

# 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.*



**December 2017**

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

#### Friday, December 1

1:30 pm–5:30 pm Set up for bazaar

#### Saturday, December 2

10 am–3 pm Bazaar & Artisan market

#### Sunday, December 3

##### ADVENT SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:30 am Clemson House Demolish  
8:55 am Breakfast  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist/Baptism  
12 noon Soup lunch; Advent Festival  
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

#### Saturday, December 9

9 am – 2 pm Advent Quiet Day

#### Sunday, December 10

##### CANTERBURY SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:45 am Breakfast  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
12:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg.  
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

#### Sunday, December 17

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

#### Sunday, December 24

9:30 am Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall

##### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist children  
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist/ incense  
10:00 pm Music at St. Paul's  
10:30 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

#### Monday, December 25

##### CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall

#### Sunday, December 31

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** 6:00 pm EAM

**Tuesdays** 7:20 am Advent Morning

Prayer (Dec. 5, 13, & 19)

11:00 am Bible Study

##### Wednesdays

12 noon Women's Book Club  
5:45 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Canterbury  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursdays** 7:20 am Advent Morning

Prayer (Dec. 7, 14, & 21)

9:30 am Davis Library Book Group

**Saturdays** 8:00 am HT Book Group

### Keeping the Faith: Suz's Monthly Message

My Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

In the church office this month, we are preparing for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany—which collectively I think of as the Incarnation Cycle. Each of these seasons in the life of the Church is focused on a particular aspect of the Incarnation, that mystery of Jesus the Christ as described by the Council of Chalcedon in 451: “truly God and truly man.” (BCP 864)

In Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning, but we also prepare our hearts to receive the “daily visitation” in which we encounter Jesus in our neighbors, in our prayers, and, most palpably, in the Holy Eucharist. Advent is a time of deep longing and anticipation—O come, O come, Emmanuel! We tap into that place of deep desire for the presence of God-with-us, which is what Emmanuel means. We reconnect with the ancient watchfulness and waiting for the return of Christ.

And we do all of this as best we can within the clamor and bustle of the now-secular holiday season. There is much to enjoy in that generic, secular celebration, and I don't suggest that it is bad or harmful to indulge the cultural impetus to celebrate. I do encourage each of you to find for yourselves a balance between enjoying the holiday season and being swept up in it.

My prayer for all of us this Advent season is that we will take time to receive the daily visitation of Christ, either as a daily discipline or as small breaks from the hustle and bustle of what I call the “Silver Bells” holiday celebrations. There are simple ways for families and individuals to observe a quiet time each day: light candles on the Advent wreath at suppertime and read a quick devotion; watch for #Adventword images and meditations on our Facebook page; turn off the TV, put away the screens, and spend a few minutes with the quiet glow of the Christmas tree. Shhh! Be quiet. Slow down. It's Advent.

Grace & Peace to you, *Suz*



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## **WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

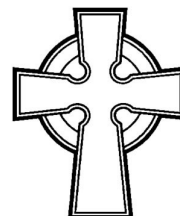
*Why do we celebrate Christmas for twelve days after Christmas?*

In the Episcopal church we, along with other liturgical traditions such as the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, celebrate Christmas as a *season*. The Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, and it lasts through January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. These are the Twelve Days of Christmas that are best known in today's world because of the English carol of the same name.

The origins of the Christmas season are unclear. This lack of clarity is rooted in the fact that we don't really know the day, or even the year, of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Our best guess is that Jesus was born sometime in the spring in a year between 6 and 4 Before the Common Era (BCE). We might say most accurately that Christmas is not so much the commemoration of an historical date as the celebration of an event of divine activity in acts of worship. The celebration of the Nativity in winter was likely adopted in the context of cultural pressures to celebrate the pagan observance of the winter solstice.

Because of the differences in calendars that date back centuries, having more to do with civil governance than religious observance, some Eastern churches celebrate the Incarnation on what is January 6 on our calendar, which corresponds to December 25 on the Eastern calendar. Over the centuries, the Western churches have adopted the January date as the Feast of the Epiphany, thereby creating a liturgical season of twelve days. In effect, the Eastern churches have picked up December 25 from the Western churches, and we have picked up January 6 from them. Both dates are celebrated in East and West, with differing traditions. Most notably, where we exchange gifts on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, others may exchange gifts on January 6, or even throughout the Christmas season.

Whatever the date, whatever the tradition, the Christmas season is part of a cycle of commemorating the Incarnation of God-with-us. We celebrate the event in which we have become connected to the One who is "true man, yet very God" to save us from sin and death and "bear our every load." (81 How a rose e'er blooming, The Hymnal 1982). Twelve days isn't nearly enough time to celebrate that glorious gift, but I hope you will find time each between 12/24 and 1/6 to open it up and give thanks to God!



## LIMINAL SPACE: Deacon Christopher's Monthly Message

## Notes from the In-Between

Happy New Year, everyone!

The Church's liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. Like Lent, Advent is a season of penitence, fasting, and prayer in anticipation of the coming of Jesus Christ. Both seasons invite us to turn inward and examine ourselves, our souls, in preparation for encountering Christ. In Advent, however, we tend to focus our preparation more on expectation and anticipation than on penance and repentance, which is more typically the focus of the Lenten season. And rightly so—living into the season of Advent should bring us into a state of awe and wonder as we consider, not just in our minds, but also in our hearts, the marvelous thing that God is about to do, for us, among us, and within us.

Indeed, it may be helpful to think of the penitent aspect of Advent not so much as a time of sincere contrition for our individual sins (that's what Lent is for) but rather as a turning away ("to repent" = "to turn away") from the ten thousands things that draw our attention away from the God-child about to be born in our midst: the busyness of the secular holiday season; the relentless, rapid-fire assault of advertising; the increased demands on our time; and the pervasive message that this season is all about *rushing rushing rushing* just as fast as we possibly can. The observation of a holy Advent can be deeply, profoundly, and radically counter-cultural in this day and age. As the culture around says, "Rush! Hurry! Run! There's not much time left!" the theology of Advent says, "Wait. Be still. Take time—make time—to prepare for what is coming, for the One who is coming."

It's true that there are hundreds of little (and not so little!) things to be done on the way to Christmas ... family gatherings to plan, travel arrangements to make, decorations to be arranged, letters to be written and sent out, gifts had to be chosen, purchased, wrapped, boxed, and shipped to long lists of people early enough to get there in time, and more ... in order to create "the perfect Christmas." Yes, there are so many things to do. And these things are important. Any sort of celebration, seasonal or otherwise, requires solid logistical planning. But let's not mistake the busyness of planning family activities or social gatherings for the spiritual work of preparing ourselves for the birth of Christ.

You see, Christmas is already going to be perfect—it has been, for more than two millennia—whether we get our shopping done in time or not. Christmas will arrive, as it always does, right on time, and the Light will be reborn after the longest nights of the year, and that Light is the life of all of us. This season of Advent is not meant to be a time of rushing to and fro. It's meant to be a time for repentance, fasting, and prayer. In the midst of the coming whirlwind of activity, I encourage you this season to carve out some time, even if only 5 - 10 minutes a day, to repent from consumerism, to fast from busyness, and to pray. God comes to dwell among us, with us, as one of us. He comes to us at first as a child, small and needing us to shelter, nourish, and nurture this new life. Make space for him in your prayers, and await his coming with awe and wonder.

~ Deacon Christopher Wilkerson





**PLAN TO JOIN US AT ST. PAUL'S FOR A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 PM



Lessons and Carols is part of the wonderful Anglican tradition of musical services. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve in 1918. The Festival of Lessons and Carols has been celebrated there on every Christmas Eve since then. The King's College service incorporates nine lessons from Holy Scripture, punctuated by carols, anthems, and hymns. The lessons and music move intentionally from Advent into Christmas.

Our service at St. Paul's will very deliberately move through the themes of Advent right up to the birth of Jesus, leaning into the Christmas story, but leaving that for Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity and the promise of the Messiah is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the stirring singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 328 E. Queen St. in Pendleton on Sunday, December 17, at 5:00 pm. It will feature the wonderful Holy Trinity Parish Choir and some special guest instrumentalists.

**Baptism**

Eunice Waddington's great granddaughter, Scarlett Anne Coxe, was baptized at the 10:30 am service at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 5. A reception and fellowship followed in the parish hall.





# WORSHIP

## Advent Services

Morning Prayer at 7:20 am on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Advent Morning Prayer starts December 5. Join us in the chapel located in the transept of the Holy Trinity Nave on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:20 am to celebrate Morning Prayer. All are welcome. Come in your work clothes, gym clothes, or night clothes. Come wide-eyed or sleepy headed. Come and rejoice! If you have any questions, contact Kara Hollandsworth at (864) 324-7931 or email [kghollandsworth@gmail.com](mailto:kghollandsworth@gmail.com).

## 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Service at 9:30 am in Parish Hall

On Sunday, December 24, 2017, the fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am. This action allows the altar guild to decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday rather than trying to fit it in between the morning service and the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service.

## Christmas Eve at St. Paul's

Viola Wolf has done her magic again and created a new wreath for the swag at St. Paul's. As she did with the window wreaths for last Christmas Eve, Vi tried to duplicate, using non-perishable items, the image of what might have been used in the early 1800s. You will see no bows or ribbons, only a simple offer to God and His family.

Vi's wreaths will be in the windows of St. Paul's at the Christmas Eve service at 10:00 pm on December 24. She also created and donated the window decorations for the windows for Christmas Eve. Be sure to let her know how much you appreciate all her work.



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

- 4:30 pm Holy Trinity—Young families/Christmas pageant
- 7:30 pm Holy Trinity—Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Incense
- 10:00 pm St. Paul's in Pendleton—Music at 10:00 pm and Traditional Late Night Christmas Mass at 10:30 pm



### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10:00 am in Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Our Christmas Day Service will be somewhat different as we did last year. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall, in proximity to our brothers and sisters who will be preparing meals for Clemson Meals on Wheels clients. Others will be preparing Care Packages and small gifts to accompany the meals. Our worship will take place within the context of the ongoing work of ministry, and we will take time to participate in that work in response to the Gospel. Our celebration of the Nativity of Our Savior will take the form of serving those who would otherwise be hungry and alone on this most holy day.



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Family Ministries

### Advent as a Family

This is a time of year when life can feel too busy, and it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of what our culture calls “the Christmas season.” We are surrounded by messages to buy new products and attend a plethora of holiday gatherings, and an overall feeling that in order to get the most out of Christmas we must be stressed. The blessing of our Christian tradition of having an Advent season before Christmas, much like the Lenten season before Easter, is that it asks us to wait, to be still, to ponder, and to prepare our hearts for the coming Christ.

Children learn many things by watching adults. They can, at times, mirror our best and worst qualities. So how can we model for our children how to slow down, wait, and prepare? How do we observe an Advent season while Christmas is swirling all around us? I think intentionality goes a long way with kids. Try to add even one family activity that invites calm and quiet. You may spend 5-10 minutes each night lighting the candles of your Advent wreath and saying a short prayer. You might add one new ornament to the Christmas tree each day and share the family stories and memories behind it. You could also take a break from TV or other screen-based media during this season – even a few hours each week could bring some much-needed calm and allow you to carve out some family time.

At Holy Trinity, we want to provide families with tools and support for observing a holy Advent season. Here are some resources we are offering this year:

- **“Advent for Families”:** a four-week adult Sunday School class focused on how we can experience Advent as a family. This class will discuss why we commemorate Advent, Advent and consumerism, Advent themes, and Advent in the home. We met on Nov. 19, Nov. 26, and will meet in the St. Mary Magdalene room at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 3, and Dec. 10.
- **Advent Festival:** We will provide a soup lunch and have stations for families to make their own Advent wreaths to take home. There will also be Advent calendars to take, cookies to decorate, and an Advent poster to color that will hang in the Parish Hall.
- **Advent Posters:** We have purchased large coloring posters that will help guide our parish through the themes and weeks of Advent. Each Sunday, at the end of children’s church, the children will hear a short devotional that explains the poster and theme for the week. During coffee hour, the adults will hear a devotional as well, and all will have an opportunity to sit together and work on our coloring posters. We hope these will bring a moment of calm into your week as well as strengthen the bonds within our parish.
- **Advent Devotionals:** We will be giving out these devotionals at the Advent Festival, but they will be available throughout the season. These devotionals have activities to do and things to discuss as a family and can be customized to be done daily, weekly, or as is best for your family.

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

- Dec. 2 – Bazaar and Artisan Market (Saturday from 10 am—3 pm)
- Dec. 3 – Advent Festival (in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am—1:00 pm)
- Dec. 17 – Lessons and Carols (5 pm at St. Paul’s)
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service and Children’s Pageant (4:30 pm)
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service (Monday at 10 am)

*See page 5 for a complete list of all the Advent and Christmas services.*

*Chloe Cashwell*



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Family Ministries

### Family Ministries Update: Nursery Overhaul Complete

If you do not currently have an infant or toddler in your home, you may not have seen our parish nursery in a while. When you have time, I would encourage you to take a moment to look in on the progress the Family Ministries Team and Nursery Staff have made on updating the nursery to make it as safe and inviting as possible to our youngest parishioners. We have painted walls, built furniture, purchased new toys, and developed an organizational system for collecting and maintaining vital records for each child in our care. We have also put in place a check in/check out station at the nursery door to ensure greater security and safety for our children. If you get a chance to stop by the nursery, please take a moment to thank our incredible nursery staff who serve week in and week out to share the love of Christ with our babies and toddlers.



If you love babies and are interested in serving in the nursery in any capacity, please contact Chloe Cashwell for more information about how to get plugged in!

*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 and of the Book of Common Prayer, 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 EfM room upstairs beginning January 7 and continuing through February 11. Note: Psalms as Common Prayer will not meet on January 21.

## Discovery Class in January and February

**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 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.

## 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.



## WORSHIP

### Christmas Meals on Wheels



Holy Trinity cooks will again assist the Meals On Wheels program by making delicious Christmas dinners for their clients and HT senior parishioners at home. We also send Christmas cards, small gift bags of ready-to-eat healthy foods and fruit, and 'stocking stuffers' of toiletries or other thoughtful gifts for seniors.

Join in this Outreach project! Donations can be left in a Meals On Wheels box in the Narthex closer to Christmas Eve, or come to the Parish Hall Christmas morning about 10:00 a.m. and help pack gift bags. Snack packs of meat/tuna, cheeses, fruits packed in juice, peanut butter crackers, dried fruit and nuts. And, Christmas cards! More info? Call Julie Morse (864) 224-9996.

### Kanuga Parish Weekend 2018



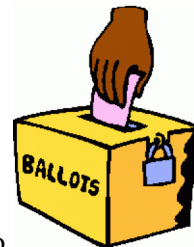
Spiritual Gifts: "The Gifts of God,  
for the People of God"

Mark your calendars for our weekend at Kanuga! We return to that bit of heaven on earth March 2-4, 2018. Bring the family, join old friends, and make new friends while we learn about the gifts God gives to the world through us. We'll leave plenty of time for you to relax in a rocking chair, go for a hike, or take a nap! There will be worship opportunities to refresh your spirit, and we will sing and laugh together around a roaring fire. Registration information will be coming soon!



## ADMINISTRY

### Elections for Parish Service Results



My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Please join me in thanking everyone who agreed to put their names forward as nominees for our various elected leadership positions for 2018 and into the future. All of our uncontested elections have resulted in very fine appointments:

Hap Wheeler—Senior Warden

Kathy Crouse—Junior Warden

Scooty Burch—Episcopal Day School Board

Carolyn Wheeler—Episcopal Day School Board

Beth Kunkel—Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Serena DuBose—Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Lynn Luszcz—Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Each of our eight candidates for the four Vestry seats to be filled were of such high caliber that any election result would have been a win for the parish! That is a wonderful sign of the vitality of Holy Trinity. Please join me in thanking Earl Burch, Jerome Cribb, Lori Graham, Bob Greene, Cary Kaye, Sarah Maiberger, Tim McPeak, and Bob Taylor for their willingness to serve, if elected. Be sure to congratulate **the** new members of our Vestry: **Earl Burch, Bob Greene, Cary Kaye, and Sarah Maiberger.**

Finally, please join me in praying for all of our leaders at Holy Trinity:

*Lord Jesus Christ, watch over those who are leaders in your Church. Keep them faithful to their vocation and to the proclamation of your message. Teach them to recognize and interpret the signs of the times. Strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit, and help them to serve faithfully. Open their eyes and hearts to the needs of all, especially the poor and the needy. Give them a vivid sense of your presence in the world and a knowledge of how to show it to others. Amen.*

Grace & peace to you,

Suz+

**Note:** At the Vestry meeting on 11/19/2017, Lori Vaughn Graham was elected by the Vestry to fill the remaining two years on Hap Wheeler's Vestry term since Hap was elected Senior Warden.





# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Episcopal Day School



The Day School sincerely thanks those who ordered poinsettias last month. If you placed an order, please pick-up your poinsettia(s) in Holy Trinity's Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm or on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias will be labeled with the name of the person who placed the order.

The school families and staff will join for a *Stone Soup Celebration* November 17<sup>th</sup>. All the children helped with preparations by bringing in vegetables for soup to be made, mixing up and baking cornbread, and making decorations for the tables. At the celebration, all enjoyed a tasty soup and a performance by the students while remembering the importance of working together, sharing and community. Pictures of the students making cornbread are below.



The 4K Red Bird Class will be riding in the cember 5th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Please come downtown to support the Day School at the parade!

Clemson Christmas Parade on De-

The Episcopal Day School Christmas Program will be at 9:00 am on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall, and everyone is invited to come. The children will present a program of songs.



If you have questions about enrollment at the Day School, contact Suzanne Watkins, [swatkins@holytrinityclemsn.org](mailto:swatkins@holytrinityclemsn.org) or call (864)654-0298. The children and staff of Episcopal Day School wish Holy Trinity Parish a blessed Christmas! ~

Suzanne Watkins  
Director (864)654-0298



# Administration

## Our Place—A Shared Vision

On November 12, following the 10:30 am service at Holy Trinity, there was a forum luncheon from 12 pm—1:30 pm in the parish hall. A brief history of the Trinity Place project was presented along with the results of the survey that parishioners filled out in September regarding the best use of the Trinity Place space and parish facilities. Conversations were continued to further shape our shared vision of the property.

Lunch was provided by the Youth Group. They raised \$600 from donations for the meal to send in to the *Gifts for Life* program of Episcopal Relief and Development.



## Stewardship of Space

Dear Leaders of ministries, faithful helpers, and all others who use our space: we need your help with a couple of matters concerning the stewardship of our space. First, it is most important that, as you schedule meetings and events here at Holy Trinity, please remember to contact the church office to ensure that the space you wish to use is available. It is important for us to know who is in our buildings for security purposes, and it is helpful for us to be aware of your presence so that we can plan the necessary activities of the business of the church.

We also need to remind everyone who uses our buildings after business hours to be diligent in checking to make sure the doors are locked when you leave. We have had several instances lately when doors have been left unlocked, when then necessitates a thorough security check of the building. Please check any door you've unlocked during your time in the building. The locks can be tricky, and people often think they have locked the door when they have not. Thank you.





# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market

Saturday, December 2 from 10 am—3 pm

Sunday, December 3 from 9-10 am and 12-1 pm



The Episcopal Church

Women are very proud to present the culmination of their many hours of work throughout the year for your regard at their annual bazaar on Saturday, December 2. There will also be many local artisans showing their handiwork. Many unique Christmas gifts are available for purchase at reasonable prices. A delicious lunch will be served.



Beaded silver serving pieces will be a new addition at the ECW Bazaar this year. Each piece has been hand beaded to be one of a kind and will make a unique gift for those special people in your life.

Also, buckwheat travel pillows will be available. Buckwheat allows for air movement, has a cooling effect, conforms to your head, and is more breathable which all makes for a more comfortable travel pillow.

Apron sets for Mom, daughter and baby doll will be available. Knitted Christmas stocking and bell ornaments along with note cards with the Holy Trinity quilt picture that Marge Edie made for the church, and two new stained glass window ornaments plus the adorable church mice including a new angel mouse will all be at the Holy Trinity Caring Crafters table.



A handmade Christmas calendar telling the story of Christmas for you and your children to share each day leading up to Christmas will be in the Silent Auction. Plan on attending and buying some special gifts for your loved ones.

*Sally Morrell*

## Clemson Community Care



Clemson Community Care has a shortage of the following food items: Juice, flour, cornmeal, soup, canned corn, and crackers. We also have a continuing need for diapers. We are very thankful for all your support, especially during the holiday season when the need for food is much greater.



# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## Special Order Singing Rooster Coffee and Chocolate Bars

### FOR THOSE HARD TO GET FAMILY, OFFICE, AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS GIFTS



- FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!! Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna and Decaf!
- Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in Plain, Orange, and Lemon-Ginger flavors!

\$10 per bag for Coffee; \$3 per bar Gourmet Chocolate payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach.

Great coffee and remember that 70% of all proceeds go back to Haiti: 40% fair trade to growers and 30% to support our Ecole Bon Sauveur Cange!!

For more information, please contact Harry Morse by text, phone, or email: 864-314-9996 (phone or text), [hgmorse@gmail.com](mailto:hgmorse@gmail.com) (email)

Order please by Sunday December 3 to ensure delivery by Sunday December 10.

Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!

NB—An increasing body of scientific data suggest that coffee and organic chocolate consumption is linked to increased quantity and improved quality of life. Though data for chocolate consumption is less robust, some would hold this truth to be self evident!!

## Hymn 83

### O Come All Ye Faithful (*Adeste Fideles*)

“O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.”

Author and Music: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

This is one of our favorite Christmas hymns – such a call to praise and expression of joy over Christ’s birth! Considerable misinformation exists concerning its history. Because it was originally written in Latin, some believe it to be an ancient Latin hymn. However, it was composed by an Englishman, John Francis Wade, in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century and first published in 1760. He also composed the music, first published in 1782. This hymn has also been called the Portuguese Hymn; this stemmed from its popularity begun by its performance in the Portuguese Embassy Chapel in London in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century by the famous musician Vincent Novello, who was the organist there. Verses 1-3 of the Latin hymn were translated into English in 1841 by Frederick Oakeley of Shropshire, England. Oakeley was an ordained Anglican minister who later switched to Roman Catholicism and became Canon of Westminster Cathedral. Verses 4 and 5 are a translation by another Englishman: William Thomas Brooke.



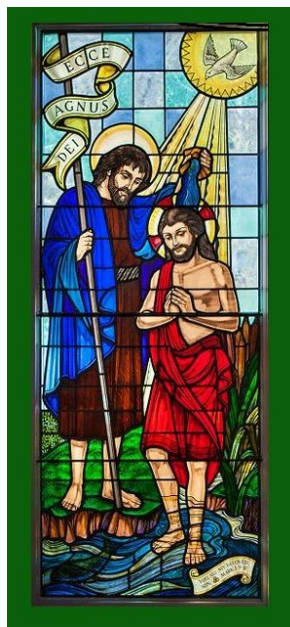


# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## Stained Glass Ornaments Reproductions of Windows at Holy Trinity

The next stained glass window ornaments have arrived and will be available at our annual bazaar, Saturday, December 2! We have decided to make two available at this time rather than offering one now and one at Easter. First is the *Baptism of Jesus*, which was given to the glory of God in honor of Byron and Mary Jane Harder and Robert and Lillian Utsey and in loving memory of Frank Johnstone and Anne White Jervey. The second is *Calling of the Disciples*, which was given to the glory of God in memory of John Ernest and Elizabeth Rhoad Shuler and the Rev. Emmett Preston and Annie Mae Johnson Smith in honor of Cyril O. Shuler. Quantities are limited so be sure to come to the bazaar and add these to your collection!

Sally Morrell



## Episcopal Relief and Development



Healing a hurting world



### Gifts for Life

Give and Let Your Bounty and Joyfulness  
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Episcopal Relief & Development works in over 40 countries and touches 3 million people a year to empower people to find lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and disease.

The Episcopal Relief & Development *Gifts for Life* catalogs are here; pick one up in the Narthex as you leave church. It is an opportunity during the Christmas giving season to give a gift with a lasting impact and help heal a hurting world. It is also a great way to give a gift in someone's honor.

If you make an order before December 31, your gift will be matched! Please help those in need this Christmas season!



## Christian Formation

### Advent Quiet Day

December 9, 2017 9 am—2 pm

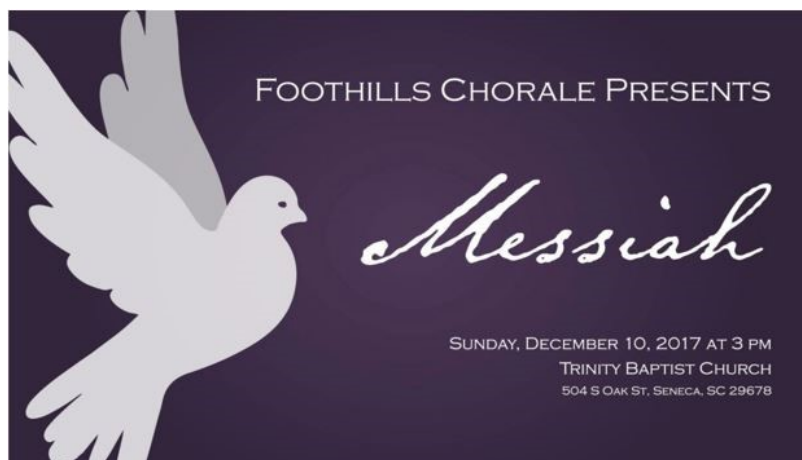


Theologian Karl Rahner once observed that "The Christian of the future will be a mystic or will not exist at all." Rahner goes on to define mysticism as "a genuine experience of God emerging from the very heart of our existence." His point is to distinguish between theology—a set of more or less abstract concepts, on one hand, and direct, personal experience of God, on the other hand. As I understand it, it is the distinction between "I believe..." and "I *know*." The mystic is less concerned with sorting through beliefs than with coming to know God, personally and intimately.

On this Quiet Day, and in the spirit of observing a holy Advent, I hope to offer you a taste of just how mystical a religion our faith truly is—to whet your appetite with an introduction to a few mystical practices. From different ways to encounter the Scriptures to meditation exercises, this program will give you some firsthand experience with a mystical approach to Christianity.

It is my hope that you'll take the experiences of this day as a beginning, a starting place for your own ongoing practice of prayer, meditation, reflection, and exploration as you journey through the season of Advent on the way to the life-changing, world-altering birth of the Light, Christ Jesus, in Bethlehem. Please join me—let us be pilgrims together upon the Way.

*The Rev. Deacon Christopher Wilkerson*



The Foothills Chorale will perform *Messiah* on Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church, 504 Oak St., Seneca. Tickets are \$20 for a single performance (\$35 for a season ticket). Student tickets are \$10, and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from one of the many Holy Trinity members who are a part of the Chorale: Wanda Campbell, Suz Cate, Will Cate, Lynn Smith, and Anne Wilkerson.



# HOLIDAY FLOWERS, MUSIC



## Christmas

If you would like to contribute toward special Christmas flowers, please fill in the information below and place it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office on or before Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in memo area of check: **Christmas Flowers**. Thanks!

Please write legibly!

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

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**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!



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 12/1 Noelle Yardley      | 12/19 Cameron McCabe      |
| 12/2 Renna Redd          | 12/19 Tim McPeak          |
| 12/3 Ann Wynn            | 12/20 Charles Arms        |
| 12/4 Susie Lloyd Stokes  | 12/22 Wayman Curtis Henry |
| 12/4 Barbara Runz        | 12/22 Jennifer Thackham   |
| 12/6 Rebecca Eidson      | 12/24 Jack McKenna        |
| 12/6 Joanna Schuman      | 12/26 Isabel Quattlebaum  |
| 12/7 Tommye Hurst        | 12/27 Billy Bridges       |
| 12/9 Mary Bowman         | 12/27 Earl Burch          |
| 12/10 Phoebe McPeak      | 12/29 Ethan Cashwell      |
| 12/11 Paul Thackham      | 12/29 Lew Fitch]          |
| 12/12 Patricia McMullan  | 12/30 Don Campbell        |
| 12/13 Carolyn Wheeler    | 12/31 Cathy Garrett       |
| 12/14 Myra Gildersleeve  | 12/31 Carol Todd          |
| 12/14 Kathy Naeseth      | 12/31 Gwen Troise         |
| 12/17 Jessica DeCubellis |                           |



**Coffee Hour**

Do you enjoy coffee hour as much as I do? This fellowship time after the 10:30 service 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 train 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](mailto:cdjpt@att.net).



December Birth Flower:  
*Holly*



December Birthstone:  
*Turquoise*

**Financial Update as of November 30, 2017**

**Operating Fund**

	<b>Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Monthly Actual</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	
Income	\$42,958.00	\$39,603.42		\$472,535.00	\$447,819.52
Expenses	\$42,955.00	\$39,801.80		\$472,529.00	\$446,109.07
Income +/-Expense	\$3.00	\$ (198.38)		\$6.00	\$33,710.45

**Trinity Place Fund**

**Phase II-Prism Pledge Offerings**

July 1, 2011-----June 30, 2016

Amount Pledged \$735,600.00  
 Offerings received as of October 31, 2017 ~~-\$827,266.34~~  
 + \$ 91,666.34

**The Walls Campaign**

Amount Pledged \$171,945.00  
 Offerings received as of October 31, 2017 ~~-\$160,847.42~~  
 \$ 11,097.58

First Citizens Bank Notes Payable as of November 30, 2017 \$673,142.47