



TRINITY TALK

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Dear Friends,

When God closes one door God opens another! I am so thankful for the past 13 years here at Trinity. I was sent here for a year of ministry studies with Rev. Jeannie who has been a great mentor for me. I learned all the really important things about being a priest from her. She hired me as the part-time Youth Minister during that first year and continued to hire me as a deacon and as a priest. I think we have grown to be a great team.

I'm so grateful for all the experiences I've had with every one of you. I have been well loved and supported here. I'm not sure I would have made it through the exhaustion and challenge of seminary without you. It's been my honor to go through life with you and your children and grandchildren.

In January this year God opened up the opportunity for me to move to Washington State to be near my daughter Lauren, my siblings, and their families. Since 2000 I have almost made that move many times, but obligations and situations kept me here. Now, it can happen. I put my house up for sale and it sold much faster than I imagined. This set-in motion leaving sooner than any of us thought.

My last day at Trinity is Sunday August 21 and I understand there will be a party afterwards! I hope you all can be here for that. Sometime that week the movers will come, Thursday my daughter flies in, and on Friday August 26, Lauren, Buddy, and I will begin our road trip up the coast.

I'm interviewing at 3 churches in the Diocese of Olympia, which is Western Washington along Puget Sound. It is absolutely beautiful and yes, I'm ready for the never-ending mist and rain!

I'm sure God's plan includes the right church for me. When I know I will be sure to have that info shared with all of you.

This is a bitter-sweet experience. I'm leaving my home and church – that's the bitter part. I'm beginning a new chapter in my life, in my ministry, and will be close to family – that's the sweet part. I am so very thankful for each of you. I will continue to pray for you and ask that you keep praying for me. God is really good.

Love,

Annie+. And Buddy



SAVE THE DATE

Beach Blanket BINGO, Outreach's Fall Fundraiser, is scheduled for Saturday evening, September 24. Mark your calendar! More info to come!

From our Rector

.....*The Rev. Jeannie Martz*

Obviously, based on Rev. Annie's article and Senior Warden Lindsay Whipple's article on the following pages, as well as this article, the theme of this issue of "Trinity Talk" is CONGREGATIONAL TRANSITION.

The dictionary defines "transition," derived from a Latin word meaning "to go over or cross," as "movement, passage, or change from one position, state, [or] stage to another."

"Congregational," of course, indicates that this passage is happening in community; we're on this journey from the known present into the unknown future together. (And the journey from the present into the future is one that each of us continually takes, each and every second of our lives. We're actually pretty good at it.)

Even so, a journey of transition isn't an abstract concept – it's real, lived in and experienced, and it triggers a whole range of emotions and concerns along the way.

Scripture, of course, is full of such passages and journeys. From God's call to Abram in Genesis 12 to "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you," to God saying to Moses from within the burning bush, "So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:10), to Jesus' own earthly ministry and journey to the Cross, people of every generation have been called by God to trust, and to step forward into the unknown in faith.

It's helpful to remember that John's Gospel gives us an "up close and personal" experience of the leave-taking that is part of every journey forward – and please note that I am NOT setting either Rev. Annie or myself up as a Christ-figure here!!

Chapters 13 through 17 in John are the author's account of the Last Supper. After washing his disciples' feet, Jesus shares his last words, commissions, and assurances with them, acknowledging their fear and their confusion, their grief and perhaps even their anger at his impending departure. In the heart of chapter 14, the chapter that begins with the beloved "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me," Jesus assures those he loves that "I will not leave you orphaned." (Jn. 14:18a)

Jesus goes on to say, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (Jn. 14:25-26, 27b)

These are words of reassurance and hope, spoken in steadfast love and confidence in God's faithfulness. As is the custom after a reading in some congregations, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People."

In the power and the presence of the Spirit, God is calling each of us, individually and as community, to join together and step forward in faith with untroubled hearts – Rev. Annie to the Diocese of Olympia, me into retirement, and the rest of us into the challenge and the promise of an interim period that will be a time of self-examination as a parish, a time of discernment and prayer, and a time of listening to "hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People."

Don't think for one moment, however, that Trinity will grind to a halt because there will be a change in leadership. Mission and ministry will continue, welcoming newcomers will continue, Outreach events will continue, Sunday Supper will continue, the Property Commission will continue to meet on Friday mornings, and the Prayer Shawl ministry and the Book Group and all the other groups will still gather.

The Choir will still sing, the Ushers will still "ush," the Altar Guild, the LEMs, and the Acolytes will continue to be the backbone of Trinity's worship. Nothing is going to shut down.

Trinity is a Spirit-filled congregation and we won't be "left orphaned" for one minute.

Even so, are there tears ahead? Alas, yes, for all of us.

Are there good-byes and unpopular, although ultimately wise, restrictions ahead? Alas, yes, for all of us.

Will the future be uncomfortable and perhaps unpleasant, at least for a while? Possibly – but that's where the strength of Trinity Strong will kick in and everyone will care for everyone else, just like in the early days of COVID. (Time to fire up the phone tree, perhaps?)

Staying together and walking together, walking intentionally and courageously, walking in prayer and in faith will make all the difference – for all of us.

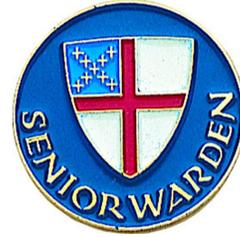
In the meantime, LET'S HAVE A PARTY!

ON SUNDAY, AUG. 21, WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE AT 9 A.M. IN PERSON AND ONLINE, FOLLOWED BY A PARTY CELEBRATING REV. ANNIE'S AND PASTOR BUDDY'S MINISTRIES AMONG US. (Look in this "Trinity Talk" for more information.)

TK Burgers' food truck will provide the food – we'll provide the fun, the fellowship, and the laughter!

In the fullness of God's time, everything will work out. What is now God's desired future for Trinity will, one day, become a time of great blessing and joy – honest. Trinity Strong.

Faithfully,



From Your Senior Warden:

In our Old Testament reading, a few weeks ago, Elijah and Elisha are walking together down the road. As they walk, Elijah tries to explain to Elisha that he will be leaving soon. Elisha's response is "NOT ON YOUR LIFE!" In last week's Gospel reading, we listened to the story of Jesus' visit with Mary and Martha, Mary sitting at His feet and soaking up His words and His very presence, while Martha is off working away, trying to make everything perfect for His visit. Reverend Jeannie preached on the Greek words: Chronos and Kairos – the linear time line that makes up our earthly life and time that is out of time, without borders where we can just "be", be in God's presence, be in God's peace.

When we first heard of Rev. Jeannie's upcoming retirement, I think I'm not alone in yelling, "NOT ON YOUR LIFE"! And then we had to hear it all again when Rev. Annie made her announcement. I wanted to rail against the machine! "Don't do this to us! After the difficult last two years, don't pull the rug out from under us!" Then after considerable time of prayer and conversations with Rev. Jeannie, Rev. Annie and many of our parishoners, I unclenched my fists and opened my palms.

GOD IS GOOD, FATIH IS STRONG, AND ALL SHALL BE WELL

My next task was to have a meeting with Reverend Canon Tom from our diocese. He is the person assigned to shepherd congregations through transitions. Before our meeting, I wrote down all of the questions about what do we do now. What is the next step? How very "Martha" of me. You can guess my reaction when he said "Relax and take a breath"! But as the conversation unfolded, I began to hear and understand what he was saying. Instead of making timelines and lists, we need to let the Holy Spirit work in our parish life so that the right person is called to be our next Rector. We have to sit at God's feet, be in God's presence and let God do God's work. TRUST THE SPIRIT!

Reverend Canon Tom will be holding our hand and walking each step with us. In the meantime, let us fully celebrate the loving ministry of our parish leadership. Let's soak up all of the gifts of time and care that Rev. Jeannie and Rev. Annie have so lavishly poured out upon us and celebrate the completion of their mission here at Trinity.

Peace be with you

Lindsay Whipple



Please plan to join us at our Messy Church outdoor informal Eucharist on **August 13th**. We meet on the lawn behind the youth center for appetizers at 5:30, Eucharist at 6, BBQ and pot-luck at 6:45, we end by 8:30.

Please bring family, friends and neighbors, as well as food and beverages to share!

Messy Church is also scheduled for September 10– mark your calendars! (And don't forget the Blessing of the Pets, Saturday October 8th)

**WORSHIP AND GIVING
SUNDAY ZOOM
ATTENDANCE**

07/06	\$ 3,873	98 in person, 24 zoom
07/11	\$ 8,915	116 in person, 16 zoom
07/19	\$ 9,180	83 in person, 21 Zoom
07/26	\$2,382	80 in person, 24 Zoom



YOUTH SUNDAY AUGUST 14

Acolyte Ministry

It's a Trinity tradition to recognize and celebrate the children and youth who play an important role in our communal life. The Acolytes are a vital part of our worship! Along with our priests, Eucharistic ministers, readers, ushers, Altar Guild, and music department they round out our worship team. During the procession and exit Acolytes carry one of the following: the large candles or torches, the cross and the Gospel book. During the reading of the Gospel, they move to the center aisle and one Acolyte will bring up the gifts of bread and wine to the altar.

We have four Acolyte teams under the guidance and direction of Grant Avise. Team One includes Jacob and Ethan Candela, and Declan Anderson; Team Two includes Uzo and Tobechi Elendu. Team Three includes Delaney Avise and Emma Sosa; and Team Four includes Arianna Jaime, Rachel and Rebecca Powers. Becca Mattson also serves when she attends church. All children, teens and young adults have many opportunities to participate in ministry at Trinity. We welcome two new acolytes, Nicholas and Tammy Hubbard. If your child or grandchild is interested in serving as an Acolyte, please speak with Grant or Rev. Annie.

Blessing Backpacks

If it's mid-August, it is time to bless backpacks, bookbags and laptops! All students, teachers and school administrators are invited to bring your bag to church. If you aren't using a book bag or backpack during this time of on-line school no problem... we will bless you!

Sunday School

Every Sunday morning during the 10AM worship, our dedicated Christian Education directors and teachers spend time with the children of Trinity learning about God through the Bible and from our Episcopal tradition. A teacher will be waiting outside of church to walk the children to the patio outside the youth center or into the parish hall. If your child has not yet been vaccinated, please have them wear a mask.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please contact Suzanne Bilodeau or Heather Anderson. The curriculum provided has all you need to teach, including information on how to explain and discuss the Bible story, prayers, games, and crafts to use. This is a brief, once a month ministry that is fun!

Youth Group

All students in 6th grade through high school are invited to join in the fun at youth group meetings. We will begin meeting again in September. Please contact Rev. Jeannie with any questions.



PARISH DINE OUT THURSDAY AUGUST 18th

Since 1991, Tutto Fresco has been creating quality Italian cuisine, made with care. The menu is inspired by authentic Italian recipes with a passion for flavor, a flair for creativity and a respect for tradition. Enjoy pizza, pastas, calzones, and all your favorite Italian dishes while helping Outreach make their 2022 goal.

You can partake in these delights all day from 11am to 9pm

Tutto Fresco is located on the north east corner of Katella and Glassell in Orange.

20% of all proceeds go to our Outreach Committee.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Trinity's Sunday School will begin again on Sunday October 3rd. If you love children and love sharing the message of Jesus, we need you! Please contact Suzanne Bilodeau or Heather Anderson for more information. You can teach a session in our rotation model once a month or more often if you choose. The curriculum and training are provided, no experience necessary. The curriculum is available on the internet for your convenience. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE! VOLUNTEER TO TEACH!**



- 08/08 Doug Knarr and Kimberly Ives
- 08/12 Mike and Micki Ireland
- 08/17 John and Lisa Jewett
- 08/19 Ty and Megan Richter
- 08/24 John and Carol Reynolds
- 08/29 Darwin and Pam Kibby
- 08/31 Rich and Pat Spencer

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| 08/05 | Nicole Brink | 08/18 | Ramona Richardson |
| | Joan Greco | 08/27 | Spencer Mattson |
| | Stephanie Worth | | Doug Knarr |
| 08/06 | Anne Roberts | | Rocky Covill |
| 08/11 | Rosemary Gardner | | Ray Wheeler |
| 08/15 | Ana Valdez | 08/29 | Janette Mattson |
| 08/16 | Marcia Nishino | | Thomas Richter |

MESSY CHURCH—JULY 2022



