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Calendar for September

First & Third Sundays of the Month
5:00 pm Service at St. Paul's in Pendleton

Fifth Sundays
5:00 pm - Celtic Service

Tuesdays 5:30-8:00 pm
 EFM meets in parish hall

Second Wednesdays
11:00 am Holy Eucharist @ the Downs

Wednesdays
 Book Group is not meeting at this time
6:00 pm - Canterbury Dinner
6:45 pm - Holy Eucharist
7:30 pm - Adult Choir

Thursdays
5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist and healing service
6:00 pm - Centering Prayer—Davis Library

Sunday, August 31
 Ministries Fair continues

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 7
9:15 am Sunday School reconvenes

Sunday, September 28
10:30 am Canterbury Sunday
5:00 pm Celtic Service

Sunday, October 5
 Episcopal Day School Sunday & Picnic

Sundays, October 19 & 26
 UTO Offering

Friday through Sunday, October 10 to 12
 Cange Conference here at Holy Trinity

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 send an email or bring information to the parish office.

The deadline date for the October edition
September 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!

Dear Ones,

I've wanted to pay a Sunday morning visit to a 'mega church' for over ten years now, but, as you know, I am usually otherwise occupied on Sunday mornings. I've read articles and books about these churches, defined most often as churches with an average Sunday attendance of over 1500. I've heard second and third hand accounts of others' experiences with them. I've even critiqued them. But I have to admit, I've never attended one.

Until last month. During one of my Sundays at home last month, I decided to attend New Springs Church in Anderson, a *bona fide* mega church. I'm glad it took ten years for me finally to get to one of these places, as it took that long for me to bracket most of my prejudices against them and go with a relatively open mind. Specifically, I wanted to see what of value might a traditional Episcopal Church, such as Holy Trinity, learn from such a place.

Several observations might set the stage. Nothing about the physical structure of New Springs identifies it as a church. Other than the modest sign marking the entrance to the parking lot, the grounds and building just as well could be home to the world headquarters of a multinational corporation. The parking lot is huge, and numerous people manage traffic by guiding cars to and from parking spaces.

Approaching the front doors, I was met by greeters who were pleasant, but not pushy. I entered the lobby about ten minutes prior to the start of the service and saw many people chatting, most with coffee and baked goods they had just purchased at the coffee shop inside.

Inside the 'auditorium,' I saw no crosses, pulpits, altars, or baptismal fonts; nothing, that is, that might symbolize and trigger former church experiences. I sat in a comfortable theater seat facing a stage on either side of which hung large video screens. The 75 minute experience consisted of a six piece band playing several Christian rock songs peppered by a few prayers, all of which bracketed a 50 minute motivational Christian talk by the head pastor, Perry Noble.

The auditorium seats over 2000. It was full at the 9:15 service I went to, mostly with gen x and y'ers, but there also were folks who appeared much older. I understand the same number typically attend the 11:15 service.

There was much about the experience that was frankly repulsive to me on several levels, especially theological and liturgical. I expected that might be the case. But my purpose was not to find elements to critique. It was to find elements to bring home for reflection. What are those?

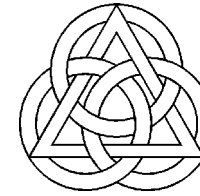
First, I received a friendly, low-key welcome. No one overwhelmed me, but I was clear who the greeters were and confident they would be able to direct me to any kind of help if I had asked for it. At the 'information desk' there were people trained to answer questions, but they were completely respectful when I told them I was 'just looking.' What might we do to focus more attention on carefully attending to the seeker who is 'just looking?'

Second, the church is clearly oriented toward attracting people in their 20s-40s. It is a media savvy church, a church that breathes the gen x and y air. It knows what makes young folks comfortable, and intentionally seeks to make them feel at home. How might we make Holy Trinity more of a home to these folks?

Third, the message-I just can't bring myself to call it a sermon-is totally practical. It offers a direct response to the kinds of questions many young folks ask. The basic question on the Sunday I was there was, *How should a Christian respond to the culture?* That, frankly, is a very good question. What might we do to discover, honor and respond to the very good questions young folks, including teenagers, ask?

I am sure there are many good ways to respond to the questions I am posing. Now is a good time for all of us at Holy Trinity to give ourselves the freedom to think outside the box and imagine what our own responses might look like. This fall, the Vision 20/20 committee will be inviting us to do just that. This is not about trying to be like some other church that attracts 4000 people on a Sunday. Not only is that not likely, but also, for many reasons, it may not be desirable. But it is about discerning how to be faithful to our identity and proclaim the Gospel of Christ afresh to a new generation and a new world. We are called to do nothing less.

Peace,

Holy Trinity Episcopal 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.

The Rev. John S. Nieman, Rector

August 12, 2008

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

It is time to nominate individuals to serve in various elected positions, whose terms will begin in January 2009. Position descriptions for a **Vestry Member**, **Member of the Day School Board of Directors**, and **Diocesan Delegate** can be obtained in the church office, or an electronic copy may be emailed upon request. Email requests to Jessica Goodwin at jgoodwin@holyltrinityclmson.org. The position descriptions include qualifications and responsibilities associated with each position.

Nominations will begin on Sunday, August 17, and close on Sunday, August 31, 2008. Ballots will be mailed with the October issue of Tempo (near the end of September), and voting will close at noon on Sunday, November 3, 2008. Parishioners may volunteer for nomination, or nominate someone else.

This year we are trying to simplify the process for nominating individuals for the various offices, by eliminating the need for a nomination form as has been used in past years. We want to encourage qualified individuals to consider running themselves, or nominating someone else, who they believe would do a great job in the particular office. We are also starting a little earlier than in recent years, to allow those elected to the Vestry to attend meetings prior to officially taking office for the purpose of observing and learning.

If you have questions, or need further information, please call or email one of the following members of the nominating committee.

Kevin Hughes	654-2122	hugheskev@aol.com
Tommye Hurst	654-1449	tommye@riverhurstshops.com
Henry Pate	654-1963	dhpate@nctv.com
Jim Snowden	653-6709	jgsnowden@bellsouth.net
Judy Surak	654-8743	judysurak@yahoo.com

Prayerfully consider nominating someone, or volunteering for nomination yourself. Serving on the **Vestry is one** way to share your talents with your parish.

Yours in Christ,

Your Vestry Nominating Committee

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St. Paul's, Pendleton
193 Old Greenville Highway, Clemson, SC 29631-1335
Fax: 864-654-5066

Canterbury of Clemson
Episcopal Day School
E-mail: htchurch@holyltrinityclmson.org

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@holyltrinityclemsn.org



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.

September Food Requests

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

Thank You for your help !



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!



A huge **THANK YOU !!** to **Joe and Carol Ball and the members of the Vestry** who hosted the

Lemonade on the Lawn

during the summer months. Please say "THANKS!" when you see them!



Thrift Shop

We are preparing to re-open the Thrift Shop in early September and are accepting donations. If you have donations,, please contact **Diana Manly (944-5731)**, **Wendy Longo (646-9043)**, or **Sally Mathiasen (654-1733)** to arrange a drop-off time.



We still need volunteers to work 1 shift of 2½ hours per month, or even to consider being a substitute.

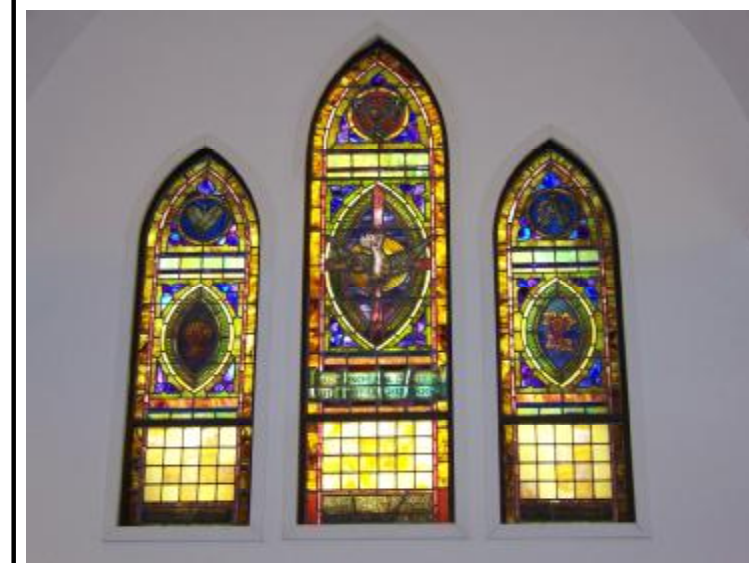
The Thrift Shop hours are

Mondays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm, and 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).

We will re-open the 1st Thursday after Labor Day – September 4th.

Our beautiful windows from the old church building.



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

528 Old Greenville Highway

Clemson, SC 29631

Or call 864-653-6204

PRAYER LIST

Those using first names only are listed first and those using first & last second.

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

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

Please Check your pledge!!!!

I hope everyone's had a great summer. Now that fall activities are in full swing, it's time to evaluate where you stand on your pledge. Summer is always a slow time and December usually gets us to the finish line, but the church needs a steady flow of income to keep things moving.

Your help is appreciated.
Mellie Warner, Treasurer.

Financial Update

Through August 27,2008

the parish financial picture is as follows:

Monthly Budgeted Income:	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Income:	\$ 24,339.96
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 47,611.16
Monthly Actual Expenses:	\$ 14,465.74
YTD Budgeted Income:	\$ 380,889.28
YTD Actual Income:	\$ 371,663.85
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$380,889.28
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$338,548.37

Holy Trinity Youth Groups

Kayla Massey and Greg Wehrman attended the Provincial Youth Event in Bay St. Louis, MS, June 24-30.

Kayla wrote this reflection about the trip:

Provincial Youth Event (PYE) was, yet again, an experience unlike any other. This was my second summer getting to help at Bay St. Louis, so I was really excited about going. As we were driving through the Gulf Coast (after a 9 hour bus ride), I looked around and saw SO much progress. There were apartments and Waffle Houses (13 to be exact), and so many more houses than there had been the year before, it was awesome just getting to see the improvement over one year. When we got there we were given a color and that was our work group; my color was wine, our group was the weed group and we spent 3 of our 4 days pulling weeds. As glamorous as it sounds.....we actually had a lot of fun! We also spread a gravel drive way leading into a butterfly garden. That was really tiring, because it was really hot, but it was really rewarding at the end of the day to step back and look at what we had accomplished. I learned a lot over our week on the Gulf Coast. More than just what poison oak looks like (after it gets wrapped around your legs), a sling blade is not a toy, and just how much fun garden tillers can be, but how one person's hope, and another person's actions, can bring a small town from complete chaos back to a home.

Gil Snowden and Kayla Massey attended the National Youth Event in San Antonio, TX, July 8-18. Here are their reflections that were posted on the Diocesan Youth email newsletter, Youthspace. Contact Mother Susan, or visit the diocesan website www.edusc.org to subscribe.

Gil wrote:

Before traveling to EYE this summer I had the opportunity to travel to Quito, Ecuador, with St. Paul's in Fort Mill. I had no idea what to expect when I arrived, but seeing how God was at work in the world was truly an amazing experience. We worked directly with two Episcopal missions on the south side of town doing construction, and of course spending time with the people, who were thrilled to have us there. It was a truly awesome experience and one that I would recommend to anyone.

A week after returning from Ecuador, I left to go to EYE, excited, and a little anxious about being with twelve hundred other Episcopalians, Shortly after arriving, I realized that I had nothing to worry about. The community was open and inviting, and I felt perfectly at home, even though I still don't know half of the people that were there. Being around people my own age, in such an environment was a very positive experience, and one that I would gladly go through again.

Kayla wrote:

EYE was an inspiring experience where we were given the opportunity to meet 1200 other Anglican youth and adults from all over the world. We spent 5 days at Trinity College in San Antonio Texas. The theme of the event was *Sown in the Heart of Christ*. We learned about how everyone encounters rocky ground, dry ground, and good soil in their lives, and how to handle each situation.

Canterbury Corner

Canterbury is in full swing again. Our first dinner of the semester was August 20, and we have returned to our regular schedule. A home-cooked meal will be provided for students at 6pm every Wednesday followed by celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:45pm, and a program in the Canterbury Cottage at 7:30pm. Although this is a student-led Eucharist with contemporary music, please remember that the Eucharist is a public worship of Holy Trinity and **everyone is welcome to attend**, not just our college students!

Amy Hixon is returning as our Peer Minister this year. She attended, and led the Diocesan Peer Minister Training Conference on August 22-24 in Saluda, NC, and has many new ideas for this semester. Amy is working on new programs and hopes to work with our students to offer a weekly Bible study during Sunday school, and update the Canterbury Cottage. Please introduce yourself to Amy on Sundays at the 10:30am service.

Ann Russell has agreed to keep the calendar for the **Canterbury dinners**. If you are interested in cooking for Canterbury, please talk to her 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 with Ann or Mother Susan!

Christian Education

Church School for all ages begins on
Sunday, September 7, at 9:15am!

Have breakfast beginning at 8:45am, and join a class. Options for adults are listed below, and each one should prove to be most interesting.

Christ to Constantine

Leader: Weldon Fill, Mary Jeffers

This course utilizes video tapes to set the stage for discussion of the early Church including the religious world at the time, Paul's contribution, and the rise of anti-Judaism. The first three hundred years of the Church's life also saw the persecutions, and then the Christianization of the Roman Empire. Finally, the New Testament canon was defined, and the doctrine and liturgy were developed.

The Practice of Prayer

Leader: Joanna Schuman

This class will read and discuss this book, which bears the same title, is part of the New Church Teaching Series, and was written by the Reverend Margaret Guenther. It is described as a down-to-earth book on the essentials of prayer, and includes discussions of basic matters of Christian practice.

Reflections on the Psalms

Leader: Wayne Heath

This group will use the book by this title written by C. S. Lewis, to reflect on the Psalm designated for the upcoming Sunday.

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.

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.

Freeze it and keep it at your home, or store at the church!

Keep ingredients for your favorite meal on hand!

Need ideas on what to make?

We can help you there too!

Contact Carmen Purkerson at 864-654-8430 or william.carmen@bellsouth.net

The Altar Guild

At the Altar Guild's luncheon meeting on August 12, **Barbara Armstrong (888-8011)** and **Wendy Ross (653-3602)** were selected to serve as **Chair and Co-Chair**. Please contact Barbara or Wendy with questions.

Vestry Actions: August 17, 2008

Approval of Minutes from June and July meetings

(Note to the Parish: Once Vestry minutes are approved, a complete set of minutes is posted in the Parish Hall.)

Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Mellie Warner reported plate offerings are a bit behind. She will put a reminder in TEMPO encouraging parishioners to catch up on their pledges which may have lapsed during the summer months. The maintenance line item is still over budget.

2008/09 Day School Budget Approval – Michele Cauley gave an overview of the Day School budget, noting that costs for updates/repairs necessary to become DSS certified put the Day School over budget last year. A revised budget will be presented if registrations do not come in as expected.

Banking Services RFP Approval – Phil Maiberger presented an RFP for banking services for the mortgage on the recently purchased old Methodist Church property currently leased by Crosspoint Church.