule of St Benedict. Our founding members wanted a clear connection and accountability to the Episcopal Church, and they also wanted more accountability for members as they live out their vows.

Benedictine spirituality "focuses on the present moment and finding God in the ordinary, staying connected with people listening for God the form of hospitality, and the infusion of the holy into what we do when we work." (Jane Tomaine)

As a part of our accountability to the national Episcopal Church, the Community prays for all Executive Council meetings and the House of Bishop meetings. We work closely with the General Convention to set up the Prayer Chapel where we have members available to lead Morning and Noon prayers as well as Compline, Convention goers can also request prayer for special needs.

As a member of The Episcopal Community since 2013, I have found much joy in connecting with women across the United States. I give thanks every day for the love and compassion we share together at book studies, Sunday Compline, Friday Morning Prayer, and other special gatherings throughout year. We form strong bonds and support each other with healing circles open to all who request prayer, and a monthly newsletter. You can find us on Facebook, as well as Instagram, and YouTube.

If you are interested in hearing more about us, please reach out, we are always happy to share what we have found. We will be blessed to have you with us on Sunday, March 30th.

"We are Marked as Christ's Own For Ever,"

Barbara Harris

Accelerated Neighborhood Climate Action Shares a Plan with Trinity

By Linda Apmadoc

Scientist Katharine Hayhoe has been featured in the Bishops Office weekly addresses several times recently. She was highlighted in a webinar Nov 20th hosted by the Bishop's Commission on Climate Change. (A webinar that I watched in an effort to find something positive to do in fear of a lessening interest in climate change politically.) In that presentation she cites 2/3 of Americans are worried about climate change but only 8% are motivated to do anything about it. "Climate change solutions are NOT about saving the planet," she challenges. "It is literally about saving us."

Indeed, she predicted at a climate change summit for the diocese in Dec that sooner or later there would be confluence of climate change enhanced by wind gusts and drought conditions and FIRE. Fire that would come into the heart of a neighborhood that previously seemed immune to such catastrophe. We now know that to be too real.

This is a long introduction to the point of this article and I leave my references to Hayhoe with her final chiding- "Raising awareness to the climate change crisis is about personal connections." Which finally brings me to our forum held Sunday Feb 16th. ANCA (Accelerated Neighborhood Climate Action) is a newly formed volunteer group determined to prepare Redlands neighborhood by neighborhood for ultimate disasters as well as verse our public on sustainable living. It follows Hayhoe's instruction to develop personal connections perfectly as we are being asked to host JUST on our block an hour and a half presentation that prepares you and those closest to you to get on top of disastrous conditions.

For those gathered at Trinity we were blessed with a very informative presentation from our own Professor Hillary Jenkins of the University of Redlands Environmental Science Department who posed this question- Name the seasons in Southern California. No, they are not summer, fall , winter, spring. They ARE drought, wind, flood, fire and earthquakes. Hillary explained how fire affects weather and changes the land now devoid of vegetation. Her excellent photos and clear explanations brought home the fragility of our safety right here.

Hillary made a clear path for Linda Hamilton's program. Linda gave us immediate answers to what we CAN and MUST do to prepare for disasters in Redlands. It is not a matter of "IF" it is a matter of "WHEN". ANCA develops a plan block by block that helps produce a plan that includes a gathering place for "first responders," an inventory of skills amongst your neighbors and equipment that can be used. Mapping of gas meters and a list of folks who might need special care and a list of pets in homes. The most important value of this day is neighbors get to know one another.

In their wish to build a climate resilient Redlands, ANCA also sponsors Earth Day Climate Action Day in April, holds Repair Cafes, and Sustainable Living Education events.

So who at Trinity is willing to open their home to 15 neighbors (or their front yard) for an hour and a half, put on the coffee, and help prepare Redlands for the next disaster one block at a time? The Apmadocs are hosting March 8. Nancy Gould Plank is later in April. For those who showed interest on the clipboard Sunday, I say thank you. I am hoping we can have at least 5 homes willing to do this. We need to follow Bishop Taylor's recent pledge to develop an improved disaster preparedness right here in our own back yard.

If you think you might be interested contact Ana Vacakis at 510-846-1430. Or myn.ancaredlands.org.



Around Trinity

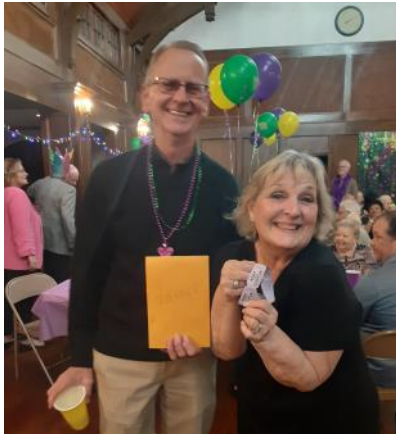


Blessed to be a blessing!

Who comes to Trinity on Saturday to spend the morning cleaning and beautifying our church? These folks! Many, many thanks to the cleaning elves who put a shine to our pews! Also note that magnificent altar flowers don't arrange themselves-- it's the dedicated women of the Altar Guild who beautify our worship space every week.



And the Good Times Rolled!



And the winner is...Sharon Dunn!
(who generously donated her
50/50 winnings to Fire Relief).



Dining, dancing, and
fun!

Mardi Gras 2025



Youth News

Our children and youth at Trinity recently had both a “Super Bowl Sunday” and a “Souper Bowl Sunday”.



Following both services on February 9, our children and youth took an offering as part of a program called “**Souper Bowl of Caring**”. Everyone was asked to drop a buck (or more) in a specially-decorated soup pot and we **raised a total of \$636.15 to support the Trinity Outreach Committee effort to provide a hot meal and snacks once a month for our friends at Youth Hope**. Our total was added to \$20 million donated to food charities in this year’s event. Souper Bowl of Caring started 35 years ago with a simple talk offered by a seminary student on Super Bowl Sunday which started a program that has now raised more than \$200 million for hunger ministries.

On the afternoon of February 9, we had a **Super Bowl watch party** in the Great Hall using a **big screen and projector donated by Ray and Cindy Totten** (and the Priest in Charge’s cell phone) to watch the game, with food and drink provided by **Steve Petite** and the kitchen crew. **Net proceeds of \$471.07 from the party will go to the youth program. Thanks to Ray and**

Cindy Totten for their generous donation, Steve Petite and all who helped at the party!

Young Adults in Prayer (Y.A.P. at Trinity Episcopal) continues to meet every other Friday

from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Events are open to Middle and High School youth. A BIG

THANK YOU to **Will, Eric, Makenzie and Dylan** for their ongoing sponsorship! **Follow them on Instagram (yap_at_trinity)** for the latest news!



Beginning Friday, February 28, **Fr. Bill and others will lead a Youth Bible study** at 4:30 pm. On weeks where Y.A.P. is having other activities, the Bible study will be in the Youth Room. On weeks where Y.A.P. is not meeting, the Bible study may happen in other locations.

Trinity Camp 2025 will be June 8-14 at the Santa Monica YMCA Camp in Big Bear. Registration information will be available soon on the church website and other locations. We also will have our third annual **Mini Trinity Camp** for younger children at the church on Monday-Friday during the week of Trinity Camp. Contact the church office for more information.



Last but not least, **ALL children, youth and parents** are encouraged to come to the former bookstore area off the Great Hall **every Sunday morning for a “Holy Huddle” with Fr. Bill at 9:29 am**. This is the place to come for the latest word on what's going on with our activities, and to get the latest from God’s Word!



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7pm Sundays Ensemble XXI</p> <p>7pm Wednesday CCR</p>	<p>Church Office hours: Mon to Wed—9 am to 5 pm; Thurs 9 am to 1 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Closed Friday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone: (909) 793-2014. Email: office@tec-redlands.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web: redlandsepiscope.org</p>					<p>1</p> <p>10-2pm AARP Tax Prep—Library & Lounge</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8 & 10am Services 9:29am Holy Huddle Ministry Fair</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm Center Prayer-Church</p> <p>6:30pm AA-Lounge</p> <p>7pm Chic'Lits-Library</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm Shove Tue. Pancake Supper</p> <p>6pm Boy Scouts-GH</p> <p>6pm Girl Scouts-L</p> <p>6:30pm BSA Girls-L</p> <p>6:30 RAHS-</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>7am, 11am, and 7pm Services</p> <p>5pm Benedictines-Lib</p> <p>6:30pm AA-Lounge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6pm Cub Scouts-GH</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Steve Hills svc/ Garden, reception to follow</p> <p>3-4pm Shared Ministry</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8 & 10 am Services 9:29am Holy Huddle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm Center Prayer-Church</p> <p>6:30pm AA-Lounge</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm Boy Scouts-GH</p> <p>6:30pm BSA Girls-L</p> <p>7pm Camp Comm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11am Healing Svc</p> <p>5:05 pm Steering Comm. Mtg-Office</p> <p>6:30pm AA-Lounge</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm Cub Scouts-L</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-4pm Inner Pathway-GH</p>
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<p>Have questions about Trinity and The Episcopal Church? Join Fr. Bill for “Episcopal 101” after Sunday services and “Unpack the Prayer Book” on Zoom Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm during Lent.</p>						

Upcoming Events

- Mar 1-31 Personal hygiene items collection
- Mar 2 Run thru Redlands
Ministry Fair between services
- Mar 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:00 pm
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday services 7am, 11am, 7pm
- Mar 8 Steve Hills service 10:30am
Shared Ministry 3:00-4:00 pm
- Mar 9 Daylight Saving Time returns!
- Mar 18 Trinity Camp fundraiser @ Gormuet Pizza
4:00-9:00 pm
- Mar 30 Choral Evensong with Ensemble XXI 4:00pm

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

- 8 AM Spoken Eucharist-Church
- 10 AM Choral Eucharist-Church

Monday

- 6 PM Centering Prayer-Church

Wednesday

- 11 AM Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers—Church

Monday—Friday

- 12:15 PM Noonday Prayer—Church

Monday—Saturday

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer—Zoom
- 5 PM Evening Prayer—Zoom

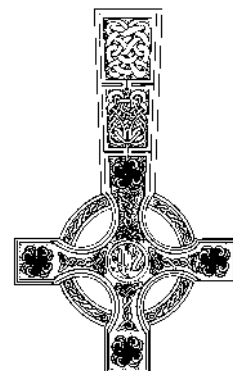
“To bear witness of God’s reconciling love, to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons.”

Trinity’s Mission Statement

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