

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



The Tempo

APRIL 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.

APRIL CALENDAR

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

- In the church (Nave*) service of Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10 am.
- 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.

Thursday, April 1

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7 pm in the Nave*

Friday, April 2

GOOD FRIDAY
12:30 Trinity Place, 7 pm Nave*

Saturday, April 3

EASTER VIGIL
8:15 pm in the Nave*

Sunday, April 4

EASTER SUNDAY
7 am Sunrise Service—outdoor
9 am—in the Nave*
10 am—Children's service—outdoor
11:15 am—in the Nave*
5 pm—St. Paul's Pendleton*

*Service is by sign-up only and Holy Eucharist. Mask required.

Friday, April 16

After 12 pm Pick up the Day School spring flower baskets

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

ONGOING EVENTS

Each Evening: Compline at 8:30 pm on Facebook

Mondays

9 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,

We have entered the joyful, celebratory season of Easter. It is Spring. Life is burgeoning all around us. Our gardens at Holy Trinity are bursting with blooms and produce. We have returned to worship in the Nave, albeit in a limited fashion. We celebrate The Resurrection with the festal shout: *Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!*

I have been contemplating the difference between resurrection and resuscitation. A priest in Massachusetts, Fr. Tim Schenck, has written a series of reflections on the post-pandemic church, called "Hybrid Church, a Way Forward for Church Leaders." I have shared this document with our Vestry so that we can spend time with these reflections, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts and minds as we move through the next few months. I have also shared it with a local ecumenical group of clergy colleagues, and we have had rich discussions about how church has been changing. These changes were already evident before the pandemic, and now the rate of change has sped up significantly by the exigencies of COVID-19.

This is an important insight as we consider the difference between resuscitation and resurrection. **Resuscitation** is the process of correcting physiological disorders (such as lack of breathing or heartbeat) in an acutely ill patient. The idea is to bring a person, or an institution, back to its former stability. **Resurrection** is about changing things forever. As Fr. Tim writes in his reflection, "It acknowledges that after a life-altering experience, things will never be the same." *We* will never be the same after this pandemic. Resurrection also implies that there has been a death. That is a disconcerting thought, to be sure, but we are people whose very identity is grounded in dying and rising to new life. A recent Gospel reading reminds us, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life." (*John 12:24-25*)

It is time to start thinking about what seeds have fallen to the earth and what fruit they might bear. It may be necessary to acknowledge the death of some part of what Holy Trinity has been in the past and to grieve it, and then to embrace the fruits of resurrection. This will not be easy work—consider the disciples of Jesus in those first days after his resurrection. They were confused and terrified by their encounters with their resurrected Lord! But, as they followed the leading of the Holy Spirit, they discovered a new way of being, a way of encountering and sharing God's love that took root, spread steadily, and has continued to bear rich fruit throughout the ages since.

During the year of pandemic, we have developed the capacity to do many of the things that are hallmarks of Holy Trinity's identity in new ways. Some of those new ways are here with us to stay. In some instances, these new ways may replace the old ways completely, but mostly the old and the new will co-exist. We will continue to have a virtual worship

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experience as we move forward, primarily as a livestream of our regular, in-person worship services. Meetings and small group activities are likely to be either a hybrid of online and in-person or completely online on occasions. The Annual Meeting in January was an example of a gathering that was much more effective online than the usual audio-visual challenges of the Parish Hall venue. In-person fellowship is likely to remain the norm, because nothing beats drinking Singing Rooster Coffee with our Holy Trinity friends in the Parish Hall!

All of this is to say that, as we move carefully back to some sense of normalcy in the months to come, it will be important to manage our expectations carefully. We already know that worship in the Nave is not yet what it was, and won't ever be quite the same again—we are getting a whole new look and sound and feel in the weeks to come! And, yes, we are all going to continue wearing masks for the foreseeable future (more on that below). In times of change—with the attendant discomfort and grief—it is important to be kind to each other and to ourselves as we adapt to what is now a new life. Easter hope assures us that new life is filled with grace and joy, even in the midst of change. "In Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia!"

Blessings upon each one of you this Eastertide.

Much love, *Suz+*



"NOW THAT WE ARE VACCINATED, WHY DO WE HAVE TO WEAR MASKS IN ORDER TO WORSHIP IN PERSON?"

The short answer to that question is that masking and distancing are required by our diocesan guidelines for in-person worship, indoors and outdoors. The longer answer to that question is that, until we can all be vaccinated, including children, and until it can be proven that the vaccine is effective against the variants of the virus, it is safest for everyone to continue the practices that protect against the spread of COVID-19.

CDC guidelines currently advise that persons attending public gatherings and/or medium sized gatherings should continue to maintain all safety protocols, including frequent hand-washing or sanitizing, wearing a mask, maintaining at least 6 feet distance from those not of your household, and staying home if not feeling well. These guidelines apply in public settings for those who have been fully vaccinated, as well as those who have not. It is important to remember that being fully vaccinated doesn't guarantee that you won't get or spread the virus.

I believe we are entering a new and difficult phase of the pandemic, one that must be navigated carefully. Many of us are vaccinated and feeling released from the cloud of fear that has hovered over us for more than a year. Many of us have not yet been able to receive a vaccine, including our children and youth. The tension between the needs of both groups must be managed delicately if we are going to remain one Body, united in Christ. The good news is that all adults are now eligible to receive the vaccine, and progress is being made on getting approval for vaccines for adolescents and children.

However, until sufficient numbers of people in the general population *choose* to be vaccinated, the virus will continue to spread and mutate. That is why we continue to require masks for our in-person worship. Loving our neighbors means that we live according to the saying, "My mask protects you, and your mask protects me." We can add to that, "My vaccine protects all of us, and so does yours."

Suz+

FROM FR. NOAH, ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Mary Magdalene turned around and saw Jesus standing outside the tomb, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

In John's version of the resurrection story, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb early on Sunday morning, and she thinks she knows for whom she is looking. She is looking for her teacher, her mentor, and her friend. She is looking for the man who had cast seven demons out of her and freed her to more fully be the beloved child of God she had always been, and so she had followed him. She had been there for the miracles and the healings and the proclamation of the reign of God come near, and she had been there when it all came to crashing halt when he was lynched by the public authorities in the name of law and order. Even for all that, she was looking for the same thing she had been looking for before. She was looking for Jesus, trying to make sense of it all, and so she tried to visit his grave and perform one last act of love and devotion, and found that even that had been taken from her. The tomb was empty, the body stolen.

Mary's impulse makes a lot of sense. In times of grief and bewilderment, we return to the places or people or habits where we encounter that which is life-giving and life-sustaining, those places that make life worth living, where God meets us where we are to heal us and invite us into a life where we can flourish in the way God imagines for us. Jesus is the locus of such life for Mary, even after all that has happened. Seeking Jesus is a habit for her at this point. It's the only way life makes sense for Mary, even in the depth of so much senseless pain. Mary keeps looking – her trust in Jesus compels her to the tomb and keeps her there even after the other disciples have left. She doesn't abandon the search. "I do not know where they have laid him," she says – three times in the story – and the implication is that she intends to find out. Mary is a grieving woman on a mission.

The problem arises when we notice that Mary is so locked into a certain way of understanding Jesus that she doesn't recognize him when he actually shows up. She is literally turned toward the tomb when the gardener appears – she is looking for Jesus, but only knows one way of recognizing him. She hasn't yet contemplated that finding Jesus might not involve a corpse. In Mary's world as in ours, it's too easy for us to believe the messages we hear that everyone and everything dies eventually and the best we can do is spend our lives trying to enjoy ourselves as much as we can or avoiding the truth of our mortality. These messages are the ones that result in a culture that tells us the weak are expendable, our social structures and our politics really are intractably broken and unjust, your depression or that addiction or the issues in your relationships with others really are insurmountable. It's tempting to try to compartmentalize our faith in Jesus and live in a way that assumes that sin and death have the last word, so we might as well try to manage our expectations.

But Mary isn't the only person who stayed at the tomb. Mary and Peter and John have been scurrying between the tomb and the upper room, but the gardener has been there the whole time. Our perception of Jesus may change or we may be focused on our grief, but Jesus's presence, his desire to be in relationship with us is constant. And so his question to Mary becomes a challenge to us: Who are you looking for? What version of Jesus are you looking for? Where could Jesus be inviting you into

a new way of understanding your love for him and your relationship to the world? And what are the things you cling to that are getting in the way of you hearing Jesus calling your name?

What Jesus is teaching Mary – and us – is that following Jesus will not always take the shape we are accustomed to. Jesus's invitation to freedom and new understandings of the world is not a one-time event. It is an ongoing process of listening for our name from Jesus's lips and letting go of whatever keeps us from doing the work he would give us to do. It's a daily process of staring down the tomb, even weeping for all the pain this world has to offer, but then acknowledging that the tomb is empty, and turning away from it and toward Jesus, embracing the new reality that God's love extends to all and can create new life where we thought it impossible. Listen for Jesus calling your name, turn from that which enthralls you, and then go and tell about it.



"Christ and St Mary Magdalen at the Tomb" by Rembrandt, 1638.



CARE OF PEOPLE

Love with the Heart of Christ



The 10:30 am virtual service on Palm Sunday included a video of the Day School children proclaiming “Hosanna in the Highest!” At the beginning of morning prayer, Father Noah instructed viewers to pause the video and go outside to get some greenery to serve as substitute palms for use in the service.

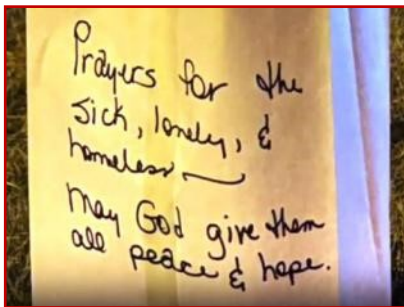




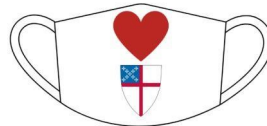
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LENTEN PRAYER LUMINARY EVENT AND FOOD DRIVE

A Lenten prayer luminary event sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee was held the night of March 7 on the Trinity Place lawn. We also collected food donations for CCC at the event.



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 14 days or obtain a negative test result before resuming contact.

ALLELIAUH!
HE IS RISEN!





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EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC DONATIONS

Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of

Our families by Diana Manly.

in Loving Memory of

Gary Eidson by his wife Rebecca and son Hunter.

Right Reverend Harry W. Shipps by Louise H. Shipps and Rebecca Eidson.

Ray and Elizabeth Cline and Ned Fincher Edwards by Dan and Lynne Farmer.

My husband, Jim, by Elizabeth Halpin.

Mary Jervey Kilby by Jodie and John Allen.

Robert E. and Dollie Haase, Robert L. and Barbie Eddy and Ruth Harris by Ted and Ellen Haase.

in Thanksgiving for

My wonderful family by Elizabeth Halpin.

Family by Lynn Luszczyk.



Easter Music is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of

All who have died by John and Judy Surak.

in Loving Memory of

L. Dolores Austin, Robert J. Eddy, William J. and Lois Austin by Ted and Ellen Haase.

John Platenyk by Diana Manly.

EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S



The first service inside St. Paul's since March 8, 2020 was held at 5 pm on Easter Sunday. All participants wore masks and socially distanced. It was such a joy to be back in our "old church."





CARE OF PEOPLE

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 5 pm 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

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild currently has a small crew of members who volunteer to staff the outdoor services. Now that we are adding indoor services in the Nave on Sunday, we need some additional volunteers to help with these services. The task involves setting up for the service and cleaning up afterwards and does not require that you attend the service in the Nave. The task can also be done by a single person just before and after the service if you are attending the service or a day or so before/after the service if you do not plan to attend the service. The entire task will only take 10-15 minutes, and we are providing a checklist (with photos).

If you are planning to attend services in the Nave and are interested in helping with this important task, you may sign up to volunteer to help the Altar Guild on the reservation form for the service. If you are not attending the service but would like to help the Altar Guild with set up or cleanup for these services, please contact Anna McKenna at amckenna@me.com or call at 320-761-0678 to volunteer or if you have questions.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Altar Guild members who have graciously volunteered to fill in to support our services as we try to transition back to "normal times." I especially appreciate their flexibility and willingness to move out of their comfort zone to support our services. This group has worked at Trinity Place since September and many are now doing double duty to staff the services in the Nave.

Special thanks to Jan and Jerome Cribb, Martha Williams, Kathy Woodard, Jack McKenna, Dorothy Meeks, Robbie Grider, Ann Russell, Emma Harrington, and Jane Hamilton for volunteering to staff services, as well as Iris Reed and Betty Snowden for helping out with washing linens!

Anna McKenna

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



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, or 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.



FORMATION

Think with the Mind of Christ



ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS!

The Pastoral Care Team is preparing Easter baskets for some of our parish friends (30-ish households) to be delivered April 3. We would like to include 4-6 cookies in each package. If we could get 14 dozen cookies baked with love and packaged with care, that would be such a blessing. If you can help, please at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d48adab23a4f5ce9-valentines>

We need 6 more bakers right away! Any questions, contact Pam Mack at pammack@clemson.edu

Cookies should be packaged in bags of 2 to 4 and delivered by 10 am on April 3 to the side chapel.



Stories are the heart of evangelism, and everybody has one. Join us as we explore the moments when we've experienced God's loving presence in our lives through Embracing Evangelism, a free, six-part course led by the Rev. Alan Bentrup, Canon for Evangelism & Mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Join us online on Wednesday nights from 7 pm—8 pm starting April 7. Register at the website below to learn more and reserve your spot!

<https://www.edusc.org/blog/embracing-evangelism/>

- Wednesday, April 7 — Introduction
- Wednesday, April 14 — Seek, Name, Celebrate
- Wednesday, April 21 — The Great Story and Your Story
- Wednesday, April 28 — The Stories of Others
- Wednesday, May 5 — Invite Everyone to More
- Wednesday, May 12 — Go! Discernment and What's Next

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



FORMATION

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

Note: The Tuesday Bible study will take a two week break and will resume on April 13th.



Canterbury of Clemson
Episcopal Campus Community

CANTERBURY MEALS

Please continue to sign up to provide Canterbury meals. Openings are April 21 and April 28.

<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

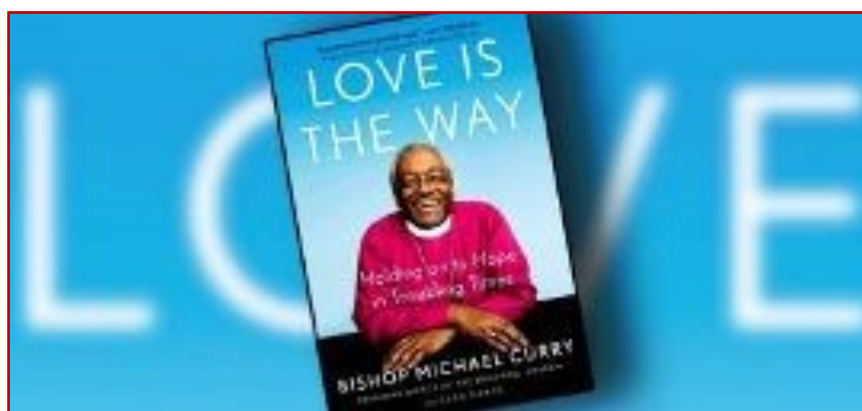


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BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY CONTINUED

As it turns out, 5 weeks just wasn't quite enough time to finish up our rich conversations about God's deep, divine longing to love and repair this world. We will wrap up this discussion on two Sunday afternoons in April. It isn't too late to join the conversation! Join us on Zoom at 4:00 pm on **April 18** and **April 25**. The Zoom link is provided in *HT Notes* and the Sunday morning email.

LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ONTO HOPE IN TROUBLED TIMES



Bishop Curry's latest book offers a message of tenacious hope in the redemptive power of love and offers a roadmap for living the way of love, illuminated with stories from his own life's journey. Through the lenses of Bishop Curry's faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how we have come this far by faith, and it shines a light the long way that lies ahead of us in addressing the deep divisions in the world today. Please join us via Zoom each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm, beginning **May 2**, as we read through this engaging and thought-provoking exploration of how our faith in Jesus Christ sustains us and challenges us. The discussion will be facilitated by Mtr. Suz.

The book is easily available from your favorite book-seller. For the first session, we will read the Introduction and Chapter 1. The Zoom link will be provided in *HT Notes* and Sunday email beginning 4/29.

DISCOVERY CLASS

This Discovery Class for newcomers and those seeking Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church (that was outlined in the March *Tempo*) has been rescheduled for June and July.

Bishop Waldo will visit Holy Trinity to celebrate these Rites of Inclusion with us on August 1.



CLEMSON AREA PLEDGE TO END RACISM *LIVING THE PLEDGE WORKSHOP*



In order to make the Clemson Area Pledge to End Racism something that becomes an integral part of our daily lives, we offer a workshop to reflect, learn, and practice how to develop and maintain this commitment. This workshop is for people who have signed the Pledge and for those who are considering signing it. Our hope is to build a strong, multi-faith foundation for continued collaborative anti-racism work in the Clemson area. We plan to continue offering this workshop and to provide additional opportunities for learning and growth related to racism and oppression in the future.

Save the Date: This complete workshop will take place over two sessions on Saturday, **May 8** and Saturday, **May 22** from 9am – 4pm. Each session will include a lunch break and two additional 15 minute breaks.

Suggested Contribution: In order to support the ongoing work associated with CAPER programming, a \$30 per person contribution is suggested. Please consider how your ability to contribute may support participation by someone who cannot make a contribution. Thank you.

Goals:

The primary goal of this workshop is to develop confidence in our abilities to:

- Integrate the Pledge into our daily lives
- Confront racism and bias in our everyday lives
- Recognize and challenge systemic racism
- Take leadership in ending racism in our community, our culture, and our lives

As part of the workshop, participants develop a community of support and an understanding of how to use that support to deepen our work in building a just and equitable world.

Who Should Participate in a Living the Pledge Workshop?

If you have never taken a class about racism, this workshop will challenge you to invest in and deepen your learning so you can put yourself on the road to intercultural competence. For people who have engaged in other anti-racism/multiculturalism training, this workshop is designed to take your understanding and your competency to a deeper level.

Participation

Participants are asked to commit to being present at all sessions (approximately 12 hours of large and small group work) and to complete a manageable amount of reading/viewing assignments in advance of each session. After you register, you'll receive an email with information about pre-workshop resources. The Living the Pledge workshops are led by trained leaders and small group facilitators.



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://holytrinityclemsonton.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.holytrinityclemsonton.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 April *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: pork and beans, soup, jelly, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, and 2# bags of sugar. Thank you so much.

Donations may be dropped off to the purple bin on Purkerson's front porch (111 Dogwood Terrace Lane, Clemson) or taken directly to CCC (105 Anderson Hwy, Clemson) around back of the building before 11:00 am 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 all donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued support.



FAMILY PROMISE IN THE PANDEMIC

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 has written proposals and accessed these funds, enabling us to begin 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!



OUR DAILY REST AND NEW PROGRAMS

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. As we strive each day to be Christ's servants, may we be mindful of the time and talents gifted to us and how to share them with our brothers and sisters.

Our Daily Rest, P.O. Box 1246, Seneca, SC 29679



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



HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL 2021-2022
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

Come join us! We learn through play each day in a loving, nurturing environment. Our beautiful school is located in the heart of Clemson. Flexible class options are available with Early Morning and After School Care if needed.

WE OFFER CHAPEL DAILY, WEEKLY MUSIC/MOVEMENT/SPANISH AND FIELD TRIPS!

PRESCHOOL CLASSES OFFERED: 2K (2/3/5 DAY), 3K (3/5 DAY) AND 4K (3/5 DAY)

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



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EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Clemson, SC

The Episcopal Day School is seeking a full-time Director. This position is responsible for overall management of the Day School: student recruitment, supervision of curriculum and staff, communication with families, management of budget, and leading daily chapel. An ideal candidate will have education and experience in early childhood education, as well as managing staff. The position requires attention to detail, flexibility, and a love for nurturing children's learning.

The expected start date for this position is June 1, 2021. Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org by April 12.

To submit your resume online, go to
<https://www.indeed.com/job/day-school-director-1ca85f9a3bfc30d4>

SAME GARDEN



Each week, a small group of dedicated gardeners meet in the SAME Garden to work together to maintain our beautiful and productive garden boxes on Trinity Place. This group meets at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings (weather permitting) to enjoy caring for God's Creation and helping to feed those who are hungry. This week we harvested 12 pounds of mostly cabbage and some beets to deliver to CCC. That brings our total to 40 pounds this season. If you would like to learn more, please contact Beth Kunkel at bkunkel@clemson.edu. Watch for information about how you can also support these efforts from your own home garden, coming soon!



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Hoping that we will have a 2021 Bazaar, we need some new ideas and some volunteers. A group of us have been communicating recently about possibilities, and we thought a Zoom meeting would help. The suggested date is **Sunday, April 18, at 4:00 pm**, and it is open to anyone who would like to participate or has ideas, regardless of previous bazaar experience. The Zoom address and password will be given in the April 15th *HT Notes*.



Some things to consider are how we might be able to hold an event either indoors, virtually, or possibly outdoors on Trinity Place. The bazaar has a long history — the women of Holy Trinity apparently started the bazaar in about 1943 to offer people a chance to purchase gifts during WWII when shopping was not easy, and then to use the proceeds for charitable giving. It has continued every year with the exception of 2020. Bazaar funds are given to charities — nearly always local ones — so participating is a wonderful way to help your communities and your church! One side benefit is that the bazaar has made for many solid friendships over the years!



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

We received another update from JoAnn Brink, Case Manager of Family Promise of Pickens County. The news and her enthusiasm for her work is exciting and contagious. Here is what Joann had to tell us!

“In my 6½ years with Family Promise I have referred many of our guests to our school district’s Parenting & Family Literacy Program or Adult Education Program. Our current guest in the sheltering program, Jodie, is the very first to have achieved completion of her GED! We are so very proud of her hard work and perseverance to accomplish this!” In addition, Joann mentioned that Jodie has two children and is pregnant with a son. Getting her GED on top of all of that responsibility is truly impressive. Jodie’s due date is mid-to late-May, but because of a medical condition, they plan to take the baby at least 4 weeks earlier. Family Promise is contemplating how all the member churches might be able to help Jodie get set up with her new baby. Once we know more, we will post it in *HT Notes*.

A couple more bits of good news for Family Promise of Pickens County, Home Goods recently opened a store in Easley. When Home Goods opens a store, they choose a local charity to receive a donation from their company. Armilla Moore, Executive Director of Family Promise of Pickens County, was asked to cut the ribbon at their grand opening in Easley and received a check for \$10,000! If you shop there, please thank them for their support of Family Promise of Pickens County. Also, on the recommendation of Crossie Cox, a member of the Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club and a Family Promise volunteer from Clemson First Baptist Church, Family Promise of Pickens County applied for and was awarded a grant of \$2000 worth of gift cards from Clemson Sunrise Rotary Club. Once again in Joann’s words, “We are so thrilled and grateful to be chosen!”

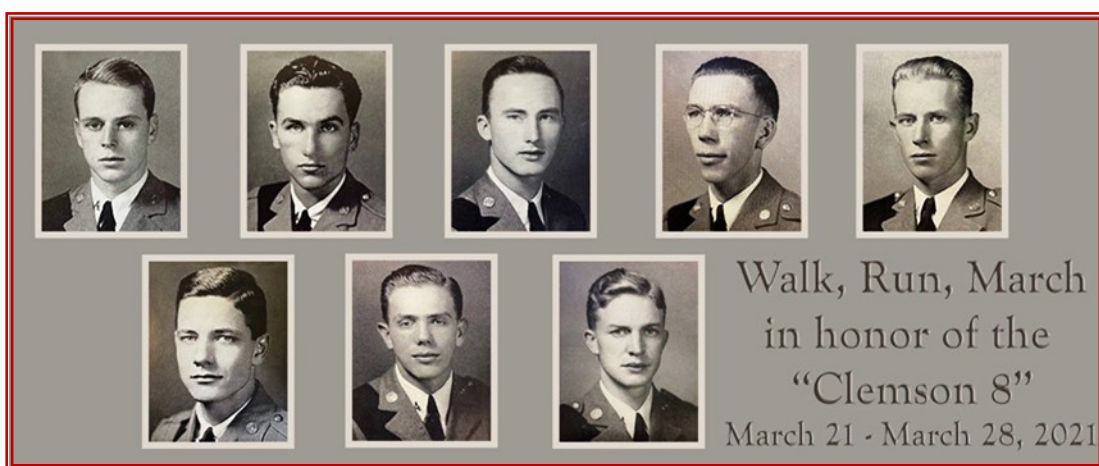
Holy Trinity, keep your eyes and ears open for ways we, too, can support our chosen outreach programs! As members of the greater community, you never know when you might find a way to help them help others.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE CLEMSON 8 CHALLENGE—BATAAN DEATH MARCH REMEMBRANCE

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. The Clemson 8 were (left to right in the picture below) Cpt. Henry Leitner, Bill Robbins English, Otis Foster Morgan, Martin Crook, Jr., Francis Herbert Scarborough, Cpt. Albert M. George, Col. B. N. (Ben) Skardon, and Cpt. Manny R. Lawton. All eight Clemson alums survived the Bataan Death March, but only the last three listed survived the Japanese POW incarceration. Holy Trinity parishioner Army Col. Beverly (Ben) N. Skardon, Clemson Class of '38, is the last living member of this illustrious group.



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 was the week of March 21-28 and was open to the public. It was a virtual race so entrants could walk, run, bike or hike on the course of their choosing. 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 103½ 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!



General John Raymond, commander of U.S. Space Force, called in to Ben from the Pentagon, where he was doing the Clemson 8 Challenge around the E-ring with Brig. Gen. Leah Lauderback (another Clemson alum) and civilian Melissa Hart.

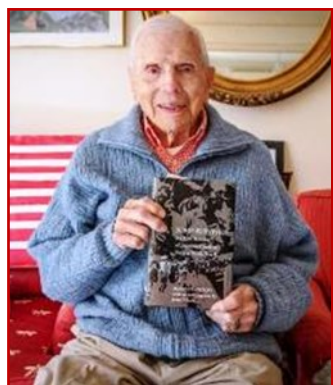


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Ben holding fellow Clemson alum and Bataan Death March survivor Manny Lawton's book, Some Survived.





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SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE BARS



FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!! Cange Kups for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf! Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in delicious 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) Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!



ADMINISTRATIVE



PIHSDRAWETS

Pihsdrawets: Stewardship from the wrong direction. Is stewardship a duty of Christians? There are a number of Bible verses to support such a premise. However, if we approach stewardship **solely** in that manner (which many of us probably do), we are shorting ourselves, as well as our parish. If we see it only from a duty standpoint, our gifts can easily come to be approached grudgingly. Conversely, if our stewardship is a response of love, our gifts will become a blessing to ourselves, as well as to the parish and God's Kingdom. How can we do this? As Believers, if we prayerfully surrender ourselves to the Holy Spirit, He will fill our hearts with the love of Christ, and that love will be reflected throughout our lifestyle. And in that context, our stewardship will be a joyous response to what has been given to us, spiritually as well as materially.

Your Stewardship Committee





ADMINISTRATIVE



LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION

Let Holy Trinity know once you are vaccinated! Please email Sheryl at

Sheryl Shankles <htchurch@holytrinityclemson.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.)

Suzanne

DON'T WAIT—PLEASE VACCINATE!

INFORMATION ON COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINATION IN OUR AREA

Part of our Christian duty to love our neighbor by promoting the common good just got easier, with improved access to COVID-19 testing and the vaccines in our area.

Free Community Testing

The City of Clemson is partnering with the university to provide *free* COVID-19 testing to the community, following their nationally recognized testing system that reduced positive cases on campus to less than 2% by the end of last semester. This is a fantastic opportunity to get into a regular testing routine to help combat the spread of the virus. Testing is available weekday mornings from 7 am—11 am at Nettles Park. You do not need to make an appointment but you must register in advance and bring your unique QR code with you; the code can be printed out or saved to your smartphone. Note that this testing is not for current university students or employees; these folks should please use the on-campus testing system.

Find all the details and the registration form on the city of Clemson's website

[https://www.clemsoncity.org/Default.aspx?](https://www.clemsoncity.org/Default.aspx?TabId=197&ArtMID=2433&ArticleID=4098&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

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COVID-19 Vaccinations

This week Governor McMaster and DHEC announced that all South Carolinians age 16 and older are eligible to get their vaccine, beginning March 31, 2021. You must make an appointment to receive the vaccine. Visit

<https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-appointments>

or call 855-472-3432 to find a vaccination site and make an appointment.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Dot Teske April 1
Gerry and Cynthia Spejewski April 3

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@holytrinityclemsan.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@holytrinityclemsan.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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Redd 4/1
Andy O'Day 4/4
Noah Stansbury 4/4
William Barutio 4/5
Sarah Maiberger 4/5
Beth Newton 4/5
Carolyn Foster 4/6
Eleanor Hare 4/6
Jean Jordan 4/6
Nancy Barutio 4/8
Amy Agosti 4/9
Kevin Crouse 4/9
Jack Purkerson 4/9
Joy duBois 4/10
Riley Stokes 4/10
Riley Stokes 4/10
Nancy Georgion 4/11
Susan Lasseter 4/13
Libby Wehrman 4/13
John Garrett 4/14
Tom Witmer 4/14
Ned Mayo 4/15
Michael Mobbs 4/16
Kathy Sparks 4/16
Henry Pate 4/17
Connor McPeak 4/18
Don Garrett 4/19
Will Purkerson 4/20
Chip Stapleton 4/25
Tom Von Kaenel 4/26
Gaines Robb 4/27
Wright Henry III 4/30
Campbell Joy Smith 4/30



April Birth Flower
Daisy



April Birthstone
Diamond

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of March 31, 2021

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$44,120.00	\$49,310.06	\$132,364.00	\$141,913.61
Expenses	\$46,073.00	\$44,538.50	\$138,215.00	\$136,776.66
Income +/-Expense	(\$1,953.00)	\$ 4,771.56	(\$5,851.00)	\$ 5,136.95

First Citizens Bank Note Payables as of March 31, 2021
\$1,690,491.56