

Apalachicola, Florida.....October 1, 2018

Is it a coincidence that doG is God spelled backwards? THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:26-28

God doesn't call us to constrain or control "the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move on the ground" but, to "watch over, care for and tend to" them. We take many creatures in as pets and make them members of our families. Pets add another dimension to our lives, prompting us to respond with the delight and affection of a child.

So many of us find the Spirit of God in our pets and this is no accident. God wants us to know and experience the love of God. I believe the closest we get to knowing the boundless and unconditional love of God is though the love and affection we get from our pets. Is it a just a clever quip that God spelled backwards is doG? I know what I think, what do you think?

October 4th is the designated feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of all creatures

great and small, (among many other causes, places and people). On this feast day we come together to bless our pets who have enriched our lives and given us so much joy.

We will celebrate St. Francis Day on Thursday, October 4 his designated feast day. We will mark it with a community wide Blessing of Animals in front of the church at 5 pm. Please join us and invite your friends. All pets are welcome! Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier for everyone's enjoyment and safety. SEE YOU THERE!

AROUND THE CHURCH

NEWS FROM YOUR VESTRY

The dog days of summer are upon us. It is that time of year when things slow down and everyone takes a deep breath in anticipation of the busy fall to come. Such is the case with your Vestry as we finish up some odds and ends and focus on a new season.

We accomplished some important administrative objectives in September. The annual audit was submitted to the diocese in a timely fashion. At the direction of the diocese, we have used their template to establish By-Laws for Trinity Church. Once the document is reviewed and approved, they will be available in the church office.

The monetary gift to Penny's Worth from Dick and Jane Pickering is being used to implement some muchneeded improvements to the facility. There will also be a plaque displayed at Penny's Worth honoring Jane and the many hours she joyfully gave to this ministry.

Looking ahead, some important dates were added to our calendar:

- October 4th- Blessing of the Animals
- October 21st- Stewardship campaign kick-off
- November 2nd- Blessing of the Fleet
 November 3rd- Trinity Bake Sale and Market
- November 18th- Stewardship "Ingathering" and Thanksgiving Dinner
 - December 2nd- Annual Meeting and Vestry election

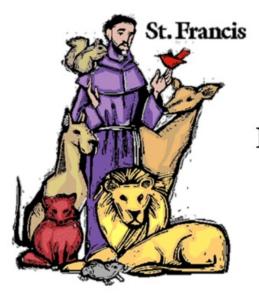
Remember that Vestry members are your representatives and work in the best interest of the entire congregation. Please feel free to bring them your thoughts, concerns and ideas. Also, PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING ON THE VESTRY. Trinity is only as strong as its leadership!



Gift Honoring Jane Pickering to Benefit Penny's Worth

The Penny's Worth Board and the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church are delighted to announce receipt of a most special gift of \$5,000 given by Dick Pickering in honor of Jane and in celebration the many happy times and memories spent with her friends associated with our Thrift Shop. The purpose of the gift is to enhance the work environment and upgrade the customer experience. Dick and Jane are valued friends both of Penny's Worth and Trinity. They reside in Maine on a full-time basis and their cheerful and helpful presence is sorely missed by all. The gift will be further recognized on a plaque which is

Blessing of the Animals



Trinity Episcopal Church

79 Sixth Street Apalachicola

Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 5 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your furry friends on a leash or in a carrier Other pets are welcome if they are also in a carrier

SGI Cat Alliance & Operation Spay Bay will be on hand with information

Trinity Market Needs Your Time and Talents

HELP! To date we have only had one person sign up to participate in our bake sale and market on November 3rd. This ECW event has been very profitable and well received in the past. We want to make it even better this year. All baked goods are welcomed, especially whole cakes, pies and breads. For the market, we need homemade goods such as jams, jellies, pickles and nuts. Also, handmade crafts such as knitted items, ornaments, pottery and ceramics sell well. Think about things that would work as holiday gifts. Put on



Connie Finneran is already busy creating caps, headbands, and other knitted items for the upcoming Trinity Market.

your creative hats and share your talents!

We will also need workers that day. Signup sheets are in benedict Hall. For more information contact Rennie (rennie.edwards@gmail.com) or Susie Wagoner (swagoner@augie.edu).

Coming Soon -- New Church Directory

Our Trinity Church family is growing and changing, and it is time to update our contact information so that everyone can easily and quickly find that email address, telephone number, or mailing address we need, in order to stay in touch.



The new Directory will be available both online and in print, providing a streamlined format for easy updating. In addition to mail, email, and phone information, photos will be included. Currently, a draft of the directory is being developed, using the most current information in our member database. Watch for an email message, letter, or phone call from Kay Carson, verifying your listing. In a few weeks, be ready for a quick shapshot before or after Sunday services, or during Coffee Hour.

Once the Directory is ready for distribution, you will receive guidance on how to access the online Trinity Directory website where you can find the information you need, updated as necessary, and even print your own version. Don't worry – we will also provide printed copies for members who want one.

The Vestry - Opportunity to Serve

As we head into fall, it is time for each of us to ponder upcoming vestry elections held at Trinity's annual meeting in December. To be on the vestry is a significant responsibility to guide the governance and direction of Trinity.

Since I am involved in the Search Committee – and with developing the soon to be published Parish Profile – I have become aware of comments concerning the vestry and the church, in general. One that occurred with some frequency was along the lines of "the same group of people seems to run everything" and there seems to be some "cliquishness" among some members.

It is unfortunate that some people feel this way; as I feel we are generally a pretty welcoming congregation. Recruiting for vestry membership is not easy. I am personally aware of eight individuals who have been approached to stand for election during this rotation — of whom one has agreed to run. I am told that Schools of Theology teach a 20/80 rule for congregations — that is 20% of the people do 80% of the work. I believe we do a little better than this.

At the risk of being accused of plagiarism, I think the statement must be made: Ask not what your church can do for you, but what you can do for your church.

(NOTE: The opinions here are from one individual and do not reflect any official stance of the current vestry or church office.)

-- Tom Edwards

Share Your Committee News & Parish Activities in the Bay View

Attention Trinity Committees – share your activities or announce meetings and gatherings in the Bay View. We want to tell everyone about Foyer Groups, Outreach Initiatives, Worship Plans, and Parish Activities. It's a great way to widen your circle of volunteers and let everyone know about your good works. Send articles or notices, and photographs too, to info@trinityapalachicola.org.



OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

2018 PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE SPREAD THE WORD... 11111(6)3111 The average









OCT. 1-NOV. 21

Donate unopened jars of peanut butter at the UF/IFAS Extension office in your county.

> The Florida Peanut **Producers Association** matches donations.

All peanut butter donations go to local food pantries to help feed families in need.

From October 1 through November 21, support your local producers and people in need in your community by generously donating to the Peanut Butter Challenge.

FIND THE PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE DROP-OFF LOCATION CLOSEST TO YOU:

Trinity Episcopal Church office, 76 5th St, Apalachicola

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 2018

If you have a conflict, please get someone to cover for you and call the office with the changes.

October 7

Acolyte: 8:00-Frank Cook 10:30- Cathy Buell

Lectors: Randy Mims & Anne Eason

Prayers: Kristin Anderson

Greeters: Ralph Wagoner & Tom Edwards Chalice: Brooks Jones & Candace Springer

Healing: Kristin Anderson Flower Guild: Aglaia Dolan

Altar Guild: Gloria Austin & Nita Morgan

Hospitality: Choir

October 14

Acolytes: 8:00 - Frank Cook 10:30 - Paul McAbee

Lectors: Alan Pierce & Rennie Edwards

Prayers: Dee Crusoe

Greeters: Steve Watkins & Karen Brown

Chalice: John & Dee Crusoe Healing: Kristin Anderson Flower Guild: Dee Crusoe

Altar Guild: Gloria Austin & Nita Morgan

Hospitality: Penny's Worth

CALENDAR

Trinity Episcopal Church

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	St. Ben's 9-3 Monday School @ 10 Bridge @ 3:00 BH AA @ 7:30 BH	St. Ben's 9-3 Penny's Worth 10-4 AA @ 12 CF EfM @ 4:00 Al-anon @ 5:30 BH	Beginners Tai Chi 8 BH Tai Chi 9 Penny's Worth 10-4 Dream Group @ 10 Centering Prayer 5:15 Faith Sharing 6:30 AA @ 6:30 & 7:30 BH	St. Ben's 9-3 Natural Spirituality 9:30 AA @ 12 CF Outback Bible 6:30 Blessing of the Animals @ 5	Office Closed AA @ 5:30 BH	Penny's Worth 10-3
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Sunday Services are 8 am & 10:30 am, Eastern time

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