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**Financial Update as of March 24, 2010**

	<u>Income</u>	Operating Fund	<u>Expenses</u>
	\$ 44,917.00	Monthly Budget	\$ 44,922.00
	\$ 29,877.22	Monthly Actual	\$ 21,616.51
	\$ 134,751.00	Year to Date Budget	\$ 134,762.00
	\$ 96,266.63	Year to Date Actual	\$ 96,563.16

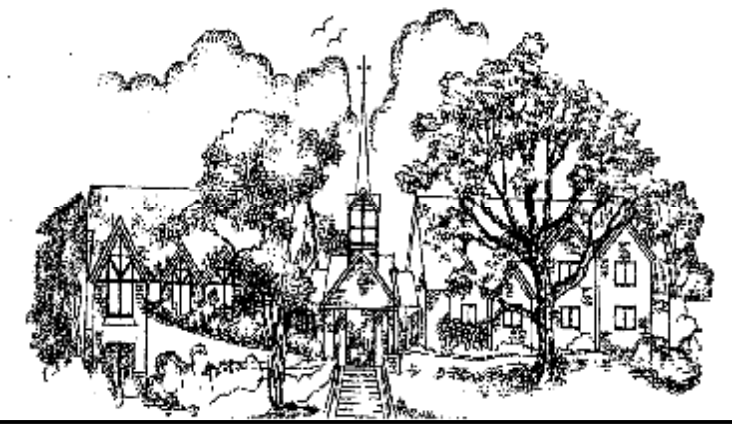
**Financial Update on the Prism Campaign**

2008-2010 Amount Pledged	\$951,481.02
Amount Received thru March 24, 2010	\$663,917.84
Amount Under	(\$287,563.18)

# *The Tempo*

## 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**



**April 2010**

- April Calendar**
- Sunday 4th Easter**  
No 5pm Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
  - Monday 5th Church Offices Closed**
  - Wednesday 7th**  
12:30 PM Book Group  
6:00 PM Canterbury Dinner  
6:45 PM Holy Eucharist
  - Saturday 10th**  
8:00 AM Men's Book Group
  - Wednesday 14th**  
11:00 PM Holy Eucharist at The Downs  
12:30PM Women's Book Group  
6:00PM Canterbury Dinner/ Program  
and Compline  
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
  - Thursday 15th**  
5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing  
6:00PM ECW Dinner & Program
  - Sunday 18th**  
Blood Pressure checks  
(after the 10:30 service)  
2:00PM Miriam's Project  
5:00 PM Evening Prayer at St. Paul's  
7:00PM Vestry Meeting
  - Wednesday 21st**  
12:30 PM Book Group  
6:00 PM Canterbury Dinner  
6:45 PM Holy Eucharist  
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
  - Thursday 22nd**  
5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
  - Wednesday 28th**  
10:00 AM Tempo Mailing  
12:30PM Women's Book Group  
6:00PM Canterbury Dinner/ Program  
and Compline  
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
  - Thursday 29th**  
5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
  - Sunday 25th**  
9:15AM Adult Forum  
5:00PM Celtic Service
  - Friday 30th**  
6:00PM Day School's 50th Anniversary

**Rector's Column**

Dear Ones,

Does God have a will for our lives? If so, how do we know it? Every Christian ponders those questions over the course of a lifetime, often poignantly at critical decision points.

Most of us probably eschew the extreme ends of the spectrum of thought about God's will. On one end is the deist view that God is removed and uninvolved in our world and lives. God created the cosmos with its laws, stepped back and has since let it alone on its own trajectory. God's will, according to this perspective, is irrelevant, and to pray that God's will be done is meaningless. God has left us to our own devices and is off doing other things.

On the other end of the spectrum is the view that God micromanages every detail of everything according to His complete and total foreknowledge, and nothing we do or say can thwart the Divine intention. God is constantly busy keeping all things humming along in proper balance, responding to every petition, sometimes, of course, in ways that don't seem clear to us. This is the perspective that might give God credit for granting a request for a good parking spot at Bi-Lo, but only because it somehow fits perfectly into the big picture.

Most of us likely hold a view somewhere between those two extremes. We do not believe God is totally absent, but neither do we believe God is a control freak. Humans have free will after all, and generally we experience our will and God's will as intermixed. The big challenge is knowing how to separate the two so we can see clearly which is which. That's where the gift of discernment comes in.

Discernment is a form of sifting, separating things one from another so that each can be seen for what it is. Discernment is central to the Christian spiritual life as we are always seeking what is of God and what is not. Individuals rarely can expect to accomplish sound discernment on their own. That's because we rarely see ourselves accurately; we are often blind to the multiple ways we deceive ourselves. It's no wonder that the Church has always recognized that discernment happens best when done in the context of the wider community.

Over the past several years, the people of Diocese of the Rio Grande have been carefully and prayerfully seeking to discern who might be their next bishop. They have sought to look honestly at themselves. They have worked hard to separate out the many and varied agendas and interests of individuals and groups in an effort to see the kind of person God might be calling. Over the past eight months, I have been carefully and prayerfully seeking to discern whether God might be calling me to that ministry. Several others have been doing the same.

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That mutual discernment will draw to a close when the last ballot is cast on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The most intense phase of that discernment will occur during the week of April 8- 14, when those of us who are the final nominees will participate in the “walkabout” process. We will meet hundreds of people and respond to their questions in five locations across that vast geographical expanse.

Many of you have asked me what to pray for regarding the election. My response is simple. Pray that all involved in the process continue to be open and honest with themselves and one another. Pray that we see clearly as the sifting continues. Pray that the Holy Spirit is given as much room as possible to move freely, encountering as few obstacles of human manufacture as possible. And finally, pray that God’s will be done.

Peace,

John

**A Poem from Julie Lewis**

Gilda Palomo, our cook and my childhood caregiver, shared her Quechua faith with me. She came to us from Santiago del Estero, in Northern Argentina, where the mountains have names and legends hide under every rock. Pacha Mama, la Madre Tierra, Mother Earth, White Buffalo Woman and Mary of Bethlehem would be one and the same to her.

**Purity**

I am walking in a dream  
 Journey mode, familiar ground  
 slowly, careful footprints set  
 slipping, sliding moving East  
 iridescent crystal womb  
 powdered sugar paradise  
 birdsong in backlit coral  
 peace in wonder born anew  
 magic of a fairy’s wand  
 even coating all around  
 catching light, glowing bright  
 radiance of the fallen snow.

Shining fingers gently probe  
 rough terrain of unhealed scars  
 Tears brim as her Presence spreads  
 through the desert rocks and spires.

(I see myself and accept  
 ready to surrender all  
 but She blesses and returns  
 my long buried Joy to me:  
 diamond facets spark and flash,  
 as butterfly wings awake.)

Rivers of grace and knowing  
 revealing, flowing, filling  
 cleansing, binding, comforting  
 carry the wreckage away.

Cradled, held within her heart  
 safe in a circle of drums  
 once again I start to dance.

There is no need...no longing  
 There is no pain or regret  
 There is no fear...no anger  
 There is no shame or judgement  
 There is only Mother Earth  
 Pacha Mama robed in white.

**Episcopal Day School**

The school has an eventful spring coming up! April 8<sup>th</sup> will be Family Fun Night. Day School families will bring food to share for a pot-luck dinner at 6pm and “Fish the Magish” will perform. Also on this evening, the drawing for the beautiful handmade quilt will be held. You are welcome to come join us for this fun event, just bring some food to share! April also entails field trips to TRI-ART performances at Clemson University’s Brooks Center and trips to local businesses for the kindergarten class as they learn about community helpers.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Episcopal Day School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will start at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased from Kathy Crouse at church on Sundays or from the Day School Office on weekdays. We look forward to seeing you for this exciting event of memories made over the past half century!

Applications are still being accepted for the 2010-2011 School Year. Come sign up your children for school and tell your friends! See more information at our website: [www.holytrinityclemson.org/dayschool.htm](http://www.holytrinityclemson.org/dayschool.htm)



Kindergarten student gives a hug to Mrs.Mellie Laroche during a visit to the Clemson Downs delivering Valentines



4 year Old Red Birds celebrate St. Patrick's Day 3-17-10



Celebration of a birthday in the chapel

- April Birthdays**
- 4/1 Ellen Warner
  - 4/2 Sally Snowden
  - 4/2 Tori Hurst
  - 4/2 Elizabeth Mauer
  - 4/4 Andy O'Day
  - 4/4 Alex Bennett
  - 4/4 James Harrison
  - 4/5 Sarah Maiberger
  - 4/5 Beth Newton
  - 4/6 Ethel Allen
  - 4/6 Carolyn Foster
  - 4/6 Eleanor Hare
  - 4/6 Jean Jordan
  - 4/6 Josh Vaughn
  - 4/7 Mary Jeffers
  - 4/8 Sonny Pridgen
  - 4/8 Martha Hall
  - 4/8 Jennifer Geer
  - 4/9 Amy Agosti
  - 4/9 Kevin Crouse
  - 4/9 Susannah Rauton
  - 4/9 Jack Purkerson
  - 4/10 Joy DuBois
  - 4/10 Matt DeCubellis
  - 4/10 Rachel Maiberger
  - 4/10 Riley Stokes
  - 4/13 Libby Wehrman
  - 4/13 Sarah Warner
  - 4/13 Ashlin Deatherage
  - 4/13 Kristin Deatherage
  - 4/14 Jonathan Sparks
  - 4/14 Georgia Campbell
  - 4/14 John Garrett
  - 4/15 Darrelly Yardley
  - 4/15 Ned Mayo
  - 4/15 Ariana Yardley
  - 4/16 Kathy Sparks
  - 4/16 Lori Waddington
  - 4/16 Colin Ross
  - 4/17 Henry Pate
  - 4/17 McKenzie Rowland
  - 4/18 Connor McPeak
  - 4/19 Betty Martin
  - 4/19 Valerie Paynter
  - 4/19 Don Garrett
  - 4/20 Will Purkerson
  - 4/20 Lucas Pringle
  - 4/21 Ross Hanahan III
  - 4/21 Kyle Rothfork
  - 4/23 Barbara Clark
  - 4/23 Chris Yardley
  - 4/24 Al Lane
  - 4/24 Pat Knowles
  - 4/24 Mitchell Dobrenen
  - 4/25 Alex Ragsdale
  - 4/27 John Wells
  - 4/30 Dot Sams
  - 4/30 Peter Kapeluck
  - 4/30 David Waddington
  - 4/30 Wright Henry III

OutreachHoly Trinity's blood drive to be held May 3, 2010

Holy Trinity's blood drive, to be held May 3, 2010 from 3 PM to 7:30 PM, will honor Dr. Roger Ross. He is the poster "doc" for everyone with a bleeding disorder; they face surgery and injury knowing that the bleeding may not stop. Dr. Ross's wife, Wendy, describes a recent surgery below.

"Roger Ross, a member of our congregation and a local veterinarian, has reason to thank the blood bank and the many donors who give so generously. Last summer Roger suffered a major hemorrhage a week after sinus surgery. The doctor in Seneca was unable to stop the bleeding before Roger lost half his blood volume. He received four pints of blood and three infusions of platelets. He was then transferred to Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). The doctors there were able to close off the arteries that supply blood to the sinuses and the bleeding stopped.

Roger suffers from a rare condition that causes his tissue to fail to heal after it is cut during surgery. Once the stitches dissolve or the clots fall off, the wound reopens and the bleeding goes unchecked. He will risk his life if he undergoes any further surgery. Donated whole blood is the only thing that will save his life. We are immensely grateful to all those who have donated blood in the past and all those who continue to give. We urge everyone who is able to donate during this blood drive to do so. Please know that somewhere there is a patient who desperately needs the blood." *by Wendy Ross*

Bloom Points

At long last the Bloom kitchen appliances have arrived. With your help and that of University Lutheran and others, we were able to get 20 small appliances to donate to Safe Harbor II, the women's shelter that serves Anderson, Pickens and Oconee Counties. We got 12 small coffee makers, 6 toasters, and 2 waffle irons. These will be given to the women as they set up housekeeping and start their new lives. Thanks to all who donated their points. I wonder what they'll give away next. *Mellie*

Habitat for Humanity

Between now and 5/29/2010 we hope to help Ft. Hill Presbyterian complete the house begun during Clemson's homecoming. Workdays will be Saturdays 8:30 to 12:30. The dates for the workdays are April 17, and May 15. If you are interested, please call me at (864) 944-8380 or email [16calmsea@bellsouth.net](mailto:16calmsea@bellsouth.net). Financial contributions are always welcome. *-Pug Brown*

The Clemson area Home Tour

The Clemson area Home Tour, a fundraiser for the Clemson Child Development Center, will be held April 18, from 11 am to 5pm. Five homes (including the Maibergers) and the West End at Death Valley will be included in the \$20 ticket. If you would only like to tour the West End, the ticket is \$10.

CAT busses will provide the transportation. Tickets and information are available in the church office. Let's support the CCDC. Thanks, *Jane Hamilton*

The Lenten Challenge for (Coin) Change for Cange continues until March 28 (Remember the amount collected during Lent will be matched by an anonymous donor.

ECW SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday, April 15, our guest speaker will be Dr. Edwin Leap. Dr. Leap is a practicing emergency physician and a writer. Hopefully he is better known to us for the latter: columns in *The Greenville News* and *Daily Journal/Daily Messenger* or in his books *Working Knights* and *Cats Don't Hike*. This very special program will begin at 6:00 pm with wine/cheese social. Supper will be served at 6:30 pm. Dr. Leap's presentation is entitled, "Shooting Arrows at the Enemy; Why Christian Children Matter to the Future of America."

Because parents will not want to miss this opportunity to hear Dr. Leap, a nursery will be provided. (Yes, fathers are included!) In thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of the Episcopal Day School, we are asking for donations which will contribute to reimbursement for a light supper as well as a Day School Scholarship, given in honor of Dr. Edwin Leap.

So hurry and get your taxes mailed off in time to join us for a memorable evening!

RSVP: Church Office 654 - 5071; Betty Snowden 653 - 6709; Pat Geldard 654-6601

Seeing the opportunities, gifts, resources I have been given.

Thanking God for all that I am and can be.

Envisioning my place in God's creation.

Wanting to pass forward what has been given to me.

Awakening my generosity and being aware of its power.

Realizing my part.

Dreaming of a world with enough for all.

Sharing with a joyful heart.

Hoping for those who have no hope.

Involving myself in the dreams of others.

Promising to give in all ways I can give, with all that I am and will be.

**STEWARDSHIP.** It's not just one Sunday in church. It's every day, everywhere. It's a personal and a collective journey. Think about it. Act on it. Call us with your ideas, or join us. We're active all year.

Pastoral Care

There will be a meeting of Daughters of the Kings on **Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 12:00 PM** to continue the study program. If you are interested in Daughters of the King or would like more information please contact Jackie Ayres at 864-888-1526 or [jayres8@att.net](mailto:jayres8@att.net)

**A Reminder—Blood Pressure Checks** -Would you like to know your blood pressure? The nurses in our Holy Trinity church family will be available to take blood pressures after the 10:30 am service, on the **third Sunday** of each month. Gather at the tables in Moorman Hall and individual blood pressures will be taken in the Davis Library. We welcome you.

Other Announcements

**Congratulations to Ben Skardon** for marching 10 miles with his family (granddaughters) at the 21st Annual Bataan Memorial Death March held in New Mexico on March 21, 2010. The Bataan Memorial Death March honors a special group of World War II heroes. These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines. The conditions they encountered and the aftermath of the battle were unique. They fought in a malaria-infested region, surviving on half or quarter rations with little or no medical help. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air power.

On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. The Americans were Army, Army Air Corps, Navy and Marines. Among those seized were members of the 200<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery, New Mexico National Guard. They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

Trip opportunity with Dr. Peter Cohen

Dr. Peter Cohen is leading a trip to Turkey this June 10-24. If you are interested in more information, email him at [pcohen@clemson.edu](mailto:pcohen@clemson.edu), call him at (650-5497) and/or check out the following web site. There is very limited space left for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. <http://petercohen.grouptoursite.com/groups/PETERCOHEN.aspx>

## Christian Formation

### Children's Sunday School

Christian education for all ages on Sunday mornings begins at 9:15AM.

### Youth

April 23-25: Jr. High New Beginnings, at Gravatt, grades 6-8, cost \$75  
Registration deadline is Friday, April 9, 2010.

### Prayers for Youth Leadership in the Journey to Adulthood Program

For several years now Holy Trinity has used the Journey to Adulthood program with our youth. The program design is for three segments that we usually begin every other year. Youth enter the first segment – Rite-13 – which is explained a bit more in another article in this issue of Tempo, when they are in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The second – J2A – begins when youth are in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade and culminates with a pilgrimage and often with confirmation. The third is the YAC group, or Young Adults in the Church, and is for senior high school youth. Each segment lasts two years, so we start new groups every other year. Although it requires planning, the program offers lessons that are scripturally based and sound. Leaders often look at the notebook they are given with some trepidation, but they are usually quite thankful for its resources – especially anyone who took on youth leadership in the past when very few resources were available. The program recommends each group having at least one male and one female who will commit to two years of leadership on Sunday mornings as well as two Sunday afternoons each month. We have found it to be less a burden if we can find two of each gender; a team of four allows people to be a bit more flexible with their time and more confident in sharing the lesson plans.

This coming fall we will form three new groups and would very much like to have four leaders committed to each one. In previous years the Christian Education Committee has been very deliberate and prayerful in thinking about leadership. We have considered the qualities of leaders outlined in the program planning: among other things leaders are easily amused, but not easily shocked; they are flexible; they are willing to be role models for youth; they are kind. They do not necessarily fit the old model of being an energetic young couple preferably just out of college with no children; in fact, an older person who is described by the qualities above can have a wonderful ministry with youth.

Holy Trinity is blessed to have such wonderful children and youth in our midst. We as a committee request the prayers of the parish for the youth and for us as we try to discern new leaders. If you think that you or someone you know has the gifts for this ministry, please contact a member of the committee with the name. And if someone has spoken with you about being involved, please give the request your prayerful consideration – and consider it a great compliment!

–Carolyn Wheeler, Minister of Christian Formation

Committee chairman: Wayne Heath

Vestry liaison: Kathy Crouse

Other members: Daniel Bozard, Scooty Burch, Carolyn Foster, Cathy Garrett, Bob Green, Melissa Hawkins, Mary Jeffers, John Nieman, Joanna Schuman, Bob Towell, and Sandi Tice-Wright.



Cross made by the children at Kanuga



Meditation room at Kanuga  
made by the 5th & 6th grade class

## Christian Formation

### The Rite-13 Ceremony

Throughout history and across cultures people have recognized rites of passage from childhood into adulthood; however, it appears that we are one culture that does not regularly do so. In the not-too-distant past Confirmation was perhaps seen as such a rite of passage, after which the confirm and could receive Holy Communion. But too often being confirmed was decided as a group, required by parents, and signaled an exodus from the Church. The Confirmation tradition of individual decision and transition from childhood into adulthood was lost.

Several years ago Bishop Henderson said that he wanted young people to wait until they were about sixteen before being confirmed. At the same time he endorsed the Journey to Adulthood program in this diocese. The program is based on two foundational elements – that manhood and womanhood are gifts from God that simply come with natural human development and should be celebrated accordingly, and that adulthood must be earned and young people must have assistance in that growth process. The first two-year segment of the program is called Rite-13, and it is so named for the rite of passage that is celebrated some time around the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday of the participants. The church is the most appropriate group of people to take on such celebration: we are intergenerational, we include both genders, and we are able to speak about our faith and our values to these young teenagers.

On May 2 our group will be recognized with its Rite-13 ceremony during the 10:30 service. During the ceremony, which is fairly brief, there is a recognition that these young people, created in God's image and with great creative powers of their own, have begun to move out into the world – beyond family and into other spheres of influence. They are charged to be loyal and responsible friends to one another. There is prayer for the parents as they watch their children grow into their full stature. And there is a charge to the congregation to “guard, guide, and sustain” them along the way. Our leaders have been wonderful guards, guides and sustainers to this point, and we often assume that our teens feel appreciated and accepted as a vital part of our congregation. But adolescence can be such a time of uncertainty that we need to take this opportunity to affirm all that is good in the young people who live and grow around us and to recognize them as young men and women in our midst. Don't miss this incredible chance to say aloud and in a very powerful way, “We stand with you as you make your way on the journey; we're here if you need us, and we love you.” Please keep all of our youth, their parents, and their leaders in your prayers, and please be with us on May 2 to celebrate!

### Adults

#### Men's Book Group

The men's book group continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00 am in the library. All men of the parish are welcome; the next gathering will be Saturday, April 10th.

#### Women's Book Group

The women's book group continues its reading on Wednesday afternoons, 12:30 PM in the library. Everyone is welcome!

#### Adult Inquirers' Sessions: Episcopal Church 101

If you think you might be interested in participating or have questions, please contact John Nieman at 654-5071 or [jnieman@holytrinityclemsonton.org](mailto:jnieman@holytrinityclemsonton.org)

### Canterbury

Canterbury is hoping to travel to Haiti this coming summer. Please keep a lookout for upcoming fundraisers! 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 (864.654.3424 or [annier@nctv.com](mailto:annier@nctv.com)). 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 Amy Hixon.