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Save the Dates

Sunday, October 4
10:30 am Day School Sunday/Picnic at Noon
UTO Ingathering
2:30 pm CROP Walk
4:00 pm Blessing of Animals at St. Paul's

Sunday, October 11
11:45 am Trinity Place Open House

Friday—Saturday, October 16—17
Diocesan Convention and Celebration of
Bishop Henderson's ministry

Sunday, October 18
2:00 pm Miriam's Project in parish hall

Friday, October 23
6:00 pm Parish Wide Fellowship Dinner at
Trinity Place

Sunday, October 25
Prayer Shawl Ingathering

Weddings in October

Saturday, October 3
Amy Moody and Matt Corontzes
Saturday, October 10
Jennifer DeCosta and Kaleb Ellison
Saturday, October 24
Sarah Snowden and Chris Anderson

Financial Update as of August 31, 2009

INCOME	
Monthly Budgeted	\$ 43,591.00
Monthly Actual	\$ 47,388.07
Year to date Budgeted	\$348,728.00
Year to date Actual	\$383,011.58
EXPENSES	
Monthly Budgeted	\$ 43,772.00
Monthly Actual	\$ 44,751.44
Year to date Budgeted	\$350,172.00
Year to date Actual	\$373,286.44

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



September 2009

September Calendar

Wednesdays
6:00 pm Canterbury supper
6:45 pm Holy Eucharist
or program and Compline
7:30 pm Choir practice
Thursday, September 3
12:00 pm Thrift Shop luncheon
5:15 pm Holy Eucharist
and healing service
7:00 pm Day School parents' meeting
Parish Hall
Friday, September 4
9:00 am—12:00 pm
Day School visitation
Sunday, September 6
7:00-8:00 pm CROP Rally—
Catherine Smith Plaza
Saturday, September 12
8:00 am Men's book group
Sunday, September 13
9:00 am Breakfast Resumes
9:15 am First day of Church School
10:30 am Commissioning of teachers
12:00 pm Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, September 16
12:30 pm Women's book group resumes
Sunday, September 20
10:30 am Canterbury Sunday
12:00 pm Lunch and meetings for
youth groups &
children's choir
2:00 pm Miriam's Project
Sunday, September 27
10:30 am UTO Ingathering
12:00 pm Breakfast Team Orientation

Rector's Column

Last month a friend and parishioner of a parish I formerly served in New Jersey called to tell me her husband, who had been struggling the previous two years with brain cancer, had just died. "Bill wanted you to participate in his service. Would you be able to come up?" A few days later I was on a plane to Newark for a whirlwind twenty-four hour stay with some old friends. I didn't know at the time that this visit would turn out to be an occasion for God's grace.

Bill was the Jr. Warden when I arrived at St. Mary's in 1993 as a young and very green new rector. He later became the Sr. Warden, a friend, and confidante. I later learned that he saw me as kind of a second son.

My brief tenure at St. Mary's was tumultuous. The details now are irrelevant. The crux is that prior to my arrival the members of the parish had convinced themselves and the then bishop that they were an extraordinarily healthy community and therefore did not need to do the hard work that ideally occurs during the interim after a rector leaves. The reality was that there were some deep divisions they were not acknowledging. Unfortunately, they rushed the search process, and I arrived on the scene just barely six months after the former rector had departed. I should have known better. I stepped into a mess.

A more seasoned, less self-absorbed priest than I likely would have treaded more sensitively, acted more wisely, and responded more pastorally. I, on the other hand, wallowed in the muck of peoples' pent up hurts and my own reactivity. When I made the decision to leave in 1997, the situation had, in fact, improved. Yet I left bearing some deep wounds, and I know many of them bore wounds of their own.

The funeral and the events surrounding it brought me back in touch with many of my former parishioners, most of whom I hadn't seen in twelve years. We ate several meals together and caught up with each other's lives. In the midst of it all I was given the opportunity to see that during those intervening years we have all learned something about the wisdom of forgiveness: of others and of ourselves.

Bill's last gift to the people he loved was the gift of calling us together to experience the breath of God's healing Spirit.

John

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Liturgy

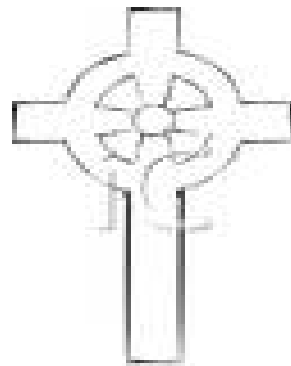
Liturgy Schedule



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
w/Healing Prayers



Celtic Liturgy

The monthly Celtic Liturgy will resume at 5:00 pm on September 27th and continue on the fourth Sunday of each month. Come to this contemplative Eucharist featuring prayers and music in the Celtic tradition.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is gearing up to start again this month! 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 Sept. 20, 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 Mother Susan to sign up for a date to provide lunch.



Outreach

Operation Christmas Child

Mellie Warner

What is **Operation Christmas Child**? On one level it's a program to give needy children small gifts—maybe the only ones they ever receive. On another level it's an evangelical program to introduce these children to the love of Christ. Our role is to provide a shoebox full of school supplies, toiletries, small toys, and other things to delight a child—and to pray for the children who will receive the boxes we prepare. Samaritan's Purse collects our shoeboxes, inspects them, and ships them around the world. Working with local Christians, they distribute the boxes to children from age 2 to 14. Each child will also receive a booklet in their own language retelling the story of Jesus' life.

Want to participate? Decide if you want to prepare a box for a boy or a girl and what age range: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Take a shoebox or similarly sized plastic box. If you're using a shoebox, you can wrap it in colorful wrapping paper, but you don't have to. Fill the box with school supplies—crayons, pencils, pencil sharpener, paper, etc; toiletries—toothpaste, toothbrush, soap (in a zippered bag), washcloth; small toys—slinky, stuffed animal, handheld game with extra batteries, balls, etc; and other items —t-shirt, socks, flashlight with extra batteries, hard candy. Use your imagination. Don't include any liquids, chocolate, military-themed items, breakable items, or things that might leak. Samaritan's Purse also asks that you include a donation of \$7 per box to defray the costs of shipping the boxes around the world.

Questions? Contact Mellie Warner at 654-5080 or MLWRNR@yahoo.com. Online you can get lots of info at www.samaritanspurse.org. Under *What We Do*, click on Operation Christmas Child. We will have flyers available this fall. Our collection date will be Sunday, **November 15**, so it's time to get started. Just can't shop? I always do a few extra boxes that are available for adoption—let me know ASAP.

This can be a fun intergenerational project. Take your children or grandchildren to shop. And while you're at the store, consider that it's just as easy to pick up multiple items as individual items and decide to do multiple boxes. The needs are great.



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.

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.

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.

Outreach**Mary's House and Safe Harbor**

Kevin Hughes

Every 15 seconds a woman is beaten by her husband or boyfriend. Domestic violence is our single largest cause of injury to women with 5600 women beaten to death every year. An estimated three million children witness acts of violence against their mothers every year. SC ranks second in the nation for women who are killed by their abuser according to the Violence Policy Center in Washington, DC. We see evidence of this in the local paper on a regular basis and have felt the pain within our own parish community.

The Outreach effort of Holy Trinity has been supporting two great organizations that provide safe haven and so much more to abused women and their children. Prior to November of last year, if a woman needed protection and shelter in Pickens County, she often had to seek help through law enforcement or a counseling group that would try to find space in Safe Harbor in Greenville or Safe Harbor II in Anderson. Safe Harbor has played a huge part in filling that need and much more for many years.

Mary's (Ministry Alliance for Regaining Your Safety) House opened in November of 2008 in Pickens County to provide shelter, rehabilitation, education, and longer term support to families whose lives have been shattered by domestic violence. Mary's House can now provide a Pickens County based home so that a woman can keep her children in local schools more easily and begin to rebuild family life. Mary's House works with Safe Harbor to complement each other and meet the needs of the client. Because of time constraints in the Safe Harbor Charter, clients can be transferred to Mary's House for additional shelter time and support.

Today Mary's house can take up to six women and their children (up to 30 people) and provide shelter and support. They are also involved in a Thrift Shop, and education programs for the community such as those focusing on date problems that youth will encounter. "Our love shouldn't hurt" program is a faith-based program sponsored by Mary's House and taught to teenagers and young adults throughout the county.

All of us at Holy Trinity, who have been so blessed, should look for ways to support Safe Harbor and Mary's House in every way we can. This article is one in a series on where our Outreach support is both needed and going.

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!

United Thank Offering

Sally Morrell

Our fall ingathering for the United Thank Offering will be held on Sunday, September 27 and 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 September 27 & October 4, you can support projects that help alleviate human suffering. Remember to use your Blue Box or the UTO blue envelope.

Christian Formation**Sunday Adult Education Offerings**

Sunday morning adult education sessions will begin on September 13 at 9:15 am. Pick one and expand your horizons:

An Altar in the World — Joanna Schuman will lead the class based on the book by the same title and written by Barbara Brown Taylor. The 12 chapters mine the potentially sacred meaning of simple daily activities and conditions, like walking, paying attention, and keeping one Sabbath day each week.

The Story of the Bible — Weldon Fill will lead this 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 misapprehended.

The "New Testament" Apocrypha — Wayne Heath will lead this class in exploring some of the 1st century writings that are not included in the New Testament canon.

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. We are reading C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Our next meeting is September 12th when we will be discussing section three. All men of the parish are welcome.

**Women's Book Group**

The women's book group will resume on Wednesday, September 16 at 12:30 pm to have lunch and begin discussing *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg, which we were to be reading over the summer. If you would like to join, Carolyn Wheeler has a few copies left. After that a new book will be selected.

Youth

Members of the YAC youth group and their leaders went to New York City on a mission trip, June 12-17. Here are some reflections by some members of the group.

I will remember the walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and seeing the most evil vampire on the other side of the bridge in Brooklyn (Zach Jeffers).

I was so awed by the cathedrals and churches we visited in New York: St. John the Divine's enormity, the love that filled the walls of St. Paul's, the incredible tiles on the ceiling of St. Bart's and St. Patrick's amount of decoration. They were all so different from one another and very memorable in their own ways. — Cheryl DeSellier

Coming late from Boys' State in hot and humid Columbia, SC, I was looking for a little bit of comfortable rest when I went to New York. So I was a little disappointed when I heard that the rooms were small and that we had to use a common bathroom shared by everyone on the same floor. When I got to the Leo House however, I was booked with a room all to myself with a plasma screen TV and a private bathroom, so I felt pretty fortunate. I did have to let some of the other YAC's use my shower though.— Greg Wehrman

I enjoyed working hard to help serve dinner at St. Luke in the Fields to people living with HIV/AIDS, and I was amazed at how many they serve every week. I also enjoyed seeing the sites and getting to know New York City and learning more about 9/11 and its aftermath. — Zachary Jeffers

Since this was my first time in NYC, having this experience with the YAC group made the trip very special. I enjoyed rooming with Jeffers and staying at the Leo House — especially their good breakfasts! Everything we did was great, but visiting Times Square at night stands out in my mind as the most memorable experience.

—Hunter Eidson

Christian Formation...Youth Continued**Dates for Calendars:**

- Sept. 25-27: Jr. High Fall Retreat, Gravatt, grades 6-8, cost \$75
- Oct. 4: CROP Walk, registration 2 pm, walk 2:30 pm
- Oct. 24-25: "24" Senior High Event, Gravatt, grades 9-12
- Dec. 4-6: Happening #62, Gravatt, grades 10-12, cost \$120
- Jan. 14-17: J2A Pilgrimage, NYC
- Feb. 5-7: DY LTC, 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

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

Youth Groups will meet after church for lunch and activities starting Sept. 20th. We will meet on alternate Sunday afternoons. The dates for youth group through November are Sept. 20, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 15.

We need a parent to help coordinate our youth lunches. Please contact Mother Susan, shardaway@holyltrinityclmson.org, if you are willing to coordinate or cook.

Thanks.

Help us Build a Playground!

As we embark on the school's 50th year in operation, we would like to further promote our mission by enhancing our outdoor learning and play facilities. Our goal is to provide a space with size appropriate play equipment for two and three year olds, as well as a garden area for all the students to participate in hands-on learning experiences. So far, our fundraising efforts have raised \$1350, but we still **need \$2650 more** to complete our goal. There are several ways that *you* can help us to build this playground area. You can help by giving a tax-deductible monetary donation to the *Episcopal Day School* in honor of someone special, a family member or Day School alumni. The list of donors and honorees will be part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration in the spring. We also will gladly accept donations of Little Tikes™ equipment in good condition that your children have out-grown. We have \$20 Upstate Coupon Books for sale, too. Each book contains over \$7,200 in savings and can be conveniently purchased from any of the Day School Board members or school staff. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed, for supporting the education and nurture of our community's young children! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 4th for the commissioning of the Day School staff and the dedication of this new playground! If you require additional information, please contact me and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you,

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Episcopal Day SchoolCanterbury

Canterbury is in full swing again. Our first dinner of the semester was August 19 and we have returned to our regular schedule. A home-cooked meal will be provided for students at **6:00 pm every Wednesday** followed by celebration of the Holy Eucharist on first and third Wednesdays of each month or program and Compline on second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays. Although this is a student-led Eucharist with contemporary music, please remember that the Eucharist is a public worship of Holy Trinity and **everyone is welcome to attend**, not just our college students!

Amy Hixon is returning as our **Peer Minister**. She led the Diocesan Peer Minister Training Conference on August 21-23 at Camp Gravatt and has many ideas for the new semester. Amy is working on developing new programs for the Canterbury group and hopes to work with our students to offer a weekly Bible study during Sunday school and update the Canterbury Cottage. Please introduce yourself to Amy on Sundays at the 10:30 am service.

Ann Russell has agreed to keep the calendar for the Canterbury dinners. If you are interested in cooking, please talk to her about a date (annier@nctv.com or 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 talk to Ann or Mother Susan!

Miriam's Project

In honor 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 September 20th. For more information call Mary Jeffers at 653-8647.

Faith and Cancer – How Many Hands?

Grace Staughton

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has held me in his hands for the past six years.

At a routine exam in October 2003, my doctor's hands felt a large tumor on my ovaries. Our interim rector, Melvin Gray, held my hand in prayer before the surgeon took me in his hands for an ovarian cancer operation. As I went through chemotherapy, my husband Ed held my hand.

I soon decided that my goal was to see my three grandchildren graduate from high school. I made it with the support of all your prayers and cards. In 2004 when I lost my hair, I bought a hair piece and saw Jason graduate. In 2005, after another round of chemotherapy and hair loss, I bought a new hair piece and saw Cory and Ashley graduate.

I went into remission until August 2006, when I had a setback with a blockage in my colon. Our priests, John and Susan, held my hand, prayed and helped me think through my options. I decided to let Dr. Griffin's hands perform a right colectomy. He told my husband that "he plucked out a couple of cancer cells." The doctors subsequently prescribed radiation for six weeks.

In January 2008 I was no longer in remission and I underwent more chemotherapy with a new mix of drugs. I knew I had to survive, and set a new goal of seeing my grandchildren graduate from college. Jason graduated in 2008 from Clemson, Cory in 2009 from Clemson, and Ashley in 2009 from Kennesaw State. In May 2009 Dr. Griffin gave me an excellent report and told me I did not have to see him for three months. My granddaughter Ashley's wedding on May 30th was icing on the cake.

I give thanks for God's for His many blessings and who was with me during my two operations, thirteen CT scans, three PET scans, six weeks of radiation and sixty-two chemotherapy treatments. I also give thanks for all your prayers and well wishes, especially to the good parishioners at the 8:00 Sunday morning service.

I pray to God for my continued remission in cancer, and for my brother, who suffers with Alzheimer's disease. AMEN.

Pastoral Care