

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Tempo

DECEMBER 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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Note: Except as indicated below, in December, services are:

- Outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at Trinity Place on Sundays at 2:00 pm.
- 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.)

December 20

2 pm Children's Sunday School on the lawn

December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

3 pm Children's Service on lawn

5 pm Holy Eucharist on lawn

7 pm Lessons and Carols—video

10 pm Christmas Message—video

December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:45 am Blessing of Meals on Wheels—video

11:30 am Holy Eucharist on lawn

December 25—January 6

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ONGOING EVENTS

Each Evening: Compline at 8:30 pm on Facebook

Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

Tuesdays

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 pm Sticky Faith Class via Zoom

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:9-10

Dear Ones,

The Bible verses above were part of the Daily Office reading for the last Monday in November, and as soon as I heard it, I knew this would be the epitaph for my December letter to the Parish. I had just returned from a week's vacation, during which I was moderately successful in leaving my cares and concerns behind. The one care that I could not leave behind, because reminders are everywhere and a necessary part of our lives right now, is the concern for the health and well-being of parishioners in this time of pandemic. Even as I was refreshed by a change of scenery, the news of the ubiquity of community spread throughout our state was ever-present.

As I write this letter, the two week average of positive tests in Pickens County is 21.1%, Anderson is at 22.1%, Oconee is at 17.7%, and Greenville at 18.4%. These numbers are an indication that we must remain diligent in following public health and diocesan guidelines, as well as considering our parish context. For the month of December, we will continue to worship outdoors as we are able and to provide online worship for those who need to remain at home. This includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The schedule for those services is provided on page 4 in this issue of *Tempo*.

For now, I want to continue with a word of hope and encouragement. This Advent, we await not only the coming of our Lord but also of approved and effective vaccines for this dread virus that has disrupted our lives so thoroughly this year. It seems that those vaccines are on the horizon, and that is good news. It may take a while for the quantity of vaccine to allow for general distribution, so we must not grow weary in doing what is right. We must work for the good of all.

The good news is that doing what is right is not *hard* work. It is actually quite simple: wear a mask, practice good health hygiene, stay home if you don't feel well or have been exposed to the virus, and, in either of those cases, refrain from contact with others until you have quarantined for 14 days or received a negative test result. And, please, if you do get sick, let us know so that we can pour out our love for you and support you in whatever way you find helpful. Call me, call the church office, call your Neighborhood Group Pastoral Care Leader—just call! If nothing else, we would love to send you a card or safely deliver flowers or a meal.

This year is almost over (and that is a blessing, in and of itself). Let's finish strong, taking care of each other and working for the good of all. In the words of one of my favorite Taizé chants, *Ubi caritas*, "Live in charity and steadfast love. God will dwell with you." My prayer for us all is that we will not grow weary, but will find the strength to live in charity and steadfast love until this terrible ordeal is over. My prayer for each of you is that you will be confident that you are not alone, there is always someone to bring light into the darkness for you. My prayer for the world is that we will find ways to work together for the good of all. God bless you all and keep you safe and well.

Much love, Suz+

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HOW IS HOLY TRINITY ORGANIZED FOR MINISTRY DURING A PANDEMIC (AND BEYOND)?

Perhaps the best way to answer that question is to offer an example: In October, a group of parish friends* came up with the idea of providing Thanksgiving dinner to parishioners whose plans to be with family were disrupted by the pandemic. They approached the Engagement Ministry Team with the idea, and the response was, "Let's see what we need to do to make it happen safely." The Engagement Team brought in our resident kitchen manager, who made sure the cupboards were stocked with supplies and provided guidance on preparing and serving the meal safely. The church office provided support in the form of communicating the meal. The result was that close to 40 people were served in one way or another, and the meal was spectacularly delicious!

Holy Trinity is organized by Teams (or Committees) into roughly thirteen areas of ministry: Adult Formation, Buildings & Grounds, Canterbury, Communications, Engagement & Fellowship, Episcopal Day School, Family Ministry, Finance & Administration, Outreach, Stewardship, and Worship Support. These areas may include several subgroups; Worship Support includes Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Lay Readers, Ushers, and representatives of each worshipping community. These subgroups organize themselves for ministry, and the leaders meet regularly to coordinate and plan worship services. The church office provides support by providing access to the printer/copier, facilitating communication between the groups, ordering supplies, and in other ways as needed.

Each Ministry Team has one or more member of the Vestry assigned as a liaison between the Ministry Team and the Vestry. The Vestry Liaison does not necessarily serve as the Ministry Team's chair, although that does happen sometimes. Ideally, the Vestry Liaison works with the chair to report to the Vestry the Ministry Team's challenges and successes. This interaction helps the Vestry to determine the best practices for supporting each Team materially and in prayer.

Holy Trinity's Ministry Teams exist to support the ministry to which each member of the parish is called by Baptism—to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and to strive for justice and peace among all people. I encourage each of you to pray to God for guidance in discerning how you are called to fulfill your baptismal vows. When God has answered your prayer, reach out to the Vestry liaison or Ministry Team chair in the area that seems most appropriate. Or reach out to Noah or me for further guidance. The leadership of this parish exists to help you find your connection with your call to ministry and to support you in fulfilling that call.

The needs for Holy Trinity's ministry amongst parishioners and in the world are too great to leave to the few who step forward for leadership. We need each minister (that's you) to be part of our work of loving with the heart of Christ, thinking with the mind of Christ, and acting in the world as the Body of Christ.

Grace and peace to you in your discernment. *Suzanne*

I want to offer a personal shout out to the Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Chefs: the Crouse Family, the Murphy Family, the Purkerson Family, the Quattlebaum Family, and Beth Kunkel. This group planned, cooked, served, and in some cases delivered a scrumptious feast. God bless you all richly in your ministries!

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR**WHY DO WE DO THAT?: CHANTING THE GOSPEL**

“The person who sings, prays twice” is a saying often attributed to St Augustine. Throughout Christian history, different people have had different opinions about whether and how Christians should sing and how much, but in general we have always recognized that music is an important and useful part of how we relate to God. It requires the concentration of both our body and our mind, and music has a way of getting the knowledge of God’s love and presence in our world down into our souls in a way that seeing or speaking words on a page simply doesn’t. One of the pieces of advice that the Roman Catholic scholar of worship Aidan Kavanagh gave his students was, “Celebrations are sung.” When we gather to worship God, we are engaging in an action that is fundamentally a celebration of the gifts of God’s presence in the Word, and often a celebration of the gifts of the Sacraments. How can we keep from singing?

Praying twice and singing as we celebrate are two wonderful reasons that during this Christmastide I will be chanting the Gospel reading at our worship services. The Gospel has always been seen as the beating heart of Scripture for Christians, hence its place as the last reading at any service. In ancient times (and still in a few places if you know where to look), the entire service was sung except for the sermon, but it is not uncommon to find parishes at least in the Episcopal Church that chant the Gospel as a nod to its centrality in our worship.

I remember last Christmas Eve I was visiting a parish that used this tradition. As the priest sang the famous prologue to John and came to the words “a light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it,” a smile crossed her face as we all heard it in a different way that night. With 2020 mostly in hindsight I hear it differently again in my mind’s ear. What will you hear this year?

*Noah***“THE STORY OF GOD’S LOVING PURPOSE”: LESSONS AND CAROLS**

Lessons and Carols (or “A Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas”) is arguably the greatest Anglican contribution to the traditions of western Christian worship after Choral Evensong. Even so, it is a relatively new tradition, dating only from the 1880s, when an English bishop decided he wanted his cathedral to offer a form of Christmas Eve worship that was appealing enough to entice people away from the pubs. How far we’ve come since then! The tradition spread across England and even began to make its way to the United States, but the service really came into its own in 1918 when the structure was adapted for use by the Choir of King’s College in Cambridge, England, and spread even more in popularity when the BBC began to broadcast the King’s College service worldwide in the 1920s. Today it can be found even beyond the Episcopal Church in the United States and in recent years some churches have begun to take on a counterpart service for the Advent season. You can find more information about our version of it in the 2018 *Book of Occasional Services*, available online for free.

This year, this beloved tradition is moving online in many places, including here at Holy Trinity, which means it is possible for you to partake in the different expressions of this tradition from around the country and even the world from the comfort of your home; I hope you’ll have a look if you’re interested. The much-beloved King’s College service will air live on South Carolina Public Radio on Christmas Eve at 10 am and our Chancel Choir is hard at work preparing our own service for broadcast on Christmas Eve at 7 pm. I hope you’ll join us.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY



Celebrating Christmas in the midst of a pandemic is a challenging proposition. The Worship Support Ministry Team has worked very hard to plan services that will be festive and joyful as we honor the Nativity of Our Lord this year.

We have planned a combination of outdoor and online services to provide safe and ample opportunities to worship Christ who was born to be Emmanuel, God-with-us. Please wear a mask and maintain a safe distance if you plan to attend one of our outdoor services.

On Christmas Eve

- 3:00 pm **Children's Service** featuring Simplified Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion—on The Trinity Place Lawn
- 5:00 pm **Holy Eucharist with Christmas Hymns**—on the Trinity Place Lawn
- 7:00 pm **Lessons & Carols**—streamed on FaceBook and YouTube
- 10:00 pm **Christmas Message**—The Birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke, with a brief homily—streamed on FaceBook and YouTube

On Christmas Day

- 10:45 am **Blessing of the Meals on Wheels Christmas Dinner**—FaceBook Live
- 11:30 am **Christmas Day Holy Eucharist**—on the Trinity Place Lawn

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Beginning Christmas Day, we will be posting a video each day of a favorite Christmas carol, with a brief introduction and prayer. This is a Christmas gift to the parish from our Holy Trinity Choir and clergy. These videos will be posted each morning on our social media accounts: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as our YouTube channel.



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BAPTISM

On The Feast of All Saints, November 1, 2020, Jaime Kathryn and Jordan Daisy Gilmore received the Sacrament of Baptism. The service was conducted on the Trinity Place lawn.



COMPLINE: BEDTIME PRAYERS FOR US ALL

Nightly prayer time on our Facebook page began in mid-March as a way to connect and provide a sense of closure to each day during the lock-down, when our days seemed to melt together into a timeless goo. As the weeks went by, a small and faithful group of worshipers began to form into a community of prayer. People from around the diocese and around the country join us each night to ask for prayers and to settle their hearts for the night. We gather each night at 8:25 pm to prepare for this brief service of prayer, honoring the saints as they are appointed in Lesser Feasts and Fasts, with Compline beginning at about 8:30 pm. Compline lasts about 15 minutes, including time to read our parish prayer list and other names and needs that are requested.



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WORSHIP CHANGES

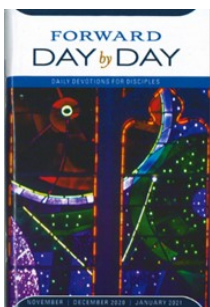
We will continue to worship outdoors in our sacred space, Trinity Place, for the foreseeable future. We moved the time of that service to 2:00 pm on October 25 and will keep that time until further notice. We will meet as often as the weather allows (the Worship Support Team declared that it will be too cold “when it snows”). Come when you feel safe doing so.

If you don't feel safe coming to in-person worship, please join us online at 10:30 each Sunday. We are changing up our online service from Morning Prayer to Ante-Communion, which is the churchy way of saying that we will follow the Liturgy of the Word from our Holy Eucharist liturgy. There are a couple of reasons for this change: this liturgy allows Noah the opportunity to fulfill his liturgical ministry as a deacon, and it allows us to plan for more fulsome expressions of our liturgical seasons. The latter is rather important as we approach All Saints', Advent, and Christmas.

EUCCHARISTIC 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!) These booklets are also available as you enter our in-person worship services at Trinity Place.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

In-person Sunday school will take place on the 3rd Sunday of every month, during the 2 pm in-person church service outside, using social distancing, masks and hygienic practices. The lessons will be about 30 minutes. Our meetings will be located at Trinity Place. We are committed to being flexible, safe and communicative under the constraints of the ongoing pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mary Beth Johnstone (864-506-5570; mbjohnstone69@gmail.com).

Please arrive a few minutes ahead of 2 pm, so that we can gather into our respective groups. Each leader will have a sign indicating where each group will meet. The groups are: pre-K (3 and 4 years), Godly Play (K—2nd grade), Faith Travelers (3rd—5th grades), Middle School (6th—8th grades) and High school (9th—12th grade).



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ADVENT SUNDAY

Most Advent events were held after the 2 pm service at Holy Trinity on Advent Sunday, November 29. Fellowship was open to all and included cider and cookies individually packaged for families, Advent wreath kits, picture coloring for delivery to The Clemson Downs, collection of canned goods for Clemson Community Care and an Advent Care Package for all K – 12th grade families to take home and enjoy throughout Advent.



ADVENT EVENT

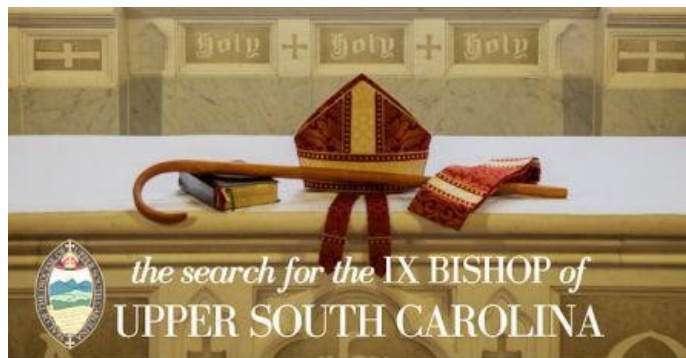
For some forty years – with the exception of only one year when winter weather interfered – the children and youth of Holy Trinity's Sunday school classes have presented the Advent Event program as a gift to our parish.

This year is no exception; however, the presentation will be virtual. (As seen in the photo to the right, practice began on November 29.) Check *HT Notes* for news of the link to watch as the young people present some of the stories and traditions of the Advent season and help us to prepare for Christmas.





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The Nominating Committee has been meeting regularly. Our work has included the development and distribution of a survey, which opened on October 17, and sought your input about what our diocese is called to be in the future and the Bishop who will help guide us there.

When the survey closed on November 9, more than 1,100 responses had been submitted. Thank you all for your participation! The results of the survey will be shared with you as well as with those discerning a call to be our next Bishop. Along with the Diocesan Profile, the results of the survey will be published in December per the Bishop Search Timeline.

Between now and December we will be hard at work compiling the Diocesan Profile to include the priorities you provided us with in your survey responses. Please continue to pray for the Nominating Committee and the search for the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

If you have any questions about the search process, please reach out to us at episcopaltransition@edusc.org.

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Melissa Langford, *Co-Chair*
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 Mr. John Cantey
 Ms. Shawn Dunham
 The Rev. Charles Jenkins
 The Rev. Mia McDowell
 Mr. Larry Moore

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 Mr. West Summers
 Ms. Corliss Wise
 The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Alternate
 Ms. Lillian Hardaway, Alternate

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Faithful Living.
Faithful Giving.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
 - Matthew 6:21, Jesus speaking in the Sermon on the Mount

Holy Trinity is working hard to stay connected and provide support through the trials of pandemic restrictions. 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 necessarily in the office at all times, but we are all checking email and phone messages regularly. The 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 at 864-364-1952 to call or text. Noah Stansbury's cell number is 864-723-0391.



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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

On November 2, in St. Paul's churchyard, at a Holy Eucharist candlelight service, the faithful departed were remembered. Deacon Noah read a list of names of deceased loved ones of parishioners and of those with special remembrances who are buried in St. Paul's churchyard. Mother Suz sprinkled the graves of those in the churchyard with holy water.





FORMATION

Think with the Mind of Christ

#AdventWord 2020

#AdventWord is a global, online Advent calendar. Each day from the first Sunday of Advent (November 29) through Christmas Day, #AdventWord offers meditations and images to inspire and connect individuals and a worldwide community of believers to the themes of Advent.

AdventWord provides visual and written meditations during the liturgical season of Advent. In 2020, Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. The written meditations are provided in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and in American Sign Language on YouTube. Each morning during Advent, the meditations are distributed: on AdventWord.org, Email, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Around the world, prayers ascend in response to the meditations. People post their reflections on their respective social media pages, tagging AdventWord on the platform. From there, AdventWord shares and reposts on each site – amplifying the prayers during this holy season. Learn more and sign up at

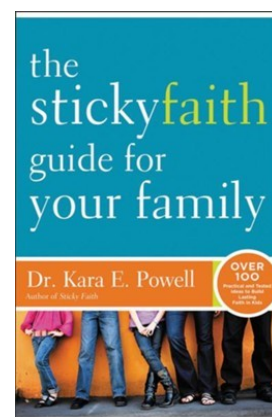
<https://adventword.org/en/home/>



TUESDAY NIGHT'S STICKY FAITH CLASS IS ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS

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!

Bill Purkerson will host a weekly class/course this fall 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.



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81908396390> pwd=d2FXT3k2bjNPNG4yNVA4dkdaV21HQT09

Meeting ID: 819 0839 6390

Passcode: 116738



FORMATION

ADVENT ADULT FORMATION: E'EN SO, LORD JESUS, QUICKLY COME



The Church's liturgical year begins with the season of Advent. This season invites us to turn inward and examine ourselves, our souls, in preparation for encountering Christ. Advent should bring us into a state of awe and wonder as we consider, not just in our minds, but also in our hearts, the marvelous thing that God is about to do, for us, among us, and within us.

Mtr. Suz will lead three sessions on Thursday evenings in December exploring the gifts of the Advent season as we reflect on Lord Jesus who was, and is, and is to come. The dates for these sessions are 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17. Click on the link below and follow the prompts.

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.u/j/87405407067?pwd=RVZpVzgrVmdTQVkrUUIDWUc2OVZXZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 0540 7067

Passcode: 639556

CHURCH ROCKS



Look near the base of the brick support in the Trinity Place lawn that is nearest the door into the basement. There you will find a collection of church rocks that are interesting and quite inspirational to read.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Now more than ever, it is an act of Christian love to wear a face covering when you are away from your home. Please love your neighbor by wearing a mask, including whenever you come to our church buildings! We have masks available in the church office and at our outside worship services, just in case you get out the door without one. Please take care of yourselves and those you love by staying home if you feel unwell or have been exposed to Covid 19. Quarantine for 14 days or obtain a negative test result before resuming contact.





FORMATION



The Daughters of the King are still taking prayer requests. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. All prayer concerns will be lifted up daily for 2 or more weeks. There is an online prayer request on the Holy Trinity website, which you can find under the "Parish" tab in the "Forms" section.

You can also go directly to the form by typing <http://holytrinityclmson.org/daughters-of-the-king-prayer-request/> into the URL bar on your web browser. The Daughters of the King are committed to the service of praying for all our concerns, a true blessing in this difficult and troubling time!

REMEMBER...



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.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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.holytrinityclmson.org



PARISH PRAYER LIST (PUBLIC)

The current list is in *HT Notes* and in the online Sunday *Bulletin*. You can 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.

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.

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)



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care has a need for the following food items: mixed vegetables, juice, and cereal. Toiletry needs are baby wipes, tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, and any other items you wish.



Donations may be dropped off to the purple bin on the Purkerson's front porch (at 111 Dogwood Terrace Lane, Clemson) or taken directly to CCC (105 Anderson Hwy, Clemson) around back of the building before 11:00am any morning Monday through Thursday.

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! Thank you for your support.



THERE IS A NEED FOR GIFT CARDS

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. Our churches are not open for hosting families. We are also reaching out to you as there is a need for a fund for keep keeping vehicles that belong to families in our program on the road. Families must have a vehicle to be in our program. A car is needed to transport children to day care and afterschool care. Checks can be made payable to Family Promise of Pickens County in the memo line Car Fund. If you have any questions please contact me 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 yous to Holy Trinity for all your generous donations. At this time during Covid, especially needed are your prayers, and donations of Men's pants sizes 32 and 34, twin sheets, flat and fitted, fresh clothes for the folks at Our Daily Bread who come to the portable shower van, and cash donations are always good too. Many thanks again from Our Daily Rest. There is a basket in the chapel marked "Our Daily Rest" where you can leave your donations.

Phone: 864-482-2040
Address: PO Box 1246
525 East Main St.
Seneca, SC 29679

www.ourdailyrest.org/give



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GIFTS FOR LIFE

All gifts from the *Gifts for Life* catalog will be **doubled** through December 31st.

Please check out the items in the ***Gifts for Life*** catalog and I'm sure you'll be able to find a gift for a family member or friend that matches their personality! This year especially, it is a good idea to shop online. Please consider honoring someone by giving to those who are in need. Go to

https://support.episcopalrelief.org/gifts?ID=180000GX0000400&utm_medium=Undefined&utm_campaign=Undefined&utm_source=180000GX0000400

for all gift options.

*Honor family members and friends

*Have a lasting impact on those in need around the world



Goat | \$80.00



Moms & Children | \$35.00



Clean Water | \$35.00

Because of Covid and not many people gathering, catalogs were not ordered this year. You can just Google Episcopal Relief & Development and find the Gifts for Life catalog on their website. (Or you copy the long address above (that is in blue) and paste it into your browser. Check out all the good works of Episcopal Relief & Development and their financial report at www.episcopalrelief.org.

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CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SPECIAL ORDER SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE BARS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FAMILY, OFFICE, AND FRIENDS



FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!!

Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf!

Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in festive Peppermint and Cranberry!

Contact Harry Morse by text or phone (864-314-9996), or email (hgmorse@gmail.com) to place an order and arrange for contact free pickup!

Prices are \$10 PER BAG Coffee; \$4 PER BAR Gourmet Chocolate

(Please make checks payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach)

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

Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!

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

HELP IS NEEDED IN THE THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop has two openings: the 1st Monday of the month and the 5th Monday of the month from 10 am to 12:30 pm. (There are only 4 of these 5th Mondays per year.) You will work with other great people and have a chance to know our regular customers. Join us in a very relaxed environment! If interested, please call Diana Manly at 722-5112 or 903-1658.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

ECW NEWS

After over 75 years, we are going to miss our traditional annual Holy Trinity bazaar this year due to the COVID pandemic—but some bazaar items are still available.

CHURCH MICE ON PARADE!

We are offering 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.



These mice have also expanded their ranks to include a procession not only of choristers, but bishops, priests, deacons, crucifers, acolytes, vergers, thurifers (bearing “incense”—without scent—in tiny bead thuribles).



Each mouse requires hours of loving hand-crafting so quantities are limited, and the situation must be first come, first served. Cost is \$25 each. (Knowing the labor involved, all “Mouseketeers” would say this is a real bargain!) To reserve your mouse or mice, contact Sally Morrell at 864-654-5607, 864-710-5264, or sallym29631@gmail.com.

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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).

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DOLL CLOTHES FOR SALE!

For your own American girl – or other 18” doll – we offer these lovely handmade items. Whether she's headed to a fancy party, to her workout, or to snuggle into bed, we have something special. Most include shoes or boots and accessories, and most complete outfits are \$25.

Nearly all are one-of-a-kind originals, we do have a few others not pictured, but when they're gone, they're gone. For more information or to view other outfits, contact Sally Morrell at 864-654-5607, 864-710-5264 or sallym29631@gmail.com.



HEALTH BITS by Kathy Hunter

"The quantity of food we are offered is staggering. Stocked refrigerators and pantries, large restaurant servings; "over-sized," "family-sized," "super-sized," "share-sized" packaging, What if we spent 1 week eating 1/2 of what we normally would? And if still hungry (do we even know what that is anymore?) eat a piece of fresh fruit and drink a glass of water. Hmmm...Food for thought."

Try eating 1/2 sizes and change your ways. You'll be glad you did!



ADMINISTRATIVE

STEWARDSHIP



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

Thanksgiving for Your Faithful Generosity

This year has reminded us in so many ways of the strength and closeness of our community. Even in the months in which we have been physically distant and unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us together, connecting us. 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. Your Stewardship Committee, Vestry, Wardens, and clergy are all most grateful for the pledges we have received so far. If you have already pledged, thank you!

As our Annual Campaign wraps up, we have received 104 pledges for a total of \$452,398. We are under \$70,000 short of our goal for 2021. If you have not yet pledged, it isn't too late! The Stewardship Committee will be reaching out pastorally to those regular pledgers whose pledges we have not received with a gentle reminder. We understand that 2020 has been a year of uncertainty for many of us, so please remember that, no matter the amount, every pledge makes a real difference.

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.





DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Barbara Witmer	12/01
Kevin and Kathy Crouse	12/19
David and Mary Beth Johnstone	12/19
John and Mellie Warner	12/29
Earl and Scooty Burch	12/30

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@holyltrinityclmson.org



FLOWER LIST

If you would like to honor a loved one or family by providing flowers for Sunday online worship, please contact Sheryl Shankles at

htchurch@holyltrinityclmson.org

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Noelle Yardley	12/01
Renna Redd	12/02
Rebecca Eidson	12/06
Tommye Hurst	12/07
Mary Bowman	12/09
Phoebe McPeak	12/10
Paul Thackham	12/11
Carolyn Wheeler	12/13
Myra Gildersleeve	12/14
Kathy Naeseth	12/14
Cameron McCabe	12/19
Tim McPeak	12/19
Charles Arms	12/20
Wayman Curtis Henry	12/22
Jennifer Thackham	12/22
Jack McKenna	12/24
Isabel Quattlebaum	12/26
Billy Bridges	12/27
Earl Burch	12/27
Lew Fitch	12/29
Don Campbell	12/30
Cathy Garrett	12/31
Carol Todd	12/31
Gwen Troise	12/31



December Birth Flower
Poinsettia



December Birthstone
Turquoise

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of November 30, 2020

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,862.00	\$41,236.02	\$526,485.00	\$508,635.20
Expenses	\$51,296.00	\$38,437.27	\$521,047.00	\$446,390.71
Income +/-Expense	(\$3,434.00)	\$ 2,798.75	\$ 5,538.00	\$62,244.49

First Citizens Bank Note Payables as of November 30, 2020

\$1,605,121.90