

Trinity Grand Ledger

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I can't believe it is September already! While this has been an incredibly long spring and summer, it has also been incredibly short. We have finally begun to have in person worship. We can only offer attendance to a very few folks at a time, but it seems to have brought comfort to us. Communion is back as well.

As you prepare for autumn, remember our baptismal covenant, Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? We renew this vow several times a year. How are you striving? What is the most important part of this promise to God? There is so much divisiveness right now, so much in our lives revolves around the coming election, repeating that question often may offer direction and comfort going forward. Does any action you take, any Facebook post you make, any comment on social media fit in with your understanding of that promise? We are meant to love one another. We are to respect each other's point of view. Remember that when all this is over, we will still be together. We will still have so much to do – so many to help.

We will be offering an outdoor service once a month, starting with September 13 at the 10 am service. Plan to bring your lawn chair and join us in the playground and parking lot behind the church. We will have music, and yes, there will be singing! Social distancing and masks will be the rule of the day. If it rains, we will have the outdoor service Sept 20.

Starting in September 20, I will provide Episcopal 101 – a discussion for anyone interesting in learning more about the Episcopal Church. Anyone who is planning to be received into the church, be baptized or confirmed, as well as anyone who just is curious about our history and theology. It will be a zoom class. Please sign up by emailing me so I can prepare materials for those attending in person. If you plan on coming in via zoom, materials will be available online. Classes will be on Sunday afternoon following the 10 o'clock service for about an hour. The classes may be hybrid, so a few folks in person, and offered on Zoom as well.

Other educational opportunities may include the Sacred Ground course provided by the diocese. At this writing we only have three members who are interested in this course. If we do not have enough members to have our own group, we will try to have information so we can join a nearby group. More about this later.

There is lots happening at the church. We are working on a plan to finish waterproofing the bell tower, landscaping the memorial garden, and upgrading signage. More information will be coming out as plans are solidified. We are also working on plans for upgrading our recording equipment for our Zoom services, finding ways to insert more music and welcome some singing. There are so many challenges!

Compline will continue to be offered Wednesday evening at 9 pm viz Zoom.

God's blessing on all of you as we begin another cycle of school and work under such altered circumstances!

In Christ's Love

Rev. Gail

PLAQUE FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Building & Grounds Committee of Vestry has been talking about purchasing a plaque for the Memorial Garden to identify the people whose ashes are interred there. Lori Hudson obtained a quote for a plaque that would hang on the outside of the church. The cost, including installation, would be about \$6,600. As Trinity does not have a line item in our budget for this item, we are reaching out to members of the congregation who might wish to support this project. If you would like to make a special donation for the memorial garden, would you please designate your gift as such and mail it to the church? Thanks so much.

Cleaning Supply Baskets

It has been a few months since we did an outreach project, and this is one that was supposed to happen back in March. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) would like those that can, to fill up one of the plastic baskets at church with cleaning products. When all baskets are full, they will be given to GLEAP for distribution. Baskets will be on display Sunday, September 13.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl group will start meeting again on the second Saturday of the month in October in the Trinity Room at 10 am. See you all there.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, September 13, 10 am service will be held in the playground/parking lot area. Bring your chair, all are welcome to attend.

Sunday, September 13, vestry meeting 11:30 am.

Sunday, September 20, "Episcopal 101" will start at 11:30 am. Class will be in person and Zoom. If you plan on attending in person, email Rev Gail so she can prepare materials for you.

Wednesday nights at 9 pm, Compline on Zoom

Saturday, October 10, prayer shawl starts meeting again, 10 am, Trinity Room.

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