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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



May 2010

May Calendar

- Sunday 2nd**
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 13 Ceremony
- Wednesday 5th**
 12:30 PM Book Group
 6:00 PM Canterbury Dinner
 6:45 PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
- Saturday 8th**
 8:00 AM Men's Book Group
- Sunday 9th**
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and
 EFM Graduation
- Wednesday 12th**
 11:00 PM Holy Eucharist at The Downs
 12:30PM Women's Book Group
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 13th**
 5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
- Sunday 16th**
 Confirmation during the 10:30 AM service
 Blood Pressure checks
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer at St. Paul's
 7:00PM Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday 19th**
 12:30 PM Book Group
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 20th**
 5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
- Wednesday 26th**
 10:00 AM Tempo Mailing
 12:30PM Women's Book Group
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday 27th**
 5:15PM Holy Eucharist/Healing
- Sunday 23rd**
 High School Senior Sunday
 (Last day of Sunday School for & youth)
 9:15AM Adult Forum
Enriching Our Worship
 led by John Nieman
- 5:00PM Celtic Service
- Sunday 30th**
 9:15 AM Adult Forum
Enriching Our Worship
 led by John Nieman

Rector's Column

Dear Ones,

The Episcopal Church has developed a reputation for being willing to engage the challenging issues of each generation. Our general openness to multiple layers of meaning in scripture as well as reasoned reflection on our tradition and experience has enabled us to stand ready to explore the vast theological horizon. That is why we are sometimes labeled a theologically progressive church. Although I personally try to eschew labels because they tend to distort, it is no doubt true that many view us this way.

When it comes to worship, however, we are generally conservative. I mean that literally: we are reticent to alter the way we worship. We want to keep it intact. We don't want to mess with "what I grew up with." I'll never forget the woman who, in referencing the beauty of the Elizabethan language of the 1928 Prayer Book once told me "if it was good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for me."

The worship of the Church of course has changed over the centuries, and it continues to change. In the 1980's, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church began authorizing a series of new liturgical texts called *Enriching Our Worship* for use in the churches in varying contexts. The impetus for these new texts in large part grew out of the recognition that the images and metaphors commonly used in worship, including the heavily masculine images of God, do not reflect the breadth of those available in scripture and tradition. The new texts provide the opportunity to deepen our experience of God by expanding the language we use to refer to God and one another in our worship.

Our worship committee affirmed at its last meeting my proposal that we use a set of these texts for a season as part of our main 10:30 worship on Sunday mornings. Beginning on the first Sunday in June and continuing through August (the 1st half of the Season after Pentecost), we will be worshipping according to a form for Holy Eucharist in *Enriching Our Worship*. This is not intended to be a permanent change. Instead, it's an opportunity to expose ourselves to a wider range of liturgical language. Incidentally, the Canterbury Group has been using this form for most of this year.

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Financial Update as of April 28, 2010

Income		Operating Fund		Expenses	
\$ 44,917.00	Monthly Budget	\$ 44,920.00		\$ 44,920.00	
\$ 40,663.74	Monthly Actual	\$ 51,602.47		\$ 51,602.47	
\$ 179,688.00	Year to Date Budget	\$ 179,682.00		\$ 179,682.00	
\$ 144,655.35	Year to Date Actual	\$ 167,431.74		\$ 167,431.74	

Financial Update on the Prism Campaign

2008-2010 Amount Pledged	\$935,981.00
Amount Received thru April 28, 2010	\$674,192.76
Amount Under	(\$258,788.24)

Holy Trinity's blood drive

Holy Trinity's blood drive, to be held
 May 3, 2010 from 3 PM to 7:30 PM,
 will honor Dr. Roger Ross

Please sign-up or the blood drive
 will not be able to happen.
 Thank You.

Donors are needed

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I invite you to attend two Sunday forums on May 23 and May 30, during which I will offer some general reflections on liturgy as well as specific points on the “what’s and why’s” of *Enriching Our Worship*. At the end of the summer, you will be given an opportunity to offer your feedback and reflections on the experience.

The framers of the first Episcopal Prayer Book in 1789 anticipated that some would not want to endeavor into what was the new liturgical language of that generation. The words of the last paragraph of the preface to the 1789 Prayer Book endure for every age. “...it is hoped the whole [work] will be received and examined by every true member of our Church, and every sincere Christian, with a meek, candid, and charitable frame of mind; without prejudice or prepossessions; seriously considering what Christianity is, and what the truths of the Gospel are....” (Prayer Book, p. 11)

Peace,
John

A Poem from Julie Lewis

It’s easy to forget that when you cross the Equator, the seasons reverse. For me, October will always be Spring and Christmas should be a hot day perfect for swimming. Always, the protective spirit of Gilda lingers over my childhood memories.

Early Spring

She lies awake before first light
by sweetness of petals infused
orange trees quiver as birds take flight
their singing with yearning confused.

Measured plodding of well shod hooves
breach the stillness of moon’s deep night
the rumbling carts cut deep new grooves
through city streets and memry’s sight.

She hears with sharp ears six years old
Gilda lumbering up the stair
an extra blanket for the cold
a pin-curl fixed for wavy hair.

Laughing black eyes and high cheekbones
plump firm arms, ample lap for hugs
uses fingers to mix the scones
fits pretty frocks with tucks and tugs.

Sipping from the same bombilla
yerba, sugar, boiling water
dancing to a chacarera
graceful steps that never falter.

At half past eight they walk to school
Julia twirling in her new skirt
tall jardinero by a pool
looks at Gilda and starts to flirt.

Brown river beckons far below
horses run down a muddy beach
children play on the patio
young maestras prepare to teach.
Gilda hands Julia her schoolbag

sends her through heavy gates skipping
copper bell clangs: no time for tag
through open doors lines are slipping.

Honeyed days of mid October
small hands stained with tinta china
notebooks kept in careful order
breathe the soul of Argentina.

Soon the earth leans on her axis
sun and stars in perfect balance
bonfires celebrate the solstice
drum beats call down spirit’s guidance.

Nanny and child plan Christmas plays
twinkling tapers cast angel wings
halos of love from Mary’s gaze
sweet new baby, the three wise kings:

*Santa, santa, santa Madre
santo Hijo, ser sublime
en el nombre de Dios Padre
con su sangre nos redime.*

The Facilities Planning Committee

A special committee was formed by the vestry to study the facilities needs for Holy Trinity as we live into our Vision 2020 Mission. The vestry has instructed the committee to develop a plan that will include all facilities, Sanctuary and offices, Parish Hall, Trinity Place, Canterbury Cottage, Trinity Cottage, and parking facilities. The plan will include the cost of owning and operating each facility, a projected fair rental amount, and any projected income derived from its use. In addition, the plan will discuss how all ministries may utilize the facilities to further their mission and live into our Vision 2020. The Vision 2020 Mission calls us to:

1. Grow.
 2. Get younger and more diverse.
 3. Get more involvement by church members as well as develop a more intense commitment within our ministries as they exist now.
 4. Get more involved in the community.
- Grow within the Episcopal tradition and within the familiar sense of community that is Holy Trinity.

The Facilities Planning Committee will be contacting leaders from the various ministry groups at Holy Trinity via email and asking for responses to some ministry-specific questions. Prior to the first emailing, the committee will make available a list of the ministries that will be surveyed.

We know that many of you are involved in more than one ministry and might wish to participate in more than one ministry survey. We encourage you to do this. When you do, we ask that you respond using separate emails, designating the ministry to which you are referring.

We are not going to send out a mass email to everyone. Our initial email will be to the leaders of our various ministry groups. If you do not receive an email but would like to participate, we encourage your input as well. You can send an email to Tommye Hurst (tommye@carolina-realestate.com) with the particular ministry on which you would like to comment, and she will send you the questions. If you are uncomfortable with email, but would like to participate, you can contact Tommye Hurst, and one of the Facilities Planning Committee members will come and interview you.

At the culmination of this process, there will be a parish forum where the committee will discuss the findings and take questions from the Parish. Thank you for your caring and your prayers during this process of discernment.

May Birthdays

5/1	Wallace Trevillian	5/11	Madeline Smink	5/23	Sara Mattison
5/1	Frances Wales	5/12	Michele Cauley	5/23	Ainsley Butler
5/1	Larry Bowman	5/12	Jennifer DeCosta Ellison	5/24	Patrick Gallo
5/1	Sonya Harrison	5/13	Viola Wolf	5/24	Rachel Rowe
5/1	Thames Stokes	5/14	Barbara Armstrong	5/25	Martha Green
5/2	Dianna Kelly	5/15	Lauren Shuler	5/25	Catherine Cox
5/3	Becky Bowman	5/17	Elizabeth Cox	5/25	Nathan Woodward
5/3	Cynthia Spejewski	5/17	Phil Maiberger	5/27	Mel O'Day
5/4	Alex Dobrenen	5/18	Carol Luke	5/27	Cynthia Burington
5/5	William McMullan	5/18	Sooty Burch	5/27	Kimberly Huddleston
5/5	Gen Colcolough	5/18	Cameron Farish	5/27	Traci Harrington
5/6	William Champion	5/19	Sarah Surak	5/28	Ashley Crouse
5/6	Liz Halpin	5/19	Reed Curtis	5/29	Adam Wheeler
5/6	William (Wes) McMullan	5/19	Daniel McCall	5/29	Sally Goodstein
5/6	Greg Hawkins	5/20	Philip Gildersleeve	5/29	Tommy Davis
5/7	Holden Culler	5/20	Alden Valentine	5/31	John Ross
5/7	Emily Erwin	5/20	Ann Wells	5/31	Catherine McTigue
5/9	Terry Clark	5/21	Byron Dame		
5/10	Julie Morse	5/21	William McDaniel		
5/10	David Vaughn	5/21	Drew Corontzes		
5/11	Debby Cremer	5/22	Devan Vaughn		

EfM (Education for Ministry) ReflectionsEfM is so much more!

As I come to end of my last year in EfM, I am curious as to what I will be doing with my Tuesday evenings after this year. I started EfM four years ago in an effort to better understand the Christian tradition. I approached it with some trepidation because of my own non-traditional views, and also because I really wasn't all that interested in Bible study per se. EfM is so much more. It has been rich for me – way beyond what I could have imagined. Yes, we do study the Bible, but it is with the eye of history, science, and theology. If I had to pick out the two most valuable “gifts” I have gotten from EfM, they would be 1) a supportive community and 2) the theological reflections. Much to my surprise and delight, I found a community of peers who were supportive of me and my own spiritual growth. This does not mean they agreed with me on many issues, but they supported me with non-judgmental and open hearts and minds. While I gained much from the readings about the Bible and what theologians thought about them, the most powerful part for me was the theological reflections that make up a significant part of each class. We are invited to bring verses, readings, artifacts, and life experiences, to tell about them, and then with the class, to reflect on their theological and life applications. I encourage anyone interested in their own spiritual growth and development to seriously consider this wonderful gift in our parish.

Darrell G. Yardley

I am finishing Year Two of the four-year program and can only describe the experience as a wonderful pilgrimage. On the first day of my journey, I was sitting around a big conference table wondering why I was there. School had started and I already felt overwhelmed by an ever-increasing student load. After a few weeks passed, I discovered that I was among new friends who were coming into ever sharper focus. As I traveled through the Old and New Testaments, I understood that we in our group are God's people in miniature. We are individually so different, yet our particular spiritual gifts and insights complement each other so that the pieces of the puzzle fit together perfectly and we, like Moses, begin to glimpse the back of God as he passes by us. What each person brings to the table is so unique and necessary. It is like throwing together a potluck supper and finding that you have the exact proportion of main courses to desserts and salads-- seemingly by chance. The most important thing I have learned is that the Incarnation is not an abstract theological principle. As I joined hands with the other members of EfM, I discovered that Jesus can and will touch me, challenge me, frustrate me (sometimes bewilder and anger me), heal me, love me and walk with me. I do not know exactly where this trip is taking me. It is enough that He knows.

Julie Lewis

Attending EfM has been one of the highlights of my life. As I come to the end of my EfM classes, I think back on all that I have learned during the last four years. EfM has made me think about my beliefs and to take a careful look at my life -- past, present, and future. It has helped me in discerning what ministries I will be involved in once I graduate. But the best thing about EfM has been the feeling of family that developed within the group. I came to EfM as an outsider to Holy Trinity. My home parish is Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. I was made to feel a part of the Holy Trinity family from the first. I will always treasure my time that I spent with the group. As Kevin Hughes is fond of saying, “EfM is a time to pray, play, & laugh.”

Linda McGee

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2010

VBS this year will again be held at Clemson United Methodist Church on Frontage Road in Clemson, June 21-25, 9am-11:45am. With classes for children from 3 years old through those completing 5th grade (rising 6th graders), it will be sponsored by CUMC, St Andrews Roman Catholic Church, and Holy Trinity. Materials are from Cokesbury, and this year's theme is “Galactic Blast.” Unlike other years, the cost for this year's VBS program is \$10/child for the week with scholarships available; however, if you sign up to volunteer all week, your child can attend for free. (CD's of the music are available for an additional \$5.) Last year was the first year that registration was limited, but it will be so again this year. Please note that the deadline for registration is June 1 and that space is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. Online registration is now open - www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/clemsonumc. Forms will also be available in the church office. Adult volunteers may also register on this website. Youth volunteers, please contact Carolyn in the church office. We especially need group leaders and helpers, so if you are available, please sign up to help!

A Heartfelt Thanks!

We are grateful beyond words for the outpouring of love and support you showed us the day after the results of the election in the Rio Grande. It was surely a celebration of a re-newed ministry. We are so blessed to be here and to share ministry with you. Thank you!!!

Love and blessings to all of you,

Margaret and John

Consecration Of Our New Bishop

Our Bishop-elect, The Rev. Andrew Waldo, will become our new Bishop, The Right Rev. Andrew Waldo, when he is consecrated on Saturday, May 22 at Christ Church, Greenville. Because Christ Church cannot accommodate the large number of potential attendees, a limited number of tickets are being issued to each congregation. Many people will be seated in sites external to the *nave* where the liturgy will be transmitted electronically. At this writing we don't yet know how many tickets Holy Trinity will be issued. If you would like to attend the consecration, please contact Lynne Farmer at the church -- 654-5071 or lfarmer@holyltrinityclmson.org. If there are more people desiring tickets than there are tickets available, we will use a lottery system to issue the tickets.

Isn't it interesting that, at every stage in life, there are appealing reasons not to give?

See one of them below:

Next year I have a promotion coming. We will give then, but right now the budget is pretty tight. Aren't budgets always tight? This is a given in a world of economic scarcity and human sin. To be sure, early married life, late middle age, and career transition are all periods of relative economic vulnerability. And yet, Scripture nowhere exempts the economically vulnerable from generosity. In fact, ironically, many [biblical examples of generous givers](#) are poor people (Luke 21:1-4, 2 Corinthians 8:1-2). Jesus tells us not to be afraid for our well-being. [God has been pleased to give us the kingdom](#), and the fitting response is to put fear aside and lay up our treasure in heaven by giving to the poor (Luke 12:32-34). God knows what we need, and he promises to provide it (Matthew 6:32). If God is inviting you to give, however vulnerable you might feel, you need not fear for your security. But if you are waiting to give until you feel financially secure enough, that time likely will never come. Ironically, God assures us that giving is the most financially secure move we can make. But the experience of his provision comes only after the act of giving (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). That is how faith works. We may test God in this; he invites us to (Malachi 3:10).

See the biblical response to other stewardship questions and excuses at the online resource, The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, www.tens.org.

The Stewardship Committee also welcome's new members for the 2010 church year: Jen Ellison, Ross Hanahan, Bill McMullen, and Bill McDaniel and appreciates continuing members: Pat Geldard, John Nieman, Paul Anderson, Jerome Cribb, Jim Reed, Al Ayres, and Michele Cauley. Please let any member know if you have questions or suggestions on how we can help you discern your gifts for ministry and find ways to give back of your time, talents and treasures.

Pastoral Care

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.

Christian Formation

Congratulations to our High School Seniors

Youth—Spotlight on High School Seniors

Jacob Huntington Eidson will graduate from Daniel High School on June 12. During high school Hunter played football, and he has participated in Young Life and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He serves as an usher for Holy Trinity, and he has attended TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) and Happening, where he also served on staff. He has a LIFE scholarship and he was inducted as a member in the National Technical Honor Society, America's highest award for excellence in career and technical education. In the fall Hunter will enter Tri-County Technical College, where he was awarded the Hayden Abney Fulp Memorial Scholarship. He plans to transfer into Clemson, where he will major in graphic communications, hoping one day to work in this field with a name brand company. Hunter enjoys listening to music, singing in the shower and while driving, designing, exploring his imagination, playing frisbee, and hanging with his friends and with his mom and dad, Rebecca and Gary Eidson.

Mary Catherine Garrett will also graduate in June from Daniel High School, where she played varsity softball, was a member of the upstate champion girls' varsity basketball team, and ran with the varsity cross-country team who were three-time state champions. She is also a member of FCA. Mary Cate was a delegate to Palmetto Girls' State, was Varsity Club president, won the American Citizenship Award, and was voted the most school-spirited. She has also served regularly as an acolyte at Holy Trinity. In the fall she will attend Southern Wesleyan University, where she won a softball scholarship. Planning to major in physical education, she would like to be a high school physical education teacher and softball coach. Mary Cate has worked at the Walker Golf Course, and she enjoys spending time with her friends and watching Clemson University athletic events. She is the daughter of Cathy and Don Garrett.

John Patrick Croix Hill will graduate from Daniel High School on June 12 as well. While at Daniel J.P. has played on both the varsity football and varsity basketball teams, and he ran track. During his time with the teams he was captain of the football team, and he was an All-Region football player. He also played on the 2010 State Basketball Championship team. J.P. has received the Hope Scholarship, and with some options still open, as of this time he plans to attend Tri-County Technical College in the fall, then perhaps transfer to USC in January. Although he has not yet decided on his major field of study, he is interested in civil engineering. J.P. enjoys participating in all kinds of sports, hanging out and grilling with his friends, going to the beach, and traveling in general. He is the son of Suzie Hill and Pat Hill and the grandson of Jan Jenkins.



We are proud of all of you!!!

You will continue to be in our prayers

Christian Formation

Zachary Joseph George Jeffers will also graduate from Daniel High School June 12. While at Daniel Zach played varsity football, and in 10th grade also played soccer. He was a member of the Student Council, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta (math honorary), and Young Life. Zach has both attended and served on staff of Happening and TEC. An active member of the Boy Scouts, Zach enjoys canoeing and hiking, and he earned his Eagle Scout Award this year. He received the West Point Leadership Award, was Homecoming King runner-up, and was voted most unforgettable. He also enjoys ultimate frisbee and being with his friends. In the fall Zach plans to attend Clemson University, but he has not yet decided on a major field of study. His future career plans also remain open to possibility. Zach is the son of Mary and Steve Jeffers.

Andrew Thomas Maiberger will soon be a graduate of Daniel High School. During his sophomore year Andrew played varsity baseball, and for the last two years he has been on Daniel's golf team. He also works as part of the cart staff at the course at Keowee Key. Andrew has been on the A-B honor roll every grading period since middle school. He was also on the staff of CAPS, the Clemson Area Protocol School, which strives to teach manners and social skills to young people. Here at Holy Trinity Andrew has been a faithful member of the acolyte corps. In the fall he plans to attend Clemson University where he will major in professional golf management. His long range career plan is to be a head golf pro. He enjoys golfing, of course, but he also likes hanging out with his friends, listening to music, and being out on the lake. Andrew's parents are Sarah and Phil Maiberger.

Kayla Viann Massey will graduate June 3 from Wren High School, where she was the student athletic trainer for the football and wrestling teams and for all spring sports this year. She also attended the Career and Technology Center in Williamston where she was the treasurer for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and became a Certified Nursing Assistant. Kayla has served Holy Trinity as an acolyte and Eucharistic minister. She also served on the Diocesan Youth Leadership Committee for four years, helping to plan New Beginnings, DYLTTC, 24, Junior High Fall Retreat, and Happening events. In addition she was on music staff for the Provincial Youth Event in Mississippi last summer. Kayla also served during the diocesan conventions. Last year she went on a short-term mission to Ecuador and will return this summer; she is also going on the Kanuga pilgrimage to the Holy Land in July. This fall Kayla will attend Tri-County Technical College to pursue an Associate Degree in nursing with hopes of continuing her education and becoming a medical missionary. Her parents are V.V. and Andrew Massey.

David Reeve Kenneth Thackham will graduate from Walhalla High School on June 6. In high school David has played soccer and sung in the chorus, while taking many advanced placement courses. He is a member of the Beta Club and has been on the honor roll for four years. David has also served as an acolyte and a lector at Holy Trinity. A recipient of the LIFE Scholarship and a Phelps Scholarship, in the fall David plans to enter Winthrop University where he intends to major in mass communications in the Honors College there. His career goal is to be a journalist – a “beat writer”, as he says. David says he enjoys playing soccer, being with his girlfriend and with other friends, and going on vacation. (Born in England, he is fortunate to have traveled there visiting family.) David is the son of Cindy and Paul Thackham and the grandson of Pug Brown.

Gregory James Wehrman will graduate from Seneca High School on June 5. Greg was a member of the Student Government Association and was vice-president of the student body. He has also been a pole vaulter with the track team and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He sang with the honors chorus and was elected to membership in Tri-M, the international music honor society. In the fall Greg will enter the Honors College at the University of South Carolina, where he received the USC Dean's Scholarship Award. He was also chosen as a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipient. He plans to major in anthropology with an eye toward perhaps becoming a forensic anthropologist. Greg has served regularly as an acolyte at Holy Trinity, and has attended and served on staff of Happening. In his spare time he enjoys reading and hanging out with his friends. Greg's parents are Libby and Tom Wehrman.