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Holy Trinity Parish—
 a people passionately seeking to
 love with the heart of Christ,
 think with the mind of Christ,
 and act in the world as the body of Christ.



Tempo

August 2008

Calendar for August

First Sunday of the Month

5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's in Pendleton

Third Sunday of the Month

5:00 pm

Evening Prayer at St Paul's in Pendleton

Wednesdays

12:30 pm - Book Group

6:00 pm - Canterbury Dinner

5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist (until Aug. 20)

7:30 pm - Adult Choir

Thursdays

5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist and healing service

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer—Davis Library

Thursday, August 21

Thrift Shop Luncheon in parish hall

Sunday, August 24 & August 31

Ministries Fair in parish hall

Between services and after 10:30 service

Sunday, August 31

2:00 pm—Miriam's Project

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 7

Sunday School reconvenes

Sunday, October 5

Episcopal Day School Sunday & Picnic

Friday through Sunday, October 10 to 12

Cange Conference here at Holy Trinity

At a Glance

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This is a monthly publication. To submit news or announcements, please send an email or bring information to the parish office.

***The next deadline date is
 August 12, 2008
 For the September edition***
**Thanks to all who help make this newsletter the parish-driven vehicle it was intended to be.
 A special thanks goes out to those wonderful souls who volunteer to help with newsletter mailings!**

Rector's Column

Dear Ones,

There is an old adage, "Less is more." The wisdom of that brief statement applies directly to the Episcopal Church and wider Anglican Communion right now.

For the past five years, we have been embroiled as a body in a conflict ostensibly about human sexuality. But that issue, as important as it is, is in fact a "presenting issue." Beneath the arguments about the place of gay and lesbian Christians in the life of the Church is a much deeper concern about the very identity of the Episcopal Church and entire Anglican Communion.

That concern became abundantly clear in late June when a group of Anglicans from around the world, including almost 300 bishops, met to discuss the current situation. The group was not an official body of the Anglican Communion representing the great breadth and depth of our church, but rather a self-identified group gathered around what some would call the extreme conservative end of the theological spectrum. At the end of the gathering, the group issued a final statement that includes fourteen "tenets of orthodoxy" they believe "underpin our Anglican identity."

Fourteen? Why fourteen?

In fact, some of their stated tenets would draw nearly universal consent, for example, "We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and the needy." Indeed, that one easily could be embraced by the most "liberal" in the Episcopal Church! But that is not the point.

The point is that Anglican identity is not and never has been built on an extensive list of orthodox tenets. We have always been extremely reticent about elaborate confessions of faith. We tend instead to explore the central truth that God ultimately is mystery. What we know about God, and God's relationship with us, is extraordinarily limited; what we do not know is infinite. The main implication of that understanding is that the more we try to parse precise definitions of orthodoxy, the more likely we are to get trapped in an increasingly narrow vision of God and our place in God's world. That is why when you peruse the shelves in a theological library, you likely will find massive multivolume tomes written by Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Calvinists, and very brief excurses written by Anglicans. It's not that we don't have much to say theologically. It's just that we are wary of claiming too much of our knowledge of God. Less is more.

I like what Urban T. Holmes once wrote in a (very short) book: "When Anglicanism is at its best, its liturgy, its poetry, its music and its life can create a world of wonder in which it is very easy to fall in love with God" (*What is Anglicanism?*, Harrisburg: Morehouse, 2004, p. 5).

This much seems clear to me: nurturing the kind of church in which "it is very easy to fall in love with God," is likely a much holier enterprise than trying to decide who is willing to sign on to a list of orthodox requirements.

Peace,



Books to Help Our Understanding of Islam

Peter Cohen's presentations at Kanuga have piqued some parishioner's interest. The following are a few helpful resources.

In the Path of God—Islam and Political Power by Daniel Pipes, copyright 1983

Dotti Carter writes, "I found this book an excellent sequel to Peter Cohen's Kanuga presentation – and a real eye opener! Pipes thoroughly presents the culture, history, and religious belief of Muslims and discusses the rise of Islamic fundamentalism that began at least 60 years ago."

Islam by Alfred Guillaume

A classic introduction to Islam written by the one-time head of the department of the Near and Middle in the University of London.

The Quran

The sacred text of Islam

The Call of the Minaret by Kenneth Cragg

A sympathetic interpretation of Islam written by an Anglican bishop and professor of philosophy who lived over forty-five years in the Middle East.

Summary of Vestry Actions - June 15, 2008 Meeting

Approval of Minutes from May meeting

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Approval of new parking policy, to be distributed to all members

Approval to contract to have holes patched in the front drive

SAVE THE DATES !!

Friday, March 6 — Sunday, March 9, 2009

Our Annual Parish Weekend @ Kanuga

Leader: The Rev. Morey Lent.....Priest, Teacher, Story-teller

Theme: "Adding the Energies of Soul and Spirit"

Plan to come, One and All!!!

This is always a wonderful way to get to know others in the parish family in a relaxed setting in the mountains near Hendersonville, NC.

Vision 2020

The committee has worked diligently over the last few months. The goal has been to prepare a plan and program which will involve the parish in producing a Vision Statement for Holy Trinity. This fall, and through the spring, the results will afford numerous opportunities for participation in our visioning groups. Our hope is that everyone will wish to contribute, and take the occasion to do so.

Thrift Shop

We are closed for the summer after a banner year. Thanks to everyone who helped – either through working or donations. If you have donations during the summer, please contact Diana Manly (944-5731), Wendy Longo (646-9043), or Sally Mathiasen (654-1733) to arrange a drop-off time.



We are in need of volunteers to work 1 shift of 2½ hours per month, or even to consider being a substitute. The Thrift Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, and on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 1pm. If you would like to help in the Thrift Shop, please contact Diana Manly (944-5731).

Mark your calendars now for our Kick-Off Luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, August 21st at 12 noon in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. We will re-open the 1st Thursday after Labor Day – Sept. 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tavish Towell

who graduated from REACH High School.

Tavish Towell is a member of the parish. He is the son of Deborah Smith and Grandson of Bob Towell. Tavish attends the 10:30 am service and works at Gamestop.

Fr. Nieman will be on vacation from July 27th until August 19th.

Flower Calendar

The flower calendar still has dates. If you would like to honor loved ones, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office at 654-5071.

Altar Bread

There is a new altar bread recipe that you are requested to use, whenever baking bread for the Lord's table. Please notice the size and thickness requirements. The new recipe is located on the bread sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Pastoral Care

Please use the Pastoral Care sign-up cards that are now in the pews if you want to help with this ministry.

Reminder

The back parking lot is reserved for our seniors, and those who have difficulty walking up the front steps. Thank you!

Clemson Football Season Parking

Secure your **RESERVED** parking spot for the **2008-2009** season now!

NO NEED TO ARRIVE EARLY!

Reserved spot in off-street parking lot located at

Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish,

193-195 Old Greenville Highway,

just a 5 minute walk to the stadium.

Portable toilets provided.

YOU CHOOSE! - Parking spots allocated on a first come-first serve basis

CALL TODAY! - Contact Lynne Farmer at

864.654.5071 for information

or send an email to

parking@holymtrinityclermson.org



FAITHFUL CITIZEN AND DISCIPLE

Learning to integrate our faith traditions as we discern issues and voter choices during an election year is never easy. How can one make sense of it all? You are invited to join with our Christian neighbors for a program sponsored by St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church focusing on the complexities facing us as a nation and a church, and the best of Catholic Social Teaching, including "the life and dignity of the human person," "option for the poor and vulnerable," "care for God's creation," etc.

presented by
Sr. Sara Dwyer, NETWORK Education Coordinator

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

2008, 7:00- 9:00 PM

at

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Seneca

or

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

7:30- 9:30 PM

at

St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Clemson

Clemson Community Care

Help Wanted

CCC needs help with picking food up from Food Lion on Tuesday mornings, and delivering it to Clemson Community Care. It takes about half an hour (8:45 to 9:15). If you can help with this outreach, in support of CCC once a month, please call Mary Jeffers at 650-4266.

Donate to CCC through your Clemson Water Bill

CCC's goal is to reach \$1,000 a month and they are currently at \$858.00. As you see, they are easily within reach of this goal. Blank forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. You can hand one to anyone you meet, or email it to your friends. Donation forms can also be filled out through the CCC website: www.ccccare@bellsouth.net

The city allows monthly donations anywhere from \$1 to \$20 a month. This program is very beneficial to CCC, because it provides a *stable* monthly income.

Forms must be returned to CCC by August 31.

August Food Requests

Canned/Powdered Milk Spaghetti Sauce
Flour/Cornmeal Tomato Sauce/Paste

Saturday, August 23

1:00 am

The next FREE "Manna" produce truck.

Volunteers Welcome!!!

Thank You for your help !

Here's my friendly August reminder about **Operation Christmas Child**. Back to School sales are here with the year's lowest prices on school supplies. So stock up! For those of you who are new to this ministry, details are at

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/index/>.

Basically, you take a shoebox or similarly sized container and fill it with small gifts for a child who has very little. School supplies, small toys, and hygiene items are requested. You can also put in hard candy. **No liquids please, no chocolate, no breakables, and no military-themed items.** For more information, call Mellie Warner at 654-5080. If you want to participate, but really can't do the shopping, call me and maybe I can help. Mellie W.

I recently mailed a dozen sweaters to the Guidepost Magazine **Knit for Kids** project. If you are interested in this ministry, there are yarns and patterns in the workroom in the church office or call Mellie Warner at 654-5080. www.knitforkids.com. I'll mail them off as I accumulate 10 to 12 or more of them.

Save the date: the **Ministers' Cook-off** to benefit **Safe Harbor II** will take place on **Thursday, November 13** from **5:30 to 7:00** at the Daniel High School cafeteria. Note the new time. Safe Harbor II is an emergency shelter and counseling service that serves Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee counties.

Save the date: the **Clemson Child Development Center** will host a **Mystery Theater Night** on **Saturday, October 25**. A limited number of tickets will be for sale.

Welcome Summer with a 'Clean Start'

Help fill the bright, spring-green laundry basket in the narthex with shower toiletries (hotel samples are great!); laundry supplies, flip flops, undershirts, and women's necessities. 'Clean Start' serves the homeless, providing showers, laundry, and guidance provided by Christian volunteers in Anderson. Client success stories abound, one person and one prayer at a time. Pitch in! (See Viola Wolf or Julie Morse for more info or pick-up).

E GYPT Anyone?

Peter Cohen is leading a trip to E gypt -
December 26, 2008 to January 6, 2009.

Fantastic Price!

Approximately \$3500;

which includes airfare, lodging, E gyptian guide,
almost all food, all entrance fees,
4-day-and-night-cruise on T he Nile,
insurance, and more...

For more info, call 650-5497.



Miriam

**A Celebration of Life
to benefit
Miriam Cox**

When: Thursday, September 11, 2008

4:00 pm—Until

**Where: The Esso Club
Clemson, SC**

**Fresh BBQ Plates \$ 7.00 each
Raffle Tickets**

**Fabulous Silent Auction
Live Music Starts @ 7:00 pm**

To donate, mail checks to the following:

**Miriam Cox Special Account
582 Old Greenville Highway
Clemson, SC 29631
Or call 864-653-6204**

PRAYER LIST

Abhay, Albert, Amy, Annie, Bernice McPeak, Betty Vaughn, Barbara, Brenda, Bryn, Cal Wrenn, Callie, Carol Day, Carolyn, Chanler, Charlie, Charles Wylie, Chris, Christopher, Chuck Linell, Cindy, Daniel, Debi, Diane, Dodie Legg, Don McAlister, Donald, Elizabeth Clay, Elizabeth Dudley, Frances Smink, Frank Nimmons, Fred & Irene, Fred & Pattie, Gen, Giles, Iris, Jack, Jane Arrington, Jane Eidson, Jane Miller, Janet, Jennie Woodsby, Jerry, Jim, Jim Neill, Julie, Kristen, Kristy Ward, Linda Cross, Lois, Lori Deatherage, Louis Pace, Lydia, Marian, Marlyn Dachelet, Miriam, Ned, Nicholas, Opal, Pam, Paul, Rita Mayo, Sam, Sarah, Sandra, Sheila & Family, Shirley Ratliff.

Every month we try to start over with a new prayer list. Pleas let us know if your loved one should continue on our list.

If you or your family is in the hospital, please contact the church office so we can advise the priests.



The Prism Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the Prism Campaign! The Prism Campaign, which began in late April, is Holy Trinity's three-year campaign to pay for the property next door—property deemed necessary to increase our capacity to act in the community as the body of Christ.

As of July 29 Holy Trinity had received \$944,381.00 in pledges toward the campaign goal of \$1.1 million and challenge goal of \$1.5 million. If you would like to make a pledge to the Prism Campaign, please contact Lynne in the church office.

Financial Update

Through July 29,2008

the parish financial picture is as follows:

Monthly Budgeted Income:	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Income:	\$ 27,554.93
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Expenses:	\$ 43,972.85
YTD Budgeted Income:	\$333,278.12
YTD Actual Income:	\$347,289.70
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$333,278.12
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$324,188.43

Gil's Great Adventure of 2008

Have you ever ridden up a mountain in the back of a short bed pickup truck with eleven of your closest friends? Have you ever seen a watchdog chase away llamas from behind the altar during the middle of a Eucharist? Have you ever watched planes land while sitting on the roof of an apartment building? Have you ever *really* seen God at work in the world? If you answered no to any of these, I have quite the story for you.

I am not now, nor have I ever been a big County Music fan. My father however, is, and it was in the front seat of his car one afternoon on the way to the lake that I heard part of a song called; *Sometimes God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers*. At the time I just tuned it out and looked out the window, putting it out of my mind completely. A couple of months later I was sitting in German class, when my teacher walked in and announced plans for an exchange with a school in the Black Forest. Being the crazy wreck-less adventurer I like to think of myself as being, I ran up as soon as the bell rang and was the first to grab an application. There was however, one small problem, my sister was going to get married on June 14. I prayed every single night that I would get to go, but the teacher announced that they would leave two days after graduation, June 11. To say that I was crestfallen would have been a gross understatement. After several arguments I eventually made peace with the situation, and accepted the fact that I would spend all summer at home, with a job making minimum wage.

It was not until February that things began to look up. It was in Sunday school one day that Kayla Massey, our representative on the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee announced to the class that we would be attending the next youth event at Kanuga. Not being in the mood to argue I said that I would go. To my surprise, Cameron Vivanco and her husband Roberto were the ones in charge of the program. It was during one of her presentations that she said casually, "by the way, if any of you want to come to Ecuador just let me know." I went up to her afterwards and expressed my interest, she then told me to e-mail the senior warden at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fort Mill. I knew no one at the church, and was really not even sure where Fort Mill was, but when they responded to my e-mail, they said that they would love to have me. I was ecstatic; my mother however, was not. When I told her the news she just looked at me and asked. "Are you out of your mind?!?!?" My dad, thankfully, told her that it would be a good experience and she reluctantly agreed.

The school year ended, the wedding came and went, and I left, thinking how funny it was that my parents were ok with me going to South America with a bunch of people I didn't know, but won't let me drive on Woodruff Road. I got to Quito with no idea of what to expect. My mother was the only one who really told me anything and all she said was "don't use the bathrooms in the Miami airport", and "wear sunscreen or you *will* die." It's nice when family members are so encouraging.

Four of the eight days we were there we worked. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday were spent at Emmaus, a mission on the south side of town. It is, in fact, the only storefront church I am not weary of. The people at the church were extremely thrilled that we had come, and unbeknownst to us, they had come to pick us up at the airport the night we arrived. We worked together, with only a few common words between us, painting, building the roof, and hanging the very large front door. We went there for church on Sunday, and Chris, one of our team members did a magic show for the children in the Sunday school that afternoon. According to Cameron, our presence alone had generated interest all over the neighborhood and was bringing in new members.

After leaving Quito and spending Tuesday morning at the Equator and that afternoon at *El Refugio* (a Youth World conference center very much like Kanuga), Wednesday was spent working with Laura Jennings at *Carmen Bajo*. There we did construction (well it was really more hauling things) and got a firsthand look the poverty they are always showing on infomercials like "Feed the children." Now I will be the first to admit that I am no fan of small children. But the ones at *Carmen Bajo* were really quite different than the ones here in Clemson. They all had diseases it would never have occurred to my mother to worry about me contracting as a child. They were starving for attention because their parents (if they even had both parents living with them) were working eighteen hour days and they had been left at home alone. Things like that make you think twice when you hear a child in this country complain about something.

One of the questions posed to the team before our departure was "Wouldn't it be easier to just send money?" Well, yes it would be easier, but think about this. What do you think would have happened if God had sent a check instead of coming down as Jesus? By just sending money you miss the human element entirely. Coming down means so much to them, they will feed you better than they feed themselves, they will ask when you are coming back, they share everything they have even though many of them have almost nothing at all, you become family. You could never accomplish that by writing a check. After coming back, I realized that that country song was right.

-Gil Snowden

Greetings!!

Eight years ago I said a simple prayer, "Use me, Lord, however you may choose. Here I am, send me." Shortly after, I had my first experience of being in the mission field, whereupon I realized I wasn't on a trip, but embarking on my life's calling. Since this first excursion, I have managed to travel to 29 different countries, ministering to thousands in over 15 of the countries. It is true that I might not be the traditional missionary, or lead the traditional life of a missionary that I think we all tend to picture. (You know, the one where a missionary is someone who lives in a hut in Africa). Although I have done the hut experience in the Solomon Islands, it wasn't so much about where I was living or the simple lifestyle that surrounded me. It was rather what God was doing in my heart and through my heart. It was how he was opening my eyes to the injustices that were being done to His children, to His beloved. These injustices break my heart and, for that reason, I cannot and will not be silent. Again I prayed, "Use me, Lord, however you may choose."

My passion continues to grow for those who don't have a voice, those who can't speak up for themselves because to the oppression they have experienced. I have spent the past two years getting my Masters degree in Clinical Psychology so that I could help empower those that have lost their voices, those who have become discouraged, and those who have lost hope. I dreamt of being able to use this training in the mission field, but not knowing how this opportunity would ever unfold until now.

I have an opportunity to travel to South Africa where I will be working with *Voice for the Voiceless* for three months to practically serve local Cape Town communities, by helping to run support groups for individuals suffering under various forms of gender-based injustices. Through this experience, I will also have an opportunity to utilize the tool of photography to expose global issues of gender-based injustice in South Africa, and Africa, by using images and stories to speak up for the voices who have been disempowered through war, AIDS, enforced prostitution, trafficking, and oppression.

I want to extend an invitation for each of you to join with me in being a *Voice for the Voiceless*. This may be through buying a *Voice for the Voiceless* prayer booklet (ask Valerie Paynter), praying for the voiceless, praying for the work I will be doing in South Africa, or even through financially supporting me on this trip. I need to raise a total of \$8000, and half of that before I leave on September 7th. If you feel you can help, please make your checks out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and include Outreach/Joanna Paynter at the bottom of the check.

If you would like more information on *Voice for the Voiceless*, in South Africa, please visit the following website:

<http://www.avoiceforthevoiceless.co.za/> or feel free to contact me via email: joey.paynter@gmail.com

Blessings,
Joanna Paynter

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family:

Just last week, I was sorting through some boxes, I and came across the cards and pictures my Holy Trinity family showered me with as I battled cancer in Newfoundland. I was immediately transported back to the warmth your love and prayers offered me on cold, dark nights during my treatment. You loved and prayed me back to health!

And now, it is time for me to leave again. I remain in grand health, but find I am still searching for the place I need to be professionally. I will be leaving Clemson the end of July for Canada. People who want to track my journey can view my blog at: <http://estelbowtime.livejournal.com>, or stay in touch with me via email at: jkrantz2004@yahoo.com. My deepest thanks to all of you for all your prayers and love...and when I land, the light will always be on, and the door always open to my Holy Trinity family.

God's Peace to All,
Janet Krantz