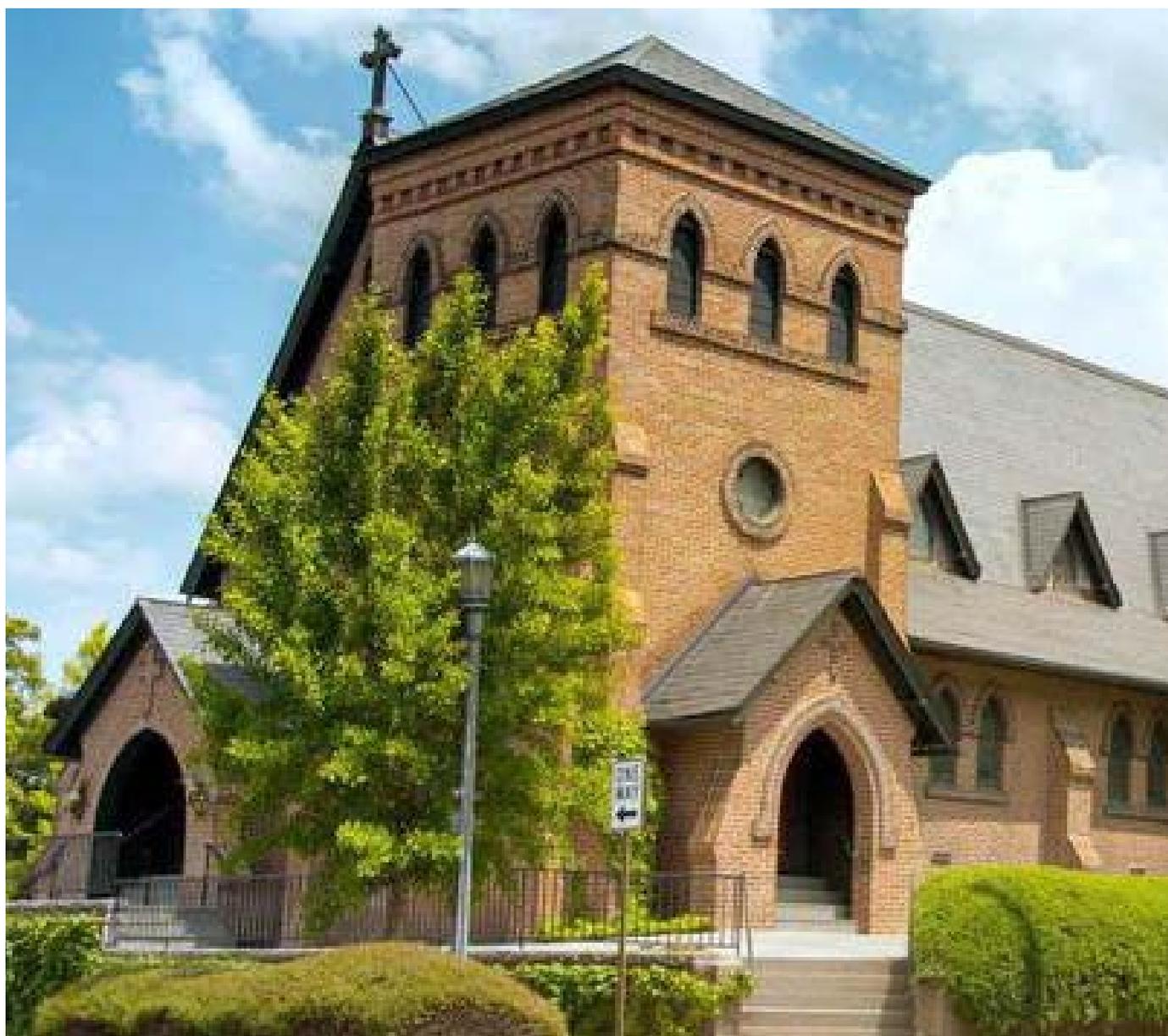


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THE MESSAGE

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Announcing the Spring Adult Confirmation Class

Foundations in Christian Faith

Bishop Benfield will be at Trinity May 1.

This class is for those preparing for baptism, confirmation, or renewal of their baptismal vows.

Classes begin Wednesday, February 17, continuing through Wednesday, May 4

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Cathedral House Conference Room

Taught by Doctors Keller and Snapp and the Rev. Amber Carswell

Sign-up on line at:

<http://www.trinitylittlerock.org>

Coming to the Dean's Class this January



Sunday, January 10 Dr. Keller: "Miracles: My Two Cents"

Last fall at Trinity miracles were a topic of prolonged study and consideration, centering on Eric Metaxas' Insights Lecture on his book *Miracles: What They Are, Why They Happen, and How They Can Change Your Life*. On this Sunday in the Dean's class Dr. Keller will offer some of his own reflections on the subject, concluding with a story of a very recent miraculous occurrence at Trinity.



Sunday, January 17 Mrs. Sophia Said: "What Life is Like Today for Muslims in Arkansas"

Our good friend Sophia Said is the Associate Director of Interfaith Dialogue and Education for the Interfaith Center of the Institute for Theological Studies at St. Margaret's. She holds a degree in development economics from the University of Utah and a graduate degree from the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock Arkansas. We asked her to speak to what life has been like in recent weeks for our Muslim neighbors here in Arkansas.



Sunday, January 24 Dr. Keller "What We Heard and Learned from Sophia Said"

This Sunday, the Dean will offer some thoughts and reflections on Sophia's experience and her presentation.

Sunday, January 31: No Dean's Class: Come to Chancellor's Hall for the Annual Meeting!

Email Addresses Needed: Can't wait for The Message to arrive? Want to know what is happening at Trinity? Make sure we have your email address so you receive the weekly Trinity Update. It contains a brief look at the many events on the block. Send your email address to dhowe@trinitylittlerock.org and we'll make sure you are added to the update list.

INSIGHTS PRESENTS: An Evening with Diana Butler Bass



The second lecture in the 2015-2016 INSIGHTS Speaker Series is Diana Butler Bass on February 18, 2016. The Sponsor & Patron Reception will take place at 5:30 in Morrison Hall, followed by the Lecture at 6:30 in the Cathedral. A general reception will take place following the Lecture in Morrison Hall. Tickets are \$100 for Patron Tickets (which include reserved seating and an invitation to the Sponsor & Patron Reception) and \$25 for General Admission. They may be purchased online at: <https://insightsbutlerbass.eventbrite.com> or by contacting Annie Burton at annie@trinitylittlerock.org.

Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. She holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of eight books, including *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening* (HarperOne, 2012). Her other books include *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* (HarperOne, 2009), nominated for a Library of Virginia literary award.

Diana regularly consults with religious organizations, leads conferences for religious leaders, and teaches and preaches in a variety of venues. She blogs at *The Huffington Post* and *Patheos* and regularly comments on religion, politics, and culture in the media including *USA TODAY*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, CBS, CNN, FOX, PBS, and NPR.

From 1995 to 2000, she wrote a weekly column on American religion for the *New York Times Syndicate*. She is a contributing editor for *Sojourners Magazine*, has written widely in the religious press, including *Christian Century*, *Clergy Journal*, and *Congregations*.

From 2002 to 2006, she was the Project Director of a national Lilly Endowment-funded study of mainline Protestant vitality—a project featured in *Newsweek*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *the Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

She is the recipient of numerous grants and awards including an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from The General Theological Seminary in New York. Diana also serves on the boards of the Beatitudes Society and Public Religion Research.

Diana has taught at Westmont College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, Macalester College, Rhodes College, and the Virginia Theological Seminary. She has taught church history, American religious history, history of Christian thought, religion and politics, and congregational studies.

Diana will be speaking at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on her best-selling book *Grounded*. Her appearance is made possible by generous donations from Peggy Dickinson & Ginna & JD Simpson, Carol & Lunsford Bridges and LouEllen & Ted Treadway, Missy & Thomas McCain, and Denise & Greg Albert.

BOOK STUDY ON GROUNDED

The Rev. Dr. Laurel Arthur Burton will lead a book study on *Grounded*, by Diana Butler Bass, leading up to her lecture at the Cathedral. It will begin on January 19, 2016, in Morrison Hall. There are two opportunities to discuss the book, at noon and at 5:30. **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE ONLY WITH ADVANCED RESERVATION at 5:30.** The book study will meet January 19, January 26, February 2, and conclude with a combined study at noon on February 9 (so we can all attend the Mardi Gras party that night!). Please sign up on the website or call the church office. *Grounded* is available at Wordsworth Books or through amazon.com.

Notice of Proposed Amendments to the By-laws

Upon the advice of our Chancellor Clarke Tucker, the Dean and Vestry are recommending changes to the parish bylaws, for consideration and action at the Annual Meeting on January 31. The impetus for change was a decision to close an entity called the Cathedral Corporation, which had owned the Cathedral School buildings and has not been active for several years. A few other changes—mostly by way of language clean-up—are being proposed for consideration. The Chancellor will walk us through the proposed changes at the meeting before the vote.

Any proposed amendment to the by-laws requires that the parish be given at least twenty days notice in advance. This is that notice. A copy of the by-laws, with proposed changes highlighted, can be at www.trinitylittlerock.org.

New Staff Appointments



The Rev. Dr. J. Russell Snapp has been named Sub-Dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock. An Arkansas native, Snapp is a graduate from the University of the South (Sewanee). He received his Ph.D. in History from Harvard and his M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. Prior to becoming an Episcopal Priest, Snapp was an Associate Professor of History at Davidson College. He is also the author of *John Stuart and the Struggle for Empire on the Southern Frontier* (LSU Press 1996). Snapp comes to the Cathedral from Grace-St. Luke's in Memphis. He has also served as a priest in Siloam Springs, Newport and Helena. Also, Snapp served at Trinity Cathedral from February 2010 through December 2012.

As Sub-Dean, Snapp will have general responsibilities for preaching, teaching and pastoral care, administrative oversight of worship and pastoral care ministries, and will serve as the Chair of the Liturgy and Music Committee. "The Rev. Dr. Russ Snapp is a kind, scholarly priest in an Anglican

mold that goes back to John Donne and George Herbert. He is brilliant, warm, and humble: a great teacher and loving pastor. He is also both a devoted Arkansan and sophisticated citizen of the world. We can't wait to have him back at Trinity Cathedral," says Dr. Chris Keller, Dean and Rector of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Of his appointment, Snapp says, "God is clearly calling Trinity Cathedral onward to be a center for prayer, learning, and mission for Arkansas and the larger Church. I am honored by Dean Keller's invitation to join in this ministry, and I eagerly look forward to returning there in the new year." Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is a house of prayer for ALL people. Father Snapp will celebrate the Eucharist on January 10 and preach on January 17. As always, any and all are invited.



Victoria Mathis Harden, Interim Music Director, began studying piano at age 8 and organ at the age of 14, taking lessons from Fletcher Trotter at First Methodist Church, Camden, AR. Two years later she began her organ studies at Henderson State University with Robert Ellis where she continued until 1972 when she received her Bachelor of Music degree, graduating magna cum lauda with a concentration in organ performance. Harden then attended North Texas State University and Memphis State University to earn a Masters of Music in organ performance and a Masters of Art in musicology. During these years she served as organist-choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs and associate organist at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas. Organ positions in Memphis included Barth house Episcopal Chaplaincy, Christ Church Episcopal, and guest organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. After moving to New York City in 1977, Harden played at St. Peter's Church, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and held the organist-choirmaster position at Bedford Park

Presbyterian Church. While pursuing a doctoral pedagogy degree at Columbia University Teacher's College, Harden was one of 35 professional choir members at St. Bartholomew's Church where she met and married her husband, Shelton. Upon returning to Arkansas in the 1990s, Harden taught at Southern Arkansas University, Southern Arkansas University Technical Branch, and in 2001 became the music faculty at South Arkansas Community College. During these years she has served as organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden. The Very Rev. Dr. Christoph Keller, Dean and Rector of Trinity says of Victoria, "I am so pleased to welcome Victoria Harden to the Cathedral. She is a musician's musician, known and admired as such throughout Arkansas and beyond, and also a warm, congregation and child-friendly worship leader." She will begin her duties at the Cathedral on January 1, 2016, and they include beginning a children's choir.



The Rev. Amber Carswell, Associate Priest, grew up in Kansas and moved to Arkansas during her undergraduate years. She graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock with a BS in Information Science before moving to Alexandria, Virginia, where she received her Master of Divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 2014. Rev. Carswell moves to Little Rock from Jonesboro, AR, where she has worked as curate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church since graduation from seminary. She is the oldest of four girls, is an avid runner and cyclist, and could talk to you all day about agrarianism and 1 Corinthians 15. She will have general responsibilities for preaching, teaching and pastoral care as well as administrative oversight of young adult and outreach ministries. "The Rev. Amber Carswell is warm, spirited, and thoughtful. She brings youthful vitality and exceptional ability to our team of clergy and I can't wait for her to get here," says Dean Keller. Rev. Carswell will begin her duties at the Cathedral on April 4 and her first Sunday will be April 10.

Trinity is also delighted to announce that Rev. Susan Payne will remain at Trinity as a Children's Catechist and volunteer Priest Associate. Mother Susan had already come out of retirement twice to assist at Trinity, most recently after Canon Paul McLain's departure this September. With the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Russ Snapp as Sub-Dean in January, she will return to retirement—but not disappear! Said Dean Keller: "Susan has been a wonderful counselor, pastor and friend since I arrived at Trinity two years ago. I am grateful and happy that even in retirement she will remain visible in worship and the catechesis program, and all around the Cathedral block. She is a wise, warm, and loving presence in our midst."

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Corner (Children's Formation/Sunday School)



Children & Holy Rituals

How can I "make holy" the special times in my child's life? What are some of those times I should be sure to "make holy", anyway?

Not every moment need be set aside for rituals. If we make everything into a ritual, then ritual becomes meaningless. Instead, watch for special occasions or rites of passage such as:

- Moving out of a baby bed into a "big" bed
- First lost tooth
- First day of kindergarten/school
- Big changes: new house, marriage in the family, new baby, new pet
- Birthday of someone we love who has died
- New school year – new teacher, new class, or new school
- Death of a pet

Set aside some special events in the lives of your family and make them "holy".

EYC



On December 21, 2015, Trinity parishioners, led by the EYC, rang bells for the Salvation Army in front of the Heights Kroger. It was a jolly good time of fellowship and raising money to help those in need. 35 of us rang and we raised \$7,734.21! Thanks to all to rang and donated!



On December 23, 2015, the EYC delivered Christmas boxes to the residents of Cumberland Towers on behalf of St. Francis House. 26 of us knocked out the 11 floors of deliveries in no time. It was another great way to give back during the Christmas season.

The EYC also adopted two families who are currently living at the Salvation Army. Through the generosity of our youth and their families, these two families (whom we met when we helped feed the hungry during Thanksgiving break) had a very Merry Christmas!

January EYC Schedule

January 10, 5-7: Peter Hartstein shares his Holocaust story

January 17, 5-7: Fun & Games

January 24, 5-7: Robert Johnston on Feed The Hungry

January 31: NO EYC (Annie out of town at conference)

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is now on iTunes!

Miss a sermon? Want to hear it again?

We are now on iTunes! The audio is also available on our website. Subscribe and never miss a sermon again. Share your favorites with your friends.

The Bible Challenge

Take a great journey through the Bible, a year-long reading adventure, with The Bible Challenge. Each day you will be accompanied by a meditation written by a church leader or biblical scholar. More than one hundred archbishops, bishops, deans, priests, and scholars have contributed essays. The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie, founder of The Bible Challenge believes that our lives of faith will be enlivened and expanded by a sustained encounter with God's Word. If you never thought you could read the whole Bible, The Bible Challenge is a wonderful way to embark on a holy pilgrimage joined by others!

This class meets in the Conference Room during the Sunday Formation Hour and is led by Dr. Greg Albert and Annie Burton. If you missed the first class, it's not too late to join us! The book, The Bible Challenge, is available from Amazon.com, and the complete readings can be found on our website.

Confirmation Classes for Youth Begin February 7!

The catechism describes confirmation as "the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." At confirmation young people learn about the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized, and they have the opportunity to commit to those promises themselves. In Confirmation preparation, we learn about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the world today, and we discover the abundant life he has in store for us as children of God.

Trinity's Confirmation program for youth runs from February through May, concluding with the Bishop's visit at the 9:00am service on Sunday, May 1, 2016. 6th grade is the minimum age for confirmation at Trinity, but it is fine for students to be confirmed later. Sometimes 6th grade ends up not the best year for a student to go through the confirmation process, due to schedules or family circumstances, and we encourage families in those situations to wait a year before entering this process. Confirmation class will be during the Sunday Formation Hour and meet in the IONA room. It is led by Annie Burton.

Adam Whitfield Earns Prestigious Eagle Scout Rank



Adam Whitfield, 16, recently earned his Eagle Scout rank. One of the requirements for the Eagle rank is to plan, direct and complete a major project. Adam's Eagle project was building a nature trail around the visitors center at the Arkansas Audubon Nature Center at 4500 Springer Blvd. in Little Rock. In October, he and his fellow Scouts completed the trail. Adam has been involved in Scouts since becoming a Tiger Cub Scout in first grade at Pulaski Heights Elementary School. He is a member of Troop 12, based at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Adam is currently a junior at Little Rock Central High School.

Adam loves the outdoors and has participated in two of the three Boy Scouts High Adventure camps. In the summer of 2014, he traveled to the Northern Tier camp in Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, and was part of a crew that made a 75-mile canoe and hiking trip. In the summer of 2015, he was part of a crew at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, for a 10-day 67-mile hike that culminated in a hike to the top of Mount Baldy, elevation 12,000 ft.

His parents, Scott and Melissa Whitfield, are very proud of their son for his dedication and hard work.

2016 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 31, at 10:15 in Chancellor's Hall. Polls will open for Vestry election at all services the previous Sunday, which is January 24. Five new members of the vestry are to be elected. The nominees are:

Terri Erwin



Spouse: Chuck Erwin *Children:* Marisa Ann Erwin (27), Clayton Erwin (25)

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral: 35 years

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: I served on the 2013 and 2015 Bliss Committees. It was very rewarding and heartwarming for me to see our Parish Community having fun together in a social setting. Our parishioners and community guests celebrated our wonderful Cathedral and reflected on our church, its members and its many missions.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

Ministries at the Cathedral you are passionate about: I taught the Children's Chapel, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Programs, Youth Formation and helped with EYC for many years while our two children were growing up. I think that it is very important for our children of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral to have a strong and meaningful Sunday School curriculum throughout their childhood years.

Our current strengths? Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is a very open and welcoming church community which is reflected in the greeting on the front of our church, "A House of Prayer For All People." Our Church has done a wonderful job with developing and organizing our volunteer ministries and outreach programs inside and outside of our Parish. The formation of the Insights Programs has been an excellent way of offering interesting lectures and talks by outstanding religious leaders not only to our parishioners, but to our community members as well.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry: Continuing to develop and provide innovative programs and ministries which reflect the ever-changing world that we live in.

Alana Thompson



Children: Clayton (22), Mason (25), Natalie (19)

Employment: UAMS Chaplain - *Confirmed:* 18 years ago - *Re-affirmed:* 4 years ago

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: The most recent and VERY Spiritual experience I have had at Trinity has been a miraculous healing of my right eye. I was diagnosed with a uveal melanoma on my right iris, visible to the naked eye and after weeks of faithful prayers from church members and an anointing from Dr. Keller, along with my extreme faith in Christ, my eye was healed. The Ocular Oncologist noted it was no longer visible to the naked eye and was a minuscule mole that didn't even match the previous measurements sent from the two previous Ocular/Corneal Specialist. A

TRUE MIRACLE occurred. My double vision and balance also had been completely restored.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

Ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about: Most passionate about our growing youth ministries and our new Director, Annie. I also look forward to gaining constant new members as well as Wed. Night dinners/classes hosted by Mercedes and Russ for adults of all categories and Annie for our youth ministries.

Our current strengths? our continuous strong leadership in Dr. Keller and the growing team he continues to establish.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? Major growth potential in our youth and new/established young memberships in greater outreach projects throughout our community as well as around the world.

Sheffield Christian Duke



Spouse: William David Duke *Family:* We have two grown children, both married, and two grandsons: Ben and Sheffield Coulter and their son James, and Brendan and Riley Connick and their son Duke.

Employment: UAMS Oppenheimer Therapy as a Fitness-Personal Trainer and Little Rock Racquet Club Group as a Group Exercise Instructor.

Confirmed: I have been confirmed, and Trinity has been my church since I was born in 1960. My childhood was spent going to church and school at Trinity.

Ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about: I currently serve on the Flower Guild and David and I serve on the Culinary Guild together. Four generations of my family have married at Trinity. David and

I were married at Trinity. Both our Daughters were recently married here.

My main strength is my loyalty to and love of Trinity.

Angela Pinckard-Hale



Spouse: Wil Hale

Employment: Program Management Administrator at the Department of Human Services/Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 5 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: Every time I step into the sanctuary at Trinity, I am moved, humbled, and grateful. I have never felt as close to God as I do when I step within those walls and am surrounded by so much comfort and love. It's been a reverent and life changing experience for me, and I'm not sure where I'd be without it. Every Sunday holds a meaningful experience for me.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 11:15 Service.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? I'm very involved in the Young Adult Ministry, but I'm also very interested in our service/outreach/volunteer work. I also love being involved in teaching Formation/class offerings.

Our current strengths? Trinity's strength resides in the congregation and in our phenomenal staff. If we can simply harness the talents and the abilities of all of us, there is so much more we could accomplish.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? I think that Trinity is in a great position to grow in the surrounding community, in our work with St. Francis house, and in our partnership with LR Prep. It's my hope that we can begin even more outreach and service to serve those that may be in need of it most. I'd like to do more than just attend church and classes at Trinity. I'd like to make a difference in the community, and I think that's a ministry that we can strengthen.

Lenora Steinkamp



Spouse: Richard Steinkamp

Employment: Retired Kindergarten Teacher and Real Estate Agent.

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 37 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: My most meaningful experience at Trinity is the Christmas Eve service. Through the years, in spite of ups and downs, and even while living in DC, I knew our family would be together at Trinity, celebrating the birth of Jesus. Here, I find great comfort, love and a true sense of my spiritual home.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 11:15 Service.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? I am passionate about Trinity children's programs. With my Masters' degree in early childhood education and teaching experience, I have dedicated many years to the belief that children are our future. As a member of the ECEP board, I feel that all the children's programs are an important part of Trinity.

Our current strengths? The strength of Trinity is the leadership. I feel there is a new commitment from Trinity members—a renaissance of spirit - and an excitement about the future!

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? We must find ways to grow our membership, through the children's programs, music programs, and a variety of other programs. We need to reach out to encourage former members and inactive members to return to our fold.

Michael R. Mayton



Spouse: Cathy Hamilton Mayton

Employment: Attorney - Mayton, Newkirk & Jones

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 26 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: Dr. Keller's first sermon as Interim Dean was one of my most meaningful experiences at Trinity. There was electricity and excitement in the air and everyone in the audience was aware that something very exciting was about to happen at Trinity and it has happened.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? I think our youth ministries are our most important. It has been very exciting to see more young couples in attendance and even more exciting to see more and more young children walking down the aisle to attend the children's program during the 9:00 service.

Our current strengths? I think our main strength at this time is our financial position. This has probably been the most amazing change that I have seen in the last 2 years. This is a clear reflection of the faith the congregation has in our leadership.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? I think one of our best opportunities at this time is the strengthening of our music ministry. This is already happening and a strong music ministry will also help us in our mission to have more young families involved in our programs at Trinity.

Grant Wallace



For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 16 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: What meaningful experience has not occurred at Trinity? Having literally grown up in Trinity there is not an aspect of my life that was not touched or shaped by Trinity. It was where I learned the golden rule and developed my relationship with God. I can recall being a kindergartener sitting in the pews for daily chapel and reciting the Book of Common Prayer. I can recall graduating sixth grade and walking across the steps to receive my diploma. I can recall being offered a job in Washington, DC and driving to the church only to find the doors locked, and sitting outside on the steps praying for guidance and direction. I can recall being asked to help

corral acolytes (my younger siblings being among them) and forever becoming a verger. But the most poignant experience I have had at Trinity is the summer I was diagnosed with cancer. The church we were going to at the time unfortunately did not respond the way my family needed at the time and we were looking for a new church home, and home is where we went. I can recall the first Sunday returning to Trinity and the immediate feeling of home, safety and comfort, but more than that the sense that my healing was truly beginning. Trinity was the medicine my family and I needed at that time and has been the home we have stayed at through all the highs and lows since then.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 and 11:15 Services.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? As someone who works with the children at Trinity I see the great potential we have for the future, but I also want to ensure the next generation has a solid foundation to build upon to grow and develop their relationship with Christ. I am passionate about the children and youth ministries because I see the great potential we have for growth there. I also want to further develop the young adults ministry because again this is an area of great potential for us to grow as a ministry. Our future depends upon these two ministries, as they will serve as the core to further grow our membership and ministry within the community.

Our current strengths? We at Trinity are in a unique time and have a great opportunity to build upon the firm ground that has been laid. We have experienced a renewal of spirit the past few months that has only strengthened the love and care for our beloved home. Our strength lies, as it always has, with the people that call this place home. We have a special place in Trinity that instills in us regardless of the length of time worshipping a sense of home. I think that is where our greatest opportunity lies in further strengthening our ministry. We must continue to rebuild a firm foundation in that feeling. We are a house of prayer for all people, and we must not forget that we are here to serve all who come in this place.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? Lecturing series, young adults ministry, children and youth program development, continuing the more in depth Sunday school program

Robena ("Ben") Hussman



Spouse: Walter Hussman *Children:* Palmer Hussman (32), Eliza Gaines (28), Olivia Ramsey (28)

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 35 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: Jack Harvey's becoming an Episcopalian and my sponsoring him.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? Pastoral care.

Our current strengths? Organizing. *Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry?* Involving the communicants in outreach—local or in the world

Scott E Tabor



Spouse: Denise White Tabor *Children:* Madeline Claire Tabor and Scott E Tabor Jr.

Employment: Raymond James - Asset Management

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 30 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: My Wedding, Madeline and Scott Jr's Baptism, Confirmation, and Acolyting.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

Our current strengths? New Leadership...which is bringing new energy.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? Attracting new young families

Please remember Trinity Cathedral in your will.

Elizabeth Riggs Brandon (Sissi)



Spouse: Benton Douglas Brandon, Jr. (deceased) *Children:* Elizabeth Sheard (Libby) (58), Kathleen Brown (56), Bridget Brandon (54), (Benton Brandon (49)

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? I joined about 1955/6 when I moved to Little Rock. After I married I went with my husband and children to his church when they were small. I returned to Trinity around 1994 and have been here ever since.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: There have been several emotional and personal experiences. The most meaningful church experience occurred while I served on the Remodeling Committee at Trinity. As we explored the nooks and crannies of the church, I found myself becoming

deeply connected to the building and then the Parish. I felt a personal involvement here. Then, to see it heal and brighten, and to be part of that process--it left me with a lasting experience and connection. Sometimes, as I watch the morning sun rise through the window over the altar, I feel that it is God's hand in the rays that filter in and beckons to the Congregation to Him.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 7:30 and 9:00 Services.

What ministries at the Cathedral are you passionate about? There are so many! I loved the Altar Guild and am passionate about the Flower Guild, but when I reinstated the Women of the Church quarterly gatherings several years ago, it made me aware of the strength of Community in our women's group. The recurring excellent attendance always reinforces the pleasure that our women find in our mutual fellowship. We are not a neighborhood Parish and when I see these strong, resourceful, talented, loving women meeting in this communion, I see the potential for the future of Trinity--this excites me! I envision a Saturday afternoon service to reach out to our working age members, I see community outreach both in our neighborhood and in the city. I see youth and teens in community service that enriches their lives and teaches them to give. I see Trinity open to non-profit organizations for meetings and for guidance. I see our negative parishioners becoming involved again and forgetting to be critical because they feel a part of the group again. I see our churchwomen involved in the EWC and showing our new vitality. I embrace the quest for knowledge that we are showing and I hope we continue the fellowship over meals when we break bread together.

Our current strengths? I see the parishioners themselves as our current strengths. They view Trinity as growing, living, loving family that needs strong leadership and a guide for community and spiritual study. I think our Brunches and Lunches unite the Church Community. Our study groups both teach and unite our parish. The various study groups and committees bring both Community to Trinity and allow members to interact on a one-on-one basis, which strengthens us more. Study groups and church services help our spirit to grow. The Church proper and God's love is always present and growing in the Trinity community, which is the basis of why we are down here, and not in our Neighborhood Church.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? We are growing and renewing and I can actually feel the excitement in our Church Community. This must continue. There is a vitality here again. This can be enhanced as we offer more opportunities for involvement in Guilds, Committee work and other opportunities for involvement. I would love to see a Saturday afternoon service that would make Trinity available to less traditional Episcopalians and I loved attending the 7:30 Wednesday early healing and prayer service. I would like to see us Proselytize more! I was thrilled to see the support of Eric Metaxas. Every chance that we can get to bring outsiders in will bring newer members to our church. We lost a good bit of this when we closed the school, but there are other ways to reach out to new people.

Jon Lambi

Children: Catherine (34) and Daniel (29)

Employment: Retired

For how long have you been involved at Trinity Cathedral? 4 years.

Please recall a meaningful experience you have had at Trinity: When I came to Little Rock 4 years ago I was in a low place. I found the Cathedral and my life improved greatly.

Which of the Sunday services do you regularly attend? The 9:00 Service.

Our current strengths? Our new Dean is a great strength, along with members of the congregation who have been throughout the years.

Opportunities for further strengthening our ministry? I am a big believer in every organization needing young people and I feel the Cathedral needs to encourage young people and their participation in leadership roles.

**Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler!
Mardi Gras Gumbo Cook Off**



It's Gumbo Time

Trinity Cathedral and the Trinity ECEP invite you and your Krewe to dish up your best gumbo recipe for the Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Celebration at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Below is the sign up sheet that needs to be filled out and returned to the receptionist at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral by February 1. Hurry - spots in the Gumbo cooking "parade" are limited and going fast. Each Krewe is encouraged to have a Krewe name, and decorate their assigned table. An informal competition for best gumbo and for the most spirited Krewe will be held.

Most preparation will need to be done off site. The gym will be open to Krewes for set up and decorate at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Power cords will be provided to each Krewe so that gumbo can be served warm. All Krewes must be in place and ready to serve by 5:30 p.m.

Gumbo Krewes are encouraged to decorate their assigned tables. Krewes may arrive any time after 1:30 p.m. to decorate and set up tables. All Krewes should be ready to serve at 5:30 p.m. Spoons, serving bowls, rice, and napkins will be provided. Judging for best gumbo and most spirited will be held at 5:45 p.m.

Name of Krewe _____

Members of krewe: _____

Organization or Parish: _____

Krewe Boss: _____

Contact Info: _____ phone(s)

_____ (email)

**Laissez Les Bon
Temps Rouler!**





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Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday - 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
11:15 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday
Healing Eucharist at 5:15 p.m.

The Cathedral is open for visitation, prayer, and meditation weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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MEET VICTORIA



Make a Joyful Noise January 13; 6pm

January is for new beginnings - and part of Trinity's new beginning is to welcome Victoria Harden to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral as our Interim Choir Director.

January 13 at 6pm in Morrison Hall we will have a pizza party to welcome Victoria and for the congregation to get to know her better. This is a fun evening for the whole family - so bring your kids, your parents and your friends as we break bread together, get to know one another, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (501) 372-0294 or by signing up at trinitylittlerock.org.