



## Trinity Episcopal Church

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### Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to restore people to unity with God and each other (2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

### Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.trinitymcla.org](http://www.trinitymcla.org)

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*From the Rector's Desk*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of Jennifer's and my favorite bands is Mumford and Sons. If you've never heard of them, they are a British folk-rock band influenced in style by the likes of Bob Dylan and lyrically by famous poets and writers such as Shakespeare and Steinbach. A favorite song title *Forever*, off their recent album *Delta*, sings

*So love with your eyes  
Love with your mind  
Love with your; dare I say forever  
Do it for yourself  
Do it for the girl  
Do it for your, dare I say forever*

Obviously, a love song. However, it also sings out of the wells of love. An abundant and abiding love that doesn't just stop with our eyes (eros), nor camaraderie, which only our minds recognize (philia). Instead, something deep in the depths of our "foreverness." So let us ask ourselves what does it mean to love, "dare I say forever?"

How do we portray the unconditional love of God that we as Christians believe we rest? Is there a way we can obtain practices or guidance to live in the "forever" love that is the redeeming love of Jesus? The love that is willing to sacrifice to bring forth the good of another (agape).

As part of Adult Christian Education this year, we will be attempting to do just that – return to "The Way of Love," of Jesus. What is "The Way of Love?"

*"The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries.*

*They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.*

**The Way of Love**, which is sponsored by The Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, will be the focus our Adult Christian Education the first part of the year. I'm excited to take part in this reflection and discernment on what following Jesus further into a hope and love-filled life may mean for our lives. During the second part of our year, our education series will be a discussion on our Book of Common Prayer. I hope you will join me!

St. John's Adult Ed. begins after the Bishop's annual visit at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Trinity's Adult Ed. will start at 6 p.m. on every other Tuesday beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Ancient Greek words for love:**

*Eros: Passion, or intimate love.*

*Philia: Friendship, loyalty to friends.*

*Agape: The love of God for the human race. The unconditional love of God for God's children, a love feast. In Latin – Caritas (Charity).*

In Christ,  
*Fr. Stephen+*

"Delta," *Mumford & Sons* (blog), accessed August 19, 2019, <https://www.mumfordandsons.com/releases/delta/>.

"Way\_of\_love\_introduction.pdf," accessed August 19, 2019, [https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/way\\_of\\_love\\_introduction.pdf](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/way_of_love_introduction.pdf).



Due to the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival—  
September's Pot Luck Luncheon is September 8.

**A New Ministry!** Dear friends, I am excited to inform you about a new ministry at Trinity. Heifer International, you can find out more about here <https://www.heifer.org>. It is a ministry that does not require a significant amount of planning either. Did you know for a relatively inexpensive cost you can purchase livestock animals that can drastically change the future of a family in other parts of the world? In the words of the organization and its founder “This “not a cup, but a cow” thought was the driving force behind West founding Heifer International. Now, 75 years later, the “teach a man to fish” philosophy still inspires our work to end world hunger and poverty once and for all and has transformed the lives of millions.” With the approval of the vestry, I ask that once each quarter on “Potluck Sunday,” that the loose change offering from the offertory is placed in our own “Heifer Fund,” (there will also be a jar in the parish hall for loose change). At the end of the year at the annual meeting, the goal is to allow our congregation, most importantly, our younger members decide how we can assist in fighting hunger for a family in need. \$120 goat, \$120 water buffalo, \$500 heifer who knows what we can give and accomplish for our brothers and sister in Christ!

Fr. Stephen+

### **An Important Announcement – Please Read!**

Dear Parishioners, after long deliberation your vestry has reached by a majority decision, pending a few minor maintenance issues, and Diocesan approval to sell the Parish Rectory. The vestry will sell the Rectory with a price based on the appraised value from a professional appraiser. If you have any questions or concerns, you may feel free to contact Barry Broussard or me for anything.

Fr. Stephen+



Pictured is Elizabeth Blatt helping sort all the back to school supplies donated to Stephenville Elementary School by Trinity’s congregation. Georgia Landry, who teaches there and is Elizabeth’s daughter, sent a special *thank you* for the congregation’s generosity. It will certainly help the students.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Ellen Rink
- 4 Sarah Broussard
- 11 Charles Garber
- 13 Brady Broussard
- 15 Buddy Rogers
- 18 Georgia Landry
- 22 Riley Webster
- 23 Rhonda Dennis
- 28 Mary Hughes
- 29 Drew Mauro
- 30 Mason White

- 3 Ryan and Kelly White
- 17 Duane and Carrie Lodrigue
- 24 Gordon and Tamara Jones



**Please Pray For:** the soul of Myers McAllister, St. Matthews School, St. Matthews Church, Ellen, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Kay and Mike, Roy, Norma, Lonnie, Trinity, Sharon and Steve, Carolyn, Emilie, Sandy, Marrietta, our partner in ministry: St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.

12 ladies from Trinity's ECW gathered August 20th at The Atchafalaya Café for lunch. It was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up, enjoy the great company, and eat delicious food. We are planning to do this more often and possibly as a sack lunch in the Parish Hall. If you missed this one...you were missed and we hope you can make the next lunch.



It's a great grandson for Jane and David Webster, a grandson for Paul Webster, and a son for Carley Webster. Wyatt Paul was born August 18 at 1:13, 5 pounds 14 ounces and 17 3/4 inches. Mom and son are doing well.

Quinn and Catherine Parsiola Thibodeaux announce the birth of their son Henry Charles, born August 27 at 6:30 am. He weighed 7 lbs. and 7 oz. and was 20" long. Mother and baby are doing well. Henry Charles is the first great grandson for Judy Weber, and first grandson for Lisa and Charlie Parsiola.

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am only Holy Eucharist Fr. Stephen	2 	3 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 5 pm Choir Practice	4 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	5	6 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	7
8 9:30 Eucharist and Pot Luck Luncheon Fr. Travers	9	10 5 pm Choir Practice	11 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	13 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	14
15 9:30 Eucharist Fr. Travers	16 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	17 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 5 pm Choir Practice	18 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	19	20 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	21 Parish Hall in use for baby shower
22 9:30 Eucharist Fr. Travers	23 First Day of Autumn 	24 5 pm Choir Practice	25 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	26 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30	27 6 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	28
29 9:30 Eucharist Fr. Stephen	30 Fr. Shortess 9-3:30					

## Ministry Schedule SEPTEMBER 2019

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29	October 6
CELEBRANT/ OFFICIANT	Fr. Stephen Shortess	Fr. Travers Koerner	Fr. Stephen Shortess	Fr. Travers Koerner	Fr. Stephen Shortess	Fr. Travers Koerner
PREACHER	"	"	"	"	"	"
SERVER(S)		Joshua J	Tim C	Austin B	Tim C	Joshua J
CHALICE		Mary H	Tim C	Judy W	Tim C	Judy W
LECTOR		Judy W	Elizabeth B	Jane W	Charles P	Mary H
INTERCES- SOR		Judy W	Elizabeth B	Jane W	Lisa P	Mary H
GREETERS		Clare C Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Clare C Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Clare C Peggy C
ALTAR GUILD	Mary H	Cathy Broussard	Judy Weber Jennie Rogers	Jane Webster		Mary Hughes
VESTRY ON DUTY	Mary H	Sam J	Ed W	David W	Charles P	Peggy C