

Trinity Tidings

From the Interim Rector



The Season of Stewardship

Did you know that Los Alamos has been rated as one of the best places to live in the country?

<https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/search/best-places-to-live/>

That will go a long way to tempt the best priest to apply to be your next rector. Another sure way to draw the best is to respond to the request by your Vestry to estimate your giving for 2022. The priests who will be

applying to be the next rector will be looking at the financial support the congregation is willing to provide.

But there is something more important about giving in support of building up the Kingdom of God, and it can be very personal. I'd like to share a column I read recently from *The Christian Century* that changed the way I look at my charitable giving. I used to lump together all my charitable giving to add up to the 10% level of the Biblical tithe. I also used to debate whether the tithe should be based on my gross pay or my net, and before or after taxes. There were all sorts of calculations and gyrations friends of mine in the church would exchange in trying to account for what we could ask people to give. So I give you this.

Blessings

Raymond+

Faith Matters: Paying My Check, by Isaac S. Villegas

Pastor of Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

I met Mel (I've changed his name) one summer at a weekly community meal with housed and unhoused people, in a clearing along a highway service road. Our church partnered with others to provide food. Mel had recently relocated to the woods behind a nearby Walmart. "Just passing through," he told me. "Here until the Spirit calls me elsewhere."

Later that week, on my commute, I saw him in a yellow vest standing on a median, holding a sign. At the stoplight, as I waited to take a left turn, we chatted and he said he'd like to join my church for worship that Sunday. We quickly worked out the details—before the light turned green—for when and where to pick him up.

That Sunday, at the appointed time, I found the gravel road down from the shopping center—the turnout he had told me about. I spotted him just beyond the tree line. We exchanged a wave as he walked down the hill. He hopped in

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist
(reservation required)

10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist
(reservation required)

Wednesday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

12:30 pm: Healing Service

Both in St. Athanasius Chapel

Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

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FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR



The October 17 all-parish meeting led by Canon Lee Curtis was a success with a good turnout, despite having to cancel the accompanying potluck lunch because of the COVID spike in town. Canon Curtis led us on four “conversations” about our parish, and the responses were recorded on sticky notes and have been compiled into an online Google Doc for the search committee to review. If you would like to see them, they can be viewed online here (copy and paste this into a browser):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iyc2nIFtjKVugJ5D5wCv4lxD1cIJAVm-Ocp5XjKmcS0/edit>

For those who could not attend, here were two of the key questions; if you would like, I invite you to email me your responses to these two questions (bill.godwin@comcast.net) and we will add them to the responses from the parish meeting.

Conversation #2: Name the 3 things you value most about our congregation.

Conversation #4: Imagine: It's three years from today and you're looking back. What are the three most wonderful, transformative, and spirit-filled things this congregation has done since the time when we called our new rector?

These are some of the main themes that emerged from the October 17 meeting:

- ◇ There is a widespread desire to get the church back to where it was before the COVID shutdown;
- ◇ It is important to many people that we are open, welcoming and inclusive, and tolerant of a wide range of views within the congregation;
- ◇ One clearly dominant theme is the desire to resurrect our youth programs and activities, and especially our youth and chime choirs;
- ◇ Another dominant theme is the desire to get our finances in order and, related to that, the desire to grow our congregation;
- ◇ It is clear that many people value our involvement in the wider Los Alamos community;
- ◇ A number of people expressed in one way or another the importance of restoring our communal church social activities (fellowship dinners, Lenten pancake supper, etc).

How well we can meet these objectives, how successful we are at attracting the kind of new rector we want next year, and how quickly we can restore our church life from the COVID impacts will depend heavily on how generous people are with not only their pledges but also with their time in volunteering to staff and restore our ministries. It is for this reason that the success of this year's stewardship campaign is of such critical importance.

Bill Godwin,
Search Committee Chair

THOUGHTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Thoughts from the Senior Warden

I hear parishioners bemoaning the current state of our Sunday services and our parish in general. “When will we return to the altar rail to receive both the wafer and the wine? When will we be able to ‘pass the peace’ like we once did? When can we have potlucks or return to having children as acolytes?”



I don’t want to discourage anyone, but for me the immediate answer is, “Look at where we were in November, 2020, sequestered in our homes and gathered around our computers and phones at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Now, look at us today.” Yes, we are still wearing masks and social distancing. Yes, our Sunday services don’t look exactly like they did in early 2020. But thanks be to God for vaccines and the ability to be back in our sanctuary, with our Media Team fine-tuning our live-streaming capabilities, and our Chancel Choir once again filling the air with inspiring melodies!

Emerging from the discussions at our recent congregational meeting were the following themes (summarized by Bill Godwin, our Search Committee Chair):

- ⇒ a widespread desire to get the church back to where it was pre-COVID-shutdown,;
- ⇒ the importance of TOTH being open, welcoming, inclusive, and tolerant of a wide range of views within the congregation;
- ⇒ a strong desire to resurrect our youth programs and activities, especially our youth and chime choirs;
- ⇒ the desire to get the church’s finances in order, and to grow our congregation;
- ⇒ an overwhelming expression for continuing TOTH’s involvement in the wider Los Alamos community; and
- ⇒ the importance of restoring our communal church social activities (fellowship dinners, Lenten pancake supper, etc.)

I think these and other common threads will emerge as the Search Committee and the congregation contemplate who we are as a parish and what type of priest we hope to have leading us. But it strikes me that our desire to return to pre-pandemic “normalcy” and to reinvigorate church life at Trinity on the Hill doesn’t really hinge on the calling of a permanent new Rector. It depends on us! We already have the power to support a budget which will take care of our staff, fund outreach programs, maintain our buildings, and eradicate the mortgage on Kelly Hall. We also have the human capital to revive the youth programs and social life of our congregation. What we don’t yet have is the commitment of every single person and family at Trinity on the Hill!

By now you should have received the Vestry’s 2020 Stewardship letter and Estimate of Giving card. I am asking you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to TOTH, to complete that card, and to return it to the church by Sunday, November 21. At our services that day, we will be offering those commitments to the Lord and praying for the financial health of TOTH in 2022. In keeping

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FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS



Greetings in the strong name of Jesus Christ!

First, we wish to thank Mark Hartman for his major efforts and diligence in getting the doors to the new restrooms (beside Kelly Hall) fitted for handicapped access. It looks like this project is already 50% done. He has also now run internet into Sherrill Hall. Thanks, Mark! In other news, we have at last sold the white church van.

We are also progressing quickly on improving the media outreach capability for video streaming. The Shop on the Corner has produced a very nice Christmas display of available donations that you should visit if you can. As Christmas gets closer, we are sure to see even more!

In that spirit of hard work around the church, we are again, at long last, searching for volunteers!

Buildings and Grounds could use help in getting piping up onto the roof so that we can improve the drainage before the snows hit. We will be meeting at 10:30 am on **Saturday, November 13**. If you can help, please call or go into the office to sign up. We look forward to your help and support!

It is so wonderful to worship again together, both in person and continuing by Facebook. Someday soon, masks will disappear and gatherings will become the norm again. But until then, we can give the peace with the traditional two fingers splayed or in the split form of "Live long and prosper." We are there together in spirit, listening to the beautiful choir harmonizing as one again, relishing our Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers back in place, and the amazing and spirit-filled homilies of both Father Raymond and Mother Laurie.

We also encourage the current topic of stewardship that has been promoted by both Father Raymond and our Senior Warden. Your contributions make it possible to come together with the gifts of coffee and doughnuts, courtesy of Keith Stephens. Thanks, Keith! Your contributions make possible the live streaming of the services to reach those who are homebound. They keep the office staffed and the ministries alive and help us pay off our mortgage. But, in echoing Father Raymond, your contributions also help us in finding a new rector, one who sees us as a thriving parish, alive in the Holy Spirit and alive in us and in our community. We want our new rector to see not only that our finances are in order, but that we are who we are: one of the most generous and active churches in the entire diocese. This past year and a half have been difficult and isolating. But let us come back to life, figuratively and realistically, to support our future hopes and dreams for our family of Christ.

Blessings,

Lisa and Paul



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and swung a gallon-sized Ziploc bag of coins onto his lap. “That’s an impressive haul,” I commented. “All of it from this weekend?”

“Nah, this is my tithe money from the week,” he replied. “At the end of each day I set aside 10 percent of my earnings for the Lord.”

“You’re very generous,” I said. “But our church is alright this month—we’ve got enough for our bills. You should keep that for the stuff you need, like the new tent you were telling me about.”

“Pastor,” he replied firmly, with righteous confidence, “please know I respect you with all that’s due a minister of the gospel, all the honor appropriate for a shepherd of Christ’s flock, but the holy scriptures have counseled all of us to contribute our 10 percent to the Lord’s work, and that’s what I intend to do, whether or not you think your church needs my money.”

“Yes, of course, you’re right.” I tried to walk back what I said. “I was just trying to prioritize your needs. I want to make sure you’re OK out here.”

“Pastor, I appreciate your concern, but I know my life and I know what I need; I know the sacrifices I need to make,” he continued. “Everyone is called to make a decision like that when the offering plate gets passed around.”

“I hear you; everything you’re saying makes a lot of sense to me.” We stopped at a red light, and I turned toward him and nodded in agreement. “I just wish you didn’t have to sacrifice all that for church—and, to be honest, I know a big chunk of our budget goes to my salary, so I’m . . .”

“I think the problem here is that you don’t value your work like you should,” he interrupted, with incisive pastoral care.

“Yeah, good point, Mel, so true, you’ve got me figured out for sure.” I told him about my struggle—the feeling of a guilt I can’t shake—because I grew up watching my parents endure so much pain from work, their backs and feet and hands sore every evening when they got home. And, now, I get paid for writing emails and sermons, for sitting in meetings and talking to people. I’ve escaped the bodily torments my parents have suffered in the course of their work lives.

“And even my parents haven’t worked as hard for a paycheck as you do.” I explained my embarrassment at the mismatch between income and toil, the unfairness of economic life under capitalism’s ledger of valuation. “At the end of the workday you’re sun-scorched and drenched from sweat, while I’m a little stiff from sitting around in air-conditioned rooms.”

“I can’t do nothing about that, Pastor,” he shrugged, and I shook my head slowly in response to our world, to myself. I spent the rest of the drive unsettled, maddened by the fundamental injustices that govern wages and labor, Mel’s work life and mine. Survival under capitalism makes demands on our flesh—and some of us have to pay more with our lives than others, for no good reason.

That Sunday during worship I heard Mel pour his money into the offering plate—the clink and clank of coins crashing into the shallow bowl, 10 percent of his earnings from that week, 10 percent of what he’d endured at that intersection: the thick heat of a southern summer, the choking exhaust from traffic, the contempt of passersby.

My paycheck didn’t mention what Mel went through, nor anyone else who contributed to our budget that month. How would such sacrifices be itemized? The nature of money is to forget through abstraction, to launder all traces of human life from economic transactions. Capitalist exchange converts work into currency. My paycheck offered just a series of numbers, rendering invisible the labor that produced the money.

Mel moved on after that summer. I think about him when I glance online at my monthly direct deposit from church. Our conversations taught me that I’m entangled in the daily grind of the people who contribute to my salary. In the offering plate, my pastoral life connects to their job sites. My work feeds on the generosity of their financial sacrifices.

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A theology of work begins here: with acknowledging such dependencies in order to develop a material spirituality of solidarity—to attend to the other’s work life, to cultivate relationships of mutual care, to become each other’s keeper, to accompany one another as we muddle through the demands of our jobs.

Perhaps next summer, if I see Mel again, I’ll ask if he’d let me join him for a shift in the median.

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DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?

The Shop on the Corner is a volunteer organization, operating a thrift store at Trinity on the Hill in Los Alamos. A full 100% of our proceeds are distributed to areas of need in norther New Mexico, as well as distribution of funds during emergencies in other areas. Recently, we distributed one day’s profit (approx. \$1000) to relief in Haiti.

Visit us any Wednesday from 8:30 am until noon. We are also open on the Second Saturday from 8:30 am until noon, and Third Thursday from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Our shop is warm and friendly, and our volunteers are committed to helping you meet your needs. We look forward to seeing you.

All of us at the Shop.



THE SHOP ON THE CORNER

Thrift Shop Hours of Operation:
Weekly Wednesdays 8:30 to noon
Second Saturday of each month 8:30 to noon
Third Thursday of each month 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

3900 Trinity Drive – lower parking lot

Clothing for the entire family, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, linens, toys, games, shoes, boots, seasonal items and more!

An Outreach Ministry of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church
 Proceeds support nonprofit charities

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with that theme, this week a parishioner brought a pertinent Bible passage to my attention (Malachi 3:10, NRSV): *“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”* We already have many blessings at TOTH, but what would it look like to be **overflowing** with blessings?

I personally think one of the greatest blessings God has bestowed on our parish is this church family. I was so heartened to see the people at our congregational meeting and to hear their dreams for the future of Trinity on the Hill. There was a strong sense of community, common purpose, and good will in Kelly Hall that afternoon – a sense which had been sadly absent during the pandemic. I know we aren’t out of the woods yet with COVID-19 but, hopefully, youth vaccinations and adult boosters can give Los Alamos the ability to return to a more inclusive, engaged lifestyle. I further pray that we all may have the freedom once again to engage in specific ministries at church. If we want to return to the active, social, caring community we all love at TOTH, we need to reactivate our ministries. Our clergy, office staff, and a few dedicated volunteers cannot be solely responsible for maintaining the life of our parish.

To return to pre-pandemic activities and, hopefully, grow those activities, we need to resurrect the following ministries: Administration, Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Outreach, Parish Life, and Worship (to include our new Media Ministry). Details about TOTH Ministries can be found at our website ([Ministries – Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church \(latoth.org\)](http://latoth.org)).

If you aren’t sure which ministry is best for you, start small. Buildings & Grounds would be delighted to have your assistance with landscaping or yardwork. Contact Lisa Rothrock (lgrothrock@gmail.com) or Paul Lisowski (lisowski.paul@gmail.com), our Junior Wardens, for more information. If you are a morning person and would like to lead a new Snow Shoveling Ministry, the Junior Wardens could help you get that started. Lisa Rothrock also would be happy to talk to you about the TOTH Media Ministry (lgrothrock@gmail.com).

If the fiscal health of the church interests you, consider joining the Finance Committee (Claudia Brookshire, Chair, brookshire.claudia@gmail.com) or contact Nancy Coombs (admin@latoth.org) to learn about being an Offering Counter after the Sunday services. If you’ve always dreamed of adding your voice to a group that is praising God’s glory, consider joining the Chancel Choir (Nelly Case, Organist and Choirmaster, casenm@potsdam.edu). Finally, if I haven’t mentioned a ministry that speaks to you, but you still want to get involved, contact your Senior Warden (meodell18@gmail.com) and I will help you make a connection with other active volunteers.

This is an exciting time in the life of Trinity on the Hill. The Lord is calling us to examine what makes this church special and meaningful for each one of us. This is our opportunity to remember what drew us to this parish and what gifts we can offer to strengthen this Christian community. I pray that each of us answers the Lord’s call from Malachi to fill His storehouse with our treasure, time, and talents, so that Trinity on the Hill may experience God’s overflowing blessings in 2022!

Prayerfully submitted,

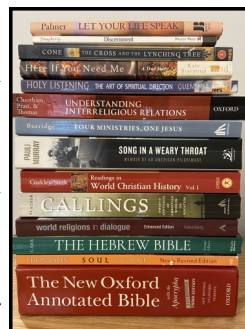
Margaret Odell, Senior Warden

HELLO FROM NYC

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's been two months since Toby, Charlie and I put New Mexico in the rear view mirror and headed across the country to New York City. We are happily settled in to my (tiny) apartment and getting used to all of the new experiences that living in the city brings.

I am settling in to seminary life and adjusting to being a student again. My classes this semester are: Inter Religious Engagement, Hebrew Bible, Christian History in the First Millennium, Discernment of Call, and Spanish Immersion Lab. My reading assignments are usually about 500-600 pages per week.



I've had the opportunity to play the organ a few times at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem and appreciate the chance to return to the bench. I've also played a few times in Chapel here at Union. It's not the same as TOTH, though, and I miss the daily rhythm of music ministry.



Thank you all so much for the Bible commentaries. They arrived on the first day of classes and were put to immediate use. Your generous financial gift came as quite a surprise and I am deeply grateful for your support. Thank you so much. Shout out to Bill Hamilton for the uniquely beautiful New Mexico cutting board. It is far too special to use and I consider it a work of art that I proudly display.

I miss you all very much and pray for you daily. I am blessed indeed to have brought such beautiful memories of my TOTH family with me in this new chapter.

Love,
Valerie



Valerie and her son, Andrew Fassbender, on his wedding day in October.

(all photos: Valerie Fassbender)

BIG MONTH FOR UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)!!

What do you think of as we enter the month of November? Many of us think of the American holiday of Thanksgiving Day. And to Whom do we most often give thanks? I'd say first of all to our Loving and Generous Heavenly Father, as in Psalm 95:

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

The Episcopal Church has a program called UTO which enables us to remember to give thanks to our Creator verbally and at the same time make a tangible offering by dropping coins into the "little blue boxes" as we give our thanks. The offerings from the entire national church are collected annually and given out in the form of grants all around the United States, as well as to some foreign missions that are sponsored by US parishes. Our own Diocese has received over \$600,000 in grants over the years.

Normally, "Ingatherings" are held at TOTH in the spring and in the fall, and the offerings are presented to the diocese at the Annual Convention Eucharist. COVID has preempted this practice for 2 years, so we are having our Ingathering once on Sunday, November 28. Please bring your boxes to church that day (or put a check with the memo "UTO" in the special envelopes provided).

With thanks to all the TOTH families who are practicing daily gratitude and giving,

Cathy Walters

Almighty God, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We know how easily we take and how often we reluctantly give. Give us the gift of grateful hearts, that we may want to share freely with others all You have given us. AMEN

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Trinity on the Hill's Mission

The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in December Submission deadline: Monday, November 29

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2021



The bazaar will be held this year on **Saturday, December 4**, in the Old Parish Hall. The event has been a Trinity on the Hill tradition for many years, where children from our community in kindergarten through 6th grade shop for their family and friends. Children will be given gift bags, tissue, and gift tags to wrap their gifts at home this year. It is an event where children have the opportunity to be empowered to make choices and acquire understanding about giving. The joy and stories from this event are endless!

This year will look much different than in prior years, with COVID-19 safe practices in place. Parents will need to sign children up prior to the event. Visit <https://latoth.org> for the sign-up link.

Drop off donations anytime: a collection box for donations is located outside the church office through November 30. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to see what they have in their homes that could be donated. Suggested items should be new or like-new: dolls, stuffed animals, action figures, cars, trucks, toys, baby toys, unopened puzzles, jewelry (pins, bracelets, necklaces, earrings), unopened lotions, perfumes, soap, coffee cups, tea cups, curios, ornaments, Christmas decorations, gloves, scarves, mittens, hats, kitchen items (trivets, dish towels), figurines, paperweights. Especially needed are gifts for men, such as neckties, wallets, handkerchiefs, gadgets, key chains, etc. Items need to fit into a gift bag – nothing larger than 16" x 6" x 13" this year.

An event like this takes many volunteers from our parish and our community. Prior to the bazaar we will need help with donation sorting, baking and setup. The day of the bazaar we need greeters, elves helping children make selections, gift wrap distribution, servers for refreshments and help with preschooler activities (outside) and reuniting children with their waiting parents. We will be cleaning up the day after the event on Sunday, December 5. Volunteers will need to sign up ahead of time. Visit <https://latoth.org> for the signup link. Or, use the direct links below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aba82da7f8c25-childrens>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aba82da7f8c25-volunteers>

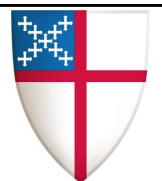
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Donation sorting takes place every Sunday after the 10:30 service downstairs in the Old Parish Hall until 1:45 pm. Join us to help with the preparations. An hour or two makes a big difference!

Questions? Contact Beth Pattillo 505-412-0140.

For the record: October 2021

Marriage: Andrew Fassbender and Rachel Dickens, October 1, 2021



Thirty Days of Thankfulness: November 2, 2021

United Thank Offering

By Heather L. Melton, staff officer for the United Thank Offering

Over the past few weeks, I've heard so many people say, "I think people are tired and they don't want to add another thing to their lives." Each time I hear this it resonates with me. I'm tired; my guess is that the person who says it is also tired. If we are honest with ourselves, it's safe to say that we are all pretty emotionally exhausted. Many of us have found that boundaries or systems that used to protect our downtime disappeared with the pandemic, while others are experiencing the exhaustion that comes from being disconnected from community, or the kind of tired that comes from wondering what going to the store will look like this time. I know the struggles that I've had since March 2020, and that those I care about have had, and I can only imagine the innumerable ways people are experiencing the collective grief, trauma, and pain that the pandemic has caused.

So where does this take us? For me, I started thinking about the passage from Matthew, chapter 11. Jesus has praised John the Baptist and told everyone they messed up by not listening to what John had to say. Jesus then stops and gives thanks to God. Then we get the passage that most of us know: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Notice, give thanks, and rest—that's what I hear in this passage, and it might be what we all need to hear right now.

To that end, I am committing to 30 days of gratitude. One of the traditions at our house on Thanksgiving is to ask everyone to share one thing they are thankful for from the past year. Some years, the gratitude flows easily; sometimes, people need time to think or need help coming up with something. This year, I am taking the time to think about this question long before we sit down to eat.

As you know, we offer a gratitude challenge each November—this year it focuses on care of creation and you can get yours at

unitedthankoffering.org/november. I am going to join my kids in the "giant gratitude turkey" project and note each day something I am grateful for. I want to take time to give thanks for the ways God showed up through members of our community whom I don't know but who showed up in ways that helped us stay home and safe; for my co-workers and Board who helped imagine new ways of doing things; for our family and friends who, even though I'm sure they were tired, willingly exchanged Valentines with my kids or did the Flat Stanley project with them over the summer. I have much to give thanks for and, as I reflect on these things ever so briefly, I find that I am less tired.

It also helps me to see those things which it might be time to let go of, or to have better boundaries around to make more time for the life-giving moments. For me, the rest that Jesus offers for our souls is the connection to others, the fact that we were made for each other, hardwired for connection, and not meant to struggle through the brokenness of this world alone. This means that I need to give thanks for those connections, make better boundaries, or let go of things that are not serving me well so that I have more time to connect, be present, and see where God is showing up.

This November, I hope you will find a way to deepen your own spiritual practice of gratitude. Take time each day to give thanks in your own way; see if this helps you to feel less anxious or tired. Or maybe all it will do is mean that when we get to Thanksgiving Day, we are simply overwhelmed by the things we might offer when asked what we are grateful for from the last year.

Save the Date: November 21, CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot

By Cynthia Z. Biddlecomb



Dust off your walking shoes and save the date for the in-person return of the Annual Los Alamos CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot on Sunday, November 21. Only offered online last year, due to the pandemic, the event will be offered “hybrid” this year, meaning both in-person and online. In 2019, TOTH had a significant presence with a great team of walkers and runners.

This annual walk/run event has been raising money in Los Alamos for many years. LA Cares in Los Alamos, our local food bank, will receive at least 25% of the total funds raised to fight hunger locally. The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the US and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others around the country organize local CROP Walk events in their communities each year.

Church World Service, formerly a division of the National Council of Churches, works closely with Episcopal Relief and Development, as well as other denominational and faith-based relief organizations on projects around the world and in the US.

This year, following COVID-safe policies of the State and the schools, the Los Alamos event will take place outside, in the parking lot of the Los Alamos Middle School. Participants are asked to mask-up throughout the gathering times and when around other walkers/runners. Limited snack and drink options will be provided at the finish line.

Registration at the event will begin at 1:30 pm. The start of the 1.7 or 2.57 mile run/walk will be at 2:00 pm. Between now and November 21, talk up the event, get a TOTH team organized, and ask family and friends to sponsor you by donating to the cause. You can start by fundraising online for this event.

To register in advance for the event, and to start your fundraising now, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/losalamosnm> and set up your own page. You will be encouraged to link your page to your social media accounts to spread the word. If you prefer, you can just link it to your email address and send out emails to your potential supporters.

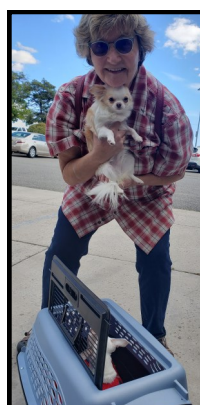
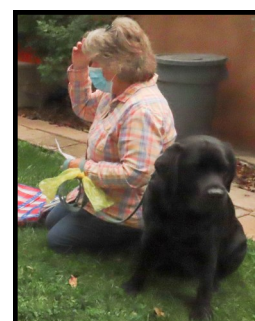
Either way, the funds go to the cause of fighting hunger and poverty in Los Alamos, around our nation, and around the world.

The TOTH team at the 2019
CROP Hunger Walk and
Turkey Trot.

(photo: Cynthia Biddlecomb)



PHOTOS FROM THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, OCTOBER 3



Photos courtesy of Lisa Rothrock and Rozelle Wright



Paul and Mary Cunningham celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 28. Congratulations!

Father Raymond reading a story during his Children's Sermon on November 7 (photo: Maggie Moore)



The *Ofrenda* at our altar on All Saints' Sunday, November 7.

Thank you to all who brought photographs of loved ones.

SAVE THE DATES

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| November 24 | Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm |
| November 28 | First Sunday of Advent |
| December 4 | Children's Christmas Bazaar |
| December 12 | Greening of the Church |
| December 19 | Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:30 am |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve services at 5:30 pm and 10:30 pm |
| December 25 | Christmas Day worship at 10 am |
| December 26 | Services at 8 am and 10:30 am |
| January 1, 2022 | The Feast of the Holy Name, 10 am |
| January 2, 2022 | Services at 8 am and 10:30 am |
| January 6, 2022 | Epiphany Eucharist, 6 pm |

FUNDRAISER FOR LOCAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Isabella Stephens works in the health care sector and sends this request:

The link below is a fundraiser through Los Alamos Retirement Community and it is a fund that goes to support their employees in these times of COVID and lockdown. There's a description on the page, but all funds go directly to local health care workers in need. Please help out if you are able.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/larc-heroes>

Thank you!!

Isabella

From the Editor:

Greetings friends,

I sincerely hope you will take the time to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the contents of this *Trinity Tidings*. There is a lot in this edition! Please save the dates above for our services from Thanksgiving to Epiphany and do join us as often as you are able.

I really enjoyed seeing the photos from the Blessing of the Animals—over a month ago now—and thank those who took and submitted them.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Best wishes,
Claire



Remaining Connected during COVID-19

Let's get something straight: Screen-Time Burnout is a real thing. But it's the safest way to stay connected, so let's use it to the best of our ability. Knowing this, however, we have expanded some in-person offerings for those who desire.

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** via Zoom at 8 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Lynn Finnegan for the link. First Tuesday meeting outdoors at 6:30 am.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (admin@latoth.org for more information)

Wednesdays:

- **Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am** in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing** at 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

Fridays:

- **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 7:30 am. Led by Deacon Lynn Finnegan. Zoom link sent via e-mail.

Sundays:

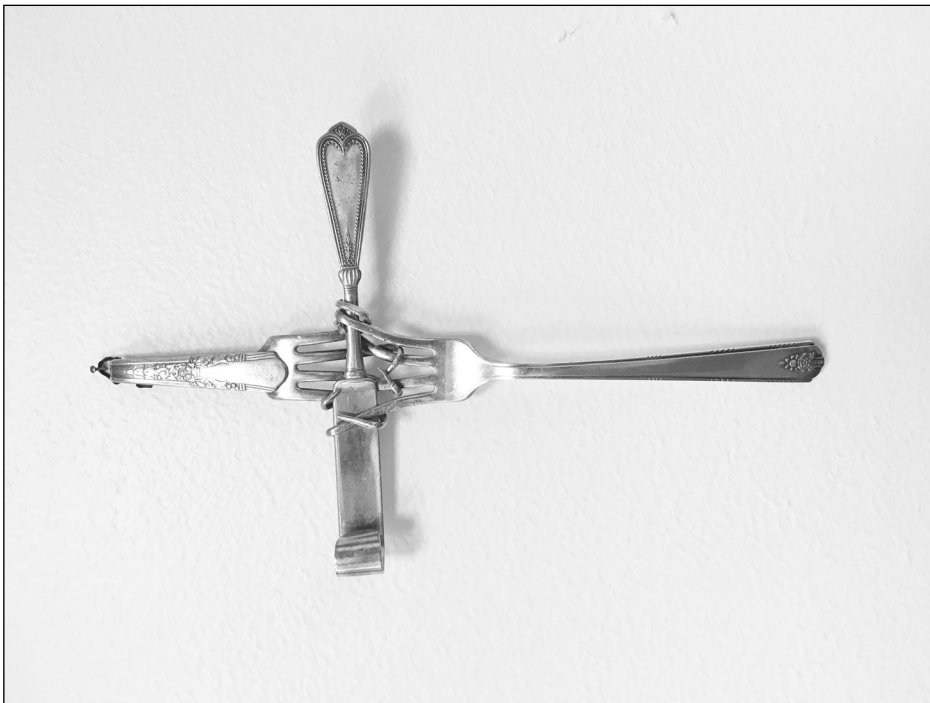
- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Choral Eucharist Rite II** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth

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Return Service Requested



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