



TRINITY TIDINGS

THE GIFT OF YOUR GIVING:

What does it mean to “be the Church” in a crisis?

“Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen.” - BCP p.134

During this time of great uncertainty, the outpouring of generosity and support from the Trinity Church community has been humbling and encouraging. Thank you!

Trinity Loaves and Fishes Doubles Down

TLF has been incredibly blessed with financial and food donations made by parishioners, community members, and through grants, enabling our work to continue. On average, TLF has served 500 meals a week to partnership sites (several sites have been temporarily closed), as well as direct service to unhoused communities in our city. Since March, TLF has served more than 13,000 bagged lunches.

As the pandemic started to take a toll on New Orleans, TLF shifted its work and reached out to other organizations in hopes of creating partnerships to provide the most vulnerable with more resources. These new partnerships have included:

Culture Aid Nola (CAN)

This relatively new nonprofit has now served more than 100,000 meals in the past five months! In their early stages of forming, TLF helped with coordinating their volunteer shifts and the TLF truck delivered hundreds of meals to New Orleans East every Saturday.

New Orleans Musicians’ Clinic (NOMC)

Through our partnership with CAN, TLF began working with NOMC, delivering meals and household goods to musicians in our city (several of whom have performed at the Trinity Artist Series!)

Jesus Project Ministries (JPM)

Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity community, we were able to help one of our long-standing partners, JPM, with the purchase of an industrial refrigerator. This refrigerator purchase will help JPM establish a food pantry for those in

need in the Broadmore area, as well as store TLF bagged lunches and donated groceries on site.

There are many opportunities to support our neighbors in need, and the need is now bigger than ever. How can you help? Look for opportunities in Trinity’s weekly communications or on the website. You can also contact TLF Director Aaron Taylor at ataylor@trinitynola.com or call at (504) 301-7432 to get started.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands has reached out in prayer with . . .

- hundreds of phone calls and notes, to folks who are isolated due to the virus
- baked and delivered dozens of cookies to our friends in nursing care and to the staff of Lambeth House, Poydras Home and St. Thomas Clinic
- delivered meals/shopped for those who couldn’t leave home



Along with all of these tangible gifts, the most important delivery has been the gift of Christ’s presence to the church community.

*Pictured left:
Helen McLellan, recipient of
Helping Hands hospitality.*

Disaster Relief

We asked for assistance and your compassionate response almost overwhelmed us! Truly, the donations of household goods, cleaning supplies, and monetary gifts has been incredible. Thank you for giving so generously to help our neighbors impacted by Hurricane Laura - and now those affected by Hurricane Sally.



FALL FORMATION: THE PLAYLIST



Trinity Talk 'Humility'

A First Sunday tradition, on Sunday, September 13, The Reverend Andrew R. Thayer shared a presentation on 'Humility.' All were encouraged to dive into the 'Humility Playlist' to further explore the theme, individually, with friends and family, or in one of Trinity's formation small groups.

What is a playlist?

A playlist is made up of five sections that you as an individual, small group or family can do to engage in faithful reflection, conversation, learning and growth. You can choose to do the whole playlist at one time, or break it up into different parts. With opportunities to read, watch, participate, listen or pray and reflect - there is something for everyone. Use one or two parts or do them all. It's up to you!

Visit <https://trinitynola.com/formation/playlists/> to explore.



Fall Formation Small Groups

A small group is a group of about 5-15 people who meet together for a few weeks, either in homes, in the church, or online, for the purpose of growing in: Spirituality/Prayer, Fellowship, Support, Study, or Service. These small groups kicked off in early September and will meet (virtually for as long as needed) two times a month, through November. Each month these groups will focus on the monthly theme and corresponding playlists. To join a small group, contact Ashley Bond at abond@trinitynola.com.



TEEP CAMP AND TRINITY SCHOOL



The Trinity Educational Enrichment Program, better known as TEEP, has been a vital and important part of Trinity Episcopal Church and the greater New Orleans community for an amazing 53 years! Only once following Hurricane Katrina did TEEP not occur. This spring, TEEP found itself

in a similar position due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision to not hold TEEP in the summer of 2020 was gut wrenching. Alvin Edinburg, the longtime Director of TEEP, along with the TEEP Advisory Board, determined that holding the program was not possible. TEEP draws students from multiple schools throughout New Orleans, and Alvin works closely with the school principals and guidance counselors at each school to identify potential TEEP participants. In a typical year, Alvin interviews the students and meets with family members. However, with schools closed, this was not possible. Additionally, the edicts coming from the local city government, as well as concern about how TEEP would be able to safely run (no singing, no field trips, social

distancing, etc.) while protecting TEEP children and families, made the difficult decision very clear. The 2020 summer session would not be held. There was however, a blessing in the midst of this traumatic decision. TEEP was awarded funds from a private foundation to help cover the salary of the TEEP Director. The grant was awarded with full knowledge that TEEP would not be taking place in 2020, but the funder wanted to continue supporting TEEP because of their belief in the program's mission. We here at Trinity are excited about next summer and the chance to begin a new chapter in the rich history of this incredible program.

"How blessed we are at Trinity to have the resources to continue the important work that helps to bring about the Kingdom of God. Many thanks to so many of you for your prayerful and financial support during these trying times. God bless each of you."

- The Rev. John Pitzer, Associate Rector for Mission/Outreach and Administration

Welcome back Titans!



On Thursday, August 20, 2020, Trinity Episcopal School welcomed back students from Les Enfants through Eighth Grade. The COVID-19 pandemic has created extraordinary circumstances for all schools, particularly for Trinity which places such emphasis on community, tradition, and interpersonal relationships. Being present together in Chapel, in the classroom, and on the playground and athletic field has been woven into the Trinity experience since its founding. But resilience, creativity, and adaptability are part of our ethos as well. As we re-open, Trinity's first priority is the well-being of the children, which is closely allied to the well-being of our faculty and families. The School strives to strike a balance between the safety of isolation and the benefits of in-person interaction that are so crucial to the development of young people. While New Orleans remains in Phase Two or higher, Trinity is operating under a "Hybrid" model, which offers two parallel educational paths to choose between: in-person and online. This allows families to choose what is right for their child and positions the School to adapt quickly to the ever-changing circumstances.

"It does not go unnoticed how much work faculty and staff have put into getting this school year started. I cannot express in words how grateful I am to everyone who has worked tirelessly to allow our kids to go to school safely. Trinity teachers are true heroes and deserve praise all day every day!"

-Trinity School Parent

Building Upstanders

In keeping with the school mission, it remains Trinity's goal that no student be unable to attend Trinity due to financial circumstances caused by this crisis. An emergency aid fund, The Upstander Fund, has been created to assist families experiencing temporary financial difficulty due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To learn more, email Trinity's Director of Enrollment Management, Charlie Latour, at clatour@trinitynola.com. Decisions about awards and amounts are confidential and at the discretion of the Financial Aid Committee and Head of School.

How Can You Participate?

While outside visitors are not allowed on campus just yet, there are still ways for you to participate! To (virtually) attend Trinity's Daily Chapel, email Chaplain Rev. Bobby "Mr. H" Hadzor at bhadzor@trinitynola.com. If you or someone you know is interested in attending Trinity, please email admission@trinitynola.com to schedule your virtual or in-person tour today! Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



Living Well, Dying Well

When my dad died in 2016, he exited this world in the same way that he lived in it - by giving. He had always been generous with his family, even though he claimed we lived on "poverty acres" in small town Iowa. He gave generously to the civic life of a small town and of course, our church. But reflecting back, one of the things I am most grateful for is how well he died. Dad had been an Eagle Scout, and we found several rings among his belongings with the eagle emblem. Everyone knows a good Scout is prepared, and he was! He had a binder that he showed me frequently in his later years that had all of his end of life instructions and information. It included life insurance policies, his will, his funeral plans and financials. As our family faced the grief of losing him, we did not have to worry for a minute about what he might have wanted. It was clear.

It is never a top priority to think about death for most of us. Yet a part of living well is to acknowledge that we surely will return to the dust. I think the pandemic has perhaps made us much more aware of the truth of that statement. Trinity has several guides that can help you in planning well for your own death. We have a detailed document where you

may record plans for your funeral, create a living will, and if you wish, reserve a place in the memorial garden. Our prayer book also entreats us to create a will and estate plan as part of our little used service for the Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child.

"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."

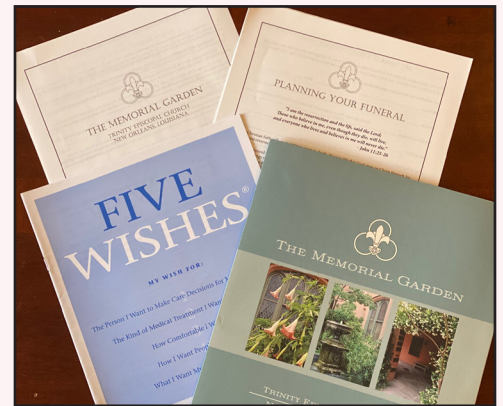
As my mom and sisters and I drove to the funeral home to make final arrangements for my dad, we were confident that we knew how he wanted to be remembered. And believe it or not, we saw an eagle circling in the sky! I like to think his soul was soaring on eagle's wings. - Maria Elliott

"Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors."

- from the Burial Office Rite II

Our Loved Ones Who Rest In Peace (As of 9/18/2020)

Mercy Amiewalen	Helen Dorothy Lill	Ryan Rusk
William H. Barnwell	Ellis Marsalis	Jack Ryan
Mary Ferry Bigelow	Al Martin	Eddie Sanchez
Marian Dennis	Hope Meeks	David Shaub
John "Sug" Estes	William Messersmith	Charles Smith
Dabney Ewin, Sr.	Stephen McCardell	Sarah Smith
Daisy Fant	Carolyn McNeal	Charles Swinson
Harvey Gleason	Howard Nelson	Avery Stirratt
Pam Harper	Rosemary O'Neil	Joseph Bayer "J.B." Vella
Bill Hornsby	Justin Rabalais	Fran Whiteley
Cornelia "Dolly" Jordan	James Reynolds	Frank A.M. Williams
Helen Kitzman	Charles Richards	Barbara Wisnewski



2020 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Tune in Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00pm via Zoom for a Financial Q&A session with members of Trinity's Budget and Finance Committees. Visit bit.ly/trinitytownhall to join the Zoom meeting.

COVID-19 has impacted individuals and families in various ways, and one of those is financially. To date, Trinity has experienced a 15% decline in expected stewardship receipts. Additionally, due to the inability to conduct services and programming, the Church has also lost other revenue such as loose offerings, donations in honor of the music and the Artist Series, as well as wedding fee and rental income supporting Molly's House.

The Church did receive funds from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP), a Federal program administered by the SBA under the CARES Act, and all funds were used to support current staffing levels. The Church expects 100% of the PPP loan to be forgiven. This has enabled the Church to

maintain its cash position through the first six months of the pandemic. Expenses related to programming have also been significantly reduced, and have helped offset losses to income.

Therefore, even though the Church expects the trend in stewardship and other income to extend through 2020, the PPP funds coupled with expense savings will allow us to close out 2020 without significant financial impact. However, much of these expectations are based on faith that our giving will not further decline and that the majority of the parish will fulfill their stewardship commitment. Consequently, YOUR financial support remains essential to maintaining the health and sustainability of Trinity.