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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



October 2009

October Calendar Wednesdays

11:45 am Centering Prayer
 12:30 pm Ladies' Book Group
 6:00 pm Canterbury supper
 6:45 pm Holy Eucharist
 or program and Compline
 7:30 pm Choir practice

Thursdays

5:15 pm Holy Eucharist
 and healing service
 Sunday, October 4

10:30 am Day School Sunday/Picnic
 2:00 pm CROP Walk registration
 2:30 pm CROP walk
 4:30 pm Blessing of the Animals at
 St. Paul's in Pendleton

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am Men's book group

Sunday, October 11

11:45 am Trinity Place Open House

Friday-Saturday, October 16-18

EDUSC Convention
 & Bishop Henderson Celebration

Sunday, October 18

2:00 pm Miriam's Project

Friday, October 23

6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, October 25

9:15 am Adult Forum—Stewardship
 10:30 am Prayer Shawl Ingathering

Important Stewardship Dates

Sunday, October 25 – Stewardship forum
 Monday, October 26 – Pledge Cards mailed to homes
 Sunday, November 15 – Ingathering of pledge cards.

Rector's Column

Dear Ones,

One question parishioners commonly ask each fall as they prepare to fill out their pledge cards is, what financial resources do we need to run the parish in the coming year? People rightly want to know what the financial needs of the church are, and to use that information when figuring their pledge. That information is important.

Yet good Christian stewardship extends far beyond an understanding of the parish's needs, to a foundation in sound theology intertwined with a life of prayer. Christians understand stewardship as a whole way of life. Stewardship provides a framework for every decision we make, especially those decisions regarding the use of our resources. Those decisions are appropriately made carefully and intentionally in light of our call to be God's witnesses in the world.

Prayer is the context for such intentionality and discernment. It is not only the single, isolated acts of prayer that we utter in the morning, at bedtime, or in church, but also the habitual life of prayer that marks growing spiritual maturity. Praying unceasingly, as Paul put it, "is a continuous, even subconscious, awareness of the divine presence everywhere" (Martin Thornton, *English Spirituality*, Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 1986, p. 18).

Our sense of stewardship progressively deepens as we devote ourselves more fully to cultivating that awareness. Look around you. Pay attention. Signs of God's grace abound: in the "splendor of the whole creation, the beauty of this world, the wonder of life, and the mystery of love" (Prayer Book, p. 836). Broken relationships, heartache, and grief abound, too. True prayer does not pretend otherwise, but rather takes them up fully. Prayer, in part, is the habit of looking for grace in all and through all.

Dates to Remember!

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day

Monday, November 2

12:15 pm All Faithful Departed, St. Paul's Churchyard

Thursday, November 12

5:30-7:00 pm Seventh annual Ministers' cook-off
 to benefit Safe Harbor II at Daniel H.S. cafeteria

Sunday, November 22

5:00 pm Celtic Service
 6:00 pm Simple supper
 6:45-8:30 pm Pre-Advent quiet evening with John Nieman

Tuesday, November 24

6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, November 29

5:00 pm Advent Event
 6:00 pm Supper

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Liturgy

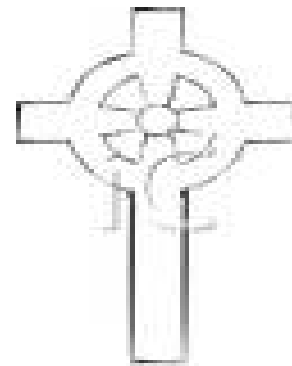
Liturgy Schedule



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 monthly Celtic liturgy continues at 5:00 pm on the fourth Sunday of each month. Come to this contemplative Eucharist featuring prayers and music in the Celtic tradition. This month's date is October 25.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir has started. All children in 1st through 6th grades are invited to be part of the choir. The Children's Choir meets on alternate Sundays from 12:00—1:15 pm. The children eat lunch with the youth groups and then have activities and practice in the parish hall. The dates for Children's Choir will be Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 1 and 15, and December 6 and 20. Parents, we need you to help prepare the meals for the children's choir and youth groups. Speak with Carolyn to sign up for a date to provide lunch.



Outreach

The **Clemson Child Development Center** will hold its third annual **Mystery Theatre Night** on Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Calhoun Bridge Center (old Morrison Annex). In addition to the interactive theatrical performance, the evening will include food and drink. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Tickets are \$45 per person. If you get up a table of 8 or 10, a table will be reserved for you. Tickets are available from CCDC, 654-3345.

The **Clemson Child Development Center** is one of Holy Trinity's core charities. After 40 years of operation, CCDC may be facing their biggest financial crisis. The bad economy has reduced enrollment as well as the size of donations. They are down 20 students, which represents a \$10,000 per month loss of income—from tuition paid and government vouchers lost. Although they are cutting back where they can, they have significant fixed costs that cannot be cut. They have already had to dip into their small reserves to make payroll. If you can see your way to make a donation to CCDC at this time, it would be great. For more information, ask Mellie Warner or see the website at www.clemsoncdc.org. Thanks.

Operation Christmas Child collection Sunday is fast approaching. This year, it will be Sunday, November 15. There is a brochure enclosed in the *Tempo* that explains the items needed. Still have questions? Call Mellie at 654.5080 or email her at mlwrnr@yahoo.com.



Dear everyone,

We want to inform you all that we moved to Los Angeles on the 29th of August.

Abhay is stable now, in spite of a relapse and worsening of symptoms in March. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support and prayers, which kept us strong and going during the difficult period. Clemson is a great place with a wonderful, loving community and it is our 'home' here in the United States wherever we live. We will miss you all.

Kindly continue to keep Abhay in your prayers.

"Best wishes" Sincerely, Sunil and Preetha.

Other News

Prayer Shawl Ministry

One great way to offer pastoral care is through Holy Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you knit or crochet — or would like to learn — your handiwork can wrap someone in prayer who is hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise in need of care. The next prayer shawl ingathering will be **Sunday, October 25**. Bring your projects of shawls, hats, and scarves — completed or in progress — to church.

Hooray!

With your help we were able to donate **43 knives to Safe Harbor II—21 utility knives, 22 cook's knives, & 1 meat cleaver**. Thank you all for collecting Bloom Happy Points.

The next promotion will start sometime in October, with Cuisinart® small kitchen appliances.

Annual ECW Christmas Stocking Sale

Hand-knitted, embellished, and personalized
Christmas Stockings
—\$55 Each
Limited Quantity Available.
Order Early!

Call Katherine Dobrenen at 864-624-9070 (evenings) to order.



ECW NEWS:

On May 7th, approximately 50 women from our parish gathered for a memorable program. The evening began with a salad dinner, featuring delicious chicken salad prepared by Cameron Farish from Tiger Town Tavern. Following dinner we were treated by three parents (Scooty Burch, John Trice, and Valerie Paynter) who gave short vignettes of their children who are working in third world countries. We were gratified to learn why Christopher, Sarah, and Joanna have been on our prayer list. We heard three different stories about young adults who left the comfort and security of home to follow their dreams; in each story, those youthful ideals developed into enduring commitments to make a difference in the lives of diverse and needy people. With courage and tenacity, those for whom we have prayed have helped empower people to establish economic independence, to find their voice, and to find wellness in the face of disease and poverty.

Moreover, we realized through hearing the parents tell their stories, that these children are blessed and sustained by unconditional support, pride and love from home. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the ways that they stay in touch and the joy they have in their communications. For those of you who were unable to attend this wonderful program, here are three things you can do: ask Scooty about Christopher's blog, ask John about his photo book of Sarah, and ask Valerie about Joanna's DVD and beautiful book (and don't forget to read the inscription). Oh - and one more thing: go to Tiger Town Tavern for Cameron's chicken salad!

"Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name, to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us....."

-Book of Common Prayer, p.260

Save the Date

Celebrating Bishop Henderson/Celebrating Changed Lives

Calling all Upper South Carolinians to come together for a special celebration of Bishop Henderson's ministry and an inspiring look at the life of our diocese.

Friday evening, October 16 – Honoring our bishop

Banquet, special presentations, and lots of surprises

Saturday, October 17 – Lives changed, Changing lives

Inspiring worship and programs for children, youth, adults
Breakouts focused on our diocesan goals – health, mission, formation, and outreach

All events to be held at the Carolina First Center in Greenville

Register online at www.edusc.org/celebration

United Thank Offering Sally Morrell

Our fall ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be held on Sunday, October 4. This ministry has been blessed by supporters who pray and give for their many blessings received. Please continue to pray for our companion diocese, Cange, Haiti, and the many needs of the area. The grant received for the new water system will supply over 8,000 men, women, and children with clean water. Think about how often we drink water, cook, wash clothes, and even just wash our hands — clean water that we take for granted.



As we look toward the future, may we always be mindful of the needs of others as Christ has taught us. The UTO's task is to expand the circle of thankful people, to meet compelling human needs, and to significantly impact the lives of women and children because of Christ's love. So, on October 4, you can support projects that help alleviate human suffering. Remember to use your Blue Box or the UTO blue envelope.

Death is a Part of Life

By Christopher Burch, who is serving in the MBA Enterprise Corps in Angola.

"Death is a part of life" is a quite a common phrase around the world. We say it in the US, usually when teaching a child about death or helping a young person cope with a loss of a loved one. I have been fairly lucky in my life. I had never lost anyone that I was very close to. When I was younger, I lost 3 grandparents. I was pretty close to my mother's mom, but we never had in-depth talks. I was too young. Along the way I have also seen a few classmates, acquaintances, and older relatives pass away. Death is not something you can escape, and everyone learns about death at a young age. Some have to learn more quickly than others.

Health issues become visible within weeks of beginning work in Angola. Workers are always out with illnesses or because of a funeral. It is easy to come in as an outsider and get a little irritated at the seemingly liberal use of sick days and personal days for funerals. Angolans are very careful with their health and many will stay home at the first sign that anything is amiss. In the US this would be looked at negatively and would be reflected in attendance reports. Here health is number 1. You always hear that everywhere, but here, health reigns. Good health is prayed for daily, and a simple greeting of "How are you?" is often answered "I am good. Thanks to God."

All these life, death, and health issues didn't hit home until this week. Francisco, a business client and a very good friend, lost his 34-year-old aunt. She had been sick for some time and passed away on Tuesday. I accompanied Francisco to the funeral on Wednesday afternoon. The service was filled with a mix of singing, reading scriptures, and wailing.

The statistics are startling. Angola has the highest infant mortality rate in the world. Angola has the second lowest life expectancy in the world at an unbelievable 37 years and the second highest death rate. No wonder Angolans don't come to work if something small is wrong. No wonder everyone seemed a little too worried about my health a few weeks back. No wonder they thank God many times a day for good health. Wouldn't you do the same?

The next time you hear someone say "death is a part of life", be thankful that it has probably not been as much a part of your life as it is for people in this part of the world.

Christian Formation

Holy Trinity Youth

Beginning Oct. 18 there will be a new youth group for children in grades 5 and 6. The "Junior EYC" will meet from 1:15-2:30 pm after Children's Choir. The dates for Jr. EYC are **Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and 15, Dec. 6 and 20**. **Amy and Spencer Hixon** will be the leaders for this new group.

Youth groups are underway! Please sign up to help feed our hungry teens. The dates still open are **Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and 15, Dec. 6 and 20**.

CROP Walk is Oct. 4th. Our youth groups will be walking. Join the Holy Trinity Team by going to this website:

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2009FallCROPHungerWalks/General?team_id=24140&pg=team&fr_id=4355&et=IHj90FHvE372-MxAqsJUhw..&s_tafId=24579

Calendar:

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| Oct. 4 | CROP Walk,
registration 2 pm, walk 2:30 pm |
| Oct. 24-25 | "24" Senior High Event, Gravatt,
grades 9-12, cost \$75 |
| Dec. 4-6 | Happening #62, Gravatt,
grades 10-12, cost \$120 |
| Jan. 14-18 | J2A Pilgrimage, NYC |
| Feb. 5-7 | DYLTC, Camp Bob-Kanuga,
grades 9-12, cost \$75 |
| Mar. 5-7 | Parish weekend at Kanuga,
EVERYONE |
| Mar. 12-14 | Happening #63, Gravatt,
grades 10-12, cost \$120 |
| Apr. 23-25 | Jr. High New Beginnings, Gravatt,
grades 6-8, cost \$75 |

We have two youth groups this year: the Rite-13 class for grades 7-9, and the YAC class for grades 10-12.

Youth Groups meet after church for lunch and activities. We will meet on alternate Sunday afternoons. The dates for youth group through November are Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 15. We need a parent to help coordinate our youth lunches. If you are willing to coordinate or cook, please contact Carolyn at cwheeler@holyltrinityclemsn.org Thanks.

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. Our next meeting is October 10th when we will be discussing the intro and Chapters 1 & 2 of *The Bible: A Biography* by Karen Armstrong. All men of the parish are welcome.

**Women's Book Group**

The women's book group meets on Wednesdays, at 12:30 pm in the Davis Library. We are currently discussing *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. New members are always welcome.

**Financial Update
as of September 30, 2009**

INCOME

Monthly Budgeted	\$ 43,591.00
Monthly Actual	\$ 54,180.59
YTD Budgeted	\$392,319.00
YTD Actual	\$437,214.09

EXPENSES

Monthly Budgeted	\$ 43,770.00
Monthly Actual	\$ 56,890.55
YTD Budgeted	\$393,942.00
YTD Actual	\$409,372.59

Prism Campaign Update

Amount Pledged for 3 year period	\$951,481.00
Amount Received as of December 31, 2008	\$399,533.00
Amount Received as of September 30, 2009	\$127,257.00
Amount Under as of September 30, 2009	(\$424,690.00)

Episcopal Day School**Episcopal Day School ~ Celebrating it's 50th year!**

Our 2009-2010 School Year is off to a great start! It is delightful to see the children back at school. Day School families and staff are looking forward to Day School Sunday & Picnic on October 4, 2009. At Holy Eucharist, teachers will be commissioned and the new Little Tots playground and garden area will be dedicated. Everyone is looking forward to the tasty BBQ lunch prepared by Cameron Farish again this year!

We send our sincere thanks to the Episcopal Church Women for their donation toward the Scholarship Fund. Also, thank you to the Day School Board members, school parents, and church members who sold parking spaces on September 5th to raise money for our scholarship fund. Thoughtful donations and helping hands like these help the Day School to fulfill its mission, "to bring children in the community a program of pre-primary instruction and Christian nurture in which their sense of worth as children of God may begin to emerge," regardless of their financial situation. Scholarship funds are needed now more than ever in this tough economy, so we welcome you to contribute.

For more information about the Day School, contact Suzanne Dachelet Watkins, Director, at (864) 654-0298 or swatkins@holyltrinityclermson.org.

Board Members:

The Rev. John Nieman – Headmaster
Phil Maiberger – Senior Warden
Kathy Crouse – Chairman
Rachel Mayo – Vice-Chairman
Pat Geldard – Parish Representative
Evelyn Goodman – Parish Representative
Jake McKinney –Community Representative

**Vision 2020**

The Vision 2020 Committee has been meeting, and is on track to present a draft vision document to the congregation for feedback in October. The goal is to have a completed document for acceptance by the parish at the annual meeting in January.

Canterbury

Thank you to everyone who supported us for **Canterbury Sunday** on September 20. We enjoy sharing our worship experiences with you, and hope you enjoyed it as well.

October will be a busy month for the Canterbury group. Here is a selection of our upcoming events:

October 4, 2:30pm

CROP Walk

October 16-17

Diocesan Convention

October 21Habitat for Humanity
Night Guard

In September, the Canterbury students participated in a competitive game of Episcopal Jeopardy and Father Nieman talked about General Convention. Our October programs will focus on the characteristics of a Christian as detailed in Paul's letter to the Romans.

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!**

*(Continued from page 1)***Rector's Column**

True generosity is born in hearts and minds awake to God's grace.

The Episcopal Church for decades has affirmed proportionate giving as the primary means for Christians to figure their giving, and the tithe, that is, 10%, as a minimum standard for giving. These sometimes are incorrectly perceived as burdensome legalisms. On the contrary, they are freeing, helpful tools designed to activate a person tuned to grace toward loving and effective expressions of ministry.

I believe passionately that we are not called to maintain our parish ministry. We are called to enhance it, expand it, fortify it and energize it. Your pledge signifies your participation as an active member in the vibrant ministry of the community of faith we call Holy Trinity. What other response to "the divine presence everywhere" can there be?

Peace,

*John***Clemson Community Care**

CCC is looking for volunteers (with a pickup truck) to pick up donations once a week, once monthly, or on a substitute basis. It would take about an hour per time. Please call 653-4460 if you would be able to help out with this program. Thank you!

CCC requests for the month of October

juice, flour, Jell-O, grits, mixed beans, canned meats, paper products, personal hygiene needs, diapers, and laundry detergent.

Clemson Community Care, Helping Neighbors Help Themselves

Pastoral Care**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. Please come and join us, if you would like to learn, share your gift of crocheting or knitting, or would like to come and work on other projects such as scarves or prayer shawls. All are welcome! Our next gathering will be October 18th. For more information call Mary Jeffers at 653-8647.

**Seventh Annual Clemson Area Ministers' Cook-off**

This annual event of great food, fun and a little godly competition will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 5:30-7:00 pm in the D. W. Daniel High School cafeteria. All proceeds go to benefit Safe Harbor II. Save the date!