

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Tempo

MARCH 2021

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.

MARCH CALENDAR

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

- In the church service of Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am. Service is by sign-up only. Mask required.
- 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.

Sunday, March 7

6-9 pm Luminary Event

Sunday, March 28

PALM SUNDAY

Mon—Wed, March 28-31

HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Friday, April 2

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 4

EASTER SUNDAY

Coffee Hour is online after the 10:30 am service via Zoom

ONGOING EVENTS

Each Evening: Compline at 8:30 pm on Facebook

Sundays 4 pm (during Lent)
Becoming Beloved
Community via Zoom

Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

Tuesdays

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Canterbury

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Ones,

This Lent, I have been contemplating ways through and out of the wilderness. We always begin Lent with Jesus in the wilderness, where he is tempted and tested by Satan. He was beset by Satan and dangerous wild beasts, and the angels took care of him. Somehow, it was necessary for Jesus to take this wilderness sojourn in order to claim his identity as God's chosen, beloved child and to prepare for his ministry. Jesus found his way out of the wilderness and began to heal and to teach, showing others a new Way.

I have pondered what this kind of wilderness sojourn might mean for *us* in Lent. Before we can engage with that question spiritually, we have to confront the physical and emotional wilderness that we have inhabited for so long. In a couple of weeks we will mark the anniversary of Friday, March 13, when things truly began to shut down as the world slammed full force into a disastrous pandemic. In some ways it was like being driven out of our safe and comfortable existence into a wilderness of isolation and confusion and danger. I can only imagine that the media attention on that milestone will create anxiety and grief for many of us. If you find that happening in your heart and mind, please reach out to someone for support. Fr. Noah and I are available at all times for crisis situations.

As we enter this Lenten wilderness, we would do well to pray to God using these words from Psalm 25:

*Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.*

*Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.*

I encourage each of you to spend time contemplating the wilderness of pandemic. What do you need to hear from God to navigate through the chaos and grief that have piled up in the corners of your heart this year? Ask God to speak, to show you a path. Read the Gospels appointed for Lent—see how they point to Jesus, to his identity as the Beloved Son of God, proclaimer and embodiment of the Good News of salvation, repairer of the breach between God and humanity, powerful and loving judge of us all, bringer of justice and salvation.

I believe that this Easter, we will emerge from the Lenten wilderness into Resurrection hope. We have a lot of work to do between now and then, each doing our part to protect each other and our church family. We must remain diligent in following prescribed measures to ensure safety, and we must remain open to finding new ways to support each other along the way. The wilderness is finite. God's love for us is infinite and will show us the Way through and out of this current wilderness. As Presiding Bishop Curry says, "Keep the faith, and may God bless us all."

Much love, Suz+

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LENTEN PRAYERS TO ASSIST YOU



We are pre-recording *The Great Litany* and *Stations of the Cross* that will feature a variety of familiar faces and voices. These recordings will be available on our website for your devotional use as part of your Lenten observance. (The web addresses that you can copy and paste are also given below.)

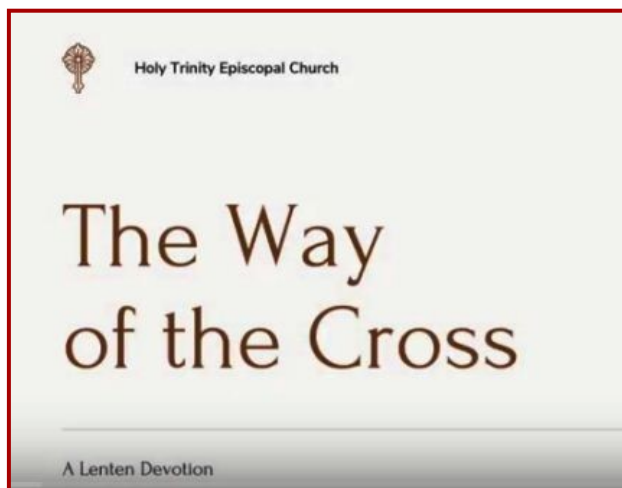
You may wish to pray The Great Litany one or more times each week. You might set a time each Friday for Stations of the Cross. You choose the time and frequency for your devotions. We pray that these offerings will help you to observe a holy Lent.

The Great Litany:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=aaSlFFXu7p4&feature=youtu.be>

Stations of the Cross:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDGATkWz8z0&feature=youtu.be>



FROM FR. NOAH, ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR**CONFESSION: ~~WHY DO WE~~ WHY SHOULD I DO THAT?**

“The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.” This old saying is one of my favorite images for the Church. It is my hope that the Church can be a place for us to be honest about our needs and to seek help from God and one another as we work toward the healing of our souls and of the world. The healing that God offers us is on full display in the life of Jesus, who spent so much of his earthly ministry offering healing to those around him: healing of the body, of the soul, and of our relationships. As the Body of Christ, we continue this ministry of healing to one another and the world, and many of our acts of worship reflect this. The waters of baptism cleanse our wounds and flush out infections, the bread of the Eucharist nourishes and sustains us for the hard work of healing. If you’ve ever attended a healing service at Holy Trinity or elsewhere, you’re familiar with the practices of prayer and anointing with oil that impart grace to treat physical and spiritual ailments that take different shapes for each of us. In all these and in many other ways the living Christ who heals becomes known to us as our Great Physician who helps us name our illnesses and offers us a path to wholeness.

The practice of private confession (or the Rite of Reconciliation) is another such tool that we have in the Church to help us along the way as we seek a closer and healthier relationship with God. Perhaps you have some personal experience with this practice in another church, or maybe it brings up images of what you’ve seen on TV and in movies. Whether you’re old hat at making private confession, brand new to the idea, or haven’t been in a very long time, the idea of naming your sins to a priest can be uncomfortable and off-putting (it’s not my favorite either!), but more and more people are finding it to be a practice that enriches and breathes new life into their spirituality.

The adage that is often trotted out about confession in the Episcopal Church is “all may, none must, some should.” For many people, the general confession and absolution that we use in our Sunday worship is enough, and if that describes you, I’m grateful. But for many people, the broad vision of that prayer can become rote or doesn’t quite soothe the guilt of our intimate knowledge of how sin shows up in our personal lives. We can and should consider how to change our behaviors when it’s needed, and the act of confession offers us something no other self-help plan or therapist can: coming face to face with the radical forgiveness and love that God already offers us and that we are often unable to believe is actually true. Preparing for confession reminds us that our sins are not only actions that hurt ourselves or others but cause grief to the heart of God as well, and on the other side of the vulnerable act of verbalizing and apologizing for those sins is a powerful declaration of God’s love for us. Rather than asking “why should I go to confession?” perhaps the better question is “why *shouldn’t* I?”

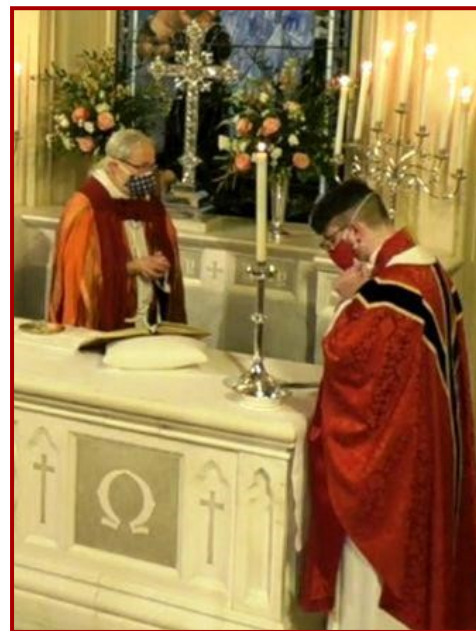
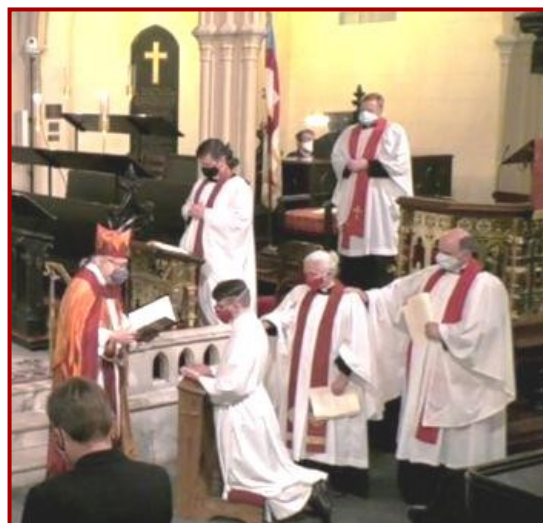
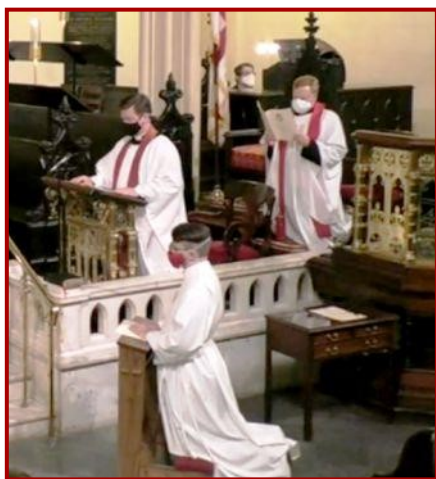
Lent is of course a perfectly appropriate time to do this work of self-examination and consider where and how we need to make amends, but the work continues all year round. Some people choose to make their confession on a regular basis, perhaps monthly or quarterly. Others make use of the rite only occasionally, after a particularly grievous sin or as part of preparing a “clean slate” for a major life transition. In some Episcopal churches there are regularly scheduled times during the week that a priest is available to hear confessions, but in most places (including here at Holy Trinity) they are scheduled as needed with the priest of your choice. Mother Suz and I are happy to find a time to do this holy work with you, in Lent or at any other time it is needed, in person or over Zoom.

If you’d like to learn more about preparing for confession, start by reading through the rite itself on page 446 of the Prayer Book. For a deeper dive, *Reconciliation* by Martin L. Smith and *Joy in Confession* by Hilary D. Raining are two books written by Episcopal priests useful in exploring why you might want to make your confession and guiding you in your preparation. May the Spirit of God’s healing love guide you as you continue on this journey.



THE ORDINATION OF NOAH BRYCE STANSBURY TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS IN CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Noah was ordained by Bishop Andrew Waldo (on behalf of the Right Reverend G. P. Gutiérrez, XVI Bishop of Pennsylvania) at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia on February 10th at 6:30 pm. (The ceremony was available via Zoom). The Reverend Jimmy Hartley, Canon for Christian Formation, Congregational Vitality and Missional Communities for the diocese (pictured below) **gave the remarks.**





CARE OF PEOPLE

Love with the Heart of Christ

LENTEN PRAYER LUMINARY EVENT AND FOOD DRIVE

Is any among you suffering? Let them pray. Is any happy? Let them sing songs of praise!
-James 5:13

A Lenten prayer luminary event will be held **March 7** (*please note new date!*), **6-9 pm** on the Trinity Place lawn. White luminary bags and pens have been placed inside the side Chapel onto which you may write your prayers; please leave your prayer bags in the basket. This space is accessible 24 hrs. There will also be a table with bags and pens available after the 2 pm outdoor service this Sunday. You may also email your prayers to Mary Beth Johnstone bjohnstone69@gmail.com and they will be written onto bags for you; please email your prayers by **March 4** (new date). On the evening of the event, everyone is invited to come walk around the circle of prayers!

We will also collect food donations for CCC at the event.

This is a drop-in event, and please wear masks. We hope you can attend!

Thank you!



The Family Ministry Committee

RITE ONE FOR 5 SUNDAYS IN LENT

Our Sunday worship will use Rite One for the Season of Lent. Some of you have expressed a desire to worship using the traditional language of Rite One, which is shared by the clergy of the parish. Therefore, for the five Sundays in Lent, we will worship using those lovely old words.

LENT IN A BAG



The Family Ministry Team and Pastoral Care Teams have provided "Lent in a Bag" for parishioners. It is full of Lenten "goodies" for you and your family.

Lent in a Bag can be picked up at the 2:00 pm service. There will also be a number of the bags available in the Chapel for pickup beginning 2/14. You may also call the church office to arrange for pick up or delivery if you haven't received one. Our goal is to support each household in observing a holy Lent.

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Mtr. Suz Cate, Rector



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WORSHIP IN THE NAVE

We are all eager to reopen our Nave for in-person worship and have been encouraged by the falling percentage of positive Covid tests and rising vaccination numbers. Light at the end of our very long tunnel! That said, we must continue to be vigilant and do our best to ensure that our parish continues to be a safe place to gather. As a step toward our return worship in the Nave, we will adhere to the following safety guidelines based on the diocesan return to in-person worship plan for Holy Eucharist, *assuming continued downward trend in the percentage of positive Covid tests*:

We will offer limited in person worship beginning Sunday, March 21, at 10:00 am.

We will schedule Holy Eucharist to occur regularly on Sunday mornings in the Nave for a limited congregation, taking reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. We will have seating for up to 25 congregants.

You can register your household online (a link will be provided soon in *HT Notes*) or by calling the church office. Registration online closes at 5PM Saturday and registration by phone closes at noon Friday before the service in question.

All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for vaccination as soon as eligible.

If you have not yet been able to complete your vaccinations, we request that you get Covid tested on Thursday or Friday before our Sunday service to be sure as possible you're negative. As published in *HT Notes* each week, community testing is available and user friendly at Nettles Park, with results generally available within 24 hours.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, all attendees should be masked and mindful of social distancing. We will show respect for each other remembering, "My mask protects you, and your mask protects me!"

Hand sanitizer will be available and all parishioners are encouraged to sanitize upon entering and leaving the Nave.

Please stay home and join our Online Service if you or a family member is unwell.

At this time, we have a very limited number of people who are able to fulfill some of the necessary functions of the service. We will need for some who sign up to attend a service in the Nave to serve as readers and ushers.

We will provide training and written procedures for those who have not served in those ways before. If you are planning to attend services in the Nave and would be willing to step and serve in one of those capacities, please contact Fr. Noah (nstansbury@holytrinityclemsontn.org) for more information or to volunteer.

The Nave service will not replace any of our current options for worshiping God together; it will be an additional offering. Rest assured that we will continue our outdoor service on the lawn at Trinity Place, which has been such a blessing for many parishioners, (weather permitting, of course). We will continue our online morning prayer service, as well, for those who are unable to attend either of the in-person options.

We all look forward to the day, hopefully this summer or early fall, when we can further relax these guidelines and be together face to face and side by side. Until then, we believe these best-practices provide an additional opportunity to fulfill as safely as possible the in-person service needs for our parishioners, while at the same time reducing the clergy's exposure so that in-person services are able to continue without interruption.

Suzanne



CARE OF PEOPLE

FATHER NOAH'S FIRST EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Father Noah's first celebration of Holy Eucharist was Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 am. (The 2 pm service on that day was cancelled due to weather.)



Father Noah's first celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Holy Trinity parishioners was the 2 pm service on February 21st. A reception was enjoyed by all after the service.





FORMATION

Think with the Mind of Christ

NAVE ENHANCEMENT UPDATE

It's time for an update on the Nave Enhancement Project that has been ongoing, under the radar so to speak, during much of 2020. As you may remember, our Nave Enhancement Committee, under Mickey Harder's leadership, worked diligently for several months with an architect to design an attractive and functional housing for the new-to-us organ acquired for us by Lincoln Pipe Organ. We contracted with Lincoln Pipe Organ to refurbish the organ and build the housing. The pandemic forced Lincoln Pipe Organ to close for a few months, when their supply chains became untenable, and that delay backed up their obligations to clients who were in queue ahead of us.

At this point, the organ console has been completed, and the refurbishment is almost finished. The housing is under construction. Our existing organ has been removed, and the support structure for the pipes and other components will be removed by a group of volunteers recruited by our Junior Warden, Clem Watson. Our "liturgical east" wall, under the rose window, will display a Lenten simplicity as the area behind the altar is taken down to sheet rock. We expect that the installation of the new organ and the lovely housing for it will take place around Pentecost.

Thanks to all our generous donors and the gifts given in memory of several beloved parishioners, the cost of this project will be covered outside of our Statement of Mission. We anticipate that we will end this project in the black. There are some incidental costs that are still unknown, so there is still an opportunity to be a part of this renewal of our worship space.





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LENTEN PROGRAM

Our Lenten Program this year will follow the “Becoming Beloved Community” curriculum provided by The Episcopal Church. Becoming Beloved Community is an ongoing commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

Becoming Beloved Community represents not so much a set of programs as a journey, a set of inter-related commitments around which Episcopalians may organize our many efforts to respond to racial injustice and grow a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers. The labyrinth may be an even more useful image for engaging the vision. *“On the road toward reconciliation and healing, we move around corners and double back into quadrants we have visited before, each time discovering new revelation and challenge.”* TEC website

Becoming Beloved Community will be offered via Zoom on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm in Lent, beginning February 21 and concluding on March 21. Each session will last about an hour. The Zoom link is provided in *HT Notes* and the Sunday morning email.

JOIN US FOR TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

If you would like to take part in the online Bible study which takes place on Tuesdays at 11:00 am, use the link below. We take a deep dive into the readings appointed for the following Sunday, finding ways to connect them to our lives each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789678685?pwd=QWcwMUQwUXZsUSt3cTNWOU15V1FjZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8967 8685

Passcode: 927305

CANTERBURY MEALS

Please continue to sign up to provide Canterbury meals. Openings are March 24th as well as all of April.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA8AE2EA0F94-canterbury7>



TAX FREE MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION TRANSFER

As we begin the new year and you contemplate your charitable giving, keep in mind that if you are taking distributions from an IRA or 401K plan, you can donate part (or all) of your distribution to a qualified charitable organization, such as Holy Trinity, on a tax-free basis. Importantly, you do not need to itemize your taxes to take advantage of this benefit. If you are taking distributions but haven't made a Qualified Charitable Distribution before, consult with your tax advisor or financial institution to find out how to do so. Many institutions allow you to do this easily online.

Bob Taylor, Previous Church Treasurer

John Warner, Vestry Member



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DISCOVERY CLASS 2021



Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm April 18-May 30

In this seven-session class we use our hearts, minds, and imaginations to explore the various aspects of life as Anglican Christians at Holy Trinity and in The Episcopal Church. This year, we will follow the structure and teaching of an excellent book by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. This class is open to all who are interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church, whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or are just checking us out. This class serves as preparation for Confirmation or Reception into The Episcopal Church. Those who complete this class and wish to be Confirmed or Received will be presented to the bishop for those rites at the earliest opportunity.

4/18 Session One: The Anglican Way of Christianity—an exploration of the Anglican or Episcopal understanding of prayer.

4/25 Session Two: Sacraments and Sacramental Life—we will spend most of our time on Baptism and Holy Eucharist, because they are the primary sacraments, but we will make sure to introduce the other Rites: Confirmation or Reception, Marriage, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Unction, and Ordination.

5/2 Session Three: Marking Time—a look at the daily, seasonal, and yearly marking of time in our liturgical traditions, concluding with the end of our earthly pilgrimage: funerals and burial.

5/9 Session Four: Basic Beliefs—a discussion of Creeds, sin and grace, and how all of those big ideas are founded in our Holy Scriptures.

5/16 Session Five: The Church—beginning broadly, we will get to know the people who have followed Jesus since the first disciples were called in Galilee, then we'll spend some time with the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and then we'll talk about how we are called to follow Jesus.

5/23 Session Six: A Trinitarian Life—our life together as followers of Jesus calls us out of ourselves to participate in God's work of care of creation and each other. Our tradition points to the various tools and resources we have for that work.

5/30 Session Seven: What's Next?—by this time, we'll be ready to talk about ethics, praxis, and evangelism (oh my!). These things aren't as scary as they sound, but they are frightfully important to engaging fully in the life of Holy Trinity.

Books will be provided for this class—just drop me a line to let me know you'll be participating.

scate@holytrinityclemons.org or call 864-364-1952.



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 Zoom link and password are in *HT Notes* each week.)

FORWARD DAY BY DAY Daily Devotions for Disciples

You can pick up the March *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.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body of Christ

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care's most needed food items are: soup, juice, pork and beans, mixed vegetables. and a desperate need for all assorted toiletries (shampoo, lotion, soap, tooth paste, etc.), 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. 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



The homeless shelter in Seneca has branched out and now not only helps the homeless but works with individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless. For those who meet criteria, Our Daily Rest helps with utilities and rent and connects individuals with social services to help avoid the outcome of homelessness. Our Daily Rest also partners with landlords to identify safe and affordable housing. Another new program partners with local contractors to help repair and replace major home features, like roofing. Always your generosity, help and prayers are needed and appreciated.

The shelter still needs daily use items (e.g. coffee, sugar, trash bags, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, gift cards). For now they have ample clothing.

Phone: 864-482-2040

www.ourdailyrest.org/give



CHURCH AND THE WORLD



EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL ALUMNI

Calling all former Red Birds, Yellow Birds and Blue Birds! The Episcopal Day School is putting together an alumni directory of Day School attendees since 1959. If anyone reading this attended the Day School or knows of anyone else who is an alumna/alumnus, please help us. We would like to include as many as possible in this, our first directory. Please provide your name, address, email address and the years that you attended the Day School.

Parents or grandparents, if you have names of Day School alumni, please pass this on to them. Help us reach out and find as many as possible.

Please send all information to the email address: hcoordinator@holytrinityclemson.org

Thank you all for helping with this project.

Sally Morrell, on behalf of the Day School
Board Member

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN



The Holy Trinity Crafters and Stocking Brigade all contributed to raising \$3,324.90 during a pandemic with no Bazaar! These funds, in addition to some left from the previous year, gives:

\$5,000 worth of Bazaar income that The Episcopal church women have appropriated to the following worthy local charities:

- \$1000 to Episcopal Day School for scholarships
- \$1500 to Ripple of One
- \$500 to Family Promise
- \$500 to Meals on Wheels Clemson (They deliver 125-200 meals a week.)
- \$1000 to Meals on Wheels Pickens County (They deliver about 2000 meals a week.)
- \$500 to our Daily Rest in Seneca

Hoping that we will have a 2021 Bazaar, we do need some volunteers to serve as Chairperson, Vice- Chair, and Publicity Chair. This group would be tasked with how we might be able to hold an event either indoors, virtually, or possibly outdoors on the new Green space or via some other means when things are safer. These are worthwhile positions to help your community and your church!

If you have ideas or would like to share your talents in anyway, please contact me! (cdjpt@att.net or phone 864-280-0539)

Cindy Thackham
Holy Trinity ECW Treasurer



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

FLOWER BASKET FUNDRAISER



The Day School will hold its annual Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser this year. We are offering these items from Roebuck's Greenhouses, Roebuck, SC:

\$17.00—10" Fern, green foliage, shade lover

\$17.00—11" Red Geranium Basket, sun/part-sun

\$17.00—11" Combo Basket, sun loving varieties

Please place your order from 3/1 through 3/31 by contacting Lauren Russell at (864) 654-0298 or email lrussell@holyltrinityclmson.org/ Make checks payable to: Episcopal Day School. All baskets will be ready for pick-up after 12:00 pm on Friday, April 16th. Thank You.

Lauren

ONLINE LENTEN DEVOTIONALS EACH WEDNESDAY

During Lent this year, the Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches (APAC) will be offering Online Lenten Devotionals each Wednesday at noon on Facebook. We wish we could gather in person for our annual Lenten lunches, but this will give us an opportunity for virtual connection as a Pendleton community during this Holy Season. The devotionals will be provided by different area ministers and posted on the Alliance of Pendleton Area Churches Facebook page

www.facebook.com/AllianceofPendletonAreaChurches

or search Facebook for [@AllianceofPendletonAreaChurches](https://www.facebook.com/AllianceofPendletonAreaChurches). You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video devotionals. If you do have a Facebook account, be sure to visit the APAC Facebook page and click “like” so you will see notifications from APAC. A new devotion video will be posted each Wednesday at noon during Lent, as well as on Good Friday at noon. The videos will remain available on Facebook so you may watch them at your convenience. We look forward to gathering as a community throughout the season of Lent.





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE CLEMSON 8 CHALLENGE—BATAAN DEATH MARCH REMEMBRANCE



(photo by Ken Scar)

On April 9, 1942, eight Clemson alumni from the state of South Carolina became prisoners of war with tens of thousands of their brothers-in-arms when American troops fighting in the Philippines were ordered to surrender to the Japanese. They were marched north some 70 miles by their captors in what would become known as the Bataan Death March, one of the most notorious war crimes in history.

Holy Trinity parishioner Army Col. Beverly (Ben) N. Skardon, Clemson Class of '38, is the last living member of this illustrious group. He is well known as the only survivor of the real Bataan Death March who walks in the annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. It is one of the toughest and most popular marathons in the world. The event became a pilgrimage for veterans, active-duty military members, supporters, the few remaining survivors and family members of the men who perished in the march, the POW camps and the sunken ships. To date, Col. Skardon has walked in the march 11 times, and his last walk was in 2019 at age 101. He considers it his duty to walk each year to honor his brothers-in-arms who did not return from the war. He was on his way to walk again in 2020 when the event was canceled at the last minute due to the coronavirus pandemic. Col. Skardon lamented when the 2021 event was also canceled.

The "Clemson 8" Challenge was created by a team of students, veterans, alumni and friends to carry on Skardon's mission of honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country in one of the most brutal wartime events in history. The challenge will be the week of March 21-28 and is open to the public. It is a virtual race so entrants can walk, run, bike or hike on the course of their choosing. Participants can complete it in one day or throughout the eight-day period. All proceeds from the \$30 (adult) and \$20 (student) entry fee will benefit the Clemson University ROTC program to fund scholarships and send a group of cadets to compete in the 2022 Bataan Memorial Death March.

At 103 years old, Col. Skardon has been walking every day in preparation and plans to complete his eight miles by walking one mile a day for eight consecutive days, so the rest of us have no excuses!

You can sign up to participate at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Clemson/ClemsonEightBataanDeathMarchRemembrance>

For more information: <https://news.clemson.edu/eight-clemson-wwii-heroes-honored-inaugural-clemson-8-challenge-funds-rotc-scholarships/>

Follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=the%20clemson%208%20challenge%20-%20bataan%20death%20march%20remembrance>

Kathy Hunter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE

We hope you are all well and managing your own safe spaces and finding ways to stay connected with friends and family. We are so grateful to you who have continued to reach out and help maintain our connection with the greater community in these difficult times. It is your generosity that keeps outreach programs like Family Promise from shuttering their doors.

Judith White, of First Baptist of Clemson, found a unique way to keep her congregation tuned in to what Family Promise is about and what they are doing in the community. She interviewed JoAnn Brink, Case Manager for Pickens County Family Promise, and one of the most dedicated people you will ever meet. This interview is a good way for you to get to know JoAnn and the Family Promise program at the same time.

Here are the thoughtful responses JoAnn gave to Judith's questions:

1. Are there tasks that are more service oriented or do you view all work you do as serving GOD?

I believe that our purpose in life is to love and serve God and each other. We serve God by serving others.

Further, I believe that we are expected to work toward common good, social conditions in which all humans can flourish.

2. How do you prepare and keep up with all the different groups you serve?

I strive to achieve and demonstrate cultural competence, to understand the cultures of the people I serve and approach them with sensitivity and respect. It is our job to continually learn more about different cultures and their values so we better understand our guests. Better educating myself is a priority for me, whether by reading or attending virtual trainings. Last autumn I audited a college course called Race and American Christianity.

3. How has this pandemic changed the way you serve?

Many of you have heard me advise that we must be flexible in serving our guests. The pandemic has challenged us to be extremely flexible, creative, and on-going in recognizing needs and modifying what we do. We have continued offering sheltering services throughout the pandemic.

We are sheltering families by paying for motels now. This has led to the requirement that guests must have a vehicle to be accepted into the program. Because so many folks come to us with old and faulty vehicles, we have had to take on the role of sometimes assisting with car repairs. Because meals are not being cooked and served by the congregations, we have asked our network churches to conduct drives for restaurant and grocery gift cards. Additionally, we have requested hand sanitizer and masks (mostly children's) from the volunteers so these can be provided to the guests. There have been some issues to work out with the motel such as spotty wi-fi. Since the majority of case management is being done by email, it is necessary for guests to have access. When I do have case management meetings in person, they are held outside, rain or shine, cold or warm! While we still have the expectation that parents work, we've had to be flexible when single parents have to accommodate children doing virtual weeks of school or having to quarantine.

Because there is emergency funding available to respond to people in need caused by COVID, Armilla (Moore), Family Promise's Executive Director, has written proposals and accessed these funds, enabling us to begin

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offering prevention services, to prevent folks from becoming homeless. We have a part-time case manager to manage those cases. At intake, we look at whether someone's needs could be met through prevention instead of sheltering. Thus far, more than 60 people have benefitted from our prevention program!

4. How do you handle the numerous disappointments that service brings—especially when it's untimely?

I have been doing social work for 34 years. Early on, I came to the resolution that I would do my very best every day, particularly in terms of what is best for the children. When I lie down at night, I want to feel satisfied that I have offered the very best that I can. That practice has helped me greatly in handling disappointments.

At Family Promise, we always give the guest who is not complying with their service plan numerous chances with clearly communicated warnings before we unsuccessfully complete them. This is done in an effort to be fair but mostly because we are so concerned about the children. Yet, it is the situations in which we have to make a family leave the program that do disappoint me and lead me to carefully review all that we did looking for any little thing we might have done differently or better.

5. How does this scripture speak to you?

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

God cares deeply for the poor and vulnerable. He expects His followers to also care. More than that, we are to act on that care. This can be challenging when we are sometimes faced with folks who are unthankful. Some people have not been taught to be thankful; others come to us emotionally wounded and shut down by being neglected, rejected or abused. This is when folks need our caring attitudes and kind actions more than ever!

6. Do you feel Christian service is also humanitarian work?

Yes, I believe that the gospel mandates us to serve each other, especially those who are needy and vulnerable. Whatever we do for the least of people, we do for Him.

7. What is fun about your job?

Spending time with the children is always joyful! Although the pandemic has severely limited that, I still find ways to attend to them. Recently, I took two stuffed pink unicorns out to the car to give to two very excited little girls!

Seeing our guests succeed is so gratifying! When they are excited about a new job at McDonald's or open their first savings account, we share their excitement. We are so blessed with truly exceptional coordinators. Interacting with them is always fun. Also, I enjoy speaking to groups, doing trainings and presenting about Family Promise.

At this time we have one family in the sheltering program. After they stayed in the motel for a few weeks, both to ensure they were COVID-free and also to prove trustworthiness, we recently moved them into the house that we are so blessed to use at Easley Presbyterian Church. The family is a single mother who is pregnant and has two young children. So many of our guests decline our offer to assist them with getting into a GED-preparation program. I'm so proud of this young woman! She has been attending the Parenting & Family Literacy program and so far has passed two of the three sections of the GED. We are so appreciative of your continued support of Family Promise. We could not do this without you!

Do you see what we mean? Family Promise and its guests couldn't ask for a better, more dedicated advocate than JoAnn. So how can we help her help them?

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

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for Gift cards to local grocery stores, gift cards for gas, and gift cards to local restaurants (in Easley) are needed. (FYI: the Easley Walmart does not have a gas station connected to the store.) There is also a fund for keeping vehicles that belong to families in our program on the road. Families are required to have a vehicle to be in the program to transport children to daycare and afterschool care. Checks for the car fund can be made payable to Family Promise of Pickens County with Car Fund printed in the memo line, and they and your Gift Cards can be mailed directly to Family Promise. Family Promise of Pickens is a United Way Agency and a 501©3.

Family Promise of Pickens County
c/o JoAnn Brink
104 Stewart Drive
Easley, SC 29640

One of these days, we hope Holy Trinity and the other host congregations will be able to have guest families staying with us again in person, but until then, we are reaching out to you for your support. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Rowe (rowe12@bellsouth.net) or Liz Halpin (ehalpin59@gmail.com). Families are our neighbors. Thank you and stay safe.

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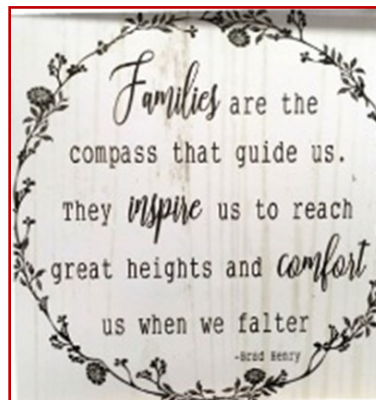
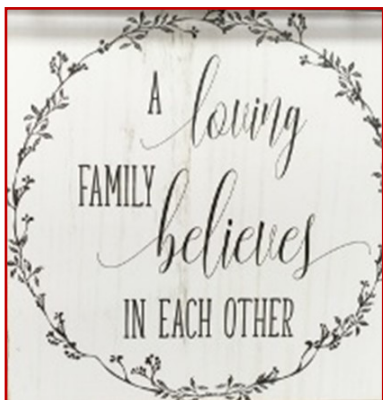


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ADMINISTRATIVE



PIHSDRAWETS

Stewardship, even spelled backwards, connotes the same principle—the way we manage our resources. And for parishioners, the proportion of our time, talents, and treasure that we give toward God's kingdom. The poem to the right makes the point that God works through us to accomplish his goals, and that without us His tasks will not be fulfilled.

Find a place of service to match your talents and interest.

Jim Reed



The Master's Plea

*I have no hands save your own hands
To lift the burdens, loose the band's
Of pain; to bear My banner on ...
Only by you My work is done.*

*I have no feet save your own feet
To carry far My message sweet;
If they should fail, to every coast
My steps are halt, My way is lost.*

*I have no voice save your own voice;
Through it alone shall hearts rejoice
To know My tidings. If your tongue
Be silent, all My Truth's unsung.*

*I have no heart save your own heart
To beat for Me; to act love's part ...
O Child, though I am throned above,
I have no power save your love.*

*Your feet alone My race can run;
By your own hands My deeds are done.
Your voice must speak or Mine is still;
My heart's great task yours must fulfil.*

Archibald Rutledge
St. James-Santee Episcopal Parish
SC's first Poet Laureate
1883-1973



ADMINISTRATIVE

CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS

Dear Ones,

It has been a while since I've written a mid-week letter to you all. It is on behalf of the office staff that I am writing to you now. The stark fact is that the spread of the virus in the Upstate has increased rapidly through November and into December, with no sign of slowing down. At the same time, the number of visitors to the church office has increased significantly over the course of the fall. Two of our staff members are caregivers for medically fragile family members. I am asking you all to refrain from coming to the church office to conduct business unless it is absolutely necessary until the transmission rates improve significantly. Most business can be conducted by phone or by email. If you need to drop off or pick up items from church, please call ahead to make arrangements for a no-contact or low-contact exchange.

Once the community "opened up" to some degree, and the virus still seemed far off, the sense of urgency eased up a bit. Then the life of the parish picked back up to some degree. Your church staff returned to the church office, although we've maintained strict adherence to masking and distancing requirements. Most of our interactions with each other occur by phone or by Zoom, even though we are just down the hall from one another. We recently cancelled our plans for a distanced Christmas lunch because of our concerns for each other.

We love you all, and we miss you very much. Not a day goes by that we don't mourn the loss of our face-to-face contact with you. All of us in the church office, as well as the Wardens, Vestry, and ministry leaders, continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments, as necessary. Our primary concern is to keep each of us safe, to the best of our ability. Our secondary concern is to maintain our connection with each of you. We will continue to seek creative and life-giving ways to do both.

It is of utmost importance that we protect one another for a while longer. Hope is on the horizon, and we will get through this awful pandemic. I believe that it will be several more months before we can claim a return to some sense of normalcy. Please, *please* follow the recommendations of health-care professionals and scientists for a while longer: stay home as much as possible, maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others who are not part of your household, wear a mask, and wash your hands often. Take care, and stay well.

Much love, Suz+

COVID-19 VACCINATION

Let us know once you are vaccinated! Please email Sheryl at

Sheryl Shankles <htchurch@holytrinityclmson.org>



to let us know once you have received the vaccine (or if you already have) and whether you have had one dose and if and when you need to also have a second dose.

By letting us know once you are fully vaccinated, you help us to be able to evaluate when we have enough parishioners vaccinated that we can return to more regular worship. (This may be months away, I expect — but we can all do our part to help us get there as soon as possible.)

Suz+



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Judy Fairey 3/12
John and Jodie Allen 3/18

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

htchurch@holytrinityclemsonton.org

FLOWER LIST



If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor/memory of a loved one during 2021, you may do so by sending Sheryl an email with the date, the name of the person to be remembered/honored and any specific directions you may want (example: type or color of flowers). I will get it in the book and you will be billed directly by Tiger Lilly Florist. Please use the email

htchurch@holytrinityclemsonton.org

Each week, these flowers are divided up and delivered to a parishioner. If you know of someone who needs some sunshine in their life, please let Mtr. Suz know.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alice Ellison 3/1
Bill Purkerson III 3/1
Beth Poole 3/1
Priscilla Wentworth 3/1
Bonnie Eisenbies 3/2
Savannah Hawkins 3/3
Alena Senf 3/4
Gary Culler 3/4
Dawson Luke 3/5
Addison Murphy 3/16
Jennie Sullivan 3/16
Robert Wood 3/17
Richard Zavertrnik 3/18
Henry Turnbull 3/22
Bert Fox 3/22
Jodie Allen 3/23
Ethan Culler 3/24
Clyde Gorsuch 3/24
John Trice 3/25
Louise Nicholas 3/25
Travis Murphy 3/26
Ron Jameson 3/26
Shannon Quattlebaum 3/30
Gerry Spejewski 3/30



March Birth Flower
Jonquil



March Birthstone
Aquamarine

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of February 28, 2021

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$44,122.00	\$30,150.90	\$88,244.00	\$77,264.79
Expenses	\$46,071.00	\$48,222.81	\$92,142.00	\$92,238.16
Income +/-Expense	(1,949.00)	(18,071.91)	(\$3,898.00)	(\$14,973.37)

First Citizens Bank Note Payables as of February 28, 2021
\$1,703,072.10

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to contribute toward special Easter flowers, please fill in the information below and place it in the collection plate at the 2 pm service on Sunday or mail it to the church office on or before **Monday, March 29**. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in the memo area of the check: *Easter Flowers*. Thanks!

Please print the information below!

In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

EASTER MUSIC



If you would like to contribute toward special Easter Music, please fill in the information below and place it in the collection plate at the 2 pm service on Sunday or mail it to the church office on or before **Monday, March 29**. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in the memo area of the check: *Easter Music*. Thanks!

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