

Trinit-E News



Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to
restore people to unity
with God and each other
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

. Throughout the history of the church, there has been a constant development of the understanding of ministry. That development has often brought with it its own confusion. What is ministry? Most of us automatically use the word ministry in conjunction with the title "priest."

Further freely associating the title of a priest in relation to some clergy. Yet, deeply rooted in the heart of our Christian faith is the belief that there is only one priest, Jesus Christ, being the head of our body (Ephesians 4). The confusion that arises is the natural assumption that a priest and subsequently Christian ministry, is a continuation of the Old Testament priesthood. This is not the case. We proclaim that Jesus is the Priest and upon our baptism, we are members that share life in one eternal priesthood (1 Cor. 12.12).

Perhaps another confusion of the understanding of ministry into the Church's life other than our automatic attachment to clergy is the political notion of the word itself. In fact, if you google the word ministry the first two results are 1) vocation of a minister and 2) a department of government.

Amongst all this confusion, however, I believe the church in the past few decades has proactively tried to reimagine its understanding of what ministry is. Today in the church, we use the word rightfully to describe various functions of an ordained person, and more frequently now the intentional actions and functions by any Christian person to promote the Gospel of Christ.

In our context ministry in its purest sense should be seen as the fulfilling work done by any Christian. The Altar Guild ministry, the Vestry ministry, the Usher ministry, the Acolyte/LEM ministry, the Welcome ministry, the Stewardship ministry, the Outreach ministry, the Office Secretary ministry, the Stay at Home Parent ministry, the School Teacher ministry, the Nurse ministry, the Firefighter ministry, etc. All work done by Christians, on Sundays or in the currents of the daily week, is opportunity to participate in Jesus' act of returning this creation to His Father.

Yet, in all our work, lies the necessity to see our ministry centered not upon results nor upon doing. Instead, our ministry must be centered upon our being, and specifically our ministry leading us into the transformation of our being into Christ-like people. If we believe that through the might of Jesus Christ's redemptive act our being has changed, then everything we do is an opportunity to spread the Good News of God's love.

Moreover, through Jesus' work, we are no longer creatures of God, we are now children of God. As his children all our efforts and the results they bring about, are Gods. We are God's not because of our efforts, or our results. We are Gods because God gave us the power to become his children and through Jesus Christ, we have received that power.

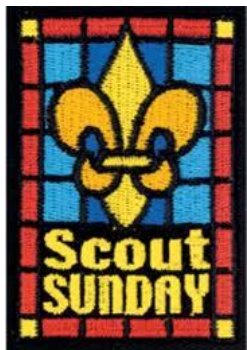
So, therefore I ask all of us, as we continue to share in the celebration of the incarnation and ministry of Jesus Christ. What is your own ministry and how is it transforming your life?

God's peace,
Fr. Stephen Shortess

SCOUT SUNDAY

February 3, 2019

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8th (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. All scouts and adult leaders are encouraged to wear their uniforms to church on this day.



A Psalm for Scouts and Scouters

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs.

He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green.

*He leads us on trails besides waters deep and still, brooks babbling,
streams rushing, and rivers raging.*

*He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle
soaring to greater heights above.*

He encourages the Eagle Scout in his upward climb.

*He teaches Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers to
live the Scout Oath and Law.*

*Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering
mountains, we are courageous because he leads us onward.*

He continually blesses us with food for mind and body.

*Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, he blesses us with the
gifts of love and forgiveness.*

*Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives.
And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads
to the Great Councilfire, we shall join those who traveled the trail
before us and joyfully live with him forever!*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Mary Grace Salmon
- 04 Ryan White
- 06 Currie Scheffsky
- 08 Cody Billiot
- 12 Kristyn Hughes
- 15 Debi Busbice
- 18 James Block
- 25 Jennie Rogers
- 28 Heather Blair



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Hollyn and Mark Chellette

Ministry Schedule February 2019					
	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24	March 3
CELEBRANT/ Officiant	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Lindsay	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Lindsay	Fr. Stephen
PREACHER	"	"	"	"	"
SERVER(S)	Joshua J	Tim C	Sean D	Austin B	Joshua J
CHALICE	Judy W	Tim C	Judy W	Mary H	Judy W
LECTOR	Mary H	Tammy C	Judy W	Jane W	Mary H
INTERCESSOR	Mary H	Tammy C	Dez K	Jane W	Mary H
GREETERS	Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C
ALTAR GUILD	Mary H	Cathy B	Judy W Jennie R	Jane W	Mary H
VOD	Peggy C	Sam J	Charles P	David W	Mary H

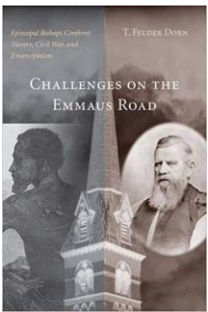
Please
Pray
for...



Ellen, Nancy, Astrid, Cathy and Barry, Jeanette, Kay and Mike, Roy, Norma, Elizabeth and Irving, Lonnie, George, Trinity, Melvin, Ed, Joe, Debi and Roger, Clare, Thomas, Aaron, our partner in ministry St. John's, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for all First Responders in our area, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.



Challenges on the Emmaus Road: *Episcopal Bishops Confront Slavery, Civil War, and Emancipation*: T. Felder Dorn



How do we confront conflict? Of course, none of us approach conflict perfectly, and that's why a study of history is so crucial for our lives. We study history so that we can be better prepared not to live in the past, but enter into the future, a future that we hope looks more like the Kingdom of God. The American Civil War is one of the most turbulent time in our country's history. Slavery and succession divided the country and subsequently coexistence of Northern and Southern Episcopal diocese near impossible. Historian **T. Felder Dorn** in his book *Challenges on the Emmaus Road* gives valuable insight to the ways Episcopal Bishops confronted and responded to the Civil War, the issues of slavery, and the other events of their time.

George Herbert (1593-1633) came from a prominent Welsh family. He was educated at Cambridge University and briefly served in Parliament. In 1629, Herbert was ordained a priest in the Church of England and began his pastoral duties in 1630 in the small parish of Bemerton, in Wiltshire, near Salisbury Cathedral where Herbert, himself a musician, often went to hear the choir and organ. Herbert's book of prose *A Priest to the Temple: or, The Country Parson* testifies to the seriousness with which he took his duties as the rector of a rural parish. Near death, Herbert entrusted the single manuscript of his one book of devotional poems, *The Temple*, to his friend Nicolas Ferrar, leader of the Little Gidding religious community. Herbert told Ferrar either to publish the manuscript if Ferrar thought the poems might bring spiritual encouragement to others – or else to burn it. Ferrar saw that *The Temple* was published, posthumously, in 1633, the year in which Herbert died of tuberculosis at age 39. Herbert's feast day on the Episcopal calendar is February 27.

Two brief helpful commentaries on "Prayer 1" may be found online: (1) Prayer 1 by George Herbert / The Poetry Foundation and (2) A Short Analysis of George Herbert's Prayer 1.

Prayer 1

Prayer the Church's banquet, Angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
Reversèd thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days' world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear:
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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Sunday Services
9:30 AM

Rev. Stephen Shortess

Our Vision

Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.

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