

Episcopal Church



# OCTOBER 2020

Seeking to **Love** with the heart of Christ, to **Think** with the mind of Christ and to **Act** in the world as the Body of Christ.

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

*Note:* In October, services are:

- Outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at Trinity Place at Holy Trinity Sundays at 9:00 am.
- Online service of Morning Prayer Sundays at 10:30 am via Facebook or YouTube.
- Coffee Hour is online after the 10:30 am service via Zoom (Password is sent in *HT Notes* & Sunday morning email)

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

Each Evening: 8:30 pm on Facebook is Compline

#### Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

#### <u>Tuesdays</u>

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study via Zoom



### KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19

#### Dear Ones,

A lot has happened around here in the last few weeks. The work at Trinity Place really picked up steam in September, and everything is almost complete! Work in the Parish House lower Level has moved along, as we continue to upgrade that space for use by Canterbury, our Youth, and Outreach Ministries. The second wave of Clemson students returned to town, and the activity all around has really picked up. We were blessed by Bishop Andrew's visitation, although it was very different to have him with us virtually this year. We've continued our online and outdoor, in-person worship services (the weather has been kind to us so far!), even moving our outdoor worship to our beautiful new space at Trinity Place. Our children's and youth Sunday School classes began their monthly in-person gatherings on the third Sunday. The installation of the new SAME garden is well underway, and we anticipate a productive fall/winter garden.

With all of the above going on, not to mention Ministry Team work, virtual Bible studies and other formation opportunities each week, pastoral care, after-church coffee hour, and gearing up for our Annual Stewardship Campaign, it seems like things are really starting to rock and roll. Almost like a normal fall kick-off, except we all know it isn't really normal. My friends, please participate in as much or as little of the church offerings as you want. We are here, we are striving to serve you, but we also know the pressures of this current world can be overwhelming. When you need a break, take it. When you are ready to return, Holy Trinity will be here.

This month, we will introduce our Annual Stewardship Campaign to fund that mission for 2021. Faithful Generosity is based on the theological principal that taking "hold of the life that really is life" is something to which we all can aspire. That is a life filled with generosity based on our faith in a God who is generous in all things. Our Stewardship Campaign theme for 2021 is a call to each one of us to be "generous and ready to share" so that the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity not only continues, but may thrive and grow in the year to come. You will find more information about our Campaign in this issue of *Tempo*. (See page 19.)

The pandemic has changed the ways in which we live our "life that is really life," and we will move forward in mission with new skills and capacities. We will also hold fast to what is truly most essential to our life as the Body of Christ. There has been a lot of change in 2020, but one thing that has remained the same is Holy Trinity's mission to love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act in the world as the Body of Christ.

Much love, Suz+

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The Rev W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop

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# WHEN ARE WE GOING TO OPEN UP THE CHURCH AGAIN?

This is a question that I've been getting for several weeks. I understand the longing behind the question. I am also a bit confounded by it. We never "closed" the church. We changed the ways that we gather and do the work of the church. For the first three months of the pandemic, we did all of our worship and work online-streaming our services through Facebook and YouTube, the staff working mostly from home, committees and other groups meeting online via Zoom, checking in on each other by phone, and even learning to fellowship via Zoom. We "left the building" and kept doing what the church does.

Many of these changes were mandated by the Bishop's office, and I am profoundly grateful for Bishop Waldo's careful and responsive leadership during those early months when we were all figuring out what to do to safeguard each member of our parish. In recent weeks, we've been given more flexible guidelines on how to regather for in-person worship and other activities. We have been worshiping outside for 11 weeks as I write this, and that opportunity to be together has been a source of great joy and comfort for those who are able to join us. By the time you read this, we will have moved our outdoor service to Trinity Place and celebrated our first Holy Eucharist since March 8. We will continue our outdoor service for as long as the weather permits, and it will be our only in-person worship for the time being. I am convinced that this is the safest course of action under the current circumstances, and I will always include your safety as a major part of my consideration of gathering for worship.

At some point in the near future, the dropping temperatures will put an end to our outdoor service. At that time, we will follow the guidelines from the Diocesan office, which currently allow for up to 20% occupancy in our Nave. Assuming there are no changes to those guidelines, we will schedule multiple services to be held in the Nave on Sunday, with 40 seats available at each service. Reservations will be required via an online sign-up process or calling in to the church office. I'm afraid that returning to worship in the Nave will not be a return to normal, by any means. Masks will be required, and distancing must be maintained at all times. These requirements will apply to clergy and liturgical ministers, as well as the congregation gathered. We most probably will not be able to sing when we return to the Nave, and congregational responses and prayers will need to be offered aloud by a single person, with all others remaining silent. As with all things pandemic, we will learn and adjust as we go along.

We continue to stream a service each Sunday morning for those who need to stay home at this time. I expect that we have now entered into a permanent commitment to provide an online worship experience from this time forward. It is most likely that, once we begin to worship in-person in the Nave, we will stream one of those services, rather than producing a service specifically for online streaming. At this time, I also expect that our fellowship and formation opportunities will be mostly online as we go through the winter.

As the days grow shorter and colder, the Holy Trinity family will work hard to keep the light of Christ shining in the darkness and providing the warmth of Christian love and friendship. Please remember that a kind word and a heartfelt prayer are only a phone call or text away. Keep reaching out to each other-the church is scattered, but not closed. Y'all take care and stay well.

#### FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

# "To your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended" (BCP 382).

As the days get shorter and cooler and we enter what some of my friends call "the spooky season," our thoughts begin to turn to the brevity of life — if not from the observing the natural cycle of the year or from reading the news, then at least from the kitschy Halloween decor that has been popping up in stores for weeks already. In a few weeks the Church will offer us the opportunity to pray and give thanks for God's action in the lives of those who have died, on the twin feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day (November 1 and 2). These days help us celebrate that God's victory over death at Easter means that when our earthly life ends, our connection to one another in the family of God is not ended and those who experience life after death continue on their journey of sanctification, "going from strength to strength in a life of perfect service" (BCP 488). Though we are separated from one another by a seemingly impenetrable barrier, God has broken down this dividing wall as well. Our ability and duty to pray for one another continues.

Perhaps you can think of a time when you particularly felt the presence of a departed loved one, in a place that was important to them or in a dream. Even more so, we are never closer to our departed dead than in the Eucharist, as we are remembered into the body of Christ that transcends time and space; I have heard people speak powerfully of their awareness of loved ones at the altar. All these points of contact are gifts of the Spirit who makes such connections possible. In our skeptical age it is usually unfashionable to talk about these moments, but they are no less real for it. But simply saying something does not always make it easy to believe. Prayer for the dead is just as often for our own comfort as it is for the benefit of the one we pray for. So often when I am particularly feeling the loss of someone I love, the best prayer I can muster is "Take care of them, God."

In her book *Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality,* Mother Julia Gatta writes this about prayer for one another, both in this life and across the divide of death: "Our lives and destinies are bound up together in Christ. The communion of saints creates a powerful force field. It establishes a network of relationships charged with energy, bursting with potential. It transcends time and death. Hence, our Spirit-inspired prayer for one another releases possibilities into the world that would otherwise not be there. It alters the spiritual environment we inhabit with untold reverberations. God does work through us. If we are scandalized that divine grace could be so dependent on human volition, so vulnerable to human frailty, we have not taken to heart the mystery of the Incarnation, beginning with Mary's 'yes.' God seeks our cooperation in the work of redemption. Just as our actions make a difference in one another's lives, so do our prayers'' (145-46).

If in this season or at any time of the year you are particularly mindful of the death of a loved one, the *Book of Common Prayer* holds many beautiful prayers for us and for our beloved dead. Try praying with the Litany at the Time of Death (BCP 462), or reading through the beautiful funeral liturgy (BCP 469/491) and the additional prayers at the end of each service. Long tradition commends the practice of praying for someone on the anniversary of their death, and these can be helpful starting points for that practice of remembrance and the long process of entrusting our loved ones to the care of God. May their souls and those of all the departed rest in peace.



Noah Stansbury



# Love with the Heart of Christ

# BAPTISM

Margaret "Maggie" Katherine Graham became the newest member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church when she was baptized on September 20 at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church service.









# A PRAYER IN TIMES OF WIDESPREAD ILLNESS

Holy God, our times are in your hand; calm our minds, anxious in this time of illness; lend us your wisdom to act with prudence, be mindful of the needs and fears of others, and be people of resolve, kindness, and courage, following the path of your beloved Son Jesus, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

With thanks to the Rev. Jennifer Phillips





# FIRST EVENSONG OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

This service was held via Facebook at St. Paul's on September 13 at 5 pm. Due to the special nature of this Evensong, it began with a service of candle-lighting derived from ancient Jewish and Christian practice, which gives thanks to God for the gift of light at the end of the day.



From ancient times, the Church has recognized some feast days as especially important and set them apart with corporate worship that begins at sunset on the previous day; Christmas Eve and the Great Vigil of Easter are the most well-known examples of this. The feast of the Holy Cross (September 14) is one of the handful of other feast days that still carries this distinction in the 1979 Prayer Book, with two sets of readings for Evening Prayer. At St. Paul's we prayed the *first* Evensong of this feast, which nods to the fact that some communities prayed a *second* Evensong the day after our service for the same liturgical day.





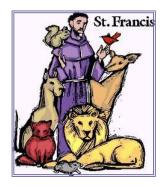


# SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY PLACE INSTEAD OF ST. PAUL'S

Our 9:00 am in-person, outdoor service will be held at our new outdoor facility at the east end of Holy Trinity's property, beginning on Sunday, September 27. Please bring a chair and wear a mask. Places will be marked on the field for each person or household in attendance. We will maintain 10 feet of space for each spot for the safety of all in attendance. Adherence to masking and spacing requirements is absolutely necessary.

We celebrated Holy Eucharist together for the first time since mid-March. We distribute wafers only, one person or household at a time. Each person returns to his/her seat to consume the wafer. The exchange of peace should be touchless. At the conclusion of the service, it is vitally important to maintain at least 6 feet distance from your Holy Trinity friends--it is so easy to relax and let down one's guard when the structure of the service is removed.





# PET BLESSING OCTOBER 4, 3 PM TRINITY PLACE PAVILLION

We continue our tradition of blessing pets of all sorts. Furry, feathered, or scaly – bring them to the Trinity Place Pavilion at 3:00 on Sunday, October 4. We will bless our critter friends in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, pray a bit, and marvel at the vocal stylings of Falstaff, the Singing Lab. Bring your pets (leashed, crated, or held securely in your arms) and wear a mask. It will be a wild and woolly half-hour. You and your pet will be glad you came!

# **PRAYERS FOR PETS**

**Thanksgiving for my pet** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Source of Light and Fountain of all good things, I offer to you most hearty thanks for the opportunity to have this wonderful animal as my companion and my charge. Grant me the grace to be devoted and loving always to my friend and keep us safe and free from every sickness, sorrow and danger and grant us a long and healthy life together. Amen.

**A prayer for all abused and neglected pets** O God, our help and assistance, who is just and merciful, and who hears the supplications of your people: look down upon all the animals that are being abused either by word or deed and assist and comfort those that are neglected and are suffering. In your infinite love and compassion we ask that in due time you would deliver them from this trouble and turn their distress into comfort. Amen.





# **BISHOP WALDO'S (VIRTUAL) VISIT**

On Sunday, September 20, at the on-line 10:30 Morning Prayer service from Holy Trinity, Bishop Waldo gave the sermon. He also participated in the coffee hour via Zoom held after that service.

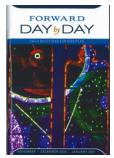


# **EUCHARISTIC VISITS**

Knowing that there will be quite a few parishioners who do not feel comfortable or safe coming to church yet, Deacon Noah and Mtr. Suz will be available to bring Holy Communion to your homes. We will share the Body and the Blood from Holy Trinity's outdoor altar, observing careful distancing and masking. The preference is to conduct these Eucharistic Visits outdoors, as much as possible.



Please call Sheryl at the church office to request a visit. She will inform the clergy, and one of us will be in touch to schedule an appointment.



FORWARD DAY BY DAY Daily Devotions for Disciples

You can pick up your November/December/January *Forward Day by Day* devotional in the church office or the chapel (just don't go past the rope or you will set off the alarm!).



# **EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 4, will be a special Sunday for us as we celebrate one of our longest-lasting and significant ministries, the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School. Our online 10:30 service on that day will highlight our teachers and students. The structure of the service will follow the pattern of our First Sunday service, with young readers, music from our Children's Choirs, and a children's message. EDS families will be invited to join us online, along with our EDS teachers. Join us as we give thanks for the life-giving and life-changing work of our Episcopal Day School.

Please join us for Day School Sunday 10:30 am October 4th, 2020 Holy Frinity Episcopal Parish Online https://www.holytrinityclemson.org/htv/

The service will known Day School students and teachers with young readers, music from our Children's Choirs, and a children's message. Join us as we give thanks for the life-giving and life-changing work of our Episcopal Day School.

# DAY SCHOOL NOTICE

Please let your family and friends know that we now have one spot available in our 3K program. It is open to either a 3 or 5 day student. For more information go to

https://www.holytrinityclemson.org/episcopal-day-school/admissions/





**Canterbury of Clemson** Episcopal Campus Community

# **Canterbury Update**

It has been such a joy to share Wednesday dinner and fellowship with our Canterbears for the past several weeks, and to get to know a handful of new students who have been referred to us through church and family connections. Now that Trinity Place is open for business, we will be gathering down there. Other plans for this fall include an apple-picking trip to Sky Top Orchard and a quiet day in lieu of an overnight retreat. If you would like to get involved with our Wednesday dinner planning, please see the link in HT Notes or get in touch with Sue Smink. Please continue to pray for us and for God to empower us with the Holy Spirit to make the love of Christ known on the Clemson campus through us.

Fr. Noah

# **PROVIDE MEALS FOR CANTERBURY**

We still have three dates open for someone(s) to sign up to provide a meal for the Canterbury -10/28, 11/4and 11/18. Please check your schedule and see if you might be available to serve on one of these dates.

Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba8ae2ea0f94-canterbury6

#### FRAUDULENT TEXTS AND EMAILS

I've heard from several parishioners that they are receiving fraudulent emails or texts that ask favors posing as me. Please know that I have not sent these messages. Other clergy and religious organizations have reported similar incidents in the past. The scheme involves scammers mimicking church staff, typically posing as someone in a position of authority asking victims for money transfers or gift cards. Many times, the scammers will manipulate the email address, name, or even the area code of phone numbers, so that it appears to be coming from someone you know. The best advice is to confirm requests with a conversation. Even if the email or text seems legitimate, if a request seems even remotely "off," don't act on it until you confirm it with a phone call or face-to-face conversation. Some general suggestions:

- Check sender details carefully. Any suspicious emails or text message should be investigated before replying. Pay attention to the message content, including attachments and URLs.
- When in doubt, call: If there are questions about any email, do not reply. Instead, pick up the phone and call the main number of your diocesan office or parish.
- Label it spam: If your email service has the ability, report the email as spam.

Suz+



# HTU FOR YOU THIS FALL

Adult Formation will move from Sunday mornings to Thursday evenings this fall. We are introducing a series of mini-courses designed to help you deepen your faith and go further in your journey with God. Each mini-course will last for 3-4 weeks and will each cover a particular topic or practice. The mini-courses are offered online via Zoom. Each session begins at 7:00 pm and last about an hour. Login link and password will be included in *HT Notes* each week. There will also be an additional offering especially for parents of young children and teens (see the last item for details on this one).

# • OCTOBER IS AND 22: "How TO BE A CRAZY CHRISTIAN"

This is a course with a warning label: All who enter here, expect to be transformed. It will follow a video course from ChurchNext featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry exploring themes from his book, *Crazy Christians.* Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, has a heart for reawakening believers to the tremendous gift and challenge of giving our all to follow Jesus. His term for this kind of person is a Crazy Christian.

# • NOVEMBER 5, 12, AND 19: MEET THE SAINTS

A mini-series that digs into the who, what, when, why, and how of Saints, facilitated by Deacon Noah. The Church has historically looked to exemplary Christians to inform and inspire our faith. The Episcopal Church follows a calendar of commemoration that lifts up specific "heroes of the faith" for us to remember. Come and learn more about the history of this calendar and why it is a beloved part of Anglican/Episcopal spirituality.

# • DECEMBER 3, 10, 17: THE THREE ADVENTS OF CHRIST

Advent is the Season of preparation for the "three Advents of Christ", the Incarnation, the Second Coming, and the daily visitation of our Lord as we pray. Mother Suz and Deacon Noah will ground your preparation for the Advents of Christ, setting the mood with sacred music, Scripture reading with reflections, and prayers that you can use each week in the season of Advent.

# • STICKY FAITH--ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER

How many of us over the past 5 months have seen a great deal more of our kids? Did we take advantage of this time to connect with them? Did we connect with them on their faith? Well just in case you don't have an answer to each of those questions, we have a class that can help! This Fall we are going to host a weekly class/course on connecting with your youth on faith using a book called *The Sticky Faith Guide*. The overall purpose is to find avenues to help our youth develop a faith that will last them well into the future. There will be time to have discussion on a very basic level and even if you aren't able to complete the readings you can still participate. We will hold the class by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. I hope you will be able to join us and please bring a friend. Bill Purkerson will be the facilitator for this group.

Suz and Noah





# HOLY TRINITY ARCHIVES

The first service held in Holy Trinity Chapel, Fort Hill, South Carolina was on October 15, 1899. A lot has changed since that date and records for many years are scarce. Jim Reed and Ann Russell are new managers for the archives for Holy Trinity and St. Paul's. They are currently attempting to organize the material in our Archive Room on the second floor of the Parish Hall.

Anyone with material they feel would be kept in the archives should contact Jim Reed at 864-646-6802 or email jrpsm@bellsouth.net.

# **R**EMEMBER...

WORSHIP INFORMATION



Check your email Sunday mornings after 7:00 am to see the day's events and if there are any last-minute changes for that day's services.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST (PUBLIC)

The current list is in *HT Notes* and in the online Sunday *Bulletin*. You may also ask to have prayers of thanksgiving included. Email Serena DuBose at

#### daffydubose@gmail.com

to add a name to the list. Consider if you need to speak to someone before adding a name to the list.

# **BE SAFE!**



*Remember:* In a pandemic, acting in the world as the Body of Christ means wearing your mask whenever you can't be socially distant outside and any time you are indoors in a public setting. All the information you need for joining our worship services, as well as bulletins and videos of recent Morning Prayer and Compline services, can be found on the HTV page on our Holy Trinity website:

www.holytrinityclemson.org

#### TWO LISTS, MANY PRAYERS

The Daughters of the King prayer list is confidential and intended for their particular private ministry of prayer, service, and evangelism. Requests may be submitted at holytrinity clemson.org/daughters-of-theking-prayer-request/

# WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Holy Trinity is working hard to stay connected and provide support for you. The Vestry and Neighborhood Group Leaders continue to reach out to parishioners in their areas regularly. Please contact your Neighborhood Group Leaders or the church office if you have any need, and we will do our best to help you out. The office staff are not in the office at all times, but we are all checking regularly email and phone messages.



Singing Rooster coffee is available for \$10 a bag and chocolate bars for only \$3 each. Text Lynne Farmer at (864) 710-0011 to order.

# ONLINE COFFEE HOUR



Bring your favorite mug of coffee and join us on Sundays following Morning Prayer for an online coffee hour through Zoom. (The password is also in *HT Notes* each week)

# WHO TO CALL?



The Holy Trinity office number is 864-654-5071. To reach Lynne Farmer, Parish Administrator, select ext. 3. For Sheryl Shankles, Parish Secretary, select ext. 0. You can reach Mtr. Suz (to call or text) at 864-364-1952. Noah Stansbury's cell number is 864-723-0391.

October 2020

# THURCH AND THE WORLD

# Act in the World as the Body of Christ

# **CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE**

Clemson Community Care's special needs this week are dry beans, grits, cereal, oatmeal, toiletries: all personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and laundry detergent and dish detergent. Donations may be dropped off to the purple bin on the Purkerson's front porch (111 Dogwood Terrace Lane, Clemson) or taken directly to CCC (at 105 Anderson Hwy, Clemson) around back of the building before 11:00am any morning Monday through Thursday. Thank you for your generosity!



If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to enable CCC to buy food or help the community in other ways you can send a check to CCC, PO Box 271, Clemson SC 29633 or make an online donation via PayPal or credit card at **clemsoncommunitycare.org**. Donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated!



# FAMILY PROMISE

The Coronavirus has impacted all of us and has implications for the families supported at Family Promise. At the moment JoAnn Brink, Case Manager for Family Promise, is working with a few families. JoAnn said there is a need for Gift cards to local grocery stores, gift cards for gas, and gift cards to local restaurants are needed. (FYI the Easley Walmart does not have a gas station connected to the store.) Gift cards can be mailed directly to Family Promise of Pickens County, c/o JoAnn Brink, 104 Stewart Drive, Easley, SC 29640.

We will keep everyone informed. We hope to count on your support for Family Promise of Pickens County. If you have any questions please contact Liz Halpin (864) 903-6340 or ehalpin59@gmail.com. Families are our neighbors. A check made out to Family Promise of Pickens County is always acceptable and welcome. Family Promise of Pickens is a United Way Agency and a 501©3.

Thank you and stay safe.



# OUR DAILY REST

Our Daily Rest homeless shelter in Seneca sends their thank you's to Holy Trinity for all your generous donations. At this time during Covid, especially needed are your prayers, and donations of cleaning supplies, trash bags, paper products, gift cards from Dollar General, Lowes and Walmart; and cash donations are always welcome too.

For questions please contact Judy Surak. Another way to support them is by donating at the website

www.ourdailyrest.org/give

Many thanks again from Our Daily Rest.



# **OUTREACH AT HOLY TRINITY**

ACT IN THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST. THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE. IF YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.



#### WORLD MISSIONS - CANGE, HAITI

The Episcopal Church was established in Haiti in 1860 by a free African-American missionary and is the oldest protestant denomination in Haiti. The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina (EDUSC) has partnered with the Diocese of Haiti since 1979 on a shared mission in the village of Cange in the Central Plateau. Engineers from EDUS built a modest municipal water system to supply safe drinking water for the village, greatly reducing mortality from water borne illness. Ecole Bon Sauveur was built in 1982 to provide primary education for the children of the village and Eglise Bon Sauveur quickly became the religious center for the community. Early in the mission, doctors from EDUSC and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson, began medical work trips to Cange and mentored the young Paul Farmer who founded Partners in Health in Cange and then in Boston in 1988.

Our mission has grown and thrived in Cange now for 40 years seeing a tripling of the population, enlargement of the church to include a bell tower, and growing of the school to include secondary education ending with a baccalaureate. In 1996 EDUSC funded construction of a small hospital complete with surgical facilities to care for the surrounding rural population of 200,000. After the devastating earthquake of 2010, Hopital Bon Sauveur Cange provided care to thousands of refugees from Port au Prince when our hospital was one of the best left standing. The Artisan's Centre has grown and is working sustainability. Between 2008 and 2011, the water system capacity was more than doubled with supervision from Clemson Engineer for Developing Countries (CEDC) and now provides the only chlorinated municipal water supply in all of Haiti. As result of this work, there were no cases of cholera contracted in Cange despite the epidemic and widespread mortality in the surrounding area. Many of these cases were treated in our hospital.

Throughout this 40 year partnership, Holy Trinity has provided much of the administrative, academic, engineering and medical support and has played a leadership role in our diocesan effort. Many of our parishioners have traveled to Cange and we have been very grateful for the opportunity we've been given to work alongside our Haitian brothers and sisters. We invite you to join us in the ongoing mission and opportunity to "act in the world as the Body of Christ."

# **BOIS JOLI**

In 2000, Holy Trinity Episcopal, Grace Episcopal, Holy Trinity Lutheran, and St. John's Methodist joined to "adopt" the village of Bois Joli as part of Father Lafontant's "Adopt a Village" initiative. Bois Joli is a remote village with no road in a mountainous area in the Central Plateau. Other churches in EDUSC adopted other villages.

We have provided funds to build a school with 300 students for grades 1-6, redesigned and built a water system with clear water, built a church "Christ the King", helped provide agricultural training, helped pay the teachers' salaries and helped purchase school supplies.

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# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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The people of Bois Joli, mostly poor subsistence farmers, know us and count us as their Christian friends from South Carolina. They count on us for continued support.

# HAITIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

As part of our focus on improving health and education in Haiti, Holy Trinity has supported the education of a large number of university students. Last year we supported 13 students at a cost of approximated \$5000 each to provide for tuitions, housing and monthly expenses. Several are graduating this year and we expect to continue the support of those still pursuing their studies. Majors include: medicine, nursing, education, law, diplomacy, engineering and architecture.

# WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Identifying other needs and opportunities for outreach Identifying other organizations served by the members of Holy Trinity Providing suggestions to improve outreach Financial help for university students in Haiti

# A THANK YOU NOTE



Thank you for supporting Family Promise of Picken County; Because of your generous antributions, we have been able to help more Homeless families find new homes and continue delping these in med during the carsent pandemic We would not be able to to this without your help.

Thank you

# THURCH AND THE WORLD

### A NOTE FROM HAITI

Dear Dr. Earl, Dear Dr. Morse,

I am writing to you respectfully with a view to interceding in my favor for a position at the Education Summit. You knew as well as I did how life is so difficult here in Haiti. Misery.

As you already know, it was you who gave me unparalleled support through Education Summits so that I could study law at Haiti State University - not to mention other people (Ms. Rachel Mayo, Ms. Lynn Farmer, Mr. Alfred Wheeler, Ms. Suz Cate to name but a few) who by their positive actions contributed in one way or another during my studies.

As you know the law, a multidimensional or multidimensional profession. After my studies, I am very happy to put my solid knowledge at the service of the institution.

Throughout my interaction with you during my period of study, I always stay honest and serious with you - don't I?

If, however, you could help me make a recommendation, you will never regret it and I will work very hard to move the institution forward. Personally, I am convinced that I have all the human qualities we want to see in Sommets Education employees "honesty and humility, compassion, empathy and grace". I will be an important asset to our institution.

I will be eternally grateful - to all my respects. Thank you so much.

Best regards, Guichard Guerrier

#### HYMN SPOTLIGHT

Hymn 365

Come Thou Almighty King

"Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing, help us to praise. Father whose love unknown all things created own, build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days."

Author: Anonymous (about 1757), Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

This hymn, one of the most popular throughout all mainstream Protestant denominations, has a very interesting history. The words appeared anonymously in London around 1757 to commemorate Trinity Sunday and were first sung to the tune "God Save the King." The story is told that during the Revolutionary War some British troops stormed into a church on Long Island one Sunday morning during a worship service and demanded that "God Save the King" be sung. The organist responded with the expected tune but the congregation sang it using the words to "Come Thou Almighty King" instead. The fourth verse of this hymn is a grand affirmation of the Trinity and the hymn should always be sung in its entirety, as each of the first three verses addresses part of the Trinity.

The current tune "Moscow" as used in the Episcopal hymnal, and its more popular slight variation "Italian Hymn" were composed by Felice de Giardini, a noted 18<sup>th</sup> century violinist, teacher, and conductor (the Italian Opera Group, London). In 1769, Lady Huntington (who established sixty-four seminaries for education of ministers in various parts of England) requested him to compose new music for "Come Thou Almighty King," and the current tunes resulted.



October 2020



# DOK INSTALLATION SERVICE

Gree Order of the Constant Daughters of the King

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, Carolyn Wheeler, Martha Dowd, Kathy Naeseth, Nancy Barutio, Sally Morrel, Jan Cribb, Dorothy Meeks, Kathy Nixon, and Mtr. Suz Cate met under the bell tower at Holy Trinity for an installation and reinstatement service for the Mary Moxley Laib Chapter of the Order of Daughters of the King.

The presenter was Deborah Dunlap of Liberty, South Carolina. She is the first Vice President of the Diocesan DOK. After the service the new members were presented with the DOK cross. The members of the Mary Moxley Laib Chapter meet on Saturday mornings on ZOOM to pray for our Parish family and others and special concerns. Any baptized woman in our parish is welcome to join our DOK chapter. Daughters of the King commit themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism.

For His Sake, Jan G. Cribb





# **GIFT FOR BEN**

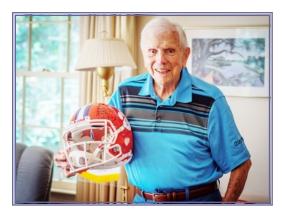
Here is a message from the Colonel (below) and a beautiful photo from Ken Scar. Looks like Dabo has a ready and willing 103 year-young recruit for this season.

Thank you all for the magnificent Riddell helmet. It is indeed a spectacular piece of headgear; it weighs 4.5 pounds and it packs Tiger football love and memories of the past 85 years. It is a "genuine article."

I look forward to the game day when I can stroll along Woodland Way properly attired in my solid orange headgear. It is certified with Coach Swinney's kind words and signature.

All is well. Thanks to the Brigade for their loyalty and participation.

Ever loyal, Ben Skardon



# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

# **ECW News**

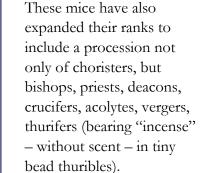
# COVID 19 CAN'T STOP CHRISTMAS!

And it cannot stop the Holy Trinity Christmas Stocking Guild elves from working their magic! With many thanks to Mellie, Eunice, Sarah, Sue, Cindy and Frances for all their inspiring work, we have our gorgeous, traditional heirloom hand-knit and handembellished woolen Christmas stockings ready for sale with your personalization!

It is not too late to order. Price is \$75 each. These treasures will last a lifetime. Please call or text me, Amy Agosti, at 864-650-3145 or akagosti@yahoo.com to place your order. Contactless delivery available!

# **CHURCH MICE ON PARADE!**

After over 75 years, we are going to miss our traditional annual Holy Trinity bazaar this year – at least in person. However, we will offer some of the favorite items on line. First will be the church mice. Betsy Dunkle brought the original choir mice to Holy Trinity about forty years ago, and they have been revived in recent years by a dedicated group of "Mouseketeers" led by Judy Eidson.



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# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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Plus the heavenly band now includes angels (Southern in style with their pearl necklaces and halos), and most recently cheerleaders – both Clemson and that other state school to the east.



#### STAINED GLASS ORNAMENTS

For the past few years we have commissioned a stained glass ornament based on each of the windows in the church. While we had considered having the company create a new ornament this year based on one of the old church windows that adorn various places in Finlay Parish House, we realized that without a bazaar, this would not be the year for such an offering. However, we do have a few of the ornaments remaining, and we have also begun to create a list of people who would like one of those not currently available. (We need a specified number in order for the company to make a second run.)

These ornaments can be a lovely reminder of the space we now see only on line and that we hope soon to see again in person. The ornaments cost \$25 each. If you would like to purchase one or to add your name to a waiting list for the future, please contact Sally Morrell at 864-654-5607, 864-710-5264, or at email sallym29631@gmail.com.



For more information, please contact Sally Morrell or Carolyn Wheeler (cslwheeler@hotmail.com).



#### **S**TEWARDSHIP

FAITH-FILLED GEMEROSITY

> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 PETER 4:10

This year has reminded us in so many ways of the strength and closeness of our community. Even in the months in which we were physically distant and unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us together, connecting us. Many in the media or in our society kept referring to our churches as "closed," but we were never closed — we continued following the Gospel call to live in love with our neighbors, finding ever new ways to seek and serve Christ in all people.

As we look to the year to come, we are more committed than ever to the ministry and love we share with our community and our neighbors. Our ministry is funded through the gifts of its members — your generous offerings given in grace and love. This year we are asking for every member to take part in our stewardship campaign by making a pledge. Later this month, you will receive a packet containing materials for making your gift and learning more about how your gifts are used to fund the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity.

This year, our Stewardship Committee has set a campaign goal of \$520,000. We have been grateful for the continued faithful generosity of our parishioners in maintaining your giving through this difficult year, and we realize that the economic impacts of the pandemic may affect the ability of some to give at the level of years past. As you consider your pledge to support our mission and ministry this year, please consider pledging a proportion of your resources that is both generous and appropriate for your household.

We will be hearing messages of Faith-Filled Generosity as we move through the weeks of this year's stewardship season. The Gospel is rich with examples of how our faith kindles our love for each other and our Christian responsibility to share our love with the world. I invite you and your household to pray and learn, taking these weeks to consider how your generous response to God's call has been shaped by this community and the friends who gather with you. Thank you for being a part of Holy Trinity and for your faithful, faith-filled gift to our annual campaign.

This year's Stewardship Campaign has been prayerfully planned by Jody Hunter (chair), Ellen Haase (Vestry Representative), Jerome Cribb, Samantha Murphy, Jim Reed, Lynn Smith, Joe Yanes, and Mtr. Suz.



#### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

10/1
10/4
10/10
10/14
10/22
10/30

This page of *Tempo* lists the wedding anniversaries and birthdays of parishioners. If you would like to have your anniversary or birthday included, please email htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org.



# FLOWER LIST

We have vacancies for October 18th and October 25th. If you would like to honor a loved one by providing flowers for Sunday online worship, please contact Sheryl Shankles at

#### htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org

or call (864) 654-5071. Include your name, the date that you want to provide flowers, whether it's in honor or memory and the loved one's name.

You will be billed directly by Tiger Lily Florist.

# **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 10/1CB Maertens 10/1Wyatt Murphy Genevieve Bishop 10/210/4Brett Murphy 10/7John Wilson 10/8 Sylvia Linvill 10/8Tenley Murphy Caroline Werntz 10/8 10/11 Mary Butler 10/12 Cheryl DeSellier Dorothy Meeks 10/1210/12 Tom Wehrman
- 10/13 Charlie Fox
- 10/13 Bill Maker
- 10/16 Reese Murphy



- 10/29 Robert Burington
- 10/30 Molly Tindal



October Birth Flower: Marigold



October Birthstone Opal

# <u>Operating Fund</u> Financial Update as of September 30,2020

Mon	thly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,863.00	\$42,594.81	\$430,761.00	\$417,077.52
Expenses	\$51,293.00	\$37,334.16	\$418,455.00	\$348,461.05
Income +/-Expense	(\$3,430.00)	\$ 5,260.65	\$ 12,306.00	\$68,616.47

First Citizens Bank Notes as of September 30,2020 \$1,423,729.19