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Mark Your Calendars

January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 (Office Closed)

January 24 Annual Parish meeting at
 12:00 PM
 A light lunch will be served, and
 Child Care will be provided

January 25 Blood Drive — 3:00-7:30 PM

January 27 Tempo Mailing 10:00 AM

February 16 Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake Supper and
 Holy Trinity's Got Talent

February 17 Ash Wednesday—Lent begins

Financial Update as of December 30, 2009

	Operating Fund	
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
	\$ 43,591.00	\$ 43,771.00
	\$ 45,720.70	\$ 32,847.87
	\$479,501.00	\$481,484.00
	\$502,873.60	\$474,710.64
	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual

Financial Update on the Prism Campaign

2008-2010 Amount Pledged	\$951,481.02
Amount Received thru November 30, 2009	\$564,722.50
Amount Under	(\$380,091.84)

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



January 2010

January Calendar

Friday 1st The Feast of The Holy Name of
 Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday 3rd
 No Sunday School and No Breakfast

Wednesday 6th
 12:30PM Women's Book Group
 6:00PM Canterbury Dinner
 6:45PM Holy Eucharist
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 7th
 5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing

Wednesday 13th
 11:00AM Downs Eucharist
 6:00PM Canterbury Dinner/Compline

Thursday 14th
 5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
 Youth leave for Pilgrimage

Friday 15th
Annual Reports due in the Church Office

Saturday 16th Habitat Work Day

Sunday 17th
 Blood Pressure check
 1:00PM Safe Church Training
 2:00PM Miriam's Project

Sunday 24th
 12:00PM Annual Meeting, light lunch
 Child care will be provided

Monday 25th
 3:00PM Blood Drive

Wednesday 27th Tempo Mailing

Rector's Column

Dear Ones,

I've always been drawn to the story early in John's Gospel of the interaction between Philip and Nathaniel. Philip brings the news to Nathaniel that he has found the Messiah and Nathaniel reacts initially with skepticism: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip extends a basic invitation in response, "Come and see." Jesus meets Nathaniel and sees through to his heart. When Nathaniel expresses amazement, Jesus says, "You will see greater things than these."

That short interaction sheds much light on the life of faith. Sometimes we feel like Nathaniel. Wearing by the furious pace of life, deep disappointments and frustrated ideals, we retreat into the safety of cynicism. Is there anything or anyone good out there? Is there anything worth bothering about? If we stay with Nathaniel, our world gets increasingly small, as we block out the possibility that God might break in and open a new insight or opportunity. We need someone to call us to get up and "come and see."

So much of the Christian journey boils down to seeing. The season after Epiphany into which we are entering celebrates God's manifestations to us. We will be hearing many stories from scripture of God's "showing forth" during this season. But it's not only in scripture that we see God's presence and glory. It's in the world around us and in our life together as well.

2010 promises to be the year in which we will begin to walk together in the light of a vision that we have carefully discerned. The vestry will begin to flesh out that vision and apply it to our mission and ministry. We all know that vision documents come and go. They often get put on a shelf only to be discovered years later by archivists interested in relics of the past. It's easy for some to take a cynical "sit back and wait" attitude. But that's precisely why our dreams end up on the shelf.

We are called, like Nathaniel, to come and see. And not only to come and see, but also to get up and do. That is the response of a disciple.

Peace,
 John

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Liturgy

Liturgy Schedule

Sundays: 8:00 am and 10:30 am — Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm — Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's
(1st Sunday)
5:00 pm — Evening Prayer at St. Paul's
(3rd Sunday)

Wednesdays: 6:45 pm — Canterbury
1st & 3rd Wednesdays Holy Eucharist
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Program & Compline

Thursdays: 5:15 pm — Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers

Celtic Liturgy

The Celtic Liturgy in January will be on the fourth Sunday,
January 24, at 5:00PM.

Christian Formation

Children and Youth

Children's Sunday School

Christian education for all ages on Sunday mornings begins
again on January 10 at 9:15AM.

Youth and Children's Choir Youth Calendar for Winter/Spring

Jan. 14-18: J2A Pilgrimage, NYC
Please keep these youth and their leaders in your prayers.

Feb. 5-7: DYLTG,
Camp Bob-Kanuga, grades 9-12, cost \$75

March 5-7: Parish weekend at Kanuga, EVERYONE

March 12-14 :Happening #63,
Gravatt, grades 10-12, cost \$120

April 23-25: Jr. High New Beginnings,
Gravatt, grades 6-8, cost \$75

Reachout

Holy Trinity's New Nametag Rack

Giles Carter

About three years ago while attending a shaped-note singing at Lawrence Chapel Methodist Church, I noticed a very attractive nametag rack that had been designed and made by one of their parishioners. Based on photos, the ReachOut Committee liked the design, and I proceeded to try to find someone in our congregation to make us a nametag rack based on the LCMC design. Albert Kline agreed to make the rack for us, but unfortunately poor health prevented that. Later several other parishioners agreed to consider building the rack, but all eventually declined due to the complexity of the project. Then we tried some woodworkers from Seneca, but they also declined. Finally I contacted a bicycling friend from Indiana. Karl Harte was born in East Germany, and after he escaped to West Germany, he was an apprentice in woodworking. After coming to the U.S., Karl worked for many years as an expert woodworker.

In September Karl began work on our nametag rack, and at Thanksgiving Dotti and I visited our youngest son in Indiana, and at that time we picked up the nametag rack. In order to bring it home in our van, we had to lower all the back seats into the floor and dismantle the rack, but even then the rack only barely fit. Because David, our middle son, and I occupied the two front seats, Dotti had to sit on the floor inside the detachable base until we arrived in Nashville! After that she was able to ride in the front.

Jack Davis kindly assembled the rack for us, and we are pleased with its expert construction. The rack was paid for primarily from Albert Kline's memorial fund with the balance from other donations. A metal plaque will be placed on the rack stating that it is a memorial to Albert Kline. Besides being useful for storing nametags for church dinners etc., the rack has some psychological values as well. When visitors enter the narthex and see the nametag rack, they will likely feel that Holy Trinity is a congregation that cares for people. More importantly, having nametags for our children will make them feel that they, too, are members of Holy Trinity because their nametags are the same as those for adult members. We suggest that nametags be made for all children who are first graders or older.

Currently the ReachOut Committee is working on producing new nametags, which will be smaller than our old ones. If anyone has an idea for an artistic, quality nametag, please contact Giles Carter at 653-5513.



Outreach**January Blood Drive to Honor Miriam Cox***Mary Martof*

The Blood Connection will honor Miriam Cox, a member of Holy Trinity, at its blood drive scheduled for Holy Trinity on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Miriam's story appears below.

In March of 2003, Miriam Cox, the great-granddaughter of Dean Walter Cox ("Dean"), who was also a former President of Clemson University, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). She was three months old. ALL is cancer of some major white blood cells that fight infection; in addition, the oxygen-carrying red blood cells and platelets that stop bleeding are usually crowded out by the gigantic non-functioning lymphocytes.

Miriam was rigorously treated for almost a year. She received a "clean bill of health" on her fifth birthday. But in March of that year, her parents, Walter and Kelly Cox, noticed that one of her eyes was red and irritated, indicating infection. Following the painful bone-marrow aspirations and other tests, it was confirmed that the ALL was still active. Chemotherapy and other treatments led to a remission (absence of clinical symptoms) in late fall of 2008. But one of the drugs, methotrexate, had caused damage to the frontal lobe of her brain. As she was playing a game of Duck Duck Goose one day her seizures began. She is scheduled to continue maintenance chemotherapy until February of 2010 when she will participate in a clinical trial at the University of Minnesota. A bone-marrow transplant and a vaccine to stimulate her immune system to destroy the cancer cells have been discussed as other possible treatments.

The survival rate for ALL is a star in medical achievement over the past 35 years. Today more than 85% of the children survive five years or more. The doctors are saying that Miriam "will write her own book." Kelly adds, "We have some bumps to overcome, but we'll face them."

Miriam loves singing and dancing; her favorite song is Tim McGraw's *Make A Wish*. In first grade at Clemson Elementary, Miriam participates in Miriam's Project at Holy Trinity where participants make special knit caps that are donated to area hospitals. Miriam understands, as most people can't, what it means to have a "cool" cap to cover the effects of the chemotherapy.

Thinking of others appears to run in this Holy Trinity family: Her Mom, Kelly, wants to make sure that the January Blood Drive benefits all of those who need blood. Owner of Anytime Fitness, Kelly manages the gym but sets aside weekday afternoons to help Miriam and her sister, Riley, with their school work. She says, "I'm just a Mom with too much on my plate."

Christian Formation**Adults****Sunday Adult Education Offerings**

For adults three options listed below will be available, and you are invited to join a class, even one that is on-going.

Exploring The Gospel Of Luke

Our Sunday lectionary is focusing on the Gospel according Luke this year. This series is an opportunity to delve more deeply into the historical context and spiritual significance of the gospel that contains some of the best known stories, including the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Led by John Nieman, this class will meet from January 10 through March 21, except for March 7.

The Story of the Bible

Weldon Fill continues to lead this year-long class based on the series of video taped lectures by Luke Timothy Johnson, PhD., of the Candler School of Theology. Not quite "everything you ever wanted to know about the Bible," but the lectures make a start on a story too little known and too often mis-apprehended.

The Book of Creation: An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality

This class, led by Wayne Heath, will read the book bearing the same title and written by J. Philip Newell. The book guides the reader through the seven days of creation as recorded in Genesis, and introduces a practical Celtic spirituality that sees the presence of God in everything that is. Books are available in the church office.

Men's Book Group

The men's book group continues to meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am in the library.

All men of the parish are welcome

Women's Book Group

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

We are currently reading *A Time to Live* by Robert Raines. Everyone is welcome.

Safe Church Training

And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. *Mark 10:16*

"The Church is called to love, shelter, protect and defend children within its own community and in the world." -*from the Children's Charter of the Episcopal Church, adopted by General Convention 1997*

With Christ's actions as model, and the words of the charter in mind, the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina seeks to treasure our children in many ways, and one of these is to offer "Safe Church Training". This is a three-hour session designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, and to offer ways to intervene if misconduct occurs, as well as to show appropriate ways of showing affection. It is required for all paid staff, Eucharistic visitors, and all youth leaders, and it is recommended for church school teachers, wardens, and vestry members.

Nearly every year we have brought a trained facilitator to Holy Trinity for this training, and this year we will again offer the session on Sunday, January 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For those who would simply like to stay after church, we will offer a light lunch after the 10:30 service. Cost of the workshop is \$10, and a contribution of \$3 toward lunch will help defray the cost. However, cost should not prevent anyone who wishes to take the training from doing so. I personally think that raising awareness for all of us is invaluable, and I would recommend it for anyone, particularly parents and other family members. And for all of us, it is critical that our children and youth are safe, but most especially in this holy place.

In order for us to have enough materials on hand, if you would like to participate, please contact Carolyn at the office, 654-5071, or cwheeler@holyltrinityclemson.org.

Canterbury

Canterbury Happennings

Amy Hixon

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). 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.

January 29-30, Holy Trinity will be hosting the participants and task force for their first meeting of DRYV of the new year. Are you willing to host one of these individuals in your home? We are also looking for people to provide snacks and meals for the group. If you are willing to help, please contact Father Nieman or Amy Hixon (ahixon@gmail.com, 864.209.8078).

ECW

The ECW Bena Dial Scholarship

To all of our students at Holy Trinity - The ECW Bena Dial Scholarship application is now on line at www.edusc.org/ECW. These scholarships are made possible through contributions from ECW branches and friends of the fund. This year six scholarships were awarded in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Applications have to be in by March 1, 2010. If there are any questions please contact Betty Snowden at 653-6709.

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 January 16, February 13, March 13, April 17, and May 15. If you are interested, please call me at (864) 944-8380 or email 16calmsea@bellsouth.net. Financial contributions are always welcome.

— Pug Brown

Meals on Wheels

Thank You to everyone who helped with Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day!

Congratulations to Harry and Julie Morse for being honored as Anderson's Communitarians of the Year for their outreach ministry in the community.

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Pastoral Care

A Reminder—

Blood Pressure Checks

Your Pastoral Care Committee

Would you like to know your blood pressure? The nurses of our Holy Trinity church family will be available to take blood pressures after the 8 am and 10:30 am services, 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.

Miriam's Project

In honor of, and with love for, our parishioner Miriam Cox, Miriam's Project, making hats for children and adults with cancer, and teaching people to knit and crochet, meets on the third Sunday of each month from 2:00-4:00pm in the parish hall. All are welcome! Our next gathering will be January 17. For more information call Mary Jeffers at 653-8647.

Home Communion



If you would like to receive communion at home or in the hospital please call the church office.

Outreach

Connecting Your Pledge and Our Common Vision

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

The New Year brings us great opportunities to enhance and deepen our ministries at Holy Trinity in response to Christ's call to proclaim the Good News. In particular, the new vision which will be presented to you for acceptance at the annual meeting on January 24 calls us to grow in many ways, especially among youth and young adults. One strategic and vital step toward that growth is to call onto the staff a Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The main role of that person would be to lead the effort to grow and deepen our ministry with teens, and to lead our Canterbury Young Adult Ministry to new levels of vitality and growth.

That step challenges us to stretch our financial commitment. The current projection of pledge income, while a happy improvement over last year, will not yet enable us to move ahead with adding this staff person while maintaining our commitments to the diocese, outreach and Trinity Place and other ministry areas. In coming years, the Trinity Place commitment will be reduced but in the meantime the need is greater. We are inviting those of you who have not yet made a pledge for 2010 to make that commitment; be a part of helping to grow the mission and ministry of your parish. We thank those who have already pledged. If you find you are able to give more this coming year, please let Lynne Farmer know so these intentions can be included in the vestry's planning.

The vestry will vote to pass a balanced Statement of Mission (SOM) at its meeting on January 17th. That SOM will be presented to you at the annual meeting. Our hope and prayer is that it will be an SOM that will enable us to move confidently into the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michele Cauley, Stewardship Chairperson

Bill Hurst, Vision 2020 Chairperson

Phil Maiberger, Sr. Warden

John Nieman, Rector

Mellie Warner, Treasurer

Outreach

Our Daily Rest

Judy Surak

Our Daily Rest is a home for the homeless and receives a portion of Holy Trinity's outreach dollars. The new 7,000 square foot facility, opened last August 2009, and can house up to 20 men and 15 women and small children. At present this is the address for 30 residents. A typical day begins at 6:30 am with clean up, then a light breakfast, daily cleaning chores, and by 8 am the people are out going to work, or looking for jobs, or are off to school. (Three of the residents have cars and the others rely on the CAT bus or staff to drive them). At noon if anyone is around, lunch is served across the street at Our Daily Bread. Volunteers are available to help fill in applications for driver's licenses, financial aid, resumes and more. The dinner hour rings in at 6 pm and this is often cooked and served by people from local churches. The program time is 7 pm and this may be religious, business information, or a friendly game of cards. Doors are locked at 8pm and lights are out at 10pm. So far 32 people have finished their stay at Our Daily Bread. Ten have found jobs (in this economy!) and 10 are going to school. This organization truly gives people structure and a hand up when they're down, and gives Holy Trinity the opportunity and joy of acting in the world as the body of Christ.