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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 December 2008 Advent/Christmas



Calendar for December

Every Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 am Breakfast in Parish Hall
 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesdays

5:30 pm EFM

Wednesdays

12:00 pm Book Group (will resume on January 7, 2009)
 6:00 pm Canterbury Dinner (ending on December 10)
 6:45 pm Holy Eucharist (except December 24)
 7:30 pm Choir Practice (except December 24)

Thursdays

5:15 pm Healing Service (except December 25)
 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (except December 25)

Thursday, December 4

6:00 pm Advent Quiet Evening

Friday, December 5 to Sunday, December 7

Happening # 60 at Camp Gravatt

Saturday, December 6

10 am-2 pm Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 7

2:00-4:30 pm Shaped-Note Singing
 St Paul's in Pendleton

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's in Pendleton

Wednesday, December 9

11:00 am Holy Eucharist at the Downs

Sunday, December 14

2:00 pm Miriam's Project

Thursday, December 18

Clemson University Commencement

Friday, December 19

9:00 am Day School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 21

5:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. Paul's

Wednesday, December 24 thru Friday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 28

NO Celtic Service

Wednesday, December 31

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Church office closed

Friday, January 9

Committee Annual Reports Due

Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:15 am Annual Parish Meeting

Schedule of Christmas Services

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Service
 (geared toward children)

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

St. Paul's in Pendleton

11:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Eucharist

Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.,
Bishop of Upper South Carolina
 John S. Nieman, *Rector*
 Susan Louttit Hardaway, *Assistant Rector*
 Nancy Conway, *Priest Associate*
 Sidney J. Hall, *Priest Associate*
 Thomas C. Davis, Jr., *Rector Emeritus*
 Carolyn Wheeler, *Minister of Christian Formation*
 Becky Bowman, *Minister of Music*
 Cynthia Spejewski, *Organist*
 Lynne Farmer, *Parish Administrator*
 Jessica Goodwin, *Secretary/Receptionist*
 Suzanne Watkins, *Day School Director*
 Phil Maiberger, *Senior Warden*
 Jeffery Yang, *Junior Warden*

Vestry Members:
Sr. Warden: Phil Maiberger
Jr. Warden: Jeffery Yang
Clerk: Rebecca Eidson
Treasurer: Mellie Warner
**Marjorie Campbell, Michele Cauley, Kathy Crouse,
 Doug Henry, John Hewell, Kevin Hughes,
 Charles Nightingale, Henry Pate, Jim Reed,
 Charles Shuler, Judy Surak, and John Wilson**

This is a monthly publication. To submit news or announcements, please leave a copy in the office or email it to Jessica: jgoodwin@holytrinityclemson.org

The deadline date for the January edition

December 12, 2008

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,

Last month I had the opportunity to take a few days alone for a retreat up at the Snail's Pace in Saluda, NC. A true retreat is a time to "catch your breath" and look carefully at your spiritual life. Some retreats are directed by someone else, while others are self-directed. Either way, I've found it's helpful to go with some specific intention, even if it is nothing more than to catch up on sleep in the midst of a harried life. (I've also found that my initial intention sometimes does not square with God's.)

Last month's retreat provided an opportunity for me to look at the theme of balance in my life. What are the key components of my life with God? What is important? What is not? What needs to be increased? What needs to be decreased? What tends to throw things out of balance?

I remember my mother's tendency to overload the washing machine when I was a child. I understand why: she had to deal with the never-ending pile of dirty clothes produced by a family of six. She figured, "If I stuff just a few more things in, I may be able to save a load." But inevitably, during the spin cycle, the washer's drum would whirl itself into an off-kilter frenzy, loudly smashing against the inside walls of the machine – sometimes the machine would actually hobble across the floor – and cause it to sound an alarm, alerting all within earshot that it was about to shut down. I soon learned that this would happen not only if the machine was over loaded, but also if it was loaded out of balance.

Some of us are clearly over loaded, carrying just too much unnecessary stuff in a frantic effort to fit it all in. Conscious or not, we act as if we're super human. Others of us have become so focused on one aspect of our lives – often for good reason – that we forget other equally important elements. Workaholics for instance are famous for neglecting their families.

Advent is an especially good season to ask questions of balance. On the one hand, Advent is a call to step back with intention, to prepare for the coming of Christ among us, and to wait patiently. On the other hand, Advent coincides in our culture with furious activity, a mad dash of shopping, and often ends with exhaustion. The season itself begs us to set a sane pace, to look carefully at what we are doing and why we are doing it.

I invite you to stop for a while at the beginning of this Advent season, and take a look at the questions of balance in your life. What needs to be shorn or shed? What needs to be added? What is the balance that allows you to keep alert to Emmanuel, God with us?

Peace,



John

Advent Quiet Evening led by John Nieman

Thursday, December 4

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist and healing service

6:00 pm Centering prayer in the Davis Library

6:45 pm Simple supper

7:15 pm Advent meditation

All are welcome to all or to any part of the evening.



Friday, March 6-Sunday, March 9, 2009

Our Annual Parish Weekend at 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.

The **Day School Board** is looking for a parish representative to serve a one-year term. Day School Board meetings are held monthly. Please contact **Kathy Crouse** at 653-6337 or kcrouse@alumni.clemson.edu if interested in helping this wonderful group of young children.

CANTERBURY CORNER

In November, the Canterbury community sponsored six boxes for Operation Christmas Child and braved the cold to park cars for the homecoming football game. Money from this fundraiser will allow the college students to join the rest of the parish at Kanuga in the spring.

The last regular Canterbury meeting will be held **December 10** and will resume on **January 7, 2009**.

Ann Russell has agreed to keep the calendar for the Canterbury dinners. If you are interested in cooking for Canterbury, please talk to Ann about a date (annier@nctv.com, 864.654.3424). We are also looking for people to help set up before or clean up after the dinners. If you are willing to help, please speak to Ann or Mother Susan.

Holy Trinity Youth Groups

The Senior High Fall Event "24" was held Oct. 25-26th at Camp Gravatt. **Zachary Jeffers, Greg Wehrman** and Mother Susan enjoyed the event in spite of the cold night in the open air cabins at Camp Gravatt. 73 persons (youth and leaders) from congregations all over the diocese participated in the event.

Thanks to everyone who contributed donations to the **CROPWALK**. Donations are still drifting in but at this time we know 217 walkers collected just over **\$11,000** to help feed the hungry here in Clemson and around the world.

There will be a **Provincial Youth Event** this summer in **Bay St. Louis, MS, June 22-28, 2009** for students who have completed grades 9-12. Youth from our Diocese will be joining with youth from 19 other dioceses to help continue the repairs after Hurricane Katrina. The cost of the event is @ \$350. A \$150 deposit and registration form is due to the Diocesan office by Feb. 27, 2009. **Greg Wehrman** and **Kayla Massey** attended this event last year. Please speak to Mother Susan if you have any questions.

The youth groups will meet on **1st and 3rd Sundays after the 10:30 service**. Lunch will be served for the youth and their leaders. We need people to sign up to prepare the lunches. Please speak to Mother Susan if you are willing to help! Thanks.

Middle School: (Rite 13)

Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Ski Trip to Winterplace, WV

(deposits due Nov. 16)

March 6-8 Kanuga Parish Weekend

April 4 Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross,

St. Paul's- 4-5 PM

April 24-26 Junior High Spring Retreat,

"New Beginnings", Gravatt, cost \$75

High School: (J2A and YAC)

Dec. 5-7 Happening #60,

Gravatt Conference Center, 10-12 grades, cost \$120

Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Ski Trip to Winterplace, WV,

(deposits due Nov. 16)

Feb. 6-8 "DYLTC"- Camp Bob, Kanuga, cost \$75

March 6-8 Kanuga Parish Weekend

March 20-22 Happening #61,

Gravatt Conference Center, 10-12 grades, cost \$120

April 4 Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross, St. Paul's

June 12-17 YAC Mission Trip, New York City

TBA J2A Pilgrimage

June 22-28 Provincial Youth Mission Trip

to Bay St. Louis, MS, grades 9-12;

cost @ \$350, (\$150 deposit due by Feb. 27)

Support the Clemson Free Clinic on December 4, 6-8 PM, at TRIO!

Welcome to an evening of fine art, delicious signature dishes from area restaurants, and a selection of fine wine samplings! This holiday season the Clinic and the Arts Center are joining in a fund-raising effort to be held at the Arts Center, 212 Butler Street, Clemson, from 6 to 8 PM. You will get a special holiday show for \$30 per person, as well as the satisfaction of supporting not only one but two Clemson non-profits which provide valuable services to our community. Tickets and further information are available from **Lucy Rollin or Mac Wood, or at the Arts Center (864-633-5051).**

Light Everlasting

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 8 pm

Foothills Chorale presents sacred and secular songs that will bring dazzle and shine to your holiday season. Tickets will be available at the door, or may be purchased online at www.foothillschorale.org, or through the Chorale's toll free number, 1-888-WE-SING-2 (937-4642). **(The Brooks Center does not sell tickets to this event.)**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar will be held next Saturday, December 6th from 10am to 2pm Parish Hall.

Come and enjoy a great lunch while you do your Christmas shopping. We have wonderful unique gifts unavailable in the stores.

We can use any baked goods and craft items to sell. We will be setting up for the Bazaar on **Friday, December 5th starting at 9am.** You can drop off your baked goods or craft items at that time.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

THANK YOU!

"Thank you for your continued love and support for Abhay. We don't have words to express our heartfelt gratitude. We are fortunate and proud to be a part of this wonderful community. To update you Abhay, he is doing well and started his school. We took him to John Hopkins to have an expert opinion about his condition. The doctor said his second MRI revealed partial destruction of cells due to radiation which is a positive outcome. We pray and hope that he will remain stable and his condition will get better. We are proud of our little boy who is fighting the best possible way he can. Kindly continue to keep Abhay in your prayers.

Sincerely, Sunil and Preetha"

Abhay attended Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School.

Our Daily Rest

In addition to providing shelter to the transitionally homeless, Our Daily Rest will also build a network within the community and county social agencies and will provide supportive services such as job training, assistance finding transitional and affordable housing, financial guidance and counseling so that its residents may become self sufficient. Visit our website www.ourdailyrest.org, to learn more and to join Our Daily Rest's Path of Hope Campaign.

Free Cookware for Safe Harbor II clients.

The women's book club is collecting the "cookware points" from Bloom for Safe Harbor. The promotion goes to January, so please accumulate lots of points and drop them off in the office or give them to Mellie Warner.

Advent Quiet Evening led by John Nieman Thursday, December 4

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist and healing service
6:00 pm Centering prayer in the Davis
6:45 pm Simple supper
7:15 pm Advent meditation

All are welcome to all or to any part of the evening.

Clemson Community Care

December Food Requests

Dry milk, juice, tomato sauce, macaroni & cheese, cereal, flour, corn meal, and pasta, along with holiday food items and canned goods. **Thank you for your help!**

OUTREACH "Habitat for Humanity" OUTREACH

It's time once again to support one of our several OutReach Projects with something other than money. For several years, we have been active in the "Habitat for Humanity" home building program. All it takes is a minimum of 4 people (men and women) to sign up to work 4 hours (8 am to 1 pm on our designated work days. No skills are required (though it helps) and no tools are required, as Habitat has acquired what is necessary. However, you may bring your own. Listed below are our days to work:

December 13, 2008	February 14, 2009
January 10, 2009	March 14, 2009
January 31, 2009	April 11, 2009

In addition, we have snack days when we are asked to provide a mid-morning snack for 12 persons. This needs to be at the work site by 10:15 am. Listed below are our days for snacks:

January 10, 2009	March 14, 2009
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Sign up sheets are in the narthex, so pick a day or days when you can help in this very worthwhile project!

- Pug Brown, Coordinator

Proposed Change to the By-laws of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish

During the past year, the Vestry appointed a committee to develop a plan to enable people to make Bequests and other Planned Gifts to Holy Trinity. This committee recommended the establishment of a separate Endowment Fund and other committees to support Planned Giving. The committee has also developed the Plan of Operation and the Policies for the Endowment Fund Board.

The present by-laws allow for the establishment and operation of an Endowment Fund. However, as written, they are too detailed and too restrictive to allow Holy Trinity and its members the full benefit of Planned Giving. Furthermore, they do not give the Vestry sufficient and timely oversight of the Endowment Fund and its Board.

In order to provide for the opportunity for members to make Bequests and Planned Gifts to Holy Trinity, the Vestry is proposing to make a change to the by-laws. At the annual Parish meeting in January, the Vestry will ask the Congregation to vote to adopt the following change.

Proposed Change to the By-laws of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Change to the Version of these By-laws dated November 15, 2004.

Delete:

The title and all of the sections and subsections in ARTICLE IX.

Replace with:

ARTICLE IX

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND AND PLANNED GIVING

The Vestry shall establish a separate fund to be known as "The Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Endowment Fund".

The Purpose of this Fund shall be to enhance and expand the ministry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish as set forth in the Mission Statement.

The Vestry shall appoint the members of the Endowment Fund Board.

The Endowment Fund Board shall manage all special gifts, bequests, and other financial contributions designated by their donors for retention as Endowments. The Funds designated by the donor as Endowment Funds shall be managed as true endowment funds with distribution taken from Earnings only, and the retention of Principal.

The Vestry shall approve the Endowment Fund Board's Plan of Operation and its Policies.

The Vestry shall establish other committees, as needed, to support the Endowment Fund and Planned Giving.

Prayer List



Chris, Dan, Joan, Irene, Janet, John, Julie, Kevin, Lois, Lydia, Michael, Miriam, Opal, Sara, Sara Elizabeth, Ann Rives Everett, Billy Orr, Chuck Linell, Deborah Smith, Elizabeth Dudley, Emily King, Harriett Harbin, Mellie LaRoche, Mellie Warner, Melissa Ross, Theda Anthony, Wil Miley.

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

Prayer Request forms are available in the narthex & the church office.

Financial Update

Through November 30, 2008 the parish financial picture is as follows:

Monthly Budgeted Income	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Income:	\$ 48,460.65
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Expenses:	\$ 37,651.91
YTD Budgeted Income:	\$ 523,722.76
YTD Actual Income:	\$ 504,510.85
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 523,722.76
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$ 494,239.56

Our Episcopal Day School

If you placed an order for a poinsettia, please plan to pick it up on **December 10, 2008** from the Day School. Poinsettias will be located in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Watkins at 654-0298. You are invited to attend the **Day School's Christmas Program on December 19th at 9a.m.** which will be held in the Parish Hall. The staff and children of the Day School wish you a joyous Christmas!

Preparing Stone Soup



ECW

The November 10th dinner was enjoyed by approximately 50 women from our parish; we were joined by one brave male: Father Nieman! The fall dinner was a great success. Valerie Paynter entertained and informed us concerning her research to provide a safe way to clean up toxic soil for farmlands. We very much enjoyed learning about her work and hearing a few stories about her family. Beth Kunkel and a group of her talented students served a delicious fall dinner: butternut squash soup, roast pork, fresh greens, pumpkin and pecan pies. We have so many gifted women!

ECW includes women of all generations at Holy Trinity. Although the needs and roles of women today are different from former years, ECW can still be a viable part of our lives. The representative group attending the dinner enthusiastically agreed there continues to be a desire to get together. It was suggested we meet quarterly for a meal and a program, hopefully provided again by one of our own. Suggested future meetings were: February Lunch, April Dinner, and Summer Event - perhaps at Clemson Downs. Transportation could be provided.

Any suggestions? All ideas are welcome! Contact **Betty Snowden or Pat Geldard.**



ECW Dinner
November 10, 2008



Enjoying the program and the Stone Soup!

Thank you for everyone who helped support the **Potato Bar Lunch Fundraiser** on Nov. 16th. We collected **\$709** to help bring 4 youth from Ecuador to Happening #60, a spiritual retreat weekend for youth in grades 10-12. Thanks go to the YAC leaders, members of the YAC class, **Andrew and V.V. Massey** for the wonderful lunch!

Holy Trinity Nurses

If you would like to take part in a Sunday morning monthly blood pressure check, for our parishioners, please let **Judy Surak know** at 654-8743, or judysurak@yahoo.com. This is a great opportunity to share our talents. Thank you!

Fall 2008
UTO Thank You

Twenty-one participants gave a total of **\$559.45** to the **United Thank Offering** to be used to support over a hundred grants in the United States and around the world. Thank you to all of you who used your blue boxes and shared your blessings one coin at a time. If anyone needs a blue box to collect your coins for the spring ingathering just stop by the church office and pick one up there.
- Sally Morrell

2009 Flower Calendar

The 2009 calendar is available now. If you want to select a particular date to donate the flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one), please sign up now. Please provide your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. Tiger Lily will bill you directly or you can use a credit card. If you wish to do so, and are out of town, please email Jessica at jgoodwin@holytrinityclemson.org. Thank you!

The net proceeds from the **Ministers' Cook-off VI** were **\$7800 for Safe Harbor II**. Thanks to John, Carolyn, and all who came to eat. -Mellie Warner

We collected 84 shoeboxes this year for **Operation Christmas Child**. Thank you from 84 children who will be very happy. Next year let's try for a hundred. -Mellie

Christmas Greens and Flowers

Contributions for the Christmas flowers and greens for Holy Trinity and St. Paul's are welcomed. Please specify the wording for memorials and thanksgivings as they should appear in the Christmas bulletin. Checks may be sent to the church office. Please write "*Christmas Flowers*" or "*Christmas Music*" on the memo line of your check. Deadline is **Friday, December 19th.**



Pastoral Care Committee
Casserole/Food Ministry
We Need You!

No required meetings or homework!!!
Persons willing to prepare meals for parishioners because of sickness, new babies, etc.
Contact **Carmen Purkerson** at 864-654-8430 or william.carmen@bellsouth.net

THANK YOU!!!!

Many thanks to each of you who donated funds for the new choir robes. The Choir & the Musicians

Holy Trinity's election results

Phil Maiberger	Senior Warden
Jeffery Ann Yang	Junior Warden
Keri Anderson	Vestry
Kimberly Huddleston	Vestry
Beth Kunkel	Vestry
Rachel Mayo	Vestry
Betty Snowden	Delegate to Diocesan Convention
Frances Wales	Alternate to Diocesan Convention
Kayla Massey	Alternate to Diocesan Convention
Pat Geldard	Day School Board

Thank you to the Nominating Committee and those who have agreed to serve. Great Job!

Vestry Meeting Actions

November 16, 2008

Approval of Minutes from the October meeting.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Mellie Warner. Mellie reported that we have used up the pre-paid pledges. Investment income is down.

Sanctuary Sound System Upgrade – Doug Henry/John Nieman: Doug Henry reported that we have received two quotes for the work that is needed to improve our sanctuary sound system. Our plan is to enhance what we have, not rework the entire system. Memorial funds will be used to make this improvement. Kevin Hughes made a motion to empower Doug Henry to engage a contract with Harrison Productions. John Hewell seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion amended to stipulate that it be done before Christmas. Motion approved unanimously.

(Note to the Parish: A complete set of minutes for each Vestry Meeting is posted in the Parish Hall after approval.)

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There is NO Celtic Service on December 28!!