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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.



Wednesday, January 14

11:00 am Holy Eucharist at the Downs

Sunday, January 18

11:45 am Youth Groups Meet

5:00 pm Evening Prayers
 St. Paul's in Pendleton

Sunday, January 25

9:15 am Annual Parish Meeting
 Proposed change to the bylaws

5:00 pm Celtic Service

Monday, January 26

3:00-7:30 pm Blood Drive

Saturday, January 31

8:00 am Habitat Workday

Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1

Youth Groups Ski Trip to
 Winterplace, WV

Friday & Saturday, February 7 & 8

Vestry Retreat in the parish hall

Calendar for January

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
 6:00 pm Canterbury Dinner
 6:45 pm Holy Eucharist
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursdays

5:15 pm Healing Service
 6:00 pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, January 6

5:15 pm Epiphany Service

Friday, January 9

Committee Reports due for Annual Report

Saturday, January 10

7:30 am Men's Book Group @ Jittery Joe's

Saturday, January 10

Habitat for Humanity
 8:00 am Workday
 10:15 am Snacks

Sunday, January 11

7:00 pm Israel Trip info session



Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.,
Bishop of Upper South Carolina
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 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 February edition
January 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,

Every once in a while we Episcopalians are reminded that our church extends far beyond the walls of our individual parish. Even the most active among us sometimes run the risk of becoming so absorbed in the life of the local parish that we lose sight of a bigger picture.

Yet our polity is Episcopal, not Congregationalist, and that means that our identity is rooted in a sense of the Body of Christ far larger than any one local worshiping community can contain. I once casually mentioned in a sermon many years ago in a different diocese that the fundamental ecclesiastical unit of our common identity as Episcopalians is the diocese and its Bishop, not the local congregation and its priest. It's the only time – at least, of which I'm aware – that someone walked out on one of my sermons! (He obviously was not a big fan of the Bishop.)

Recently we were given one of those reminders of our larger identity, as all of us have begun to absorb the news that our Bishop for the past fourteen years, the Right Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, will be retiring. According to his statement (posted on the diocesan website www.edusc.org) his resignation will be effective "on the date of the consecration of the eighth Bishop of the Diocese, or on December 31, 2009, whichever occurs first."

Over the years, I have noticed that far too many Episcopalians lack an appreciation for the role of the Bishop. That's understandable, given that we in fact don't see him/her much, and that most of our church awareness revolves around the local congregation.

But the Bishop is crucial to who we are. The Bishop is our "chief pastor," our spiritual leader, the one who by his/her presence and actions sets the context for the health and direction of the entire diocese. The Bishop shares in the councils of the entire church. The Bishop is the one whose eyes see the widest vision and whose arms stretch around the broadest expression of the Church. Without a strong, compassionate Bishop grounded in Christ we all suffer. On the other hand, when we are blessed with such a pastor, as we have been for the past fourteen years, we are inspired to hope not in what we might see directly in front of us, but in nothing less than the vision of the Realm of God made manifest in Christ.

Bishop Henderson has been open for over a year that he is approaching canonical mandatory retirement age, and has been working hard to prepare the diocese for what he calls a "seamless transition in Episcopal leadership." Our gift to him as the people of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina will be to accomplish that transition with grace, sensitivity and, above all, steeped in prayer.

I invite you to keep tuned in to news about the search and transition process by regularly checking updates on the diocesan website. And above all, keep Bishop Henderson and all those involved in the search process in your prayers.

Peace,



John

Canterbury Corner

The first Canterbury meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, January 7th, 2009. However, with the beginning of a new semester, Canterbury of Clemson is changing its schedule! We will still meet every Wednesday and begin with a home-cooked meal at 6:45pm. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, we will continue with our traditional Holy Eucharist, while on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays we will participate in a program and Compline.

We have an exiting calendar of events for this semester:

January 9: Canterbury Night Out

January 10: Habitat Work Day

January 30-February 1: Vocare #4

February 13: Canterbury Night Out

February 14: Habitat Work Day

February 21: Holy Trinity Prom

March 6-8: Kanuga Parish Retreat

March 13: Canterbury Night Out

March 14: Habitat Work Day

April 10: Canterbury Night Out

April 11: Habitat Work Day

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.

Change is Here!!

There will be a change in our **Wednesday night Eucharists!** Starting in January we will have **Eucharist at 6:45 pm** on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of the month. All are welcome to attend this service. The Canterbury students lead the service and the music. On the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** there will be **NO Eucharist**. On those weeks the Canterbury community will have a program followed by Compline.

Holy Trinity Youth Groups

Thanks to all the youth and leaders who caroled at the Downs on Sunday, Dec. 21st. Thanks go to Susie Stokes and Billy Bridges for leading our carols with their guitars and voices.

There will be a **Provincial Youth Event** this summer in **Bay St. Louis, MS, June 22-28, 2009** for students 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, 2008. **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

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)

Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Ski Trip to Winterplace, WV,

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)

Adult Education Offerings: Winter 2009

A new series of Sunday morning adult education options begin on January 4th. Four offerings reflect the ongoing commitment of the Christian Education Committee to maintain a balance among scripture, tradition/history, and spirituality. Classes run from 9:15-10:15 a.m. each Sunday. All are welcome!

Books of the Apocrypha

A look at the themes and background of the collection of books not officially recognized as canonical by Protestants but nevertheless encouraged to be read and used.

Leader: Wayne Heath Location: Office Conference Room (Adjacent to the staff offices below the church)

Contemporary Issues in the Church

A discussion of some of the present and future key issues facing the Church.

Leader: John Nieman Location: Vestry Conference Room

Dreams: God's Forgotten Language

Using John Sanford's book by the same title, we will explore the connections between dreams and the Christian experience.

Leader: Bob Towell Location: Mary Magdalene Room

Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity

A continuation of the fall series examining the formative early church period.

Leader: Weldon Fill Location: St. Mark Room

Diocesan Leadership Day

The next Diocesan Leadership Day will be Saturday, February 28 at Heathwood Hall in Columbia. The Rev. James Lemler, former director of mission for The Episcopal Church and dean of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary will share his gifts in the areas of developing healthy leadership and congregations. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The first leadership day was part of the Diocesan Convention in October. A third one will be held on May 2 in Greenville.

Day of Prayer for Peace, Nation and World

Bishop Henderson has designated Sunday, January 18 as a Diocesan Day of Prayer for "Peace, Nation and World." Recognizing the various crises currently facing the world, the Bishop recently wrote: "In crisis and in hope, it is a time for prayer. It is a time to lift our hearts and minds God-ward, with the assurance that God is not somewhere 'out there' or 'up there', but present in our time and place. God who 'lived and died as one of us' is in our midst, experiencing as one of us the crises, but the source of sure and certain hope." Special Prayers of the People will be used at both services on that day.

CCC January Food Requests

Cereal, pudding, low sugar foods, juice, paper products, diapers, pet food.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

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.

Need some extra money?

If you want to help with the 2010 census, please call 1-866-861-2010 for further information. The work is temporary and the pay depends on what you do!

OUTREACH "Habitat for Humanity" OUTREACH

Come and participate in a "hands on" outreach project by working on a local Habitat for Humanity home. A four-hour commitment (8 am to 1 pm) is all it takes. No skills or tools required.

January 10, 2009 January 31, 2009

February 14, 2009 March 14, 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

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



Abhay, Bob, Irene, Jude Cox, Miriam, Opal, Ann Zimmerman, Mellie Warner, & Wil Miley.

We pray for the Vision 2020 ministry of the parish.

We pray for all those who serve in the armed forces in the quest for freedom and world peace, especially for Adrian Sanchez, Charlie Park, and Jonathan Saunders, who are deployed in the Middle East.

We pray for Christopher Burch, who is serving with the MBA Corps in Angola, and Sarah Trice, who is in the Republic of the Congo.

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

Financial Update

Through December 31, 2008 the parish financial picture is as follows:

Monthly Budgeted Income	\$ 47,611.24
Monthly Actual Income:	\$ 45,847.35
Monthly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 47,611.24
Monthly Actual Expenses:	\$ 57,621.31
YTD Budgeted Income:	\$ 571,334.00
YTD Actual Income:	\$ 550,223.36
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 571,334.00
YTD Actual Expenses:	\$ 551,860.87

Donating Blood is a Win-Win Situation

Holy Trinity will conduct blood drives in the parish hall on January 26 & May 4, 2009.

Who Can Donate

If you're in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and are at least 17 years old, you may donate, saving as many as three lives with one pint of blood. You may donate every 56 days, and Holy Trinity can be assigned credit no matter where you give. If you donate at Clemson University (they, too, will receive credit), any Blood Connection Center, or other location, be sure to mention Holy Trinity.

Other Benefits for the Donor

You will receive a free mini-physical, including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, weight, and hemoglobin testing (needs to be at least 12.5). Your blood will be screened for several diseases, and you will receive a card identifying your blood group and Rh type.

We have evidence that men (no research on women) receive an additional benefit:

“Studies have shown that nonsmoking men who have donated blood in the previous three years were 30 percent less likely to:

- Suffer a heart attack or stroke
- Undergo heart surgery
- Require heart medications

One study followed 2,682 middle-aged men for approximately 5½ years. The risk of heart attack was 86 percent lower among blood donors. Researchers believe that donating blood could reduce the risk of heart disease, because it helps to get rid of iron stored in the body. Iron plays an important role in...hardening of the arteries.”

- The Blood Connection

Benefit for Holy Trinity

Our church joins Clemson Congregations in Touch (CCIT) in providing for the needs of the community. In return, our members and their immediate families are guaranteed access to blood and blood products wherever a participating Blood Connection is located.

Benefit for the Community

Our community needs 319 pints of blood daily; a substantially higher goal than in previous years. The Blood Connection serves 16 hospitals in the area, providing whole blood, red blood cells, plasma, platelets, and white blood cells. The need is especially critical in January due to weather conditions, and donors being deferred due to colds or other infections.

The Blood Drive Committee will be signing people up **January 11, 18, and 25, 2009**. You may also sign up by responding directly to an e-mail to be sent out early in January of 2009.

- Mary Martof (smartof@hughes.net) 864-944-1571

Friday, March 6-Sunday, March 8, 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.

**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!

Many thanks!!!

Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas Meals on Wheels event for the Clemson area. In addition to the turkeys prepared for our beneficiaries we were able to donate four turkeys to the Clemson Community Care effort. We also have enough leftovers to make a meal for Canterbury later in January. A wonderful lunch, card, dessert and package went to each recipient thanks to the efforts of Holy Trinity.

We had such a strong outpouring of love, support and presence that things went smoother than in past years. Next year we will use sign up sheets so we can do a better job of matching abilities and desires to the effort. Thanks again to all who volunteered.

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!

Many thanks to all who participated in the **Alternative Gift Fair!** Through your generosity, we have contributed \$655 to our Bois Joli school project, Clemson Community Care, Clemson Child Development Center, Clemson Free Clinic and Safe Harbor. This is truly a gift to both the recipient of the gift and to the people who are served through these programs.

Sales at the Haiti Artisans booth at the annual bazaar raised \$650 for Sant Art (Center for Art) in Cange! Just to provide a bit of perspective, each of the 20 or so people who work at the center are paid \$1000 per year, so your purchases will fund someone to work nearly 8 months. I would like to thank Diana Manly and the other organizers of the annual bazaar, for the opportunity to share our work through the bazaar, and each of you for your interest in our work! — Beth Kunkel

**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

Men's Book Group

The first meeting of the men's book group will be Saturday morning, January 10, 7:30-8:45 in the upper room at "Jittery Joe's" Coffee Shop. We will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month at the same time. We will be discussing the first three chapters of *God's Secretaries* by Adam Nicolson at the first meeting. Please secure your own copy of the book.

Trip To The Holy Land

Dr. Peter Cohen and John Nieman are planning to lead an 11-day trip to Israel/Palestine, June 18-28, 2009. If you think you might be interested in going on the trip, there will be an informational meeting at Holy Trinity on Sunday, January 11 at 7 pm.

Where's Cynthia?

Cynthia Spejewski will be having surgery to repair a heart valve on January 19, and will be away from the organ bench for at least two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers!

Vestry Meeting Actions**December 14, 2008**

- The Vestry requested that the Finance Committee work out a proposal for how to handle our debt service on the 195 OGH property.

They were asked to include several elements:

- (1) a maximum amount of interest that can be financed through the Prism Campaign funds, taking into account the loan requirements for paying down principle and leaving some reasonable cushion;
- (2) a reasonable assumption of income from the property that can be put toward financing the debt;
- (3) covering what remains through our Statement of Mission and/or some other creative/fund-raising effort.

- Approval of Minutes from the November meeting.
- Approval of Treasurer's Report

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