

# THE TRINITY LIGHT

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*Our Mission: Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

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



## Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Pentecost is the Church's celebration of God's gift of God's Holy Spirit to God's holy people. Luke describes the descent of the Holy Spirit as flames of fire resting on the assembled disciples (at the baptism of Jesus, the Spirit is described as a dove). It is important to notice that the disciples were gathered together when the Holy Spirit came upon them. From the beginning, the experience of the Holy Spirit is a corporate experience. Individuals as members of the Body participate in the experience.

Two key words referring to the coming of the Holy Spirit are promise and power: The promise is fulfilled and the power bestowed in the experience in the upper room at Pentecost. The power is immediately made clear as the apostles proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected.

The gift of tongues is a sign that God's word is no longer limited to one people or one place, one language or one race, but is now available to all people everywhere.

The preaching of Peter is summed up as a response to the question raised 'by his hearers: "What shall we do?" The apostle replies, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This is still the Christian message.

So, what is the Holy Spirit revealed in the Pentecost experience of the church and offered to us? We might consider it from the perspective of: Red, Hot and Blowin'.

RED - the color of fire, which crackles, spreads and consumes what it contacts. So does the Spirit of God move with electricity through people, from person to person as we interact in the gospel. The Holy Spirit is the power of God to cleanse and animate his people to spread his influence and reign. Pentecost shows us that God intends to conquer the world through his word, spread by us.

RED - is also the color of blood, as in the blood of martyrs. The martyrs are witnesses who went the full distance. The Holy Spirit is unquenchable, becoming more powerful in God's people when they are under attack. God gives the Spirit of boldness; his Word does not die. Pentecost challenges us to represent the name of Jesus boldly.

Red is why we remind everyone: WEAR RED THIS SUNDAY!

HOT - Two disciples received teaching from the risen Jesus, and they felt their hearts burning within them. (Luke 24:32) So the Holy Spirit moves on the Word of God and turns sad hearts to joy, infuses confidence where there was fear, and creates faith where there was doubt. Pentecost urges us to pray for the heat of the Spirit to warm our inner selves.

BLOWIN' - like the wind. The Spirit is at one time God's gentle breath, at another time it blows with hurricane power. Like the Wind, the Spirit will not be controlled or directed by any human being, and the force is hardly predictable. So Pentecost urges us to be open to surprises under the rule of the Spirit, to be ready for changes of course and new directions.

*Compiled and Edited from several sources.*

# This Week at Trinity

## *Jun 04: Pentecost Day - Wear Red*

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

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

*11:30 a.m. - Birthday Party of the Church at Meet & Greet*

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

*Jun 06: 9:00 a.m. - Coffee Drinkers Bible Study, Library*

*6:00 p.m. - Cursillo Meeting, Dunn Hall*

*Jun 07: 12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - Chapel*

*6:00 p.m. - Loaves & Fishes, Dunn Hall*

*Jun 08: 4:00 p.m. - Music Teacher, Choir Room*

*6:00 p.m. - Fishing Club, Dunn Hall*

*Jun 10: 7:00 a.m. - Farmers Market*

## *Jun 11: Trinity Sunday - Discretionary Fund Sunday*

# Sunday Ministers

### **Pentecost Day**

Jun 04, 2017

LEM: 8:00 a.m..... Susan Powers

10:30 a.m..... Daniel Reid

Acolytes: C. Lackey, P. JP & T. Baughman

Lector:..... Emily Phyfer

Epistoler:..... Phyllis Kennedy

Intercessor:..... Suellen Young

Altar Guild:..... J. Hooks / H. Landrum

Flower Guild:..... Lucie Wadsworth

Vestry:..... Lucie Wadsworth

Greeters:..... Carol Wright

Flowers..... Phyllis Kennedy

Meet and Greet.....

Women that Care Contact..... Charlotte Lackey

Teaching K-2<sup>nd</sup>..... No Sunday School

Teaching 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>..... No Sunday School

### **Trinity Sunday**

June 11, 2017

LEM: 8:00 a.m..... Anne M. Jones

10:30 a.m..... A.Claire Mattox

Acolytes: A.C. Mattox, T. Caton, R. Jones, Gigi Ratcliff

Lector:..... Andy Hayes

Epistoler:..... Charlotte Lackey

Intercessor:..... Becky Wilkinson

Altar Guild:..... S. Beumer/B. Wilkinson

Flower Guild:..... Perry Caton

Vestry:..... Rhonda Baughman

Greeters:..... Sandy Hallmark

Flowers.....

Meet and Greet.....

Women that Care Contact..... C. Lackey

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### Pentecost Readers Needed

If you speak a language other than English and are willing to speak it in front of the congregation, we need you as a reader this Sunday on Pentecost Day. We'll be reading the Gospel in as many languages as we have people willing to read. You won't have to make a translation unless you want to, because we have copies of the Gospel in Chinese, Russian, Common Russian, Dutch, French, German, Hausa, Italian, Latin and Spanish, but we can get copies of the Gospel in almost any language. If you are willing to volunteer, please call the church office or email [bob@trinitywetumpka.org](mailto:bob@trinitywetumpka.org).

**FREE COMMUNITY SOUP SUPPER** 

**1st WED. MONTHLY - 6:00 p.m.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**

What a response! Carol and Gary Wright volunteered to do ALL the soup, chips, and cheese for the June 7th Loaves & Fishes Supper!

So all we need now are pies and fruit. Please let Tonia Ayers know if you would like to contribute. [Toniaayers@aol.com](mailto:Toniaayers@aol.com) or 334-315-3934. Thanks to everyone!!

### FATHER/SON BANQUET

The Father/Son Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, beginning in Trinity Hall at 6:00. All men of Trinity with their fathers and/or sons are invited and encouraged to attend!!!



Please Sign-up on sheet located in hallway next to the Kitchen so we can get a count, or email Carol Wright at [cissiemarie1@gmail.com](mailto:cissiemarie1@gmail.com).

Carol also needs help with food preparation, set up, serving and help with clean-up so, ladies, give her a call or email.

### BONNER POINT

Our Trinity Church/Lake Jordan Hobo's Bonner Point "Boat Service" began with a bang last Sunday - 40 folk showed up to worship at the Lake. We continue every Sunday, until Labor day at 8:00 a.m. at the Bonner Point Outdoor Chapel. Come & tell all your friends.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

We celebrate and give thanks for the life and ministry of:

Fran Holland, Howard Rice, June Ward, Jenny Bailey, and Becky Wilkinson who celebrate their birthdays this week;

and for

Steve and Robin Rogers, Andy and Susan Hayes, and Chip and Dianne Searcy who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

We pray for those who have requested our prayers:

#### Immediate Concerns:

Jackie Harper, Voncille Lankford, Greg Jones, Kathy Norris, Vicki Baughman, Cynthia Winkler and Rilynn Burt.

Shut-Ins: Avis Finch and Mary Smith

#### Continuing Concerns:

Crawford Kennedy, Johan Beumer, Kelley Wright, Linda Summey, Tom Ford, Glenda Rice, Rilla Keith, Ellen Williams, Dot Franklin, Billy Lacy, Ed Chalker, Dianne Searcy, Amelia Lovell and June Ward.

### WEEKLY PLEDGE OFFERING

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income.. . . . .	\$ 3,500
Received Sunday, May 28. . . . .	\$ 2,255
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income. . . . .	\$ 77,000
Received Year to Date. . . . .	\$ 72,717
Over/(under) Budget. . . . .	\$ (4,283)

Summer time, and the Living is easy, and, pledge receipts always decrease with that easy living. As you prepare for vacations and trips, please keep your pledge up to date. Remember, the electric bill doesn't go on vacation.



## Women That Care

The June Food Pantry  
Item will be Tuna Fish,  
and the June Captain will  
be Charlotte Lackey



women that care

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## THE TATES

Every church has within it, members of the Tate family. There is first of all, old man Dic Tate, who always wants to run everything in the church.

Uncle Ro Tate is just as bad. He always trying to change things; whether they need changing or not.

Sister Agi Tate is always doing her best to keep things stirred up and her brother Irri Tate does the best he can to help her.

Now whenever there is a new project suggested, we can always count on brother Hesi Tate and sister Vegi Tate to pour cold water on it.

Then there is sister Imi Tate who thinks everything should be just like all the other churches.

It is when the proposed budget is announced that brother Devas Tate stands to his feet and shoots everything to pieces.

Then brother Poten Tate, who always wants to be a big shot, is always present.

But there are members of the Tate family who have a different outlook. Take for example, brother Facili Tate who is always most helpful. And, thankfully for everyone, Cogi Tate and his twin brother, Medi Tate are always ready to step in.

Which Tate will you be?

## TO PONDER

*Some things in life cannot be fixed. They can only be carried. Losing a child cannot be fixed. Being diagnosed with a debilitating illness cannot be fixed. Facing the betrayal of your closest confidante cannot be fixed. They can only be carried.*

*Tim Lawrence in "Everything Doesn't Happen For A Reason," from his blog The Adversity Within, quoting Megan Devine.*

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## FARMER'S MARKET



Just take a look at some of the bounty from the opening of the Farmer's Market last Saturday!

Have you ever seen such beautiful produce? Thanks to Beth Schultz for organizing the dozen or so vendor who came last week to our opening. Reports are that a large crowd of buyers came and most everyone sold out early.

Please come on down yourself and also, spread the word about our Farmer's Market. It's great for the growers, great for the Church, and great for all those who get to enjoy these wonderful, fresh vegetables!

## VOLUNTEERS FOR SAWYERVILLE



Sawyererville Day Camp is a ministry of the Diocese of Alabama and has been for many years. This ministry provides an opportunity for children in impoverished areas of the Black Belt of

Alabama to attend Day Camp and enjoy swimming, art, drumming, singing, reading, hygiene classes, and games. Nutritious meals and lots of love are also provided. This program has grown from one small group session to 3 sessions that are completely full each summer.

Trinity has supported this ministry for a number of years by feeding the staff for one of their evening meals. All the churches in the diocese participate to make this camp a reality and something very special. The counselors are teenagers, lay people and clergy from around the diocese. We will be taking a meal to feed 145 staffers on June 25. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The people of Trinity have always come through to help with funding and donating the items needed to prepare the food as well as going to help cook, serve and clean up. I hope we can count on your generosity this year. We will be serving a spaghetti meal this year. We need help

with some ingredients as well as warm bodies to go and help with the meal. You don't have to provide the entire amount of an ingredient. I have divided it up so it is not so much for one person to purchase. You can also make any size donation and it will be put to good use.

We will need:

33 pounds of ground beef total – 11 people to donate 3 lbs. each

11 onions

48 cups of tomato puree total – 12 people to donate 4 cups each

12 cups tomato paste – 12 people to donate 1 cup each

Spaghetti noodles to feed 145 people – 12 people to donate 1 package each

Salad fixings -Romaine lettuce, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.

Ranch and Italian dressing

Italian or garlic bread

24 cans of peaches , this is the small 15 oz cans (for cobbler) – or 12 people to donate 2 cans each

1 5 lb. bag plain flour

1 5 lb. bag sugar

24 sticks butter

To volunteer in any way, whether to donate food, money or time, please contact Lane Young, 334 651-2311 or Suellen Young 334 315-5009

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of compassion, you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress : accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by the bombing in Kabul, Afghanistan. We pray especially for those suddenly facing a future without a child, parent or loved one, young ones who are in deep distress, those who are injured, traumatized or awaiting news; strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives; this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

edited from a prayer on the Webpage  
of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester  
following the bomb attack there.