Sixty-Second Annual Meeting

Monday, January 25th
6:00 p.m.

The parish family gathers at 6 pm in the fountain courtyard for lite hors d’oeuvres, libation, and fellowship.

At 6:30 p.m. you are invited to your table for a delicious catered dinner and continued fellowship with fellow parishioners.

At 7:15 the Rector and Vestry invite all to the church for the official 62nd Annual Meeting of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church

Please sign the roster to attend this year’s 62nd Annual Meeting of the Parish. Cost for dinner is $15 per person. Due to space constraints, we are limited to 220 in attendance for the dinner. There are no space limits for the meeting.
We are the music makers,
And we are the dreamers of dreams,
Wandering by lone sea-breakers,
And sitting by desolate streams;
World-losers and world-forsakers,
On whom the pale moon gleams:
Yet we are the movers and shakers
Of the world for ever, it seems.

--- Arthur O'Shaughnessy

In reading the Trinitarian this month, I was struck by the many Trinitarians who are “movers and shakers.” Jim Wheeler, our Service Chair, is busy at work planning Habitat Work Days; Stephanie Dixon, Karen Gburek, Nancy Stones and Carol Turner-Record planning the Fine Art of Living Events, Mark Goebel with the Men of Trinity, Cliff and Loraine Thurber with the SAGES, the whole Board of Women of Trinity, Lydia Kerr and Marilyn Tiburski with the Church Mouse. That’s in addition to all of the “movers and shakers” who are here every Sunday, like the ushers, chalice bearers, lectors and, of course, the altar guild led by Katy Weidenmiller and Jody Tiffany. All those involved in formation—the Catechists and Youth Leaders. The Baker’s Dozen and Christmas Pageant leaders, the healers, and faith & beerers and yes, the greeters. And, the “movers and shakers” who are between the lines in the November and December financials who help manage the budget and endowment and you, who through your giving of treasure, make Trinity-by-the-Cove an ongoing successful venture. The movers and the shakers.

It’s a phrase that was apparently coined from a poem by Arthur O'Shaughnessy’s 1874 poem ‘Ode’, from his Music and Moonlight collection. There is a wonderful setting of the poem to music by Edward Elgar. It’s a romantic view of the world presenting poets and musical makers as marginal figures (the world-losers), but who move and shake the world through their visions and dreams. How fitting that one of the opportunities for adult Christian education starting in January will be the Theology of Hymns with images and words that inspire our imaginations and relationships with God.

The Christian life is not one that is dull, but one that is filled with creativity and imagination. We are the poets and the music makers who sing out in joy and wonder even as we make our laments and shake our fists in anger and doubt. We sing out in our psalms from the depths of loneliness and doubt (Psalm 130) through to the joys and Hallelujahs in confidence of God’s providence and power (Psalm 147) and hold fast to the life of Jesus given for us. Christianity captures our humanity and humanity is so often the muse of the poet and music maker.

As a life-long Episcopalian, I have endured the slings and arrows of stereotypes. You’ve heard them: An Episcopalian is nothing more than a Catholic who failed Latin; Episcopalians are the frozen chosen; where-ever two or more are gathered, there’s usually a fifth. All well and good, a little humor is fun. But, as Episcopalians we hold claim to a tradition that has inspired through poetry and music, through industry and imagination, through charity and countless charisms. The trouble with stereotypes is that sometimes they give us an excuse to live into them. We Episcopalians—we Trinitarians—we are the music we are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams. In the new year, what songs we will sing and what dreams we can dream!

Happy New Year!
I recently had a child make a heartfelt statement during our shared time in atrium. He said to me, “I like what you are doing.” Such a simple statement but it filled my soul with joy.

This is the time of year in The Good Shepherd atrium where we explore the wonder of God’s Kingdom. Jesus came to proclaim the Kingdom of God and our works are filled with great statements in the form of Jesus’ parables. We nurture the sense of wonder.

We explore the Pearl of Great Price [Matthew 13:45-46] where we hear how the Kingdom of God is worth more than everything and worth having at any cost. We contemplate how the Kingdom of God becomes more valuable to us the more we are in contact with it.

We ponder The Mystery of the Mustard Seed [Matthew 13:31-32] where the concept of greatness come from the smallest of things is introduced. Each child gets to hold a mustard seed and revel in the mystery of how something so small can grow into something so big.

We become the woman in The Leaven parable [Matthew 33:13]. We mix three measures of flour and one measure of yeast with water. The Kingdom of God is revealed through the mystery of growth and transformation just as the flour, yeast and water grows and transforms.

The Kingdom of God is big enough for everyone. The Kingdom of God is within us. Nothing is impossible for God. In the words of a three year old boy, “I like what you are doing.” I like what I am doing too…

Meredith Brewer
Lead Catechist; The Good Shepherd Atrium

The EYC has had a great time over the last couple of months. We've been focusing our meaningful conversations on leadership skills. When we haven't been busy talking about how God calls us to be leaders, we've been having fun bonding as a group and playing games. Our next game day will be January 17th! Stop by for charades, pictionary, or maybe even a game of Episcopopoly.

We have a lot of great things going on in January. On Saturday the 23rd we will be taking a bus to Bradenton to participate in a Diocesan youth event. We are going to a Hootenanny complete with country music and dancing. Please email me (hannahrinaldi3@gmail.com) by January 5th if you are interested in attending. We should be gone from 10-5, and lunch will be provided.

All interested youth in grades 6-10 are invited to join us each Sunday during formation. We always have donuts and friendly conversation.

- Hannah Rinaldi
Dear Parish Family:

A few short weeks ago, on the afternoon of December 6th, the Rt. Rev. Michael Garrison laid his hands upon my head and offered a prayer to the triune God, to which those who were present responded, in a loud voice, *Amen*. And just like that, by the grace and power of God, I was made a priest in Christ’s Church.

Quite a lot of other things happened as well, of course, but that was the crux of the rite: the Bishop’s hands, the people’s *Amen*, and the invisible work of God—the Father who hears our prayer and sends the Spirit of his Son to be poured out into the heart of an ordinary human being. Which is why it was the most humbling experience of my entire life. For as much as it was, in a sense, ‘my day’, in a much truer sense, it wasn’t about me at all. At the risk of sounding totally ridiculous, you might even say I was ordained merely because I happened to be there. Any virtues or qualities of good character the rite, if not entirely irrelevant, were at best incidental to the rite, if not entirely irrelevant. This is because ordination, like all other sacramental rites, has nothing to do with human merit and worthiness, and everything to do with the grace of God. I was ordained because God saw fit to take an ordinary person to be consecrated as a sign of the faithfulness of God, who takes ordinary things and makes them holy, who is making all things new and, in Jesus Christ, is bringing all things to their perfection. I was ordained so that, in all that I say and do—even in my failures—my life would testify to the interminable grace of God at work within the world.

I am so glad that I was able to share this joyous celebration of the grace and faithfulness of God with you, the people of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church. Thank you for all the ways you have loved, supported, and encouraged me and my family. And above all, thank you for saying *Amen* to the Bishop’s prayer, and welcoming me as your priest.

Ever yours in Christ Jesus,
— Fr. Daniel
A couple of weeks prior to Fr. Edward Gleason’s Christmas message to us on Christmas Eve hope and joy, the parish family gathered in the Parish Hall for our annual Christmas Cookie Sunday celebration. Our youngest, young, and not-so young, enjoyed fellowship together decorating over 600 Christmas cookies made with love by the Bakers Dozen. You don’t have to look too hard to see and smile at the joy and hope evident on these faces.
The Celts began as a pagan society that converted to Christian beliefs while contributing their culture and traditions to Christian practices.

Celtic spirituality sees the world as a place where the divisions of sacred and secular are irrelevant – a place where we find God concerned with all aspects of life.

Celtic spirituality holds a desire for wholeness and connectedness in God - in life. Celtic spirituality is reflected in the worship of the Iona Community which is situated on a small island in the Inner Hebrides on the western coast of Scotland. Borrowing from their worship book, Trinity by the Cove will celebrate two candlelight services during January . . .

**A Celtic Evening Prayer Epiphany – January 6 and January 20**

*both services at 6:00 in the evening outdoors on the labyrinth*

*Please join us!*

---

**WOMEN OF TRINITY**

**Luncheon/Program**

January 19th, 12 noon

**Guest Speaker** Capt. Louis Carlos Montalvan

and his service dog, Tuesday

C

ome hear the inspiring story of a wounded warrior and the Golden Retriever who saved him. A highly decorated captain in the US Army, Captain Montalvan never backed down from a challenge during his two tours of duty in Iraq. After returning from combat, the pressures of his physical wounds, traumatic brain injury, and crippling PTSD began to take its toll. Feeling alienated and alone, he began to wonder if he would never recover. Then he met Tuesday, a beautiful and sensitive golden retriever trained to assist the disabled. Theirs is a story of the love between a man and his God, and how together they found salvation and healed each other’s souls. Capt. Montalvan’s book will be available for purchase.

Please sign the registration roster to assist with ordering your lunch ($15 per person). This would be a nice opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to join you and introduce them to Trinity-by-the-Cove.

---

**SAGES**

**Seniors are God’s experienced servants**

Rookery Bay Excursion

January 21st

T

he SAGES group invites all Trinitarians to join them on Thursday, January 21st for a delightful boat excursion on Rookery Bay.

If you have never had the opportunity to take a boat ride on Rookery Bay, you won’t want to miss this chance which is run by the Conservancy and narrated for us by their expert volunteers. The cost for the boat ride is only $25 and worth every dollar. The group will gather at the Conservancy Dock at the foot of Shell Island (Directions will be posted) at 9:30 a.m. We are limited to 33 for the boat ride so don’t wait to sign up.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant on the Isle of Capri. (lunch is not included in the boat fare) Come and spend a few hours out in the fresh air on a safe boat and meet our new SAGES leaders, Lorraine and Cliff Thurber. Please sign the roster in the hall so we have accurate numbers and plenty of room for all.

*Clyde McBride*
Men of Trinity

The Men of Trinity met in early December to hear some remarkable words from Father Daniel - his life journey, clues in his life which led him to the ministry, his discernment - a wonderful breakfast together.

Breakfast with the Men of Trinity is fun in itself but combined with the thoughts from our speakers you have a truly unique and valuable experience here at Trinity. If you are concerned you may not know anyone because you are new to Trinity or have not attended a breakfast before forget about it. You will have new friends by the end of breakfast!

The Blue Zone Study will be our next group to speak 8 AM Monday, January 11th in the Parish Hall. To dispel any rumors right off the bat, we will not be asked for money or to sign up for anything - so just come on by and listen and learn. Want to learn how to live longer and feel better in the process? Why not learn from the people who have lived the longest? Learn how behavior, as well as diet and exercise may open you up to a longer and healthier life. Interesting!

Why not join us for a great breakfast, fellowship and a terrific speaker? For all you time-challenged folks we start at 0800 hours and finish at 0900 hours guaranteed. Why not invest one hour of your time on Monday morning? You will still be able to enjoy all the things you love to do with most of Monday still open to you. One hour max. Promise.

For you forward planners do not miss the February 8th “just us” event, and then our own Lance Julian on March 14th sharing his work and experience with the incredible movie “Silence” and then Father Edward’s thoughts looking to the future on April 11th. Three really terrific breakfasts left so lots to learn and enjoy this year with the Men of Trinity.

Why not bring a friend with you? Look for emails and announcements in the bulletin and feel free to contact parishioner Mark Goebel with any questions at 239.595.3921 or mark.c.goebel@gmail.com. See you there!

C.S Lewis on Heaven
Wednesday Night Out
January 13, 2016
Dinner & Program

Dinner at 6 pm, Program follows

Make sure to sign up now to join others for our Wednesday Night Out Programs an eternal life according to C.S. Lewis as Louis Markos rejoins us (he was here in June to speak on C.S. Lewis and Narnia).

Markos received his PhD and MA, in English from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. Before Michigan, he was in New York at Colgate University where he received a BA, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. His three principle mentors have been Plato, Dante, and C. S. Lewis. His central vision has been that of the Magi (whose pagan wisdom proved a partial guide to encountering the Christ child), and his core biblical passage Paul’s address to the Areopagus at Athens (Acts 17). He currently teaches at Houston Baptist University and is an authority on C. S. Lewis, the author of nine books and has produced two lecture series available from the Teaching Company, The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis; Plato to Postmoderanism: Understanding the Essence of Literature and the Role of the Author.

In the Wednesday Night Out program, Markos will comb though the works of C.S. Lewis with us to find all those magical places where Lewis meditates on what it will be like to spend eternity clothed in a resurrection body and in the direct presence of God. No reading is necessary in advance, but some of the Lewis works that will be discussed include: Miracles, The Great Divorce, The Problem of Pain, Screwtape Letters and The Chronicles of Narnia.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall! Dinner is $15 per person.
Concerts at Trinity-by-the-Cove

Sunday, January 17th at 4 pm.
Mozart, Schumann and Bartok for Clarinet, Viola & Piano

Franklin Cohen, principal clarinet emeritus of the Cleveland Orchestra, with Michael Klotz, violin viola; and Milana Strezeva, piano. They will play some rarely-heard gems: Mozart’s Kegelstatt trio, K. 458; Schumann’s Fairy Tales, and Bartok’s Contrasts for violin, clarinet and piano. Mr. Cohen’s tenure spanned 39 seasons with the Cleveland Orchestra. Michael Klotz is violist of the Amernet String Quartet; Milana Strezeva is a founding member of the Manhattan Trio. This is a rare chance to hear these outstanding musicians play unusual and exciting repertory. A reception follows in the hall.

Sunday, January 31st at 4 pm
A Corner that is Forever England
The Cathedra Chamber Choir

Cathedra is a professional chorus, resident at the Washington National Cathedral, led by Englishman Michael McCarthy, director of music at the cathedral. Established in 2010, CATHEDRA has already achieved high acclaim, not least for its “beautiful, blended sound”, (The Washington Post). These eighteen young singers will take you on a musical journey to the British Isles, with music of William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Hubert Parry, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Benjamin Britten. A reception with tea and crumpets follows.

If you would like, please register to bring in items for one or both receptions and/or assist with set-up and clean-up, or even help with wine pouring. You will find appropriate rosters in the hall to sign to volunteer. Donald Stitt, reception chair

January Service Project for Habitat for Humanity
Saturday, January 16th, 9-noon

Jim Wheeler, Chair of the Service Commission invites you to consider joining others in a work morning for Habitat for Humanity on January 16th. Volunteers will work on the construction of new homes and should wear work gloves. Activities include carpentry, painting, cleaning and any number of tasks that are needed. All skill levels and ages can contribute. Youth are welcome (over age____) and can earn credits toward their community service requirements needed at local schools. A sign-up will be posted in the parish hall.

If you attended church on Christmas Eve, you know that for about 20 years, Trinitarians have each year contributed to Habitat for Humanity through the offering taken at all Christmas liturgies. You may not know, however, that over the years, the total figure given to Habitat has exceeded $1 million. Now, let’s give them some of our sweat equity!

Youth Hootenanny
January 23rd, 12-4 pm.

Our youth will travel to St. Stephen’s School in Bradenton and join with other Episcopal youth for a fun-filled afternoon.

The day will include lunch and games with a special visit from Barney Waterbury and his band, Urban Gypsies of Florida.

Barney has joined the youth before at youth camp and enjoyed by those attending so much that he and his band have agreed to a return visit! More details will be given directly to the youths’ parents.
Healing and reconciliation are at the very heart of who God is. The Bible tells us repeatedly that God is all powerful and all loving and that he is actively involved both in the world around us and in our individual, internal lives.

The Gospels describe Jesus as going about teaching, preaching, and healing. Jesus trained his followers in the ministry of healing, sending them out to heal in his name and telling them “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do.” (John 14:12) As it was true for his first followers, so is it true for us today.

There is spiritual healing through forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life, life in abundance. There is emotional healing for the discord within us and among us as we are freed and transformed through Christ. And there is physical healing both through science and medicine and also through the church – through the church’s prayer and sacraments.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) is made up of lay people and clergy who are called to the ministry of healing and reconciliation. If you have an interest in learning more about this ministry or perhaps feel called to join with other Christians who are dedicated to prayer for healing in the lives of yourself and others, we invite you to join with Trinity’s Order of St. Luke team for prayer, study, discussion and fellowship:

Saturdays, January 16 & 23 at 10:00 am
and
Saturday, January 30 at 1:00 pm
gather in the Library

Please sign the roster in the hall if you plan to join us or are interested knowing more about the healing ministry at at Trinity-by-the-Cove.

Please direct questions about these gatherings and Order of St. Luke to either Jim Kirk (jkirk@naplesselect.com), OSL convener at Trinity, or Mthr. Jean Hite (jhite@trinitybythecove.com).
Dear Trinitarians,

One of my dreams for us at Trinity-by-the-Cove is to be exposed to and learn from well renowned speakers, visionaries, and inspiring teachers. For those of you who have been in lectures or speeches given by passionate and thoughtful people, you know how speakers can challenge us, reassure us, and help expand our imaginations. This is one of those dreams that will offer us amazing opportunities to grow in knowledge even as we experience fellowship with one another on a shared journey and experience. We have had some good speakers in the past with Eben Alexander, Peter Hawkins, and Diana Butler Bass and we look forward to exciting speakers this year with Louis Markos, David Marshall, Barry Howe, and Luke Ditewig, SSJE.

If you ever have an interest or an idea in a speaker, please let me know so that we can work toward bringing them to Trinity-by-the-Cove. Wouldn’t it be great to have the Archbishop of Canterbury speak about Christianity or Martin Scorsese speak about his film Silence and the persecution of Christians in Japan? Wouldn’t it be great to offer speakers so that they could share their passion and expertise with our fellow Episcopal Churches in the Diocese and our whole Naples Community?

Edward Gleason

Episcopal Church in the Holy Land
January 27, 2016
Dinner & Program
Dinner at 6 pm, Program follows

With all of the news about division in the Holy Land, have you ever wondered how Episcopalians fit in? We welcome the Rt. Rev. Barry Howe, chair of the American Friends of the Diocese of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) as our speaker. Bishop Howe spent thirteen years as the bishop of West Missouri until his retirement in 2011. He will be freshly returned to the United States from a visit to Israel and will share his views and experiences about the Anglican and Episcopal ministries in the Holy Land.

The Diocese of Jerusalem includes Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel, with the cathedral in East Jerusalem. AFEDJ is dedicated to building peace from the ground up by financially supporting education and healthcare and raising awareness in the United States. Dinner is $15 per person.

A Symposium on Islam
Friday January 29 ◊ 6-8 p.m.
Saturday January 30 ◊ 8:30 a.m.-noon

We are rejoined by David Marshall from Duke Divinity who will help us build on our basic understanding of basic concepts in Islam, its history and the impact the modern era has had on Islam and some of the types of responses Muslims have had. It is a way that we can gather together to try and understand more about what we read in the news related to politics and terrorism, faith and religion. More details to come as the sign-up unfolds, but the plan as now is as follows:

Friday January 29
• 6:00 p.m. Dinner
• 7:00 p.m. Introduction & Background

Saturday January 30
• 8-8:30 a.m. Coffee and Treats
• 8:30 a.m.-8:30: Session I
• 9:45-10:45: Session II
• 11:00-noon: Session III

David Marshall is Associate Professor of the Practice of Christian-Muslim Relations and Director of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies (AEHS). A priest in the Church of England and a scholar in the field of Islamic Studies, Marshall holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from Birmingham University. He has served as a parish priest and has taught in a variety of settings, including the universities of Edinburgh, Oxford, and Notre Dame in London, as well as in an ecumenical theological school in Kenya. He also served as chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury from 2000-2005. Before joining the Duke Divinity School faculty in Spring 2013, Marshall worked as a research fellow of the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, & World Affairs at Georgetown University, serving as the academic director of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Building Bridges Seminar for Christian and Muslim scholars. He continues to be involved in this project. He is married with two children. Dr. Marshall is the one who introduced Fr. Edward to Daniel.
Spreading The Good News
Sharing the Resources of Faith

Our Adult Formation class Spreading the Good News is also about sharing the resources for living a faithful life in the world today. The Christian faith has a rich spiritual tradition that reaches back thousands of years through the time of Jesus, and into the life of the people of God centuries before Christ. As Episcopalians, we are blessed as heirs of the English spiritual tradition with a living awareness of the riches of our spiritual heritage.

Spreading The Good News focuses on the faith and practices of our faith so that we can not only live our lives as Christians today, but so that we can spread the Good News of God in Christ with others. The first goal of our Mission Statement at Trinity is “To Spread The Good News of the Gospel...” Our Baptismal Covenant also expects us “To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.” The Church gives us many resources to live our faith and to “spread the Good News.”

The first and most immediate resource that we have, however, is our own life, and the lives of other Christians. The Church is a community of people who have been living in response to the death and resurrection of Jesus throughout the centuries. In our journey, God has continued to lead and guide us, by His Holy Spirit. So, the first resource that we are sharing in “Spreading The Good News” is our own stories, and the story of the People of God — from Old Testament Times to the modern day. We have reflected on who we are, where we’ve come from, and the questions we have asked along the way, as we learned to see God at work among us, guiding us “to seek God, or a deeper knowledge of Him.”

In the weeks ahead we will turn our attention to The Word of God, because the Church is also a community that has been called out of the world to hear and respond to God’s Word. Week by week, we gather in the name of the Lord, in response to God’s call to us. We hear “the Word of the Lord” in lessons from the Scriptures, Sermon and liturgy, with other Episcopalians and many other Christians throughout the world. We confess our faith, and share our concerns in prayer with others and enter into the “peace of the Lord” that passes all understanding. This Liturgy of the Word is our public work, and a rich resource of our faith that helps to “love and serve the Lord” “in the name of Christ,” “rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.”

Fr. Steve Zimmerman, Fr. Daniel Moore and Diana Harrison

The Theology of Hymns

Fr. Tad Meyer and Mthr. Ann Stevenson will lead our second Adult Formation offering on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m in the adult formation room, starting January 10th. These Forums will consist of a series of presentations and discussions centering upon the history, theology and spirituality of hymns.

We will be considering the fascinating topic of the theological intent and spiritual power of our hymns. Each week one of the clergy will present two hymns, one which will be sung in the services that Sunday and the other a personal favorite. The hour will begin with our gifted organist/choirmaster John Fenstermaker providing some brief introductory material on the hymn tune and composer through the magic of electronic media. Afterwards, the clergy will provide additional material on the history of the hymn text and then offer a reflection on some of the hymn’s images and theological content followed by questions and discussion.

It should be wonderful and a meaningful exploration of such an important part our liturgical heritage. The first in the series will be on January 10th when Father Tad will introduce the series by talking about the history of hymns particularly within the Anglican tradition.
THURSDAY WOMEN’S WINTER BIBLE STUDY
starts on Thursday, January 14th
with The Rev. Ann Stevenson
TIME: 9:00-9:15 Fellowship
9:15-10:15 Bible Study
PLACE: The Formation Room

Our study resumes with the Gospel of John, which we began in Lent, using the study guide by N.T. Wright. All are very welcome and additional booklets will be ordered by the parish office for those of you who didn’t attend the Bible Study last season.

The assignment is to read the Gospel of John in its’ entirety before our first meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall in December. Please sign up if you plan to attend and note if you will need a study guide on the sign up. You may call: Mother Ann Stevenson @ 239-260-5510 with any questions.

The Men’s Study Group
starts on Thursday, January 14th
with The Rev. Tad Meyer
9:00 a.m. in the Family Room

The Men’s Study Group meets on Thursday morning to discuss books on church history, spirituality and theology and also to engage in Bible Study by looking at Christ Actually: the Son of God for the Secular Age, written by the Boston based author and columnist James Carroll. Carroll has written a number of books, one being his New York Times bestseller Constantine’s Sword: The Church and the Jews, a monumental work which redefined much of our understanding of that essential relationship. This new book builds on that foundation with some astonishing results that will indeed change the way you read the Bible, particularly the New Testament.

Copies of the book can be order by contacting Fr. Tad at wwmeyer49@gmail.com. Plan to join us for what will surely be a lively and interesting discussion.

RECTOR’S BOOK STUDY
WEDNESDAYS, WINTER/Spring 2016
10:15 A.M. IN THE ADULT FORMATION ROOM
BOOK: THE REASON FOR GOD
Belief in an Age of Skepticism
by Timothy Keller

Fr. Edward will facilitate his class this winter and spring through the book Belief in an Age of Skepticism, authored by Timothy Keller and printed to wide acclaim in 2008.

“Timothy Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City, addresses the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion. Using literature, philosophy, anthropology, pop culture, and intellectual reasoning, Keller explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To true believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion spawned by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God.”

Some of the topics for discussion will include:
► How could a good God allow suffering?
► The Church is responsible for much injustice
► The Clues of God
► The Problem of Sin
► The (True) Story of the Cross
► The Reality of the Resurrection

Plan to join fellow Trinitarians (not just women!) on Wednesday morning in 2016 for lively discussions with our Rector.
Many of our parishioners do not even try to attend the traditional Children’s Christmas Pageant at Trinity-by-the-Cove because they know it will be filled to the brim with our wonderful children and their families. As in past years, this year, participants and their families, often extended by visiting grandparents and cousins, started arriving at 2:30 and the church was filled to overflowing by the start of the liturgy at 4 p.m. Many thanks to Fr. Daniel and Mthr. Jean for stepping forward to help parishioner Nicole Soderlund and her crew of mothers and catechesists. This was Nicole’s and Mthr. Jean’s and Fr. Daniel’s first Trinity Christmas Pageant and they did so graciously with patience and love. Dr. Fenstermaker, along with Michele Byrd-Gerlach’s expertise, coached and rehearsed the Children’s Choir; they performed seemingly effortlessly and added to everyone’s enjoyment of this special service. Both of the youth lectors were so well prepared and handled the spotlight with grace. Of course warm thanks to all the mothers and fathers who made sure that not only did their children attend the rehearsals but they arrived with smiles and eager anticipation.

We hope you enjoy these pictures:
**Faith & Beer: Out & About**

This past month has been an enjoyable one for Faith & Beer, with several outings out and about town. In early December, we took a group trip to the Naples Art District (and yes, Naples does have an arts district! Not far from where Pine Ridge meets Goodlette Road) for one of their monthly 1st Wednesday Art Alive events. We walked from studio to studio, scoping out the work and wares of the various artists, and even then we only saw a fraction of the galleries in this quite sizable district. The purpose of our trip was to get inspiration for the upcoming Olde Naples Art & Entertainment event that our church will be hosting later this spring—more details to follow on that, I’m sure.

Additionally, a few weeks ago the Faith & Beer crew took an evening boat trip around Naples Bay and briefly into the Gulf. With David Goebel as our captain, we set off from the church dock into the cove, and shared food, drink, and each other’s company, and the view of a gorgeous sunset. What a wonderful way to enjoy a December evening together.

There are lots of exciting plans in the works for Faith & Beer this spring, and we look forward to sharing them with you soon. Peace be with you from our Lord, who always saves the best wine for last.

— Daniel+

**Just two of the Service Projects that Trinitarians participated in during the month of December!**

**Hope for Haiti Food Packs**

Please share our sincerest thanks to the Trinity team for taking part in the 4th Annual Food Packing Party on December 5th. Thanks to Trinity, we were able to pack over 100,000 meals for Haiti! This food makes all the difference to families during times of emergency. Thank you to the Trinity volunteers for their service, energy and generosity!

**Salvation Army**

**Marine Corps Toys for Tots**

For the third year Trinitarians volunteered to help pack up and deliver bags of gifts and boxes of food for needy families in Collier County. Any family may apply and make requests for their children. This year, there were 1,853 families in Naples and 602 in Immokalee who benefited from the gifts and food. Trinity had 28 volunteers who devoted a Friday and Saturday morning or afternoon to assist.

Thanks to each of you! A special word of thanks to the family of Steve and Sally Stevens whose families from England and Wisconsin helped out on both days. This tiger team included son Brooks and wife Holly with their four children, and daughter Alice and son-in-law Brett Gardner with their son. Their enthusiasm epitomized Christian service to those in need!
Below was sent to all parishioners in October 2000, on the 50th anniversary of Trinity-by-the-Cove. We thought you would find it interesting as we head into Trinity’s sixty-second year of offering worship to the Naples community. Written by Trinity’s very own historian, Mrs. Mary Watkins, who continues as our assistant organist to this day.

Dear Friends:

In 1949 when I came to Naples, there was no Episcopal Church. At that time, services were held in the Inn at the Naples Hotel on Gordon Drive. In 1950, Mr. Glenn Sample made the land available where Trinity-by-the-Cove is today. The first service was Easter, 1952. It was a glorious event, and even though the building was not finished, the church was packed. In fact some people were required to sit on carpenter sawhorses!

My family and I were quick to get involved in the budding life of the new congregation. Since there was no parish hall, events, including parish dinners, were held on the part of the lawn now known as the West Churchyard. It was a challenging time and exciting for me to have shared in the shaping of our early history. I became the parish organist in 1954 when the church began services year-round. Soon after, Fr. Kee asked me to start a children’s choir. This choir sang at all 9 a.m. services, and my sons, Henry III and Michael, sang in the choir for years. The Rector did not worry about acolytes for the Christmas Midnight Service. Two were his own sons and the other two were the organist’s! Many of the early choir are still active at Trinity. Henry, my husband, served on the Vestry and as Junior Warden, and also taught Sunday School. Once the Diocese of South Florida was divided into the present three dioceses, he also served on the Diocesan Council of the newly formed Diocese of Southwest Florida. I am very thankful for Trinity. For over fifty years, our parish community has been there for me through sickness, death, marriages, and births.

As one of the long-term members of the parish, I have witnessed many cycles of growth and, in retrospect, Trinity-by-the-Cove has been at her best when commitment and zeal were high and thriving. The quest for excellence in service and the willingness to dream and vision has been a mark of Trinity since the very beginning. We have come a long way, an in spite of the ups and downs, the quality of our ministry, while certainly not without flaws, has been remarkable. I believe the dedication to seeking the best in the name of Christ is the foundation of our parish, and is something we inherited from those who have gone before us. Clearly this effort requires the faithful support of everyone, which means the sharing of our time, talent and treasure. Quality is not inexpensive.

It does not seem right for us to think that all is done and we are to simply rest on our laurels. I think, as the parish body, we have the obligation to continue the work that has grown and developed over fifty years into the Trinity we know today.

I hope those who follow us will be able to look back on the next fifty years and give thanks for what we have added to what was entrusted to us.

Faithfully,

Mary Watkins
WHAT IS THIS?

If I asked you, “What is this?” What would you say? “A table.” “A table with stuff on it.” “A table with frog legs.” You might even say, “The Newcomer table that is just inside the Parish Hall doors.” You are all correct!

But I’ll go one step further and say it is our Connection Table, our way of welcoming first-time visitors, some of whom will become our fellow parishioners. They are more likely to become fellow parishioners if we can welcome our guests warmly, listen to their interests and answer some of their questions with personal knowledge or information available on our Connection Table. This funny-legged table holds a Guest Book, stick-on name tags, information for parents about options for their children: the nursery or where to get Activity Bags for children they want to bring into the church. It also holds activity schedules through the spring: Sunday concerts, Luncheons by Women of Trinity, our Catechesis program, Education for Ministry, Daughters of the King information and other learning opportunities.

Our Membership Ministry ambassadors bring guests over to this table before getting them coffee and introducing them to other parishioners. When you see people near this table, or people with a stick-on nametag, please welcome her or him, engage them in conversation, introduce them to others, and make them feel comfortable. We all know how difficult it can be for a visitor to feel like he or she “fits in.” Let’s make sure they feel welcome. They’re more likely to join our congregation. And who knows what their contribution will be?

And, if you still feel new, are looking for connectivity with other parishioners, or seeking a way to engage in ministry, call and we can take a step forward together.

Thank you for assisting our Membership Ministry. It’s all about connection.

Judy Fratus,
Member Ministry Coordinator

Greetings from your Parish Counselor

On December 17th we had a nice afternoon tea to discuss the “Holiday Blues.” And, now we are entering a new year and a busy season at Trinity-by-the-Cove. Sometimes there is an emotional “letdown” after the holidays and the New Year is often fueled by lofty resolutions.

When thinking about change or self-improvement, it’s easy to become overwhelmed and defeated. Change and personal evolution are processes. Don’t try to do it all at once. It’s important to be discerning, realistic, and patient. A few years ago we studied The Living Compass Program at Trinity, and I particularly like the “FAITH STEPS” they recommend following: make plans Focused, Action-Oriented, Inspired, Time-Specific, Heartfelt, and Honest.

As your Parish Counselor, my job is to help you with this process. Parishioners are entitled to four complimentary, confidential visits with me each year. Please let me know if I can be of assistance. Ellen Harris 239-404-0862, eharrislmhc@comcast.net

Church Mouse News

On behalf of the Women of Trinity, president Jan Huffman is pleased to announce that Marilyn Tiburski will join the leadership team of the Church Mouse, serving as co-chair with Lydia Kerr. Marilyn will begin her ministry in this church-wide endeavor the beginning of the year.
Happy New Year from the Fine Art of Living! Invitations were mailed in December and we are starting to receive our first RSVPs. If you did not receive an invitation or if you would like additional invitations please let the committee know. This month the committee will meet with Master of Wines, Matthew Stubbs, for a little pre-event wine tasting. Matthew is sure to delight with some exquisite and delectable wines.

**Fine Art of Wines and Words–Saturday, March 12th**

Enjoy an evening with celebrated Thomas Jefferson wine historian James Gabler and Master of Wines Matthew Stubbs. Mr. Gabler is the author of *Passions: The Wines and Travels of Thomas Jefferson*, winner of the 1995 Veuve Clicquot Wine Book of the Year. He has served as a guest speaker on Jefferson and wine at hundreds of institutions and clubs throughout the United States including Monticello and the Smithsonian Institution Museum of American History.

Mr. Stubbs has 24 years of experience in the wine trade. One of only 300 Masters of Wine in the world, the highest qualification in the wine industry, he has worked in all aspects of the wine trade and was for three years Head of Wine for Safeway UK. After years of buying and selling wine in the UK he decided to live the dream and move to Languedoc-Roussillon – an area that he regards as the most exciting and spectacular place to make wine on Earth. He set up Vinécole, a center for wine education, to bring the quality and diversity of the wines of this stunning region to a wider audience.

If you would like to sponsor the Fine Art of Living this year, please email us at info@fineartoflivingnaples.com.
Volunteer opportunities are also available.

We hope you make plans to attend these enticing events to support the Archangel Fund and help to make this season a great success.

*Chairs for 2016:*
*Stephanie Dixon, Karen Gburek, Nancy Stones,*
*and Carole Turner-Record*
Sandy & Chuck Abookire
Grace & George Ahrens
Katie & Dave Anderson
Barbara Angelescu
Bette & John Aymar
Maralyn & George Babcock
Andy Baldwin
Grace & George Ahrens
Katie & Dave Anderson
Barbara Angelescu
Bette & John Aymar
Maralyn & George Babcock
Andy Baldwin
Barbara & Jacques Bambling
Gail & Raymond Barry
Barbara Bartlett
Jane Baughan
Dottie & Nick Beckwith
Sandra & John Beeman
Bertha & Dick Bennett
Linda Bennie
Suzan & David Bergland
Birgit Biesing/Maier
Pat & Warren Bickerton
Claudia & Bob Biggers
Barbara Bixby
Laurie & John Blatt
Mary Duke Blouin
Walter Boerger
Catherine Boltz
Ida & Azmy Boutros
Mark Borelli
Jessica & Nick Bosworth
Connie Bransilver & Nicolas Petrucci
Meredith & Scott Brewer
J. Richard Briscoe
Eileen Brooks
Julia Bugera
Polly W. Butler
Marilyn Buttner
Carol Carleton
Rosalind Carr
Peggy & David Case
Wendy & Larry Chamberlin
Elizabeth Chish-Graham
Barbara Chur
Sandra & Joseph Clausen
Jerome Cline & Mary Esther Morris
Korinna & Howard Cole
Harriet & Harry Coleman
Betty & David Collamore
Parker & Miles Collier
Trig & Sam Cooley
Mary & Jim Cooper
Barbara Creason
Maureen & Hardy Croom
Mary Crosby
Laurie & Carlton Dargusch
Betsy Davis
Katharine & Robert Davis
Graeme Anne Dayton
Andrea & Andrew Deane
Dian Deardt
J. Boyce Donaldson
Barbara & Robert Dudley
Joan Duncan
Arthur Edmonds
Susan & John Eck
Mary Jane Erickson
Jo Faulmann
Geron & Hap Fauth
Jeanne & David Feight
B.J. & W. Dennis Ferrel
Debbie & David Finch
Patricia Firth
Sally & Bob Fischer
Vincent Fitzgerald
Kathi Flack
Joyce Fletcher
Nancy Foley
F. William Forbes
Patricia Fordyce
Joan & Peter Fortune
Anne & Torrey Foster
Joanne Fowler
Mary Eunice & Robert Fox
Jane & Phil Francoeur
Elizabeth & Charles Frank
Cici & Chuck Freeburg
Sonja Freeman
Judy Fratus
G. Locke Galbraith
Deborah Gallagher
Stephen Gauly
Karen & Jim GBurek
Susanne Geier
Phyllis & Michael George
Donna & Joseph Giasi
Muffin & Jim Gillam
Marlin & Jim Glaspie
Virginia & Edward Gleason
Megan & David Goebel
Nan & Mark Goebel
Mazzie & Charlie Gogolak
Grace Gokturk
Susan & Rick Goldie
Carol Goodrich
Jane Gorg
George Gould
Beverly Graham
David Gray
Claire Greeley
Sandy & Tim Greenwood
Bill Haidle
Gloria Hall
Donna & John Hall
Ann M. Harris
Ellen Harris
Diana Harrison
Jeannette Haviv
Helen & George Hawn
Jeanne & Walter Helyer
Mary & Alan Hendrick
James Hill
Jean Hite
Nancy Hodgkiss
Sara & Scott Hoffman
Katherine Holloway
Bonnie & Hal Hume
Jan & Chuck Huffman
Lisa & Neal Ingram
Mary & Gary Jaarda
Carol Jaffee
Stephanie & Matt Jepsen
Liz & Jim Jessee
Sally & Jerry Johnson
Charlene & Bob Johnston
Sharon & Lance Julian
Kathleen & Scott Kapnick
Emmie & George Kelly
Sandra Kelly
Eleanor & Bruce Kendrick
Dale & Ruth Kern
Lydia & Peter Kerr
Jana & Jim Kirk
Rebecca Knowles
Fran & Roger Koch
Diane & Jack Kreager
Judy & Tom Kukk
Vivianne Lake
Rebecca Lambert & Jon Sonne
Susan LaPointe
Anne Larson
Anne & Bob Lashenka
Dee & Chris Leach
Margaret & James Leefe
Rosemary Leistner
Dorothy & Jeremy Leon
Anne Lewallen
Susan & John Limpitlaw
Frances Lonsway
Cory Loucks
Emily & Michael Lyons
Helen MacCallum
Lorry & Clyde McBride
Isabel & Fred McDuffie
Jean McGillicuddy
Jerry McGuire
Andrea & Mitch McLendon
Richard Mansfield
Carolyn & Kevin Martin
Susie Martinsen
Stuart & Kirk Materne
Sally & Tom Melvin
Gloria & Robert Messey
Helen Miller
Melissa Miller
Carolyn & Michael Moore
Diane & Mick Moore
Kristin & Daniel Moore
M. Yvonne Moore
Malcolm Moore
Kathryn & Tom Morgan
Kathy Morris & Art Neumann
Sandy & Jay Morse
Leah & Fred Mueller
Grace Munique
Sherrill Nash
Patricia Nelson
Varick Niles
Michael Nolan
Joyce & Bill O’Meara
Margaret & Richard Onkey
Jeff Page
Joan & Dean Patenaude
Judith & Arthur Pearson
Julie Pedretti
Judith Perry
Salli & Les Peterson
Marion & Richard Petrelli
Susan Pettigrew
Charles Pingree
Pete Pohlmann & Resa Wing
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Potts
Faye & James Preston
Lucinda Preston
Evelyn Pugliese
Nancy & Gordon Ragan
Anne Ratliff
Julie & Al Renken
Dee Richards
Jerry Richards
Sarah Ridgway
Kathryn Rieger
John Robb
Barbara & Robbie Roberts
Helen Roberts
Lindsay Robertson
Penny & Christopher Robinson
Joan Root
Molly & Bill Root
Deborah & Harry Rosenberg
Cathy & David Ross
Katharine Ryan
Donna & Bill Sawers
Susan & George Schreiber
Barbara & Chuck Schroeder
Peggy Schuemann
Gail & Don Scott
Susan & Harry Scott
Marilyn & Wes Scott
Phyllis & Bart Sharp
Janice Shaw
Pam & Nick Shea
Midge & Bill Shepard
Laurie & Tony Shull
Barbara Sill
Anne & Dick Silven
Richard Slocomb
Virginia Small
Susan Joy Smellie
Steven Smiley
Bitsy & Garnett Smith
Beverly Smith
Donna & Alfred Smith
Gerald Smith
Jill & Richard Smith
Sandy Smyth
Sky Smith
Petra & Joe Sparks
Carol Spears
Raymond Staffeldt
Sally & William Stevens
Muriel Stevenson-Johnson
Linda & Allan Stikeleather
Mary Stine
Donald Stitt
Nancy & Nic Stones
Laura Strain
Carol Strong
Mary Ann & Craig Sturken
Thomas Sully
Joanne Swanson
Rick Swider
Jean Szen
Susan Szen
Martha Talton
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Thompson
Julie & Bill Thompson
Lorraine & Clifford Thurber
Marilyn & Walter Tiburski
Mary Susan Tibstra
Jody Tiffany
Harry Timmons
Barbara & Bill Todd
Joseph Tompkins
Jennie Tracey
Gregor Treanor
Diana Treco
Rusty Troth
Ashley & Sam Tunkle
Louise & Tony Urick
Patricia & Alex Vance
Cathy & Gordon VanderBrug
Barbara & Ed Vatcher
Sharon & Dolph Von Arx
Paula & George Vyverberg
Cilla & Jack Wall
Susan Warren
Mary Watkins
Carole & Frank Weaver
Tom Watts Katy & Bob Weidenmiller
Valerie & Casey Weidenmiller
Sally & Dick Weir
Kathryn & Gifford Wells
Jane Wentling
Bill West
Pat & Jim Wheeler
Kenneth Whipkey
Campbell & Van Whisnand
Bill Whitbeck
Leslie Willard
Betsy & David Williams
Lyn & ET Williams
Roger Williams
Sara Williams
Trish & Michael Williams
Lis & Jeff Wilson
Sue Winters
Eleanore & Doss Wood
Roz & Phil Wyche
Susan Yoder
Patsy Zalokar
Standing Notices

- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints’ Day or the Sunday after All Saints’ Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). Baptisms are reserved for these occasions or when the Bishop is present.

- The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is offered to members of the parish, in good standing, and members of their immediate family. Lent is not a suitable season.

- It is expected for the parish office to be informed when a member of the parish is hospitalized in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

- The Sacrament of Holy Unction is administered at the Healing Service on the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Vestry

Mick Moore, Senior Warden
Jane Francoeur, Junior Warden
John Beeman
Mark Goebel
Jim Jessee
Sharon Julian
Kathy Morris
John Robb
Cookie Spears
Marilyn Tiburski
Jody Tiffany
Casey Weidenmiller

Visitors/New Members

Dragana & Neal Bailey & Aiden, Aven, & Aeslin  Ann Redpath
Mary Frances & Luis Fernandez  John Sheren
Suzi & Russ Harman  Cal Steuart
Stanley Hauerwas  Jennifer & Griffin Williams
Harry Liu  Evelyn Williams
Bobbie & John Muhl bach

Marriages

Alison Joann Spohn and Jonathan Gates Master  December 5, 2015
Hannah Kelly and Claudio Esposito, December 12, 2015

Deaths

Linda Gicking, December 7, 2015
Glen Wilson, December 11, 2015
Rudy Walter, December 25, 2015