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.

JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 7 and July 5

10:30 am Holy Eucharist at Downs Corley Center

Sunday, June 3 and July 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10:30 AM 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (no children's church) 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Sunday, June 10 and July 8 8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Sunday, June 17 and July 15

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. Paul's

Sunday, June 24 and July 22

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (June 24)

Sunday, July 29

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays

11:45 am Lemonade on the Lawn

<u>Tuesdays</u>

 $11 \ {\rm am} \ {\rm Reflectionary} \ {\rm Bible} \ {\rm Study}$

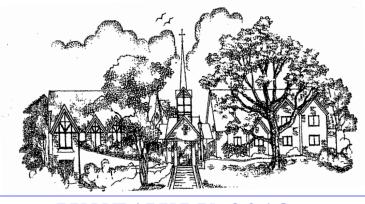
<u>Wednesdays</u> (in June) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Healing Service

Saturdays

8:00 am Holy Trinity Book Group



JUNE/JULY 2018

Keeping the Faith: Suz's Monthly Message

My Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Summer is quickly approaching, and everyone is dreaming of vacations, staycations, and perhaps a slower pace for a few weeks. Our schedule at Holy Trinity will slow down some, and we will use that time for planning and preparations for when we resume our normal parish life in mid-August. In this slower time of year, I pray that each of you will find plenty of reasons to give thanks to God for the life and blessings that we enjoy.

In fact, as you spend time with family and friends, whether you're traveling or sticking closer to home, I encourage you to share your gratitude with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Holy Trinity. There will be time for fellowship over coffee or lemonade after our services each Sunday. You can also share your gratitude on our Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Facebook Group (this is separate from our public Facebook page—the Group is private, so that what we share there is not seen by anyone outside the Group). The great thing about social media is that you can share your gratitude from anywhere!

So, if you're going to be away this summer, don't lose your connection to Holy Trinity, or to God. Grab a *Forward Day by Day* devotional and tuck it into a convenient place for daily prayer and reflection. Spend time with God at home or away. Another way you can stay connected if you can't be with us in church is to catch the sermon online. The sermons are generally posted on our website by midweek. You'll be in our prayers, wherever you go this summer.

This issue of *Tempo* will cover June and July; we'll be back strong in early August with all the information you need for Backpack Blessings, the start up of Sunday School, and more! In the meantime, God bless you and keep you, and y'all keep the faith!

Grace, peace, and summertime fun to you all, Suz+



Letter of Appreciation

Dear Holy Trinity Parish:

Thank you all so very much for your love, support and generosity towards our entire family over the years. We are so grateful to many of you with whom we have maintained special and close relationships. Our family moved to Clemson in 1969, and Holy Trinity has been a part of each of us ever since. When our mom died in 2001, you all rallied to be a sound support system to us and especially to our dad. You involved him in decisions, continued to ask him to be a part of weddings and baptisms and funerals and Lenten Quiet Days and all sorts of other events. Some of you invited him to share meals at your homes or to go out to lunch or a drink, and you will never know how much that meant to him or to us. He was devastated by the loss of our mother, but he was always determined to get on with life and to not complain. This past January when dad died unexpectedly, you all rallied again. I know that the reception and funeral at the church were carried out with love and great care, and we appreciate both deeply. We are each struggling to make sense of life on this earth without our father, and will admit to you all that we might not ever understand God's plan. But, we watched our father live his faith every day, and know that his work touched many of your lives and the lives of people we will rever meet.

To those of you that we know so well, we are forever grateful for your friendship to our parents and your love for all of us. We love you too. And, to all of you in this incredible parish family, we can never thank you deeply enough for all that you have done for us.

Pam, Tod, Stephen and Andrea (children of Tom Davis)

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LIMINAL SPACE: Notes from the In-Between

Father Christopher's Monthly Message

Hello, friends!

We have come through Pentecost and, as of Trinity Sunday, have now entered into the long, green season of "ordinary time." That being the case, rather than trying to dream up any sort of "extraordinary" theme or plan for this column over the next few months, I thought I would instead a series of "ordinary" reflections upon topics that I've encountered more or less frequently in my meandering journey of, through, and to faith.

Once such ordinary topic came up again for me very recently. An acquaintance of mine, knowing that I'm a priest, asked me the other day: "Do you think science and religion can exist together? If so, how?" Growing up squarely in the "Bible Belt" of the Deep South (Georgia, to be specific), I encountered the first question fairly frequently throughout my growing up. The earliest answer to the question that I can remember popping into my head was: "Why couldn't they?" And yet, back then, it was a question to which many people seemed to think the answer was "obviously not." My perception is that the tension between those two gut-level responses has increased in the decades since I was a child.

How we respond to the question is heavily influenced by the particular flavor of religious background or community (or lack thereof) in which we grew up and were formed. For us as Episcopalians, it is worth noting that it has long been the position of the Anglican Communion (of which The Episcopal Church in the United States is part), the Roman Catholic Church, several other mainline denominations that there is no contradiction between scientific knowledge and religious belief. In fact, Pope John Paul II, back in the 80s (I think), published an encyclical famously stating unequivocally that "truth cannot contradict truth." And of course there are plenty of non-Christian religions that don't embrace the literalism and fundamentalism that can lead some Christians to believe that they must choose between the validity of science and the integrity of their faith.

I can tell you from my personal, first-hand experience as an anthropology major back in college that the more I learned about how the human species evolved throughout pre-history, the more awestruck and inspired I became in my faith — but I also have to be rigorously honest and point out that everyone who went through that academic program did not have or need to have that experience studying anthropology; it's just how it struck me, already being a person of faith at the time.

And I was lucky to have the parents I have. As I grew up, it never even occurred to me that there could be any conflict between science and religion, because the two were never presented to me as conflicting in any way. Honestly, I was rather shocked, when I started to learn about cultural history, to discover that there had been so much conflict between science and religion. I never understood it, as a child or a teenager. These days, however, even though I personally still see absolutely no conflict there, I think I understand a little better why it's been so difficult for so many people. In our culture, so many folks are given an impossible choice: you can either be a rational, thinking, science-literate person, OR you can be religious. It's a false choice, but how many people actually are taught that it's a false choice, growing up? On the other hand, how many people are taught that it's not only a valid choice, but a crucial one?

Okay, so, to the second part of the question, then: How can science and religion exist together?

I think the most effective way is for folks to understand that science and religion are not conflicting versions of truth; rather, they are two different modes of discovering truth — and we need to make sure that we use the right mode of inquiry for the particular type of question we want to answer.

Science is the hands-down best method we have for understanding *how* things work in the *observable* (that is, material) universe. For questions of "how?", for questions about things that can be empirically observed and tested, you can't beat the scientific method.

On the other hand, if you want to explore why an observable universe exists in the first place, or what it means to exist as conscious beings in this universe; if you want to explore things that are by definition intangible and *not* empirically testable, then science as a method is useless — and a good scientist will tell you that such existential questions are beyond the purview of scientific methods of investigation.

The vast majority of problems (read: conflicts) arise when folks mistake one mode of inquiry for the other: relying on literal interpretations of spiritual/mythical/mystical texts to "explain" the physical universe ... OR misusing science to fabricate false constructs of belief and then denying that there's any "belief" involved (because it's all just "facts" and "science").

Whew! How's that for an "ordinary" beginning?



Love with the Heart of Christ

June and July First Sundays

Our upcoming First Sunday service will be June 3. We will not have Children's Church that morning so that families can worship together. If your child would like to be a Lector or Intercessor, please let Mother Suz know. There will also be a July First Sunday at the 10:30 am service on July 1.

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. All are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist together.



Episcopal Church Women Make Bookmarks

At the ECW meeting in May, churchwomen started making bookmarks for the prayer books and hymnals in our church. The bookmarks are inserted in the spine of the book and each has either three or four ribbons that can be used to mark pages.

About half of the church book had these inserted at the May 27 service. During June the rest of the hymnals and prayer books will have the markers inserted.

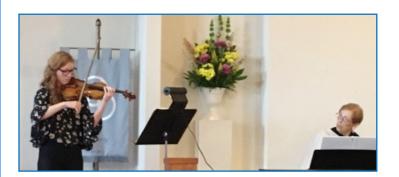
Cindy Thackham and Carolyn Wheeler are spearheading this effort. Please tell them and the other ECW members who helped make these "thank you" after you enjoy these bookmarks during our services.

Summer Nursery/Children's Church

We will continue having nursery care and children's church throughout the summer, the nursery beginning on Sunday, June 3^{rd} . Our summer nursery hours will be 10:00 am to 12 noon. Children's church will resume June 10^{th} .

Our children's church will be mostly outside playground time, ending in a short Gospel story before we join the adults at the Peace. Since we will be outside for around 30 minutes, please feel free to send your child in play clothes, and wearing either sun block or a hat so that they can safely play in the sun. We are looking forward to spending time with our kiddos this summer!





Guest Violinist

On Sunday, June 3, at the 10:30 am service, Holy Trinity parishioners were treated to beautiful violin music played by Caitlin Whitehouse.



Pentecost and Homecoming Picnic

The children's choirs performed before the Pentecost service at St. Paul's on Sunday, May 20. The choirs, Cherubs and Angels, worked hard all year under the direction of Wanda Campbell. Wanda presented each choir member with a silver cross on a chain. During the service, all the children enjoyed a Pentecost lesson from Mtr. Suz.



The weather cooperated, and a great homecoming picnic followed the service. Many thanks to Travis Murphy who manned the hot dog and hamburger grills, to Robbie Grider and Joe Yanes who coordinated the buns, condiments, and beverages, and to Eric Naeseth for providing the ice. This is a treasured tradition at Holy Trinity that is enjoyed every year-this year being very special since the work at St. Paul's is finished and the church looks magnificent with it's new coat of paint!





Senior Sunday

On May 27, at 10:00 am, Holy Trinity's elementary students who are "graduating" into a new class for the next school year were recognized in the Parish Hall.

Our high school seniors graduating this year and marked rites of passage in their lives celebrated at the 10:30 am service.



Ethan Culler began his school career in kindergarten with great enthusiasm and a broken arm, the first of many! Through numerous rehabs he found his passion for the pool and has developed into an accomplished swimmer including a high school State Championship. Ethan has had a successful high school career, especially enjoying his science and history courses. He has an interest in pursuing a future in agriculture or environmental sciences. Ethan will attend Tri-County Technical School as he explores careers and decides on a program of study.

Emmett Huddleston is a graduate of the Fine Arts Center of Greenville where he studied Visual Arts his freshman and sophomore years, Jazz Theory and Jazz Performance his junior year, and both Jazz and Visual Arts his senior year. Additionally, Emmett is a graduate of NEXT High School, a project based school also located in Greenville. Emmett plans to continue his studies in Visual Arts in college. "My fond memories of Holy Trinity are of Sunday School years with Julie and Harry Morse, Mrs. Bridges, and Sue Smink. I have great memories of mentors such as Hap and Carolyn Wheeler and Father Nieman. And from my really young days with Sarah Maiberger, Rebecca Eidson, and Mr. Burch. I am especially thankful for all of the youth group leaders and time spent with Holy Trinity peers and their families. I am privileged to have lived in a neighborhood full of HT members, all of whom I saw regularly and miss very much since my move to Greenville. Peter and Kathy Sparks gave me my first lawn care job as well as Carolyn Foster and Hap and Carolyn. Thank you Holy Trinity for the many years of guidance and support!"

Lucas Riley Stokes has grown up with the caring support of Holy Trinity providing the backbone of his developing spiritual life. Riley was baptized and confirmed, attended Day School and Sunday school, participated in parish and diocesan youth retreats, and has served as an Acolyte and Crucifer at Holy Trinity. Riley is an active member of BSA Troop 235 and DW Daniel Bands, and has participated in FIRST Robotics. Riley plays guitar and clarinet and is planning to study music education at Southern Wesleyan University.



Holy Trinity College Graduates



Hannah Maiberger graduated magna cum laude from Clemson University with a BS in Health Science (concentration in Health Services Administration) and minors in Accounting and Business Administration. Her favorite activity at Clemson was as a tour guide with the Clemson University Guide Association. She was also active in Student Alumni Council and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Hannah will be moving to Atlanta in June to work as a healthcare consultant for Health Care Program Advisors.

Paul Mauer, son of Pam Mack and the late John Mauer, graduated May 12 from Presbyterian College cum laude with a double major in History and Political Science. Paul attended Clemson Montessori, Anderson Montessori for 7th and 8th grades, and then Christ School in Arden NC, where he graduated in 2009. During the years when he was not in college, Paul helped his father as John's illness progressed, then started back to school at Tri-County Tech before transferring to Presbyterian. Paul will start the Masters of Public Administration program at University of Georgia in the fall.

Olivia Rose Smink graduated from Anderson University on Saturday, May 12, 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She is pursuing a teaching position in the Aiken area. Olivia was an active member of our Canterbury college group. She would like to thank everyone who supported the Canterbury ministry and encouraged her in other ways from her days at the Episcopal Day School through her college graduation.

Altar Flowers

We have some blank spaces available for flower donations. If you have a special date coming up and would like to donate the altar flowers in celebration



of an anniversary, thanksgiving for a friend, or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the notebook in the Narthex.

Lemonade On The Lawn



Beginning on Sunday, June 3 our Coffee Hour will be replaced with

Lemonade on the Lawn for the summer months. Please contact Cindy Thackham at 864-280-0539 or <u>cdipt@att.net</u> if you are interested in helping out with this very simple service to our parishioners!

An Abundance of Blessings

The chain of blessings presented by Father Christopher during the 10:30 am Sunday, May 27 service was made during the year by children in the Godly Play Sunday School class. Each piece of the chain contains one blessing written in the words of the children in thanksgiving for the many blessings they enjoyed throughout the year.





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Children and Family Ministries

Summer in Children's Ministry



As our program year winds down for the summer, the Family Ministry *Tempo* articles will take a short hiatus through June and July, and be back up in time for August. Here is what you can expect from the summer here at Holy Trinity:

Our First Sunday Services will continue, and we would love to involve the children who are here on those days. Our summer First Sundays are June 3, July 1, and August 5. Please contact Mother Suz or Chloe Cashwell if your child would like to be in the rotation of possible Lectors or Intercessors.

We will continue to have Nursery care each Sunday from 10:00 am-12:00 noon. We will also continue Children's Church each Sunday except for the three First Sundays listed

above.

Our June Family Fellowship Event for young families will be a pool party to kick off summer! We invite you to come fellowship, relax, and celebrate the beginning of summer with a pool party! We will meet at the Country Walk pool from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 3rd. Bring your swimsuits, towels, and a yummy snack or drink to share! Please contact Chloe Cashwell if you have any questions.



As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our Children and Family Ministries!

Chloe Cashwell

Children's Days in the Garden



After receiving a request, we are planning to hold a series of activities in the SAME garden for the children this summer. Activities will begin Sunday, June 3.

Sundays—gather in the garden about 9:30 am to harvest items for the veggie cart then package and assemble the cart. We will provide instructions and information about the foods.

Wednesdays—gather in the garden about 9:00 am to harvest items and take them to CCC.

Two Fridays a month—gather in the garden in the mornings to plant, harvest (and weed). We will also be preparing and preserving some of what we harvest. Dates will be posted in advance as we know of availability and weather conditions. We plan to do activities like dig potatoes, prepare some of them as truly fresh potatoes and cure the rest. And, harvest tomatoes and make sauce for pizza parties in the winter (or sooner).

Contact Shannon Quattlebaum or Beth Kunkel with questions—or meet us at the veggie cart on Sundays.





Vestry Meeting Notes from May 20th

Beloved Parishioners:

In an effort to keep you informed on the discussions and actions of your elected body, I will write a short summary of some highlights of the vestry discussions and actions taken at our monthly meeting. A more detailed account is available in the minutes of the meeting prepared by our dedicated and long-term clerk, Rebecca Eidson, and available from me or through the church office. Please reach out to any vestry person with your concerns, request for information or items you feel should be addressed by the body (See page 2 of *Tempo* for a list of Vestry members). Also, please know that Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners. In addition to the more formal business of the meeting, we engage in prayer, one of our members describes their spiritual journey, and we have a period in which members share comments about the life of the parish.

Vestry Goals

Each year the Vestry establishes some overarching goals. Each meeting includes reports on these goals. This year, as largely a carryover from the last, we have three:

<u>To increase engagement and participation in the life of the parish</u>. Shannon Quattlebaum has taken the lead on this and has drafted a parish survey for the Vestry to review. The intent is to document both the activities of parishioners and their interests. This will be entered into a data base to aid the Engagement Committee and other groups in developing fellowship activities and matching potential volunteers to activities in the church.

<u>To decide on the long-term use of Trinity Place</u>. Tommye Hurst is the chair of our ad hoc Trinity Place Committee and has recently compiled the results of the Trehel Construction Co./Signature Architects survey on the use and development of our facilities in which many of you participated through one of the various church groups. These results have been delivered to the contractors and they will report to us soon with three options for the use of our space. Much like the recent letter, there will be regular communication to the parish on this initiative.

To communicate the work of the ministry teams so members of the parish are aware of their program of work and <u>accomplishments</u>. Meredith McTigue is the Vestry liaison to a nascent Communications Committee, whose goal is to evaluate and implement any needed improvements for all our communications, as well as to determine responsibilities for the various efforts. This group will be working closely with Chloe Cashwell, the staff communications coordinator.

Mutual Review of Ministry

This summer the vestry and Mtr. Suz will be conducting our first review since her being called to Holy Trinity. The outcomes will be an evaluation of how well we (the Vestry and Suz) are meeting the missions and goals of the parish. We also expect to refine existing goals or identify new ones. The diocese has established guidelines for this process, which you can find along with their suggested questions, on their website. One of their recommendations is that the process be facilitated by an outside reviewer. We have chosen Gayle Baldwin, an ordained Episcopal priest who currently is pastor of the Peace Church in Clemson. She has had training working with groups as well as considerable experience working with parishes in developing missions. She has participated in our services in the past, and she has the interests of Holy Trinity at heart. However, because of her other responsibilities, she has not been a part of the day-to-day activities of the parish for some time. Her interest in the parish, but distance from any discussions about our goals, seemed to us to be an ideal combination for a facilitator. She will meet soon with the Vestry and Suz to establish a relationship and to help prepare us for the work. After the information is collected, she will summarize it and meet with us on Aug. 4th to facilitate a discussion of our findings. Following that she will write a summary of her findings with recommendations. The participants will include the Vestry and wardens, both current and those retired who have worked with Suz, as well as leaders of the major committees. While the parish as a whole will not be surveyed for this round, please know that your Vestry and Suz are more than happy to hear thoughts you may have on mission, performance, and goals and to include those thoughts in the process.

Financial Information

The contributions toward our statement of mission are generally on track, and we continue to service our debt on Trinity Place using parking revenues. The projected retirement of that debt is in approximately 8 years.

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As some of you know, several of us have reevaluated the covenants established for the A. Elizabeth and Ragnar E. Anderson Fund, which was established many years ago using funds left in trust by these two dedicated parishioners. We have concluded it was meant to be more of an endowment rather than a fund from which we could spend the principal. Despite the fact that we have used the Fund for many meritorious projects, we feel we need to honor the intent of the agreement. Accordingly, we are seeking outside advice on a method for repayment. We will update you on our findings soon.

A new annual parking agreement is being established with Clemson University for spaces on the Trinity Place. We were able to offer a full year, as we have negotiated with the City of Clemson to delay the start of any construction on Trinity Place (even if it just bringing the parking area up to code) until December of 2019. This delay also will allow us to rent football spaces in the fall of 2019. For 2018, most of the spaces already have been leased.

Episcopal Day School

The Episcopal Day School's finances are healthy and the Day School Board is considering the use of some of their capital reserves for security and some needed replacement of classroom infrastructure, both of which will benefit the parish as a whole. The 2018–2019 budget for the EDS has little change over last year and was approved by the Vestry. Funds were budgeted to hire a part -time bookkeeper to help both Suzanne and Lynne with the extensive routine accounting duties of the EDS and with the hope that this hire also can be a back-up to Lynne. This is not a crisis situation, so we can be very deliberate in finding a good fit for this position.

Security

The Vestry discussed at length our response to the recent security concern. Suz has addressed this in her letter to the parish and Kathy Crouse will be filing a separate report on security in this edition of *TEMPO*. It is clear that we need to have carefully considered and reasonable responses to perceived issues, and her Resilience Committee is working on those. Needless to say, we are in an era where we are forced to balance between being alarmists and being responsible to our parishioners. The Vestry, Suz and the wardens sincerely invite you to contact us directly with any thoughts or concerns about this or any potential situation.

> Hap Wheeler Senior Warden



Summer Schedule

Last Day of Sunday School/Breakfast

Please be aware that Sunday, May 27 was the end of our program year. It was be the last Sunday with breakfast as well as Sunday School. We will resume these programs again in late August.

Fourth Friday Fellowship Takes a Break for the Summer

The Fourth Friday Fellowship in May was our last for this program year. We will resume this fellowship and fun in August.





EfM Registration and Information

There is only one slot left for fall registration! Please complete a registration form in the church office. We have had information and a sampling of books available in the parish hall during May and these items will also be there for 3 weeks in June.

We will be enrolling for the next year which begins the third week in August. If you have any questions, please contact Mel O'Day (864-944-6329 or mel@oday.net)





Act in the World as the Body of Christ

Introducing Holy Hikes¹

"The concept is simple and could be described as Holy Eucharist in the wilderness. Most hikes are short, easy loops that people of all abilities can join, and the leader, typically a priest, presides over an Episcopal liturgy along the trail, complete with hymns, readings, prayer, and communion spaced out along the hike route.

"It's kind of a stational Eucharist," said the Rev. Justin Cannon, Holy Hikes' founder and the rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro, California. He received \$5,000 this year through a Stewardship of Creation grant from the Episcopal Church to help expand the reach of the hiking ministry as it sets up new chapters like the one in Greenville."

The Upstate Chapter of Holy Hikes invites you to join them this month.

When: June 23, 2018

Where: Paris Mountain State Park—2401 State Park Rd, Greenville, SC 29609

Time: 8:30 AM

Details: Park at Shelter 1.

Lake Placid Loop is a 0.8 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Greenville, South Carolina that features beautiful wild flowers and is good for all skill levels. The trail offers a number of activity options and is accessible year-round. Dogs are also able to use this trail.

We will add in a small portion of Mountain Creek Trail and continue to the Outdoor Classroom where we can have a quiet place off trail to celebrate Holy Communion. The total hike is approximately 1.5 miles and is rated *EASY*. The trail is composed of natural material and relatively smooth but does have some roots and rocks in it. There is a short hill climb and descend at the dam with stairs on the Lake Placid Loop.

We will want to carpool since a **PARK PASS** is needed for entry. If you do not have a Park Pass, the park fees are as follows: Admission-\$5 adults; \$3.25 SC seniors (age 65 & older); \$3/ child age 6-15; Free for children 5 and younger.

I have two Park Passes available for loan for this event. The Park website is: <u>https://southcarolinaparks.com/paris-mountain/faqs</u>

If you would like more information on Holy Hikes, please contact Laura Snow Hawkins at <u>onebigflake@yahoo.com</u> or text/call at 412-874-0300. The Holy Hikes website is <u>www.holyhikes.org</u>.

Holy Hikes Upstate South Carolina is sponsored by St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We are currently working on an upcoming Holy Hike to take place in the Clemson area. Watch for more information coming soon!

¹From the Episcopal News Service





Trinity Place: Growing the Church in a Growing Community

Trinity Place is the name of Holy Trinity's land between our parish building and downtown Clemson. Its use, development and future is the source of much excitement and optimism for our parish, as well as the source of plenty of speculation. This article is meant to clarify our church's plan for the future of Trinity Place by reminding us how we got here, addressing where we are now, and describing future steps.

Decisions Made, Progress Made

After extensive surveys and discussions with parishioners over the past several years, Holy Trinity's Vestry made the commitment to purchase the land formerly owned by the Clemson United Methodist Church and develop it for a church-related purpose. We took on a loan of \$2.4 million, but then set about paying it off through the generosity of parishioners via the Prism Campaigns, as well as from substantial income made from weekday and football parking income. We're proud to say that as of May 1, 2018, we owe \$613,786, meaning we've paid off more than 74% of the total purchase.

The City of Clemson had given us a deadline of February 1, 2019, to make plans for the lot to be developed into a parking area adhering to City of Clemson Codes. We share a desire with the City to do more with this valuable space. That said, we will all benefit from the extra time - and especially two more seasons of football parking funds – to pay off the debt and make concrete plans. Thus, we have negotiated a new deadline of December 1, 2019. By this date, we will have approved plans for the future of Trinity Place – or rather, for the future of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish in Downtown Clemson.

City and University Roles

Holy Trinity's position of owning property bordered by the City of Clemson to the north and Clemson University to the South and West is unusual. Several options for the use of the property have been explored by the City of Clemson officials and by some developers interested in purchasing and developing our land and surrounding areas. These options have come and gone and morphed into several reiterations - but no formal offers were made for our land.

The City has hired LS3P Architects to do a feasibility study for the re-development of their property on the corner of Addison Lane and College Avenue, as well as the surrounding properties. The City has been informed that the church is not interested in selling our property. The Trinity Place Committee will keep up to date on the City's planning and development of any future projects, but if you hear talk of development plans, please understand that those are the City's dreams only; the Church has yet to be a part of any of these conversations. We have expressed "every intent and desire to continue [our] favorable working relationship [with the City] in order to benefit both the Parish and broader community."

The Committee is also keeping the University Planners in our conversations. They have been and plan to be good neighbors as they make their changes on Walter Cox Blvd./Hwy 93 and as we do our re-development planning.

Our Plans

Our church overlooks a university and is situated in a vibrant and growing downtown - and yet the building is hard to see, the offices are tucked underground, few signs identify us, and our college outreach has diminished. The opportunity to grow and situate ourselves in a growing community sits on the Trinity Place land. It is our church's growth and future.

The Trinity Place Committee is currently working with Trehel/Signature Architects design-build partnership to develop a long-range plan for all of Holy Trinity's downtown facilities. The Committee has surveyed, studied, and discussed the future of our church through the efforts of our Vision 2020 documents, 2015 Task Force and Clemson Student Prism Project, and most recently parish surveys from the committee and the architect.



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At the culmination of our long-term planning process, we will be presented by the architects three options for future planning of our facilities. Once shared with parishioners, the Committee will recommend to the Vestry which plan to use for our next phases into the future. Although parking is always a top priority to our members and the income is considerable, we also know that the land is too valuable not to consider the future addition of facilities as our programs grow. Our design team will look at all our present facilities and uses to determine how best the parish plans for any changes of uses going forward. This is a long-term plan for all our current downtown facilities, not just the Trinity Place portion of our church property.

The plans assembled by the architects are a result of all our church members dreaming of the space that will best serve and grow all of our missions. Our dreams are big, even if our purse is still quite small. Thus, our plans have been divided into phases. We have a big dream, but we're going to accomplish it in small steps.

For the Short-term

Phase 1: Make the Best Use of What We Have: Parking, green space, update the Parish facilities

Timeline: 2019-2020

Projects:

- Remove the Day School elevated playground and move to the front of the facility (required for safety and to open up Addison Rd.). Install doors for access to new playground.
- Lower the grounds so that there is ground-level entrance/exit from the basement level of the church allowing for Day School, Canterbury and other groups to safely use the lower floor of the building and have access to the elevator.
- Install greenspaces along with an improved parking lot, with a goal to comfortably park and welcome church and Day School attendees, to accommodate paved and overflow parking to receive parking income, and provide a green sanctuary in the middle of a bustling downtown.

Financial responsibility: The cost looks to be 350,000 - 5500,000, depending on how much work is required in the basement. This expense will require a Phase 1 Fundraising Plan to raise additional capital needed to complete the project and retire debt. The Fundraising Plan will be rolled out in 2019.

Longer-Term View

Phase 2: Building the Dream (within reason and need) We don't yet have this Plan in place as we haven't decided on which of the three options that Signature Architects will present (expected Fall 2018). These plans will allow the "build" part of the partnership, Trehel, to help us with construction and cost advice to propel us forward and lay a plan for the future.

An Ongoing Discussion

While some decisions are now doctrine, we're still open to considering and discussing our future plans, and want every parishioner to feel heard. The Trinity Place Committee had a representative (or two) available in the Parish Hall during the Sunday School hour on May 13 and 27 to answer any questions and listen to recommendations. This was be an informal discussion - please contact me or any committee member to join in the discussion at any time.

Tommye Hurst Chair, Trinity Place Committee

CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Family Promise



Two High Chairs Needed

Holy Trinity, along with our support church University Lutheran, will host Family Promise guests July 22nd – August 5th. For one of the families we will need 3 high chairs with trays. Currently we have 1 high chair with a tray that belongs to our program. If you could please check your storage areas and let us know that you would lend us a high chair with a tray that would be outstanding. We know there are a number of weeks, like 9, before we host; but we would like to know that we will have the high chairs for our guests. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Halpin at 864-654- 5230. Thank you for your support.



Our next Host Dates are July 22nd – August 5th, two weeks back-to-back. If you and your family want to know more about Family Promise of Pickens County or to discuss the various ways you might volunteer please call me, Liz Halpin, at 864-654-5230.

Volunteers are the Heart and Soul of Family Promise. Thank you for your continued support!

> People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable. Come to church, get involved, and refill your spiritual glass!



Thank You!

Fellow Parishioners, I am happy to report Family Promise of Pickens County (FPPC), Sleeping for a Cause Helping Homeless Families, was successful. Due to weather predictions we moved from Gateway Park in Clemson to the Life Center at Clemson United Methodist Church. Accommodations were excellent. The winning box that was decorated by a youth group challenged all of us to Love, Serve, and Care.

Important facts for you to know:

- 1. Since inception in August 2014 FPPC has served 130 homeless individuals and made a difference in their lives. Our guests are the owners of their success; each moves on with something they didn't have when they were in crisis. We become their family, we care about our guests, and they trust us.
- 2. One in five children in Pickens County schools goes home hungry? End of last school year 900 students in Pickens County school system were categorized as homeless. Students from Holy Trinity are in classrooms with students who are in crisis. Families are in need of our support!
- 3. All of the cardboard for Cardboard Box City 2018 were recycled. Clemson University's Recycling Team collected and stored cardboard for us at their facility at Kite Hill. Bob Fennell, FPPC Board Member, assembled a team of volunteers with trucks and trailers to pick up the Cardboard and deliver it to the Life Center Friday afternoon so that Box Sponsors and all volunteers who were spending the night could decorate their boxes. Saturday morning at 7:00 am volunteers arrived at the Life Center to load all the cardboard in their trucks and trailers to be delivered to Kite Hill where Clemson's Recycling Team would recycle all of the cardboard at no charge. We have such wonderful volunteer support!



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

The Day School finished its 2017-2018 school year with a Closing Ceremony, "Friends", and 4K Red Bird Graduation on June 1, 2018. Please contact the Day School Director, Suzanne Watkins, to inquire about 2018-2019 school year openings and waiting lists.

Information about the classes, tuition fees, and the school calendar are on the school website, at <u>http://</u><u>www.holytrinityclemson.org/episcopal-day-school/</u>. The Day School is closed during the summer months of June and July; however, Suzanne will check e-mails and phone messages on a weekly basis: Contact by phone (864) 654-0298 or email <u>swatkins@holytrinityclemson.org</u>. (All of the pictures below were taken on 5/16/2018.)





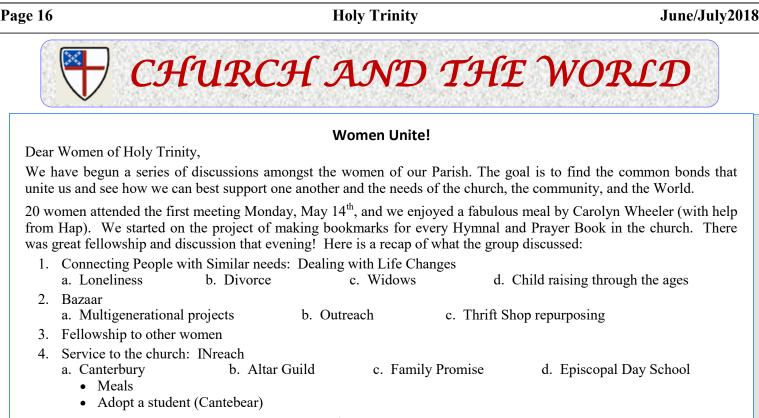
Chapel with Mtr. Suz

S. Huang, Early Birthday Celebration





DNR visits EDS with Reptiles



Our next discussion will take place Sunday, June 3rd at 7 pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. We will serve wine and cheese, coffee and desserts. We hope to finish up the bookmarks for the church.

Please come and share your thoughts and needs so we can determine the future of our Episcopal Church Women. We will schedule at least one more session before the fall. If you can make it June 3rd, need transportation, have questions, suggestions, or would like to host a future gathering, please contact me at 864-280-0539 or <u>cdipt@att.net</u>.

Sincerely, Cindy Thackham



Holy Trinity Church Women Unite!

Session II

What can we Women of Holy Trinity do for ourselves? For one another? For our Church? For our World?

Join us in the Parish Hall for another evening of Fellowship, Service and Discussion

Sunday June 3rd from 7-8:30pm

We will finish making bookmarks for the Prayer books and Hymnals in our church. (See page 4.)

Light Refreshments will be provided

RSVP via the Facebook post or contact Cindy Thackham at <u>cdjpt@att.net</u> or call or text 864-280-0539. *Please let Cindy know if transportation or Child Care is needed.*

June/July2018

Holy Trinity

CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Be Sure to Get your Fantastic Coffee!

Perhaps the best quality and certainly best tasting fresh coffee available anywhere in the Upstate is Singing Rooster fair-trade Haitian Mountain Blue. Grown on the volcanic mountainsides in rural Haiti and currently under cultivation in our villages of Bois Joli and Morne Michel, high quality and exceptional taste are their hallmark. Drink up and enjoy this great coffee. Remember that 70% of the proceeds from each sale go directly back to Haiti. Of each \$10 purchase only \$3 goes toward processing, shipping, and handling while \$4 goes directly back to the farmers and \$3 goes to support our Education programs in Cange and surrounding villages. Available in whole bean or ground, French, Vienna, or decaf. Also available as Cange Kupps!!



Visit our website: http://www.singingrooster.org/cange/.



In addition, new this year is gourmet Haitian chocolate in Pure Dark, Lemon Ginger, Orange Crunch, and Peanut Butter Maringa!! Look for a member of our Outreach Committee Singing Rooster sales force (Phil Maiberger, Glen Quattlebaum, Rachael Mayo, & Harry Morse) after the 8 am or 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall.

UTO—United Thank Offering –Thank You!



Spring 2018

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who shared their blessings with the United Thank Offering spring (in May) Ingathering. We had 21 participants and collected \$608.06. What a generous out pouring of thanksgiving! This will be sent to the diocesan UTO coordinator to be added to the other UTO Ingatherings that will fund so many wonderful grants.

Thank you all for using your blue boxes. Pretty amazing how a few coins in your blue box adds up to this wonderful showing of love and thanksgiving.

Anyone needing a new blue box to start collecting for next spring can get one in the church office.

A special thanks to Judy Surak for helping count the money and to our ECW treasurer, Cindy Thackham, for sending the check out and keeping the ECW books for all of us.

Again, thank you for using your blue boxes and counting your blessings one coin at a time.

Sally Morrell ECW UTO Coordinator



Transition

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I'm writing to inform you that Chloe Cashwell, Children and Family Minister for the past year, has accepted a position at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greenville. Her last Sunday with us will be June 10, and her last day with us will be Friday, June 15. We will certainly miss Chloe! Please join me in wishing Chloe all the best in her new job.

Your Wardens and I will present a personnel proposal to the Vestry very soon. Upon their acceptance and approval, we will begin searching for the right person or persons to bring our staff up to its full complement.

Grace and peace to you all, *Suz*+

Highway 93 Construction and Closures

Work continues on Highway 93. This affects the flow of traffic to and from Holy Trinity. For more information about the construction and closures of Highway 93, please go to this website:

https://blogs.clemson.edu/inside-clemson/inside-news/hwy-93-to-undergo-long-term-constructionstarting-april-15/



Be mindful of all that is associated with the ongoing construction on Highway 93 in front of the church. For those parishioners coming from the Perimeter Road direction, please do not drive the wrong way in front of Gentry Hall. There have been several close calls in this tight space. Note that the left hand turn at the convenience store is available.

HT Notes, Sunday Bulletin, and Tempo Submissions

If you are interested in contributing content for the weekly *HT Notes* publication and the *Sunday Bulletin* announcements, please have submissions to the church office by 5:00 pm each Wednesday. *HT Notes* submissions can be emailed to htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org.

If you wish to add to the monthly *TEMPO* newsletter, please have submissions to Iris Reed by 8:00 pm on the 24th of each month. Because this *Tempo* is a combined July/July issue, the next submissions should be in by August 24th. *TEMPO* submissions should be emailed to ibbrh@bellsouth.net. Thank you.





Notes From Your Junior Warden

Gratitude is defined in the Webster dictionary as "the quality of being thankful, readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness." To me, gratitude is a strong internal feeling and not necessarily an act of will power. When it rises in our hearts, we like it. Gratitude is an absolute form of delight. Gratitude is love.

As we come to the end of the Sunday School year, I extend my gratitude to all the Sunday School teachers for their unselfish giving of their time and talents to our youngest members. I also extend my gratitude to those on the breakfast teams (and to the new teams that will be starting in the fall!). They get to church early on Sunday mornings to ensure that we are met with smiles and delicious food. Please take some time over the upcoming weeks to thank these wonderful volunteers.

I continue to have tremendous gratitude for our church leadership. Your Vestry is a dedicated group of individuals that spend a great amount of time working on your behalf. New to the church ministry groups is the Resilience Committee (Carl Dunn, David Vaughn, Chesley Rowe and Bethany Henry). This group is charged with a difficult task of answering some hard questions. How does the church respond to a crisis? How should the church communicate with other churches in the area? What level of detail should be communicated? What types of safety issues should be addressed? And, unfortunately, how should the church respond to issues when a stranger is among us that clearly needs assistance? There has been some great dialogue over the past few weeks and I encourage us to keep talking. Like Hap mentioned in his Senior Warden report, there is a great need to balance between being alarmists and being responsible to our parishioners. I encourage you to engage in conversations directly with not only each other, but to the Vestry, Mother Suz, Hap or myself. Part of being gracious is having the ability to listen and learn from each other; doing so we are exemplifying what it means to love each other. As Bishop Curry said in his homily at the Royal wedding, we all have a dream ground-ed in God's love: "There's power in love. Don't underestimate it."

The Resilience Committee is working on a standard set of procedures as to what to do in different situations (such as medical, weather related, or vandalism). We will work with the individual ministry teams over the summer months developing the plans.

In addition, the summer months will bring some much-needed improvements to our buildings. We will be doing some renovations throughout the Day School area as well as installing new doors to the Nave and Parish Hall. Beth Kunkel is looking for volunteers to help in the SAME garden. Just a few hours a week will help provide some much-needed food for the clients at the Clemson Free Clinic. And be on the lookout for a call to help do a deep clean of the kitchen areas.

The work at St. Paul's is completed. Again, I express my gratitude to all the members of the St. Paul's committee for their commitment in writing the grant that provided the funding to have the work completed. I especially thank Eric Naeseth, Jack Davis, Lynne Farmer and Bill Hurst for their dedication in supervising the work. What a wonderful 200th birthday gift for this historic building!

In His Name, *Kathy Crouse*

Help Us Be Safe!

Please remember to follow standard security procedures when entering or leaving the church buildings. There have been several times when the alarm has not been properly set. For those that use the kitchen area, be sure to check behind you, making sure the appliances are turned off, the dishwasher is drained, the refrigerator doors are shut, the counters are wiped clean, and the counters and any tables used are sanitized. Remember the scouting motto of always leaving a shared place in a better condition than you found it.



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Financial Update as of May 30, 2018						
Income	Monthly Budget \$43,883.00	Monthly Actual \$36,405.30	Budget YTD \$219,415.00	Actual YTD \$222,028.33		
Expenses	<u>\$43,884.00</u>	\$42,451.30	\$219,419.00	\$216,023.02		
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Trinity	Place	Fund

Phase II-Prism Pledge Offerings	July 1, 2011June 30, 2016	
Amount Pledged	\$735,600.00	
Offerings received as of May 30,, 2018	- \$ <u>846,107.99</u>	
	+ \$ 110,507.99	
The Walls Campaign		
Amount Pledged	\$171,945.00	
Offerings received as of May 30, 2018	- <u>$\$162,467.42$</u>	
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FCB Notes Payable as of May 30, 2018	607,790.74	