



Trinity Tidings

Dear Friends,



I knew something was up when two of my clergy colleagues called to tell me that a lady named Anne from my parish in Tulsa had called and asked “Do you have the American flag in your church?” It was a couple of weeks after the Fourth of July, and I had asked the flower guild not to put flags in the altar flowers. I explained that the altar area was essentially our “holy of holies” and transcended nations and temporal powers. But I did encourage them to put flags elsewhere around the church.

Well, it turned out that the kerfuffle wasn’t about the altar flowers. It was because the American flag that belonged in the nave - the one that paired with the Episcopal flag - was not in its usual spot. And as soon as I realized that, I knew exactly where it was and why. So I called Anne.

“Hello Anne! I heard from Fr. Cutter and Fr. Farber that you called to find out if they had flags in their naves.” She confirmed this. “Is it because the flag is missing from ours?” Yes, she confirmed that too. I said, “I wish you had just asked me. I could have saved you a lot of trouble. The reason the flag is missing from the nave is because Terry (our volunteer chef) moved it to the parish hall. He was catering a dinner for veterans and they begin their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He forgot to put it back.” Anne, knowing Terry as well as I did, knew that he was prone to forget things like that. She laughed and apologized for bothering the other clergy and promised to just ask next time.

What Anne didn’t know was that I was the kid who volunteered to head up the flag patrol in middle school. That involved getting to school a half-hour before my schoolmates, making sure the flag was flying in front of the school when they got there, and making sure it was taken down and folded properly at the end of the day. In high school, I was the “flag girl” permanently assigned to carry the American flag for all of our football games and parades. I’m definitely not ‘anti-flag.’

That said, I do worry about mixing faith and government too much. I believe in praying for elected officials and letting our faith inform our personal decisions about everything in our lives, including the civic parts of our lives. But part of patriotism for me (your mileage may vary), is being clear that freedom of religion means, among other things, not imposing my particular religious views on others. That’s not to say there isn’t overlap between a citizen’s religious beliefs and general morals, ethics, and concern for the common good. But if the founding fathers wanted to set up an oligarchy, they could have done that. I, for one, am glad they didn’t.

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

7:00 pm: Compline

Wednesday

12:30 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

**~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome**

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Hello! By the time you read this, summer will likely be unofficially over as we celebrate Labor Day weekend. For many of us, the carefree days of summer ended a few weeks ago when the school year began. I hope your school year is off to a great start whether you're a student, a school employee, or a parent/guardian back to the grind of waking up sleepy kids and packing lunches. Two weeks ago, Sydney started her last semester of nursing school at UNM. Three weeks ago, we moved Luke to Purdue University and he spent his first week participating in a 12-hour-a-day band camp. In addition to being a rookie piccolo player in the All American Band, he started his "first year engineering" program last week. Jeff and I are adjusting to our quiet house!

We were blessed to go to church with Luke before we headed home from Indiana. We attended a service at Chapel of the Good Shepherd, an Episcopal church a short walk from campus. The warm welcome we received there was comforting. When we entered the church, we were immediately greeted by someone who said, "I don't think I've met you yet." He wasn't standing at the door as an Usher. He was just a guy talking to his friends but broke away for a moment to introduce himself. Then we were greeted by the parish administrator who told us about the church, explained that it was a bit quiet because the bulk of the students hadn't returned yet, and that their rector was out of town, taking her son to college. After church, several people talked to us, got to know Luke a bit, and invited him to their Sunday evening dinner for students.

I share this story because I hope Trinity on the Hill makes newcomers feel this way. I hope that we are willing to stop talking to our Sunday morning friends for a few minutes to welcome new people into our fold, ask them about themselves, and introduce them around. While we have an Usher and a Vestry greeter to do these things, it is also nice for a newcomer to know that someone is taking an interest in them even though it's not their assigned job that week. I hope we can all join together and help each other, especially newcomers, feel welcome and wanted at Trinity on the Hill.

In Christ,

Kandice Favorite



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

(title conspicuously missing)

(thinking to myself “hmmm where was I heading when I started writing. Oh crud I got distracted again”). I am easily distracted by life. Some days it’s about “where am I?” or “how did I get here?”. Do any of you recall mornings like that? No? OK, never mind. That rarely happens any more. Most days it’s “what am I going to accomplish today?” You might have thoughts like that. Do you? I hope you find success. I do, some days. Every day, somewhere in my mind is our wonderful church, and my list. Well back to what’s been happnin’.



The good news? The roof has not fallen in. The floor has not gotten worse. The crack in the hallway, well I have not shouted EEEK, for a while. Perhaps I can find someone to work on covering that? Other “good”: we have helped some individuals by offering temporary shelter. And, we hope to get new doors for the undercroft on September 9, rescheduled from August 26. And, as far as I have heard, everyone seems happy, for the most part. I think things could be worse you know. Don’t you? Could we, have another work day? What do you think? That last one was kinda fun, thank you all participants, contributors and thoughta boutits. If you had not, you could, find some fun at the next one? Hint. Hint. Stay tooned.

Well, once again it’s not ALL that. Yeah, the roof thing, maybe you heard, fortunately the weather will dry up for a couple of months if past years hold true again. OH, so if you had not, I asked a roofing company to fix the leak but be aware of that spot on the floor under the leak if you are putting tables away behind the stage. And then, please remember the thing about checking doors which I have written many times. I am still finding doors not locked or locked but not latched (you know, when the handle is locked but if you pull the handle the door still opens), continually. You probably would say “We are a church that does good things for folks and people should respect that and not do bad things in our church”. I agree, but in the day to day of reality, there are bad actors so if we make it just a little bit difficult for them by securing doors that we intend to be locked, then we have a better chance of not feeling the disappointment caused by human nature. Of course there is always a possibility but one of my daily struggles is to be, you know, just be, well, not disappointed anyway. And then on that note, because of a tendency to internalize, I continually hope that I am not disappointing any of you. But some day that will be over.

Bearing my sole(s) as I write, my love goes to all of you, whether reading this or not.

Mark, Your Junior Warden

Can I get a eh’ man?

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People often refer to our “Judeo-Christian” roots. And, certainly, the Ten Commandments and a number of Christian principles partially informed the writing of the Constitution and the formation of our common life. But the religious practices of the founding fathers were not uniform, and they don’t necessarily correlate to the kind of Christianity many people practice in our country today. Half of them were at least nominally Anglican, followed by smaller number of Congregationalists and Presbyterians. There were also a few Quakers, Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Methodists. Some were declared Deists (I’m looking at *you* Ben Franklin), and many of those who were officially part of Christian church were functional Deists. But the form of Christianity they practiced wasn’t something that modern Christians would necessarily relate to, or vice-versa for that matter.

One reason I feel that it’s important to keep healthy boundaries between the Church and State is because of what being tied too closely to the State does to the Church. In Europe, where many countries either have an established Church, or the citizenry is taxed to support religious entities, Christianity is waning faster than elsewhere. Now, that can be attributed in large part to modernity but I know, at least anecdotally, that young people in Europe tend to resent having established churches and religious taxes. Religious bodies in Europe know that too, but they are in the unenviable position of losing their status and financial support if they agree to separate.

Something else that happens when religion is tied too closely to any state is that religious leaders can lose credibility. With clear separation, a church is much more free to speak out against injustice. If a church relies on the state for its survival, the ability to do that with sincerity and truth dissipates. Historic examples in the more recent past include the Dutch Reformed Church supporting apartheid in South Africa, and Buddhist monks fomenting violence against the Rohingya in Myanmar. In the last couple of years, we have seen Kiril, the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox church, stand in solidarity with Vladimir Putin in promoting the war in Ukraine. Numerous plays and novels were written following WWII as a result of religious leaders selling out to the Nazis. That selling out ranged in degree from tacit approval to all-out support of actions that were blatantly anti-Christian.

So what should we do, as people of faith, with regards to political concerns? I think it’s like praying before a football game. Praying for one side to win is, in some ways, putting God to the test. But praying for a safe game and for good sportsmanship to prevail? That’s bringing our faith to bear on our everyday lives, encouraging the kind of behavior that we can be proud of.

In this volatile election year, it makes sense to pray. In fact, it is meet and right so to do. And our Book of Common Prayer included some excellent prayers that we can use.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (p.820)

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (p. 822)



**Los Alamos CROP Hunger Walk—SAVE THE DATE!
November 24, 2024**

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the **Los Alamos CROP Hunger Walk** is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world.

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

You can register to sponsor a walker or take part in the walk yourself:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks>

Jon and Julie Bulhuis
TOTH Co-ordinators



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SHOP ON THE CORNER!!

You may recall that Shop on the Corner gave out over \$72,000 in grants from 2023 sales and therefore is the bulk of Trinity on the Hill's outreach ministry. We are on track to surpass that amount for 2024; thanks be to God! All these sales are due to ever increasing donations - for which we are most grateful. However, this means much more work is demanded from our volunteers.

Presently, close to 2/3 of our volunteers are from outside the parish, including three very hard working team leaders. While we welcome them and definitely could not function without them, we hope that more parishioners will join our ranks!

We have set hours of operation (every Wednesday morning and the second Saturday of each month) and Monday is traditionally a big sorting day. However, if anyone would like to work on other days or hours, we would do our best to accommodate.

With our busiest season coming up, we are very much in need of more help. The Shop covers a variety of areas and offers many jobs for volunteers, some more physically demanding than others. There is something for everyone! Please consider checking us out with no obligation. We welcome your call or text, or stop into the Shop soon!

Leaders from TOTH:

Ruth Cox: 505-412-3262

Valarie Prestwood: 505-470-5157

Cathy Walters: 505-690-2309

TOTH is blessed with three talented young music ministers! **Margaret-Mary Sauppé**, our fantastic organist, is expecting her second child (a girl!) in October. While she is on maternity leave, **Louisa Singleton**, home from London after completing her Master's Degree in Math Education, will direct our Chancel Choir, with the option of continuing long-term. **Isabella Stephens** continues to lead our traditional Compline choir. Join them Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. for 30 minutes of chant and a cappella music by candlelight.



From the Editor:

Dear TOTH friends,

Welcome to (almost) fall—or “autumn” as I call it. Please take a look at the lovely photos from our church picnic at Camp May. If you missed it, make sure to come next time!

Please also note the dates for the CROP Hunger Walk and the House of Hope Fiesta Dinner fundraiser in November. Both of these events will raise money for worthy causes and you are all invited to participate.

The next *Trinity Tidings* will be published in early October. Your articles, photos, announcements, and other items of interest are always welcome.

Blessings,
Claire

Young Family Activities

SAVE THE DATE!

The first of our (mostly) monthly TOTH Young Family Potlucks will be
Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30pm in Kelly Hall

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am each Sunday. Kids entering 2nd grade and younger are welcome in Zandrea's class in classroom 4 in the school wing. Kids 3rd grade and older are invited to join Keith Stephens' class in Kelly Hall.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 through elementary school are encouraged to follow us to the Chapel for this time immediately following the Children's Sermon.

We cannot do any of these programs without your help! Volunteers are needed to ensure the safety of our kids!

Please recall that, in order to volunteer with the leadership and supervision of any TOTH programming involving our children, adults are kindly asked to complete 6 online training modules. Please contact Nancy in the church office at admin@latoth.org for more information.

Kelli & Maggie

Children's Sunday School
9:15am - 10:15am
Grade 2 & under meets in Classroom 4
Grade 3 & up meets in Kelly Hall



Both Sunday School classes met in Kelly Hall for a science lesson presented by Keith Stephens



The class learned about Elijah being taken up by a whirlwind. They made a pinwheel craft.

The younger Sunday School class is continuing to learn about major characters in the Old Testament. The kids used Play-Doh to sculpt their favorite stories, so far. Here is Goliath being dressed in armor for his battle with David.





Fiesta on the Hill

Please come to a fundraising dinner and celebration of the House of Hope® ministry,
an ongoing ministry at Trinity on the Hill for 19 years!

Saturday, November 16

5-7:30pm

Kelly Hall, Trinity on the Hill

What to expect:

- Taco dinner – no set fee, ALL donations go to the House of Hope building materials
- Silent and sealed bid auction – focused on arts and services
- Live dessert auction
- Music and dance entertainment
- Crafts for the young and young at heart

**Since 2005 members of Trinity on the Hill and numerous other churches have taken part in ongoing home building mission trips to Juarez, MX. These trips have served to bring the light of Christ to families in need in the form of a house and have also served to deepen the faith of those who participate in the builds. Called to serve those in need, we build a well-constructed home, together with the family, that shelters them from the elements and provides their family security.*

What we need to be successful:

Attendees, please RSVP and attend; invite neighbors and friends! (sign-ups begin October 1)

Donations to the Arts & Services Auction

This will include a silent and sealed-bid auction format. For questions about ideal items or services to donate, email Julie Bulthuis at jwbulthuis@msn.com or call or text 505-490-6061.

Remember there will be children who may wish to donate or bid; be creative!

Donations should be dropped off at TOTH from November 10-13. Follow this link to add your donation, a description and starting bid: <https://bit.ly/Auction-Items>

Donations to the live dessert auction

Homemade dessert items will be delivered the day of the event. Arrangements can be made for pick-up by emailing Joanna Gillespie at joken94@gmail.com or call or text 505-309-2518

On October 27 and November 3 there will be free pie dishes and cake platters available to bakers in the narthex, so those donating don't have to worry about getting their dish back.

Follow this link to add your dessert donation with a description: <https://bit.ly/Auction-Desserts>



The annual Blessing of the Backpacks on August 11.

Texas is hot. There is no way around it.

Despite the oppressive weather, I still cannot believe I have the privilege to be here. The last week of orientation, and this first week of classes, have been overwhelming to say the least, but incredibly rewarding. There are 9 of us in the MDiv class this year, along with many other wonderful students in other programs. We are diverse, but are forming into a team of support and friendship. The rhythm of chapel twice (or three times) daily has been an anchor during this time of adjustment, and though I miss my family desperately, I am learning what life here, during this season of my life, can look like. God is meeting me where I am, and I can feel the discomfort press against the love and mercy that is this period of growth. “Everything is formation” is the mantra of our Junior class - we say it in frustration and in celebration. I ask for your continued prayers and I would love to hear from any and all of you as you feel led.



-Sam

Pictured left: Jewels Wolf, Angel Roque, Sam McRae, and Sascha Anderson, all from the Diocese of the Rio Grande! Shown at their matriculation ceremony at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX, August 25, 2024.

CHURCH PICNIC, CAMP MAY AUGUST 25



Photos: Kandice Favorite, Kelli Maginot,
Lisa Rothrock, Rozelle Wright





Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays); in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- **Men's Group**, 7:30 am, Sherrill Hall
- **Bible Study**, 12 noon, Library, led by Fr. Kelly

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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 October. Submission deadline: Monday, September 30.

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SEPTEMBER 2024 SCHEDULE

September 2024

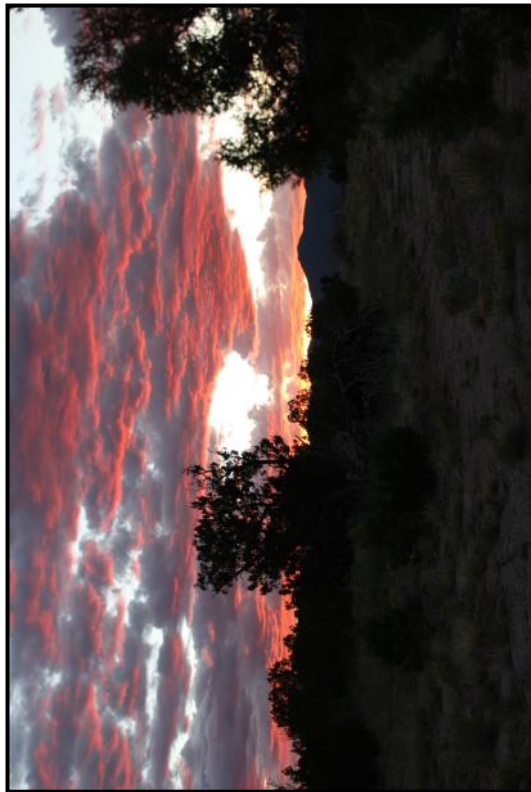
Date	Time	Acolytes	LEM/LR	Prayers of the People, 10:30	Media Team 10:30	Usher 10:30	Altar Guild
Sep 1	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rozelle Wright, LEM/LR				
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Isabella Stephens, Susan Sprake, TBs	Lynn Godwin, LEM/LR Susan Sprake, LEM	Claire Singleton	Richard/Mark	Bill Godwin Greeter: Rebecca	Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle
Sep 8	8:00	TBD	Rozelle Wright, LEM/LR				
	10:30	Ben Foley, Server Josh Moore, Crucifer Cece Gulsby, Anna Moore, TBs	Susan Sprake, LEM/LR Linda Light, LEM	Linda Light	Nancy/Rachel	Maggie Moore Greeter: Kandice	Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson Mary and Bill Ogle
Sep 15	8:00	Ben Schilling	Rob Baran, LEM/LR				
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server River Yamada, Crucifer Gregory and Peter Maginot, TBs	Renee Roybal, LEM/LR Richard Triplett, LEM	Nancy Coombs	Nancy/ Bill	D. Giovanielli Greeter: Patrick	Renee Roybal Karen Humphrey Ellie Giovanielli
Sep 22	8:00	Richard Triplett	Richard Triplett, LEM Kay Dreamtrader, LR				
	10:30	River Yamada, Server Ben Foley, Crucifer Josh and Anna Moore, TBs	Linda Light, LEM/LR Susan Sprake, LEM	Joanna Gillespie	Bill/Rachel	Andy Light Greeter: Isabella	Ellie Giovanielli Marybeth Stephens Jo Moore Susannah Smith Sarah Rochester
Sept 29	8:00	TBD	Rob Baran, LEM/LR				
	10:30	Isabella Stephens, Server Peter Maginot, Crucifer Gregory Maginot, Cece Gulsby, TBs	Marilyn Lisowski, LEM/LR Richard Triplett, LEM	Laurie Glascock	Bill/Mark	Maggie Moore Greeter: Kelli	Karen Humphrey Jo Moore

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