

The Tempo

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

*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 2019

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6

DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 am First Sunday lunch
- 3:00 pm Pet Blessing, HT
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Sunday, October 13

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 2:30-5:30 pm EV Training

Friday, October 18

- 6 pm Oktoberfest
- 7 pm Pendleton Ghost Tour

Saturday, October 19

- 7 pm Pendleton Ghost Tour

Sunday, October 20

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 pm Pie Social
- 4:00 pm Churchyard Tour, St. Paul's
- 5:00 pm Evensong, St. Paul's
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 27

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays

- 11:45 am Coffee Hour

Mondays

- 9:00 am Facebook online prayer
- 11:15-11:45 am Contemplative Prayer
- 6:00 pm E/M

Tuesdays

- 11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 1-3 pm Women's Book Group, every 2 weeks, Clemson-Central Library
- 6:00 pm Canterbury
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

- 10:30 am HE at Corley Center, Clemson Downs (First Thursday only)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Healing

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Letter to the Christians in Ephesus is a treasure-house of theological images to open our hearts and imaginations to the joys and challenges of the Christian life. In the fourth chapter, the author of the letter reminds us that "the gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ . . . we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

The Annual Stewardship Campaign is the church's method of fundraising to support the Statement of Mission, or budget, for the next calendar year. It is one aspect of stewardship, a much larger component of a life of faith in the church. This year's Annual Stewardship Campaign is rooted in the idea that growing into the full stature of Christ means **growing in love, growing in faith, and growing in giving**. We grow in love as we worship together and take care of each other. We grow in faith as we pray, learn, and serve together. We grow in giving as we share our time, talents, and treasure to spread the Gospel of God's saving and healing love in the world. We respond in gratitude for these gifts by giving back a portion of each. As we grow into the full stature of Christ, we build up the Body of Christ.

On Sunday, October 13th, we will kick off our Annual Stewardship Campaign. You will receive a mailing from Holy Trinity that will include some general information about the Campaign, a letter from the Stewardship Committee, and a pledge form. We know that this year you have been asked already to contribute to the campaign for *Our Doors*, which will provide a welcoming space for the future ministry of Holy Trinity. We also need your help to sustain the current ministry of the parish. The Stewardship Ministry Team, the Vestry, Wardens, and I ask you to consider prayerfully making a commitment to support the Statement of Mission for 2020 by returning a pledge form by November 17th, when we will give thanks for the commitments we've received and ask God's blessing on them at each of our worship services.

The amount that you give is up to your discernment—so many of you already give with extraordinary generosity—but it is important that we receive a pledge of financial support from as many parishioners as possible in order to plan for growth after meeting our expenses. If you are currently giving without pledging, we are immensely grateful for your gift, and we would like to answer any concerns you might have about pledging—please feel free to contact me or our Stewardship Chair, Bill McDaniel at wmcdaniel3@nctv.com.

May God continue to bless our ministries richly for the transformation of God's world according to God's purpose.

Grace & peace to each of you, *Suz*+

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italics following the name.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

*What is the Offertory? Why do we stand when the gifts of bread, wine,
 and money are brought forward?*

The Offertory is more than a collection of money or an anthem sung by the choir. The Offertory is the representative gift of the congregation gathered to worship God in Holy Eucharist. When we place money, bread, and wine on the altar, we are giving of ourselves and of our world. Money represents our work—we offer this symbol of our work as a sacrificial gift to support the ministry of the church. We offer bread and wine, common goods of the world, to become the body and blood of Christ when they are consecrated. We recognize that what we offer to God is not really ours to give. We are actually giving back to God what has been given to us in trust as stewards of creation.

These gifts are placed on the altar to be set apart for the glory of God and for the benefit of God's world. In this action, we present our *selves* to God as an offering, trusting that as we are fed in Holy Communion, our lives will be transformed for God's purposes. We stand as these gifts are brought forward as a posture of praise and thanksgiving toward the One who makes all things possible.

Our offering to God begins before these tangible gifts are brought forward and placed on the altar. All of our prayers, our hearing God's word and pondering its meaning, and our very presence in the worship service (even when our thoughts might wander) are offered to the Lord. Our willingness to confess our sins and ask forgiveness, our willingness to forgive as we have been forgiven—these are gifts we bring to be sanctified, made holy, in our celebration of Holy Eucharist.

At our early service and at St. Paul's, the table is set and silent prayers are offered in expectant silence. The silence is broken when the gifts are brought to the altar and raised with the affirmation, "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee!" At our 10:30 am service as the ushers pass the plates, we hear an Offertory anthem, which is an offering of music—plus the time and talent that went into its crafting—given to the glory of God. Then we offer our sung prayer in a carefully chosen Presentation Hymn as the gifts are brought to the altar.

So many gifts, presented in so many different forms, brought to the altar for transformation: money transformed into support for mission and ministry, prayers and confessions and dreams transformed for the doing of God's purpose, bread and wine transformed into the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. The Offertory is not just giving. The Offertory is receiving and sharing the gifts of God for the people of God.

Grace & peace to all y'all, Suz+



LIMINAL SPACE: NOTES FROM THE IN-BETWEEN**Father Christopher's Monthly Message**

Hello, Friends!

By now, I'm sure many of you have read or heard the news that I have recently received a call to journey into the Far North and become the next rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. (And I suppose that even those of you who had not heard that news prior to this moment have, well, heard it now.) It is a bit difficult to believe that I sit here at the ol' laptop composing my penultimate *Liminal Space* column as the Assistant to the Rector at Holy Trinity. As I mentioned in my formal announcement to the parish, I'm experiencing a diverse and complex mixture of emotions—ranging from eager anticipation and excitement, on one end of the spectrum, to deep gratitude for the past 2+ years, to great sadness, to incredible joy, all the way to self-conscious trepidation (which may or may not be similar to overwhelming panic!) at the other end of the spectrum. I will say much more about that in my final column...

This month, however, as I consider the sweeping transitions I, my family, and Holy Trinity are entering into, I find my heart being drawn to larger, more fundamental aspects of our shared Christian Faith which are our very source of strength: stamina, fortitude, support, comfort, endurance, and flourishing—the unchanging foundation of our being that locates our lives within the eternal, life-giving reality of God revealed in Christ Jesus and illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

After all, though we might only really notice it when life throws major transitions at us, the truth is that our human lives are always, always in flux, constantly changing moment-to-moment, day-to-day, year-to-year. If we are to find any sense of lasting stability, it must be rooted in something that transcends our lived human experience. Something ... or Someone. Y'all see where I'm going with this, I'm sure.

Years ago, long before God called me to seminary and ordained ministry, in an Adult Formation workshop, I was invited to consider the question: "Is Christianity True?" I share with you now some of my thoughts in response to that most fundamental query.

Is Christianity true? Almost as soon as we ask that question, we find ourselves asking related questions about other religions. Are Muslims, for example, given a chance to accept Christ after they die? Is a life devoted to Judaism essentially wasted, without some last-minute conversion? What should a Christian's attitude be toward people who lead good, moral lives but practice non-Christian religions? What is the Christian's mission regarding morally upstanding atheists?

Before we respond to any such questions, we should do well to define exactly what it means for a religion to be "true." What are the characteristics of a "true" religion—indeed, how can we tell if any religion is "true"?

I suggest that, if we wish to determine whether any given religion is "true" or not, we ought to look to the teachings of that religion. Clearly, a religion based on hatred, intolerance, and the debasement of others cannot be considered (by any sane and rational person) to be a "true" faith. But what about a religion that preaches love, respects the dignity of every human being, and encourages healing and reconciliation in response to evil? That's obviously a different story, yes?

Now, it may seem like I'm "stacking the deck" in favor of the Christian religion by framing the discussion that way. Fair enough—that's exactly what I'm doing! After all, I believe Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). If I, as a Christian, am going to call any religion "true," I can only do so if said religion aligns with the fundamental realities, the basic truths, revealed to us in the incarnation of Our Lord and Savior.

But the other intriguing (and potentially controversial) point is that it is obviously quite possible for more than one religion to be "true" ... if, by "true," we mean "true to the values we (as Christians) learn from Jesus Christ." Matter of fact, our willingness to look for and acknowledge those common points of truth that we share with followers of other religions is precisely what makes interfaith work possible in the first place.

Despite what many people seem to think these days, it is absolutely not necessary for Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, or any of the world's Great Faiths to be completely false in order for Christianity to be fully true. Indeed, if Christianity were completely alien to, and differed utterly from, every other great religion in this world, having nothing in common with any of them, then we should actually be more skeptical of it (Christianity, that is), not less.

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(Fr. Christopher's Monthly Message continued)

The reason I say that is simple: as Christians, we know that Christ is co-eternal and co-creative with God the Father. We know that from the opening verses of St. John's Gospel, among other Scriptures. If Christianity is true, we're talking then about Universal Truth, Cosmic and Eternal Truth, and we should logically expect to find evidence of that Truth everywhere in creation and at all times and in all cultures throughout human history, right from the very beginning. The things that Jesus teaches ought to echo and resonate with the greatest teachings from the entire history of humankind. And they do.

And that's more than just encouraging; it's evidence of a loving God who cares for our well-being, who is concerned for our evolution and understanding, and who wants us to grow into the full measure of what we were created us to be. A God who loves us so fully and completely as never once, in the entire history of humanity, to leave us—any of us, anywhere in the world— orphaned and alone, without any Teachers to guide us. A God who wanted so much goodness for us that eventually God, Godself, came fully into the world in Jesus so that we could see God's face, touch God's wounds, and know God's Truth, fully. If Christianity is true, we should learn its teachings, and we should expect to find the truth of those teachings everywhere we look, regardless of what it's called or how it's packaged on the outside.

Now, does that mean we have to accept anything that anyone says or does in the name of "religious freedom," and respect that person and that action simply because we respect other faiths?

Absolutely not!

If Truth is Truth, regardless of what it's labeled, then Wrong is Wrong, no matter how it's packaged. (As a side note, we must especially be on guard against wrongdoing when it is committed under the guise and in the name of "Christianity" itself!) Likewise, does seeing bits of truth in religions other than our own relieve us of the responsibility of combating evil?

Again, absolutely not!

But it does mean that we cannot simply take the easy way out and label anything that's different, anything that's non-Christian, as "evil," just because it's different. That's a cop-out. Truly discerning good from evil is a part of our Christian responsibility, and it's a little trickier than just reading the labels on the packages. But if the Path were easy, the Son of Man wouldn't have had to die on the cross...

To conclude, the most common concern underlying the question "Is Christianity true?" is this one: if we accept that Christianity is true, and that it's true for everyone, does that mean that everyone everywhere needs to be Christian? Do we, as Christians, have a moral or ethical (let alone a spiritual) obligation to make Christians of the people we meet?

Well, in point of fact, the answer to that underlying question is a resounding *YES!* That's the entire point of the Great Commission! But a better question to ask oneself, however, might be this one: why do *I* need to be Christian? For if we cannot answer that question quickly, honestly, and with not only great certainty but also great enthusiasm, then we will have an extremely hard time convincing other people that they, too, need to be Christian! As the saying goes, you can't share what you haven't got.

For my part, being a Christian means living in a certain kind of relationship with God and letting that relationship permeate and influence every other aspect of my entire life. It means understanding the intrinsic value of *every* person, regardless of label or category. For me, Christianity is the meeting place of Divinity and humanity, of God and man, and therefore it contains the very purpose of our creation and existence.

And, most critically, it is the *person* Jesus Christ whose life, death, resurrection, ascension, and continual outpouring of himself has *literally saved me*, over and over again, throughout my life. He has healed me. He has taught me. He has welcomed me. He has admonished me. He has challenged me.

Above all, he has *forgiven me*.

That is why I need to be Christian. That is what the Truth of Christianity means to me. I look forward to hearing what it means to you.

Christopher+



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Love with the Heart of Christ

A POSITIVE APPROACH TO AGING AND DEMENTIA CARE

Want to learn more about normal aging and what will help when caring for loved ones living with dementia? Check out the DVDs from the bookshelf in the Parish Office through Kara Hollandsworth. This 2-DVD series offers timely information by a leading expert in the field of dementia care, Teepa Snow. Watch all of the segments on the DVDs or just some. Either way, you are guaranteed to learn.

And this is not just for seniors! No fooling, we all get old. Let's prepare, and be prepared, to be helpful to all whom our lives touch, and with whom we share Christ's love every day.

Pastoral Care Team

Please return DVDs within 2 weeks, so the next parishioner can borrow. Thanks!

GET ENGAGED & HELP FOSTER FELLOWSHIP

Consider signing up for a particular day to help the Engagement Committee with Coffee Hour, First Sunday Lunch, or other social events. Sign-up sheets are near the welcome table in the Narthex. If you have any questions about these opportunities to serve, please e-mail Cindy Thackham at cdjpt@att.net.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING

Eucharistic Visitors are licensed lay ministers who take Holy Communion to those who are unable to join us for worship. It is a special and rewarding ministry of fulfilling Jesus' commandment to visit the sick and the lonely. Deacon Mary Jeffers will train those who are interested in joining this ministry and re-certify those who want to continue. The training will be held in the Parish Hall from 2:30-5:30 pm on **Sunday, October 13**. Please contact Mtr. Suz (scate@holytrinityclemsont.org) if you plan to attend so that we can have sufficient materials available for all participants.



This ministry also requires Safe Church Training.



DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, October 6 as we celebrate Day School Sunday. We'll give thanks for the work of the Episcopal Day School—for all our teachers and the students and families they serve. Our children's choirs will lead us in rejoicing at the 10:30 am First Sunday service and we'll gather together for lunch afterwards in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome, so bring a friend!



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PRAYER SHAWLS

At the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 8, Father Christopher blessed the prayer shawls that had been lovingly knitted by members of the congregation for those in need of them.

Churchyard Tour

Jim Reed will repeat his popular Churchyard Tour that he gave at the 200th Anniversary Celebration of St. Paul's. Those interested should meet inside the front gates to St. Paul's churchyard on Sunday, October 20th. The tour will begin at 4:00 pm and will conclude before the Evensong service.



Evensong

Evensong is the common name for a Christian church service originating in the Anglican tradition as part of the reformed practice of the Daily Office or canonical hours. The service may also be referred to as Evening Prayer, but Evensong is the more common name when the service is musical.

There will be a service of Evensong at St. Paul's on October 20th at 5 pm. This service will follow the 4 pm churchyard tour.



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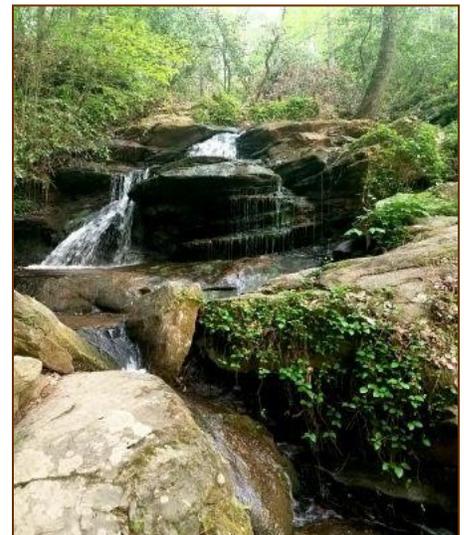


The Holy Trinity Holy Hike was held on Saturday, September 14 from 11 am to 1 pm. It ended at Waldrop Stone Falls after hiking a 1-mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Central, South Carolina.

There were 18 on the hike, and about half of those present were from St. Peter's Greenville. This was a wonderful celebration of Holy Eucharist in the beauty of nature.




Suzy+
HOLY HIKES
At the bridge
 Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**
 Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, all our thoughts are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts we may perfectly love you, and worthily adore your glorious Majesty, ever blessed, ever true, ever Lord. Amen.
 Priest: Lord, have mercy.
 People: **Christ, have mercy.**
 Priest: Lord, have mercy.
 Priest: The Lord be with you.
 People: **And also with you.**





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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS



5:25 pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal
 5:45 pm Bel Canto Choir Rehearsal
 6:15 pm Altar Choir Rehearsal

Children's Choirs recommenced on Wednesday, September 4. Children from 3 years old through 5th grade are welcome to join us in our HT Children's Choirs! Choristers receive faith-based choral music education on Wednesday evenings and are divided into 3 groups by age.

We assist in leading worship by singing during the First Sunday services during the school year as well as other special occasions. This ministry is open to the general public (not just our church), so invite your friends to join us, too! Contact Leah Durham, Director of Children's Choirs, at ldurham@holytrinityclemsont.org if you want more information,

THE PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!



The 2019-2020 Parish Choir season has begun. We welcome anyone over the age of sixteen to join and further enrich our beautiful and harmonious choir!! We rehearse Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm and our Sunday pre-service rehearsal is at 10:00 am.

We have a core of dedicated and talented singers, but there is always room for more. This lively, energizing ministry is the perfect place to share the love of singing together; making new friends; receiving support and fellowship; having a creative and expressive experience; developing new skills.

We are an open group of people who enjoy lifting our voices to enhance and guide the worship experience. Previous choral experience, or the ability to read music, is not required.

If you have questions or would like to express interest, contact our Choir Director, Rebecca Bowman at

rebeccabowman76@gmail.com

Please consider giving us a try!



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CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE IN THE CHAPEL



Take a break with God on Monday mornings. The chapel at Holy Trinity is always open, and all are welcome to stop by and pray at any time. On Monday mornings, any who wish to gather for quiet, contemplative time with God can come together for reflective reading of Scripture and short periods of prayer and meditation.

The leadership of this practice will be shared by clergy and lay participants. We will gather at 11:15 am and conclude by 11:45. The first Contemplative Prayer Practice took place on September 9. All are welcome.

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST

Join us at 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings for Holy Eucharist that will include Prayers of Healing and Anointing of the Sick. Most of these services feature music led by a team of gifted musicians who lead us in simple hymns and songs of praise using acoustic instruments. All are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist together.

WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL ANYTIME* DAY OR NIGHT!

The chapel door is once again unlocked. Can't sleep at 4 am? Come pray. Heading home after dinner downtown? Stop by and make a joyful noise before the Lord. (The acoustics are great!) Pray the daily office, meditate, or praise God's name with dancing. All are welcome—just make sure you stay within the chapel (transept) so you don't trigger the alarm in the Nave. That noise may not sound very joyful to your ears.

*Almost anytime: We do lock the door on football game days.

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

—Thessalonians 5:16-18





FORMATION

Think with the Mind of Christ

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our fall series on prayer (what it is, how to do it, and why it matters) is in full swing! Even if you've missed the first few sessions, it's not too late to get in on the invocation/benediction/devotion/imprecation/litany/orison/petition/supplication action! Bring your questions and your experiences and join the conversation.

The prayer series will continue into October. As we get closer to November, we will segue into an exploration of some of the key prayers from the BCP which are central to our liturgical worship, leading to a review of our Eucharistic prayers in which we'll sort of take everything apart to see what those prayers do and how they work. The best is yet to come, so please join us in the E/M room between services on Sundays, starting at 9:30!



HYMN SPOTLIGHT

Hymn 290 Come Ye Thankful People, Come

“Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home;
 all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest-home.”

Author: Henry Alford (1810-1874), Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

This hymn, written in 1844 for English Harvest Festivals, has long been a prominent hymn in our autumn season. The first stanza exhorts us to give thanks for God’s provision for our earthly needs through a physical harvest. The remaining stanzas relate man’s Redemption allegorically to a spiritual harvest and refer to the Parable of Wheat and Tares found in Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43.

Henry Alford, born in London, was an Anglican clergyman and distinguished himself as a theologian, scholar, writer, poet, artist, and musician. He was named Dean of Canterbury Cathedral at the age of 47, a position he held until his death in 1871. Although his lifetime dream to visit the Holy Land was never fulfilled, it is said his eyes were ever fixed on the Heavenly Jerusalem. This inscription is on his tombstone: “The Inn of a Pilgrim Traveling to Jerusalem”.

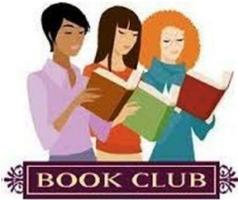
The tune to which Alford’s inspirational words are set is “St. George’s Windsor.” The tune’s composer, George Elvey, was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1871. He served as organist for 47 years at the royal chapel at Windsor Castle.

Jim Reed



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HOLY TRINITY WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



Join us for lively discussions about a variety of books! Our book for this fall will be the New York Times bestseller *Educated* by Tara Westover. We meet every 2 weeks on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm at the Clemson Central Library to discuss a portion of the book. Our first meeting was Wednesday, September 11, when we discussed Chapters 1-6. We met again on Wednesday, September 25. It is not too late to join! If you are interested, please contact Anna McKenna at 320.761.0678 or email amckenna@me.com.

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE DIRECTORY

Yes, there is an electronic version of the new Directory! If you would like an electronic copy (PDF) of the 2019 Church Directory, please email Kara Hollandsworth at khollandsworth@holytrinityclemson.org and a copy will be sent to you. Unlike the previous PDF-versions, this one is searchable, and e-mail clickable.

Due to privacy concerns the directory will not be available publicly for downloading.

PET BLESSING



Friday, October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. To celebrate the occasion, we'll have a blessing of the animals on **Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 pm** under the church bell towers.

Please bring your furry, scaly, wiggly friends for a blessing. *This brief service usually lasts about 30 minutes.*

Join us Friday, October 18th at 6:00 pm for our 4th Annual Oktoberfest celebration. Bring the whole family for a night of German-themed food, beer, music, and fun! Any donations offered this evening will be given to the Haitian scholarship fund.

Ein prosit der gemülichkeit!



TUTORING AT HOLY TRINITY

Kimberley Comport is a Junior Biomolecular Engineering major at Clemson who is starting a tutoring program at the church. Tutoring will be held every Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm. She's looking for students to tutor from the surrounding schools in middle and high school in STEM classes. If you know of a student who you think could benefit from extra help whether it be with studying or homework please reach out to her at kcompor@g.clemson.edu or 843-603-0379 or contact Cary Kaye, her vestry liaison.



FORMATION

Congratulations!

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you all for your love and support over the last three years as we welcomed several foster children into our home. We are overjoyed that God chose us as the forever family for Vanuel and Maggie.

Below is a photo from our special day. We are so glad that most of you could join us for their adoption blessing and celebrate with cake after the service. The children have felt so much love and kindness from all upon becoming adopted.

Love,

Daniel and Hailey Nielubowicz



COOK FOR CANTERBURY



Our Canterbury students are back - and they came hungry! If you'd be willing to cook a Wednesday night meal for this college ministry, please contact Sue Smink at 864.557.4500 or ssmink55@gmail.com or sign up at the address below to find out more. The only available date for the fall semester is 11/20.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba8ae2ea0f94-canterbury4>





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CANTERBURY



Canterbury is off to a great start again this year! We have had a busy semester so far – full of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth. We have a solid group returning from last spring, and we have welcomed some new faces into the fold. I am excited to see this community continue to flourish.

In late August, we took a trip to Sky Top Orchard in Flat Rock, NC to soak up the sun and pick the last of the honey crisp apples. While we were there, we enjoyed each other's company amongst the apple trees and enjoyed some delicious apple donuts. We stopped by Hendersonville on our way back to Clemson to check out their annual apple festival. A fun Saturday indeed!

indeed!

To expand our presence on campus, Alena and I set up a table on campus and handed out snacks and drinks to Clemson students as they went to and from their classes. This was a huge success, and a great way to advertise our amazing community. We want to give special thanks to Samantha Murphy who kindly donated all the snacks for our advertising efforts – we are so thankful for the support!

In remembrance of September 11th, we gathered together to pray for first responders and to bake brownies and cookies for first responders in Clemson who make numerous sacrifices every day to ensure that our community is safe. We delivered these treats to the Clemson University Police Department, Fire Department, and the Clemson City Police Department. It was a meaningful night for our group to express our gratitude for all they do!

This past weekend, Alena and I attended a peer minister training in Columbia with other peer ministers throughout the diocese. It was a fruitful day of meaningful conversation, collaboration, and planning to ensure that our Canterbury communities are living our mission of making disciples, transforming lives, and supporting young adults through fellowship, worship, and service.

We have many exciting programs in the works for the rest of the semester including God in Harry Potter, developing a Canterbury prayer, a conversation about God and Science, and hopefully some volunteering in November to wrap up the semester.

Additionally, we'd like to express our gratitude to all who have so generously prepared dinners for us on Wednesday nights including Sue Smink, the Wheelers, Rachel Mayo, Bill Purkerson, and the Murphys. We always look forward to these Wednesday night meals to really strengthen our community. And lastly, we'd like to thank Holy Trinity for its continued support of Canterbury – we really appreciate it!

God's peace,
Aynsley Hartney





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Laughter and excitement are in abundance at the Day School! The 2019-2020 school year, 60th year of the Day School, is off to a fabulous start.

Here are three simple ways YOU can help the Day School:

1. **Ingles Tools for Schools Program, School ID#22875** – Go to <http://www.inglestoolsforschools.com/>, select the “Link Your Card” link, select “Episcopal Day School” as the school you want to support, and enter your name and Advantage Card number (needs to be done at the beginning of EACH school year). When you make purchases using your Ingles Advantage Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales.
2. **Clip, collect and bring Box Tops for Education to the Day School.** Drop clipped box tops off at the Day School office (there is a grey deposit box beside the office door), in Suzanne’s mailbox within the church office work-room, mail them, or send them to school with a Day School student.
NEW – Go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/How%20To%20Earn> to learn about using the Box Tops for Education App to scan your receipts and automatically credit Box Tops to the Day School’s account.
3. **“Like” the Episcopal Day School Facebook page** at www.facebook.com/EDSClemson. Please consider leaving a positive rating/review of the Day School on the Facebook page, too. Ratings and reviews are powerful marketing tools for our preschool!

There are currently limited openings for 2-year-old and 3-year students to enroll now at the Day School . If you or a friend are interested in having a child attend (2- or 3-year-old birthday by September 1, 2019), please contact Suzanne Watkins, Director. Email: swatkins@holyltrinityclmson.org or call the Day School Office: 864-654-0298.





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HELP RESTOCK CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE'S PANTRY

Clemson Community Care still needs cereal, crackers, pork and beans, flour, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cans of vegetables. Also, toiletries, diapers, wipes, laundry detergent are always appreciated.

Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Thanks to all those who have already donated! Thank you for your continued support.



MINISTERS' COOKOFF

Save the date for this year's Ministers' Cookoff. It will be held Thursday, November 7 at Clemson United Methodist Church's Christian Life Center from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Taste tickets are still \$1.00 per taste. \$10 will buy you 10 "tastes" of either "Comfort Food" or "Sweet Tooth" dishes, so you can have a delicious and varied dinner for \$10.



This year's event, the 17th annual cookoff, will again raise funds for Safe Harbor. Over the years this has become a great event for the Clemson community. And if you don't know, Safe Harbor is a shelter for women who have been the victims of domestic violence and their children. It serves Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties.

Mellie Warner

A Note from Mtr. Suz: Cooks and helpers needed to prepare Holy Trinity's tasty contribution to the Ministers' Cook Off. Please contact me if you are able to contribute time and cooking talents for this important ministry!

Pendleton Ghost Walk



Sponsored by Pendleton Historic Foundation
Advanced Registration is Required!
 (864) 646-7249 or pendleton.hf@gmail.com

GHOST WALK

Join the Pendleton Historic Foundation [PHF] for its annual Ghost Walk through Pendleton on Friday & Saturday evening, October 18th & 19th. Walk with us, into the night to hear haunting tales of famous Pendletonians and the places where their souls still dwell.

Rain or shine, participants will visit buildings, grave sites, and more on these eerie tours. Tours run every 20 minutes between 7pm and 9:40pm, with a maximum of 25 people per tour. Participants must pay in advance via cash, check or PayPal. Registration is not complete without the assignment of a tour time and finalized payment.

It is suggested that groups arrive at the 145 Town Street to sign in at the Pendleton Community Center at least 30 minutes before their tour begins. The Ghost Walk will be around one mile long and take between 60 and 90 minutes to complete. Comfortable shoes are strongly suggested and a small flashlight is a bright idea to bring along but not required!

Golf cart usage will be limited to the first two tours and reserved for individuals who have trouble walking or standing for the duration of their tour time. Carts must be booked in advance and may not be reserved for whole groups or families. Visit www.pendletonhistoricfoundation.org/event-calendar/ to buy your tickets and reserve your spot today! Call (864) 646-7249 for more information.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

DEPOLARIZING WITH BETTER ANGELS



We all try to walk the walk of our faith. Some pray for others, some serve those in need, some give their talents and others give beyond their talents. A smile, a kind word, silence when words would inflame, boldness when silence would condone unkindness—all contribute to peace in our community.

At least that is the hope. In the last several years we have experienced a frightening affront to our societal norms. Families attack each other over politics, communities live in fear of one another where differences used to be accepted. We see our whole country deeply divided and rancor and incivility have become the disorder of the day. We cannot leave this chaos and contempt for those unlike ourselves to our children and grandchildren.

Remember Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural speech in 1861 just prior to the Civil War.

We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

We are the Better Angels! We MUST BE Better Angels!

Better Angels (the national organization) began in 2016 when a red (conservative-leaning) man and a blue (liberal-leaning) man brought together a handful of reds and blues to have meaningful, respectful conversation about their political beliefs. The results of that meeting? They found that they respected and liked each other, that they shared commonalities, and that they wanted to keep meeting. They learned that they *could* have a depolarized community. And they wanted depolarization for the entire country.

You are invited to a Red Blue Workshop on January 25 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. This workshop will bring together a maximum of 30 people: 7 conservative-leaning (red) people and 7 liberal-leaning (blue) people for a structured conversation with two trained moderators (1 red and 1 blue) and about 15 observers for a day long event. Our goals for participants and observers are to speak and be heard safely the beliefs of those on the other side and to find areas of common ground.

To learn more about the Red Blue workshop on January 25th, join us for a discussion and viewing of a documentary on Better Angels on November 14th in the Parish Hall here at Holy Trinity at 7 pm - 8:45 pm.

For more information about either event, to reserve your space, or to learn more about Better Angels, contact the Clemson Area Better Angels (CABA) team: Shari Jung at spjung@me.com, Paula Appling at upst8hiker@gmail.com, Linda Law at lindabrodylaw@gmail.com, or Janet Marsh at jmarsh@clemson.edu.

SHARE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

Our Daily Rest still needs coffee, sugar, trash bags (all sizes, especially 13 and 50 gallon), paper towels and paper products, toilet paper, Pine Sol, and bleach. Please place your donations in a basket in the Narthex. Let's fill the basket and share God's love. Questions? Please contact Kevin Hughes (864-903-5706) or Judy Surak (864-933-5205) Thanks one and all.





CHURCH AND THE WORLD



PIE SOCIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 4-6 PM



BAZAAR CORNER

Saturday, November 23

Don't forget the NEW DATE for this year's Christmas Bazaar and Artisan Market.

Food Booth—The Food booth at the Bazaar is looking for a leader as well as volunteers to make goodies. Please contact Cindy Thackham if you can help! 864-280-0539 or email cdjpt@att.net.

Gift Baskets—Please donate any new or very gently used item that will fit in a gift basket. This includes (non-hotel marked) bathroom items, toys, books, kitchen objects, non-perishable food, Clemson souvenirs, Christmas things of all kinds, and medium to large baskets with handles. Just about anything that will fit in a basket can be used. Please place donations in the marked basket in the Narthex.

Silent Auction—We are asking for donations. They can be given now or before November 17. Donations can be given to Sue Williams at williams6118@bellsouth.net or Lynn Luszcz at lluszcz@clemsun.edu. Suggested items include: Clemson memorabilia, artwork, services, jewelry, and new or gently used items.

Stockings—Please contact Amy Agosti (akagosti@att.net) if you would like to place your order for stockings. These must be ordered in advance, so don't wait!

Banners—Remember that banners need to be ordered in advance. To order a banner, contact Sally Morrell at Sallym29631@gmail.com.



Save your empty quart jars. Please leave them in the office for Bill Purkerson from now until the bazaar. Thanks!

Please watch in November for sign-up sheets for various duties that need to be performed the day before and at the Bazaar—we need your help, so don't be shy!

Anyone with questions about the Bazaar and Artisan Market should contact Amy Agosti at akagosti@att.net or Cheryl DeSellier at dcheryl@clemsun.edu. Thanks!



ADMINISTRATIVE

NOTES FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Beloved Parishioners:

Due to your generosity, as of Friday this past week we have raised \$541,974 for the "Our Doors" capital campaign, with some verbal commitments to come. Although we have come to the end of the formal campaign, which we celebrated on Sunday, gifts, large and small, will be appreciated at any time. On October 18th the wardens, treasurer, rector and Tommy Hurst (as the design team leader for the church) will meet with the Commission on the Diocese to seek approval for the plans and our funding proposal. After that discussion and the October vestry meeting, I will be bringing information to you on these issues. Heartfelt thanks are due our campaign team leaders, Kathy Hunter and Darren Linvill, and their team members, Michele Cauley and Bill Purkerson, for their good work and commitment to keep the cost of the campaign at a minimum.

I am also pleased to announce that the "Nave" project to reconstruct the altar area and upgrade our organ has raised \$110,804 (in pledges and cash-in-hand) of the bid total of \$154,432 from Lincoln Pipe Organs company. The vestry has approved the down payment for the project to hold our place in their queue. Our preferred time to undertake the project would be in the summer. A displacement of our worship services from the nave will be far more acceptable for this undertaking than it was for this past year's bat remediation project. I am most grateful for the leadership of Mickey Harder and for the efforts of the rest of her team in bringing this long-sought-after renovation to fruition.

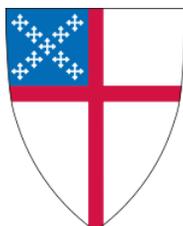
As you are all aware by now, Christopher has answered a call to All Saints Episcopal Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, and his last day here will be November 17th. We are putting together a team to conduct a search for his a replacement. I wish him, Anne, Emily and Elena the very best in this next phase of their professional and personal lives.

On another note, I am pleased to report that the Pastoral Care committee under the leadership of Pam Mack have developed what will be called the Good Shepherd Fund. This fund is intended to help parishioners who have acute needs. The allocation of funds will be determined by the rector and the pastoral care team, with appropriate oversight. The documents have been presented to the vestry, and, after some minor revisions, the fund should be ready for implementation soon. Please look for more on this in the weeks to come.

On the financial side, the church budget remains quite solid. While we continue to run a little behind in anticipated pledges, we are ahead in anticipated plate offerings. The latter, combined with the fact that our expenses are less than anticipated to date, has resulted in a small positive balance. I might add that our annual audit has been conducted with what I think are very favorable results. The auditors' recommendations appear to be ones that are readily implemented, and the finance committee will be following up this coming month. I thank Robbie Grider and Dorothy Meeks for their comprehensive and most helpful review.

Joining you in our commitment to love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act in the world as the Body of Christ,

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ADMINISTRATIVE



OUR DOORS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Thanks be to God for all who have given so generously to Our Doors Capital Campaign for Holy Trinity. As of Saturday, September 30th, we received around 68 commitments from parish individuals or families pledging \$541,974. All gifts will go toward the development of our Trinity Place property vision.

On Sunday, September 29th we celebrated these gifts and brought the formal phase of Our Doors capital campaign to a close. We gathered and blessed Our Doors pledge cards at each service that day to give thanks to God for the gifts that they represent and the mission opportunities they will provide. The celebration continued during a special breakfast between the two services.

We showed our appreciation for pledges already received and for those yet to come as we proceed with development of our vision which you can see on display in the parish hall. If you haven't yet done so, please bring your pledge card of commitment to church. Or, you may:

- mail it in
- drop it off at the church office
- pledge online at www.holytrinityclemsont.org/our-doors-capital-campaign-for-property-improvements/

Please call the church office if you need to request a pledge card or have any questions about Our Doors campaign or how to make your commitment.

With gratitude and thanksgiving,
Our Doors Capital Campaign



SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

Perhaps the best quality and certainly best tasting fresh coffee available anywhere in the Upstate is Singing Rooster fair-trade Haitian Mountain Blue. Remember that 70% of the proceeds from each sale go directly back to Haiti. Organic chocolate in four delicious flavors also available for \$3/bar.



Look for a member of our Outreach Committee Singing Rooster sales force (Phil Maiberger, Glen Quattlebaum, Rachael Mayo, & Harry Morse) after the 8:00 am or 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall. \$10 per bag for coffee; \$3 per bar for Gourmet Chocolate.

- Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Outreach.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 10/1 CB Maertens | 10/17 John Allen |
| 10/1 Wyatt Murphy | 10/17 Olivia Smink |
| 10/1 Emily Wilkerson | 10/20 Will Carter |
| 10/2 Genevieve Bishop | 10/21 Oliver Turnbull |
| 10/4 Brett Murphy | 10/21 Saharra Hopkins |
| 10/7 John Wilson | 10/23 Samantha Murphy |
| 10/8 Sylvia Linvill | 10/23 Charlie Quattlebaum |
| 10/8 Tenley Murphy | 10/23 Alan Armstrong |
| 10/8 Caroline Wertz | 10/25 Jan Cribb |
| 10/9 Emily Chisholm | 10/25 Faye Johnson |
| 10/11 Mary Butler | 10/26 Jere duBois |
| 10/12 Tom Wehrman | 10/27 Mary Beth Johnstone |
| 10/12 Cheryl DeSellier | 10/28 Celia Jane Robb |
| 10/12 Dorothy Meeks | 10/29 Robert Burington |
| 10/13 Bill Maker | 10/30 Molly Tindal |
| 10/16 Reese Murphy | |



FLOWER LIST

The 2019 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 in the Narthex or contact Kara Hollandsworth in the church office (864) 654-5071, ext 0, or email htchurch@holymtrinityclemsn.org to sign up.



September Birth Flower
Marigold



September Birthstone
Tourmaline

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of September 30, 2019

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,841.00	\$49,669.58	\$430,569.00	\$431,795.39
Expenses	\$48,963.00	\$48,167.22	\$427,191.00	\$415,522.42
Income +/-Expense	(\$ 1,122.00)	\$ 1,502.36	\$ 3,378.00	\$ 16,272.97

Trinity Place

Balance on First Citizens Bank Notes as of September 30, 2019
\$490,200.90