

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 2018

JANUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 4

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Clemson
Downs

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm Epiphany Eucharist and
Celebration in Parish Hall

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Paul's

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
12:30 am Annual Meeting

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays

9-9:30 am Children's choir—Cherubs
11:45 am Coffee Hour

Mondays

12 noon Women's Book Group,
Central Library
12:15 pm Contemplative Practice, Cooper
Library
6:00 pm E/M

Tuesdays 11 am Reflectionary Bible
Study

Wednesdays

5:45 pm Children's Choir—Angels
6:00 pm Canterbury
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

9:30 am Davis Library Book Group

Saturdays

8:00 am Holy Trinity Book Group

Keeping the Faith: Suz's Monthly Message

My Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Happy, happy New Year to you all! I pray that your Christmas celebrations with loved ones have been joy-filled and have renewed your sense of awe and wonder in knowing that the Love of God has made a home with us in the birth of Jesus Christ.

As we turn our thoughts to the New Year and to the inevitable reflections on our hopes and dreams for the year ahead, I would like to share with you my dearest wish for our parish. I hope and pray with all my heart that 2018 will be a year of increasing unity and integration for all the different groups that make up Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish.

This wonderful parish comprises so many wonderful groups: the congregations who worship faithfully at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and at St. Paul's, the generations from babies and toddlers to beloved octogenarians, nonagenarians, and even a centenarian! We have Canterbury of Clemson and Episcopal Day School and St. Paul's Thrift Shop as vibrant and vital ministries for the communities of the greater Clemson area.

In meetings with various ministry teams this fall, a common thread has emerged as an opportunity to support unity amongst all our various groups and ministries and to help to bring us all into alignment toward a common mission. Again and again, I've heard that we need more opportunities to come together in worship and in fellowship.

This year, we are going to introduce two efforts to do just that. Beginning in February, we are going to set aside two days each month to bring people together in new ways. On the First Sunday of each month, we will encourage families to worship together at our 10:30 am service, offering a child-friendly service featuring a children's homily and familiar, simple hymns. This service will be designed to move quickly through the Liturgy of the Word. There will be no Children's Church on these Sundays. It is my fond hope that all of us will support parents in teaching our youngest disciples how to follow the flow of the service and encounter Christ in worship.

The other effort will be a Fourth Friday Fellowship Hour. We will open the Parish Hall from 5:00–7:00 pm on the fourth Friday of each month while school is in session for parishioners to drop by as they are able. This is a BYOB and BYON (Bring Your Own Nibbles) event, very informal—the only requirement is the desire to get to know your church family and spend time together.

Please join me in praying that our Holy Trinity family will continue to grow in love for Jesus Christ and for one another this year:

Gracious God, you have brought us together to join your mission of reconciliation in the world. Grant us the wisdom, courage, and strength to live into the mission of this parish to *love* with the heart of Christ, to *think* with the mind of Christ, and to *act* in the world as the Body of Christ. This we ask for the sake of your love. Amen.

Grace and peace to you this year! Suz+

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Why do some people make the sign of the cross at various times during the service? Isn't that a Roman Catholic practice?

Making the sign of the cross at certain times during the Liturgy is a matter of personal piety. The gesture is a reminder of the cross of salvation, and it invokes the Holy Trinity. The first touch is to the forehead, "in the Name of the Father." The second touch is to the torso, "in the Name of the Son." The third and fourth touches are to the left and right shoulders, respectively, "in the Name of the Holy Spirit." The final touch is to the sternum, "Amen."

The sign of the cross is an embodied prayer of preparation for receiving the special graces of sacrament and blessing. It frames and sanctifies particular moments during worship. The sign of the cross is made at times when the worshipper responds to the invocation of the Holy Trinity, or prayers for those who have died, or upon receiving absolution or a blessing. Many worshippers cross themselves before and after receiving Holy Communion.

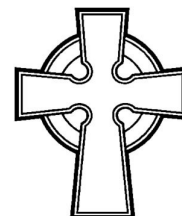
Some worshippers will sign the cross on forehead, lips, and chest when the Gospel is announced. This is to "seal the Gospel in mind, speech, and heart." Others may make a simple sign of the cross at the Gospel announcement. Again, this is a choice of personal piety, and no one is ever *required* to make the sign of the cross in Anglican worship.

The practice is one that dates back to at least the 5th century and has been carried on through subsequent centuries in Roman Catholic and Eastern churches, as well as in many Anglican churches. It is more a function of liturgical worship than of doctrine. It is true that most Protestant traditions rarely observe this particular practice.

As a form of personal piety, the practice of making the sign of the cross should be considered and deliberate, not just a matter of reflex or imitation. If any worshipper considers whether or not to make the sign of the cross, it can be helpful to talk through the rationale for the decision with a priest, deacon, or knowledgeable friend. The idea isn't so much to seek supporting evidence as to think through the decision thoroughly.

Please drop me a line (scate@holytrinityclemson.org) to let me know what burning questions you have about our practice and theology as Christians in the Anglican tradition. I'll do my best to answer cogently.

Suz+



LIMINAL SPACE: Notes from the In-Between

Deacon Christopher's Monthly Message

In my sermon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, I quoted the opening lines of T.S. Eliot's poem, "The Journey of the Magi":

*A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.*

Admittedly, it was two weeks' premature for Advent. But in considering the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, I already found myself looking ahead to the journey that would bring the wise men from the east into the story of Christ's nativity in Matthew, Chapter 2. We celebrate the arrival of these Magi on January 6 with the Feast of the Epiphany.

The actual account of the arrival in Matthew's Gospel tells us very little about the Magi themselves—certainly, Scripture does not provide as much detail as later tradition has ascribed to the story. They are not, for example, described as "kings" in the biblical telling, nor is their number given; we get the idea that there were three of them from the number of gifts named in the story.

The word "magi" is taken directly from the Greek text of Matthew and comes from the ancient name for the caste of Zoroastrian priests in Persia who were famed, among other things, for their extensive knowledge of astrology (considered a science in the ancient world). Hence, their question to Herod when they arrived in Jerusalem: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." Having seen the signs and portents of the coming of Christ in their astrological charts, they sought out this very special child to honor his momentous birth.

Matthew includes this passage in his telling of the story of Jesus' birth is to underscore the universal significance of Christ's birth. The incarnation of God in Jesus Christ is not merely to be recognized the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets within the Jewish context into which Jesus was specifically born, according to Matthew. It is also to be recognized by the wise and the learned from all lands and peoples of the known world, who will understand who Jesus is and who, because they understand, will kneel before him.

For me, personally, the feast of the Epiphany and the story of the wise Magi from the east serve as reminders that our Christian faith is as deep and rich as it is ancient. It is not only a religion of deep spirituality and passionate commitment to social justice—it is those things, but it is not *only* those things. It is also a faith of learning, wisdom, and far-ranging intellect. The story of the Magi reminds me that we are called to serve Christ not only with our hands and our hearts in this world, but with our minds, as well. Like the Magi, we should lay all that we have to offer at the feet of the newborn Christ.

~ Deacon Christopher Wilkerson



 *WORSHIP*

CANTERBURY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 10, was Canterbury Sunday at Holy Trinity. At the 10:30 am service Canterbears were ushers, chalice bearers, lectors, and intercessors. Deacon Wilkerson led the group in the service music and accompanied them on the guitar. One of Canterbury's Peer Ministers, Jodie Holodak, gave a heartfelt message to the congregation during the service. Mary Evelyn Melton and Jodie Holodak were told "goodbye" as they were leaving at the end of the fall semester.



 *WORSHIP*

CHRISTMAS EVE AT HOLY TRINITY



Children's Choir

The children's choir has sung at several services and were at the children's Christmas Eve service.



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CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. PAUL'S





WORSHIP

Christmas Day at Holy Trinity

During the Christmas morning service, Holy Trinity cooks again assisted the Meals on Wheels program by making delicious Christmas dinners for their clients and Holy Trinity senior parishioners who are homebound. We also sent Christmas cards, small gift bags of ready-to-eat healthy foods and fruit, and “stocking-stuffers” of toiletries or other thoughtful gifts for seniors.



Decorations for Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

Many thanks again to Viola Wolf who made (in the spirit of colonial America) and donated the window decorations and garland and window wreaths for St. Paul's.



EPIPHANY

Join us on Saturday, January 6, at 5:00 pm for a family-friendly Eucharist in which the Gospel will be presented by the Three Kings telling the story of their journey to visit the Christ Child, followed by a special Epiphany celebration in the Parish Hall.





CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Chloe Cashwell Takes on New Responsibilities in the Church Office

Our Minister with Children and Families, Chloe Cashwell, will take on additional responsibilities beginning January 2, 2018. Chloe will also coordinate Communications for the parish as she moves to full-time status in the Church office. Chloe will continue her role in Family Ministry and will also be your contact person for all communications. Chloe's energy and organizational skills have already been a great asset to our staff in the eight months she has been with us, and we are looking forward to benefitting even more as her role expands.

So, what does this mean for our regular parish communications? Chloe will be responsible for *HT Notes*, *Sunday Bulletin* announcements, social media, and print communications for Holy Trinity. You can send information to Chloe via ccashwell@holytrinityclemsong.org. We will continue to monitor the email address htchurch@holytrinityclemsong.org, and all emails to that account will be automatically forwarded to Chloe. She will also coordinate the production and distribution of *Tempo*, our monthly newsletter once we've received it from our editor, Iris Reed.

Chloe will also work with our growing cadre of office volunteers, getting them organized to prepare printed worship bulletins, office mailings, maintain our bulletin boards, writing birthday and anniversary cards, and other miscellaneous communication tasks. Anyone who is interested in joining this important volunteer group for a couple of hours each week or every other week, please contact Chloe.



Who You Gonna Call?

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For information about **worship services**: 864-654-5071 Ext. 2

For general information about **communication and events** at Holy Trinity: Chloe Cashwell Ext. 0

For information about **financial matters or property**: Lynn Farmer Ext. 3

For **pastoral care, theological counsel, or inquiries about rites of the Church** (such as Marriage, Baptism, or Burial): Mtr. Suz Cate Ext. 1 or (soon-to-be) Fr. Christopher Wilkerson Ext. 5

For information about Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School: Suzanne Watkins Ext. 4

Discovery Class



The Discovery Class is designed as an introduction to Holy Trinity, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Tradition. This class is clergy-led and will cover such topics as the Bible, Christian origins and beliefs, Anglican identity, and ministry at Holy Trinity. We will meet in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 6:00 pm beginning on January 8 and continuing through February 12. Newcomers are especially encouraged to participate, but the Discovery Class can also serve as a refresher for those who have been around a while. Each session will last about an hour and a half, and child care is available upon request.

Please contact Chloe Cashwell if you plan to attend and need child care.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Family Ministries

New Year, Continued Focus

As we enter into a new calendar year, we are often encouraged to make resolutions to get organized, make healthier choices, and find the willpower to do “that thing” we have been putting off, whatever that may be. As our Family Ministries enter into 2018, instead of making new and different resolutions, we will be more fully living into our commitment to support families within our parish and communal worship. We will be living that out in three different ways.

First, we will be debuting some “busy bags” in the Narthex that will include the book Let Us Pray: A Little Kid’s Guide to the Eucharist, our weekly children’s worship bulletin to help our kids focus in on different aspects of the readings in the Revised Common Lectionary, some tactile materials to help those who need to fidget or create things with their hands in order to more deeply process what is going on around them, and finally some coloring materials for our kids to draw, write, or color as a response to what is going on around them and through them as we worship together.

Second, we will begin having “First Sunday Services” on the first Sunday of each month at the 10:30 am service. These will be family-friendly services that will include shorter hymns and a children’s sermon to help our children feel that the Sunday morning service is a place where they, and their parents, are welcome. To encourage a multi-generational worship space, we will not have Children’s Church on these Sundays. The first First Sunday Service will be Sunday, February 4.

Third, we will have a period of intentional time in “Children’s Church,” focusing on some basics of our communal worship. These times will include how we behave during worship, as well as going over the basic Episcopal beliefs on Holy Water, the Nicene Creed, Holy Eucharist, and other key moments in our weekly services.

We are very excited about what 2018 will bring our parish, and we look forward to strengthening the bonds between the generations in our parish.

P.S. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for these events in January:

January 6 – Epiphany Eucharist and Celebration (Saturday at 5 pm)

January 31 – Parish Annual Meeting (Sunday at 11:30 am)

Chloe Cashwell

Sunday Mornings in January



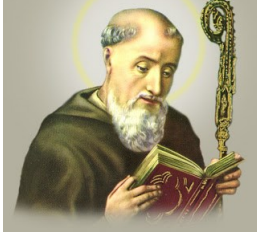
ChurchNext Video series continues with “The Episcopal Way”: Learn about the enduring principles that make the Episcopal Church a place where millions of people find their spiritual homes. In this course, priests Eric Law and Stephanie Spellers outline the core principals behind a denomination they love. This class will meet during the Sunday School hour in the Mary Magdalene Room upstairs beginning January 7 and continuing through January 21.

Bible study with Mtr. Suz -- “Psalms as Common Prayer” based on a wonderful book by Old Testament scholar Ellen F. Davis, Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament. Come and discover the hidden treasure of the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Psalms – the unfiltered prayers of the people of God. The book is available from Amazon if you wish to purchase it. It is not necessary to read the book to participate in the class. This class will meet during the Sunday School hour in the E/M room upstairs beginning January 7 and continuing through February 11. Note: *Psalms as Common Prayer* will not meet on January 21.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Benedictine Wisdom for Today: New Groups Forming!



“*Heart Whispers* offers accessible insights from Benedictine spirituality to help us explore the need for faithful living in today’s often stress-filled world.” Through listening with “the ear of the heart,” the sixth-century monk Benedict gained a fresh perspective on Christian spirituality as he lived by three simple vows: stability, obedience, and conversion.” The morning group has wrapped up their 10-week study of this wonderful spiritual guide and are looking forward to starting new study groups in the new year—late January or early February. Please contact Joanna Schuman if you are interested in joining either a morning group or an evening group. Meeting times and days will be determined as the groups form.

Holy Trinity Book Discussion Group

(formerly The Men’s Book Group)



Next Meeting: January 13th, 8 am at Moe Joe’s Coffee House on Highway 93.

Our next book will be Waking Up: A Guide to Spirituality without Religion by Sam Harris. This book is especially relevant given the increasing number of Americans who indicate they are spiritual but not religious. He makes a case for spirituality as something more than science or secular culture can explain. Given the easily readable writing style and brevity of the book, we will cover it in its entirety in January. The book is readily available at a low cost through Amazon.

Any questions about the group can be directed to Hap Wheeler by email wheeler@clemsun.edu or phone 506-6518. All are welcome!

Hymns Spotlight

Hymn 525 The Church’s One Foundation

“The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.”

Author: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

In 1866 a widespread controversy developed in the Church of England over the historical accuracy of the Pentateuch (the name of the first five books of the Old Testament). Samuel Stone, an Anglican minister, was so stirred by the controversy that he wrote a collection of hymns “*Lyra Fidelium*” (*Lyra of the Faithful*) containing twelve creedal hymns based on the Apostle’s Creed. This hymn is based on the Article “I believe in ..., the Holy Catholic Church” and emphasizes the Lordship of Christ as head of the church. The hymn soon became very popular, and in 1867 was chosen as the processional and thematic hymn for the first Lambeth Conference, the theological conclave of Anglican bishops.

Samuel Stone held three different pastorates in London after his ordination by the Church of England. He was known affectionately as the “poor man’s pastor” and spent his life ministering to the underprivileged in London’s East End.

The composer of the music of this hymn, Samuel S. Wesley, was a grandson of Charles Wesley. He received a Doctorate in Music from Oxford when he was only 28 years old, and he went on to compose much church music. The tune for this hymn, called “*Aurelia*” (from Latin “*Aureus*” meaning golden), was originally composed for another hymn, “*Jerusalem the Golden*”. It was adapted to this hymn just for the Lambeth Conference.

Samuel S. Wesley was recognized as the greatest musical genius of the Wesley family and one of the most influential English church musicians of the 19th century. He served as organist in four major cathedrals and became professor of organ at the Royal Academy of Music. His love for fishing was the only thing that competed with his love of music. It is said that he would accept or reject organist positions based on the fishing advantages of the area.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market

We would like to offer a HUGE thanks to everyone who worked, donated items, and/or came out and supported the 2017 bazaar! Your gifts of time and talents meant so much and netted over \$11,000 which will be used to support the group of worthy local charities selected by ECW women: *focus charities*: Clemson Community Care and Family Promise of Pickens County; *charities also receiving funding*: Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, Clemson Free Clinic, Clemson Child Development Center, Pickens County Habitat for Humanity, Mary's House, Our Daily Rest, Safe Harbor, Habitat for Humanity of Anderson and Oconee Counties.

The success of this year's bazaar was a large team effort. While the wonderful group of helpers is too numerous to name, a few deserve thanks, in particular, for their gifts of time:

- Our church staff – **Cynthia** was invaluable in publicizing articles in the *HT notes* and newsletter, printing flyers and programs on a moment's notice and fielding numerous questions. **Suz, Lynne** and **Christopher** each cheerfully assisted with our many requests.
- A big thank you to our church sexton, **Jim Hylkema**, for all his help in getting the parish hall cleaned up on Friday morning after the Day School program the night before and for staying late on Saturday to clean up after the bazaar and get things set up for Sunday morning.
- **Rebecca Eidson** and **Cheryl Desellier** did a great job with publicity through newspaper articles, Clemson signage, flyers, updated banners and assisting **Will Cate** in getting the bazaar info on our church website. Thanks to **Elian Tyson** for her work on the bazaar website in getting it incorporated into the church's website.
- Thanks to the group of guys and gals who helped set-up, take down, and monitor the Day School doors. **Deacon Christopher and Anne Wilkerson** single handedly moved tables Wednesday evening to the parish hall from classrooms, storage rooms, and the church office. **Joe Yanes, Jim Snowden, Henry Pate, Hap Wheeler, and Doug Grider** set up tables in the Parish Hall on Friday morning. **Bill Purkerson** and **Pat Bryan** moved tables back to classrooms, storage rooms and the church office Saturday afternoon. Thanks also to those that heeded the call to monitor the Day School doors on Friday afternoon: **Leon Luszcz, Charlie Arms, Kathy Naeseth, and Connie Spencer**.
- Special thanks to all booth coordinators and their helpers. Each area was a big success. The Silent Auction was a hit, thanks to **Judy Surak, Lynn Luszcz, Sue Williams** and the generous donations of gift items and services from parishioners. Baked Goods were a sell-out, as was **Eunice Waddington's** marmalade. Our thanks to **Cindy Thackham**, coordinator for Baked Goods, assisted by **Terri Mayberry** with her fabulous chocolates, **Fiona Neill, Connie Spencer, Myra Gildersleeve, Cary Kaye** and **Mary Butler**, along with many other wonderful Holy Trinity bakers and canners.
- The Holy Trinity Crafters had a successful bazaar thanks to coordinators **Carolyn Wheeler, Sally Morrell, Pat Geldard, Judy Eidson** and a great team of assistants. The church mice and stained glass sold out while the Christmas stockings, designer doll clothes, and numerous hand-knitted and crafted items were in high demand. Specialty gift baskets individually designed and created by **Iris Reed** were again big sellers. **Liz Halpin** and **Serena Dubose**, along with **Carol Yardley**, assisted shoppers at the plant tables to find just the right plant. **Nancy Portnow** helped Iris with basket sales. **Bill Purkerson** and his team – **Will and Rachael Mayo, Beth Kunkel, Jen Ellison** and **Hap Wheeler** provided a fabulous lunch! Satisfied customers enjoyed a choice of delicious quiche or soup along with salad and a choice of dessert items. **Diana Manly, Wendy Longo** and **Sally Mathiasen** raised money for St. Paul's with tables filled with items from the Thrift Shop and the sale of frozen goods.
- **Elizabeth Adams** and her band provided a very special treat to greet folks arriving with their wonderful medley of tunes. Their music really added to the holiday spirit of the bazaar.

Again, we want to thank everyone that made this year's bazaar a success in raising money for wonderful community charities. We are grateful to the amazing number of parishioners who worked to make items for the bazaar or showed up to offer their help in whatever way possible. The fellowship and friendship of Holy Trinity parishioners is truly a priceless gift! Blessings to all of you.

*Carol Yardley and Robbie Grider
2017 ECW Bazaar Co-Chairs*



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Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market Pictures





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KANUGA WEEKEND!



Holy Trinity invites you to join your parish family for a weekend mountain retreat at Kanuga in Hendersonville, N.C., March 2–4, 2018. This year’s program will be led by members of the Holy Trinity Staff, as we learn together about Spiritual Gifts. Holy Scripture teaches us, and experience confirms, that the gifts given by the Holy Spirit are meant for the building up of the Body of Christ and for meeting the needs of the world. Together we will discover the gifts that have given to each of us for those purposes and explore the ways in which those gifts can be used at Holy Trinity as we seek to love, think, and act according to our mission.

In response to your evaluations, we are planning a more relaxed time together with more opportunities for fellowship and outdoor activities. Kanuga weekend provides many opportunities to laugh, talk, meet new friends, and reconnect with old ones. Spend Saturday afternoon hiking or walking the grounds, snoozing before the fire, playing board games, or exploring downtown Hendersonville. Meals will be served in the dining hall. There will be a social hour each evening with time to relax and sing. We will worship together several times, including a Taize service on Saturday evening and Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning. You are free to do as much or as little as you desire.

We are holding the prices steady this year for everyone who registers by February 4th. The cost for adults is \$165 for a double room or \$250 for a single room. Holy Trinity will not charge for children/youth under 18 attending without a parent. However, for those who wish to cover some or all of the cost, the following will apply: Youth (10-18) @\$95; Children (5-9) @\$55; Toddlers (under 5) free; Crib @\$8. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity with “Kanuga” on the memo line. Alternatively, you may register and pay fees online at <http://holytrinityclemson.org/kanuga>. The registration form may be downloaded, printed, and returned to the church office, and forms will also be available in the Narthex. Please register by February 2. Registrations received after the deadline will require an additional \$20 fee per adult registration. Financial assistance available by request—contact Mtr. Suz for more information

Annual Meeting



Committee chairmen should have their annual reports to Lynne Farmer not later than 5 pm January 13. Please include all committee members names in the report—do not send the report in .pdf format, please.

Sunday, January 28

Annual Meeting at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall



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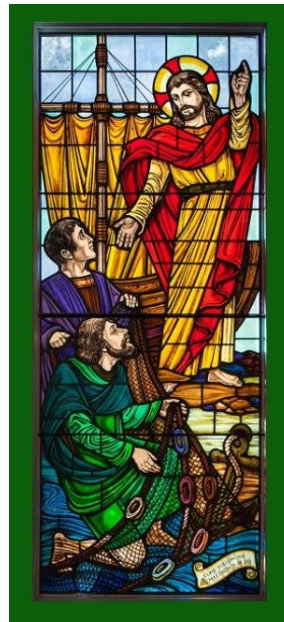
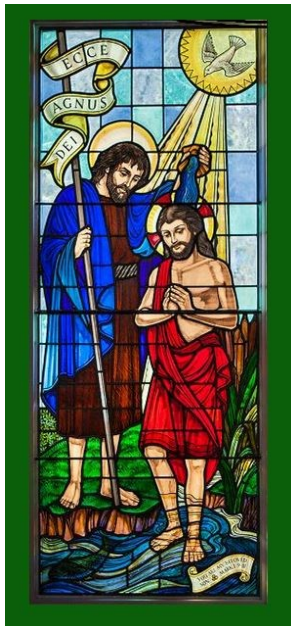
Stained Glass Ornaments

Good News and Bad News

The **good** news is that we sold every single stained glass ornament we ordered for the bazaar, and there were two this time -- the Baptism of Jesus and the Calling of the First Disciples. The **bad** news is that some people who would have liked to have one did not get one. So we are compiling a list of names of those people in addition to names of people who would also like to order one of the windows offered in the past:

- The first one, the Nativity window, was done in 2014.
- In 2015, we did the Rose Window.
- In the spring of 2016, we did the Passion or Last Supper window.
- For the bazaar last year, we did the Annunciation, and we do have a few of those remaining.
- At Easter this year, we offered the Resurrection window.

If you would like to add your name to the list for any of these – and we do have to wait for enough names for a minimum order – please contact Sally Morrell at 654-5607 or sallym29631@gmail.com.



Sally Morrell



Iris' Help When Making Gift Baskets

Pheobe (in the basket) and Pepper are a great help to Iris when she makes the gift baskets during October and November. They test the baskets to make sure they are sturdy, love to get the pipe cleaners used to tie the cellophane around the baskets, and generally have a good time investigating what goes in the baskets!



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St. Paul's - Pardon Our Mess!



We received funding from the Diocese to do some much-needed work at St. Paul's. The church will have the old paint stripped off and will be repainted inside during the coming weeks.

On December 27th the two water oaks on either side of St. Paul's front gate were removed. One of these has lost several very large limbs during 2017 and was diseased. The other one was beginning to follow. The trunks are cut in segments and are on the edge of the lot. It appears the stumps still need to be grinded. I looked at the bottom base of the water oak that had been closest to the street which had lost two limbs earlier this year, and it most definitely had dry rot in the center core of the trunk. I was saddened to see those two beautiful trees be removed, but in the interest of structural integrity of the church building and the Thrift Shop, and to all persons on the church's grounds, as well as their vehicles, it was the right decision by the St Paul's Committee. The 10:30 pm service at St Paul's Christmas Eve was special and was the last time many would see those two trees!

Once the tree stumps are removed, the parking lot will be repaved. The timing isn't great but the results will be worth the inconvenience. It may not be all "together," but we are getting ready for many Christmases to come.

Eric Naeseth



Family Promise Coordination team

Holy Trinity's ongoing outreach with Family Promise of Pickens County has proven to be a worthwhile and rewarding experience for many of our community. Our mission to provide a "home" for those in need is compelling and always so important to the families faced with possibilities of being separated or displaced. Only in working with the clients and sharing meals and a roof, can one come to appreciate the situation, how it affects all involved, and the hope and stability we can provide. Our Family Promise team sees to scheduling, lodging preparation, and meal co-ordination for our guests. Please help us if you can!

Facilities Coordinator

We are looking for a Facilities Coordinator who will share time and responsibility with the administrative director of Family Promise. Our administrator will see to communications from the Easley home scheduling trailers, unloading, setting up rooms/beds, loading, and notifying volunteers of their duties to make sure the Facilities coordinator is aware of schedules, special needs, and any information required to assure a comfortable host week for our guests. The Facilities Coordinator would make sure our building is available, open, warm/cool, and that the volunteer corps is set for our weeks with guests.

Please consider this ministry if you are able to help four times a year for a week each time. Satisfaction guaranteed. Please contact Liz Halpin: (home) 864-654-5230, (cell) 864-903-6340 or email ehalpin59@gmail.com. A job description is available and open for discussion.

Flower List

The flower sign-up book is in the Narthex for people to designate flowers to the memory of, in honor of, and/or in thanksgiving for their loved ones or for a special occasion. Please sign up!



Coffee Hour

We all enjoy coffee hour after the 10:30 am service. This fellowship time is gaining more popularity and we are in need of people willing to host each week. There is no pressure to put out an elaborate spread – this is not lunch! If you have a friend you can team up with, even better. If you have never done it before but are willing, we will partner you with someone who will help you.

Please call, text or email Cindy Thackham and she will arrange a coffee hour date for you: 864-280-0539 or cdjpt@att.net.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/1 Trey Cox
- 1/3 Marjorie Campbell
- 1/6 Sally Mathiasen
- 1/7 Mary Bridges
- 1/7 Mary Ann Taylor
- 1/11 Pat Bryan
- 1/16 Dan Nielubowicz
- 1/17 Kathryn Cauley
- 1/18 Hannah Maiberger
- 1/20 Suz Cate
- 1/21 Joe Merck
- 1/21 Lynn Smith
- 1/21 Barbara Weaver
- 1/24 Danny Edie
- 1/27 Joe Yanes
- 1/28 Wilson Erwin
- 1/28 Cary Johnstone
- 1/29 Charles Shuler
- 1/31 Anita Arms



January Birth Flower:
Snowdrop



January Birthstone:
Garnet

Financial Update as of December 31,2017

Operating Fund

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$42,961.00	\$56,734.68	\$515,496.00	\$532,654.83
Expenses	\$42,967.00	\$37,237.23	\$515,496.00	\$483,296.30
Income +/-Expense (\$6.00)		\$19,497.45	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,358.53

Trinity Place Fund

Phase II-Prism Pledge Offerings July 1, 2011-----June 30, 2016

Amount Pledged \$735,600.00
 Offerings received as of December 31, 2017 -\$839,256.34
 + \$ 103,656.34

The Walls Campaign

Amount Pledged \$171,945.00
 Offerings received as of December 31, 2017 -\$160,747.42
 \$ 11,197.58

First Citizens Bank Notes Payable as of December 31, 2017 \$667,345.10