

The Trinity Light

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Our Mission: Trust in the Lord and Do Good.
Our Vision is to become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good
by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.



The Journey to Easter

The events leading up to Easter are celebrated and remembered during the week beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday called Holy Week. It is a week of conflicting emotions and feelings, sorrow, fear and death, turning into hope, joy and life.

Palm/Passion Sunday

The week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday, recalling Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem with an outdoor procession, then after we enter the church, shifting to the story of the passion of Jesus, as the Passion Gospel is read, with various people reading the different characters.

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday we gather in the evening, as at the Last Supper, in obedience to Jesus' direction to "Do this in remembrance of me." Footwashing and Stripping the Altar leaving the Church bare at the end of the service are moving symbols of Jesus' command to love one another followed by the betrayal and arrest of Jesus late that evening.

Good Friday

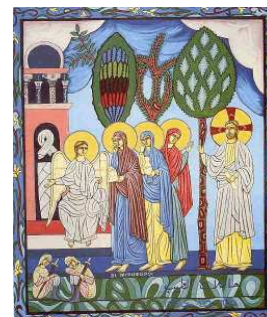
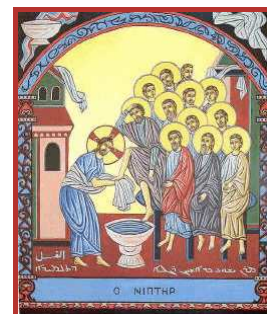
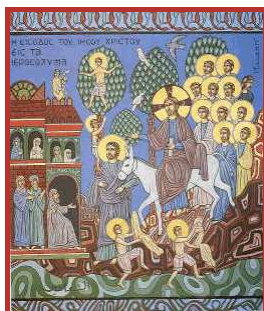
Good Friday, the day Jesus died, is the most somber day of the year. No Eucharist is celebrated on Good Friday, and it is the only day of the year when black hangings can be used. It is a day of fasting, of silence, of sorrow. Out of the depths of Good Friday springs the joy of Easter.

Easter Day

The Day of the Resurrection is a day of joy and celebration, expressed in our songs and alleluias. There is no confession or absolution on Easter because the empty tomb shows that our sins have been taken away and we have been made worthy to stand before God as his children. It is a day of new life, eternal life in God! *Alleluia* is our Song!

Often people ask, "What's the big deal about Holy Week? Isn't Easter the important day?" And the answer is "Yes, Easter is the important Day!" It's so important that we need to prepare – and we prepare for Easter by taking the Holy Week Pilgrimage to Easter. The services of Holy Week, especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, not only remind us of the events leading up to Easter, but by experiencing and living those events through our Liturgy, we become a part of the Last Supper, the new Commandment to love one another, the betrayal, the condemnation, the pain, suffering and death of Jesus: all of which are as much of a part of Easter as the Resurrection. When we don't live them, we shortchange Easter and ourselves.

Over and over, I hear people who celebrate Holy Week for the first time say, "This gives a whole new meaning to Easter!" If you have never participated in the events of Easter during Holy Week, I invite you to do so this year and learn how your Easter can be enriched by the experience.



Spring Clean-Up Day

This Saturday,
9:00-'til

Come when you can
for as long as you can

We Need Your Help!!!

Lets Get the Church
looking Great for Easter!



PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN UP

We are now taking requests for time slots to get photographs taken for the photo directory and we hope everyone will avail themselves of the opportunity to be included. Photos are taken of family units so try to plan a time where everyone can come together.

The dates and times are Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10 from 2:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 from 10:00 a.m. though 5:00 p.m.

Kathy Atchison is coordinating this project, and you can contact her after church services to reserve a spot, or you can email her at wetz9380@gmail.com (preferable) or call her at 567-1013 and ask for a convenient time slot. If the time requested is already taken she will try to schedule you for the closest time slot and check with you to be sure that is okay. If you email her, she will need the following information: Phone number and whether it's okay for LifeTouch to call you to remind you of your appointment, how many people will be in your photograph, and your email address.

Kathy also has price sheets for you to review if you think you might want to purchase copies of your photograph (totally optional) so be sure to ask her if you need one, or you can pick one up at the church office. You will receive a free 8x10 and a free copy of the directory regardless.

If you are interested in composing a second shot (with fur babies, extended families, etc) let Kathy know what you want to do so a second time slot can be arranged.

EASTER COVERED DISH

Join your Trinity Family
for our annual Easter Potluck!
Immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist

ECW will furnish the ham, tea, & rolls.

Please bring your favorite side dish
or dessert or both!

We will need volunteers to help with cleanup!

Please contact Erin Rogers with any questions!
312-1097, erincadenrogers@gmail.com

ACOLYTES FOR EASTER

We'd like to have a passel of acolytes serving at the Easter Service. If you will, please volunteer – we'd like to carry every cross, torch, flag, banner, and other "equipment" we've got. If you will volunteer, we'll find something for you to do. Vest and meet in the nave immediately after the Egg Hunt. We also need at least two parents to help vest.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The adult Sunday school class will continue its discussion of "Breakfast with Buddha" by Roland Merullo, chapters 12 and 13. Again, it's easy to catch up. Just enjoy the book through the assigned chapters and you're ready to participate. Our discussions generally are restricted to the assigned chapters with perhaps some outside tangents as they present themselves.

EASTER EGGS

Easter is coming, and Sue Beumer has asked that parishioners bring plastic eggs stuffed with candy for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

There is a drop-off box in Dunn Hall and a box of unfilled eggs you can take and use. If you would like to help with the festivities on Easter day please contact Sue at 334-799-3516.



PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU

From Tonia Ayers

Needed:

A few hale, hardy and mechanically inclined men and/or women to help with Doc's playground.



There are three major areas where we need help:

1. The wooden playset (see above) needs to be assembled. Gary Wright has begun, but the instruction manual says it will take 2 people 10 to 14 hours. We need to finish it. I have all the tools needed.

The trees where the playset will sit will most likely need to be "limbed up". I don't have a tool for that :).

2. Two doors need to be cut in Doc's playhouse and "framed". I would think a chainsaw would need to be used.
3. Elizabeth Recchio's husband has volunteered to put the chainlink fence back up sometime this weekend. He may need some assistance.

Please call or email Tonia Ayers if you're willing to lend a hand or chainsaw. 315-3934 toniaayers@aol.com

THE THEFT

As we reported in a parish wide email on Sunday, Sunday's offering was stolen along with Tonia Ayer's purse. Tonia's purse was recovered, but her wallet and the offering were taken. There was little cash in the offering, but many checks, both for pledges and for Easter Lilies. Our banker friends tell us that there is little chance that the checks can be cashed, but everyone should still keep an eye on their accounts.

Secondly, we really need those of you who wrote checks last week to replace them. You can see below what that did to our offering last week. Also, if you filled out a lillie form, we need you to fill out another one as well as submit another check.

We know this is a pain, for which we apologize.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We give thanks for the life and ministry of

Madison Hammonds, Jack Pinckard, Leah Taylor, Randall Turner, Sarah Cater, Andy Hayes, and Kate Saylor who celebrate their birthdays this week

We pray for those who have requested our prayers:

Immediate Concerns:

Dewey and Miriam Best, Harriet Landrum,

Shut-Ins: Avis Finch and Mary Smith

Continuing Concerns:

Jackie Harper, Crawford Kennedy, Kelley Wright, Linda Summey, Voncille Lankford, Howard & Glenda Rice, Ellen Williams, Dot Franklin, Billy Lacy, Amelia Lovell, Greg Jones, Louise Lambert, Rilla Keith, Ed Chalker, Johan Beumer, Karen Brooks, Sylvia McConnell, Jasper Roberts, J.T. Peters, Ray Howell, Jean Webb, Christine Cole.

God loves you.
No exceptions.

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Sunday Ministers

Palm/Passion Sunday Apr. 14, 2019
LEM: 8:00 a.m. Anne Jones
10:30 a.m. Tonia Ayers
Acolytes: Jack Pinckard, Rutledge Rogers

Lector: Hazel Jones
Epistoler: Tim Bailey
Intercessor: Judie Hooks
Altar Guild: J. Hooks/C. Wright
Flower Guild: Erin Rogers
Vestry: Tom Hollon
Greeters: Gary & Carol Wright
Flowers. PALMS
Meet and Greet.
WTC. Sandy Hallmark
Teaching K-2nd Elizabeth Recchio
Teaching 3rd-6th. Sue Beumer

Easter Day Apr. 21, 2019
LEM: 8:00 a.m. Tim Bailey
10:30 a.m. Charlotte Lackey
Acolytes: Hannah Beumer, Holly Hammonds, Madison Hammonds

Lector: Jack McDaniel
Epistoler: Charlotte Henderson
Intercessor: Phyllis Kennedy
Altar Guild: All Members
Flower Guild: Lucie & All Members
Vestry: Gardner Perdue
Greeters: Dennis & Dawn Kizziah
Flowers. LILIES
Meet and Greet. Easter Potluck
WTC. Sandy Hallmark
Teaching K-2nd Easter Egg Hunt
Teaching 3rd-6th. Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Week and Easter

Apr. 14: Palm/Passion Sunday

8:00 a.m. - *Holy Eucharist*

8:40 a.m. - *Breakfast*

9:15 a.m. - *Choir Practice*

9:20 a.m. - *Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. - *Holy Eucharist*

11:30 a.m. - *Meet & Greet*

4:00 p.m. - *EYC, Carter House*

Apr. 16: 9:00 a.m. - Coffee Drinkers Bible Study, Library

11:30 p.m. - Tuesday with Kelly, Dunn Hall

6:30 p.m. - Pack 50 Scouts

Apr. 17: 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Apr. 18: Maundy Thursday

4:00 p.m. - Music Teacher, Library

6:00 p.m. - JCC, Dunn Hall

7:00 p.m. - Maunday Thursday Service

Apr. 19: Good Friday

12:10 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, Nave

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross, Nave

6:30 p.m. - The Property Liturgy for Good Friday

Apr. 21: The Sunday of Resurrection - Easter Day

Easter Egg Hunt at Sunday School & Easter Potluck Lunch

WEEKLY PLEDGE OFFERING

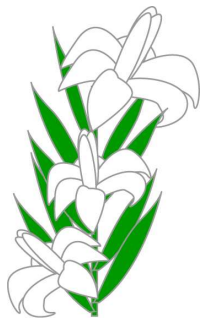
Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income.	\$ 3,500
Contributed Sunday, April 7	\$ 1,660
Budgeted Year to Date	\$ 49,000
Contributed Year to Date.	\$ 49,122
Over/(under) Budget.	\$ 122

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions.

Please note the update on the theft of the offering last week.

EASTER LILIES

It's not too late to contribute an Easter lily in thanksgiving or in memory of someone or simply "to the Glory of God." Please fill out a "Lilies" form which you can find in the Bulletin, and put in the alms basin, together with a check marked "Lilies" in whatever amount you desire to contribute. Tuesday is the last day to sign up.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious God, as we peer down the long tunnel of Holy Week - the Grand "Hosanna" procession, the Cruel Passion of our Lord, the New Commandment to "Love one another," the Gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, the Betrayal and Crucifixion: we pray that you will give us the desire and ability to enter into this week of contrasts with obedient hearts and attentive spirits, that we may fully experience and come to know this joyous, terrible and holy week in all of its fullness, and let it guide, prepare and draw us to experience the Glorious Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, forever.

✠ *The Rev. Bob Henderson*

NEED HOLY WEEK MINISTERS

We need extra ministers for the services of Holy Week.

Please text or call Bob
(334-703-0089)
or email (bob@trinitywetumpka.org),
to volunteer.

The Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday:

LEM Epistoler Lector Acolytes
Greeters

Good Friday:

12:10 Stations of the Cross:

Reader 1, Reader 2, Crucifer

6:00 Stations of the Cross:

Reader 1, Reader 2, Crucifer

6:30 The Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Lector, Epistoler, Acolytes, Greeter

TO PONDER

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

- The Talmud