



Helping Holy Trinity Build for the Future– A message from our Rector

Beloved in Christ,

We are wrapping up the first half of the first “program year” that is open and free of many constrictions that we’ve lived with for the past two years. Covid has not gone away, and some precautions are still necessary, but we have gathered successfully this fall with most precautions scaled back significantly. Some measures that we adopted will continue. For instance, we will continue to live-stream our 10:30 Sunday morning service and other, special services for the foreseeable future. We will continue to intinct the communion wafer for each communicant for the near future. Food service modifications have proven to be beneficial for both sanitary best practices and waste-prevention. Meeting by Zoom has, in many cases, become preferred for its convenience. These things are likely to continue, although all practices are subject to adaptation to meet the needs of each time and circumstance.

We have reached and maintained about 2/3 of our pre-Covid in person worship attendance on Sundays, which is pretty typical of churches around the country. The volunteer base has shrunk to about half of what it once was, which is also typical, according to a large-scale study conducted by Hartford Institute on Religious Research. These numbers may sound ominous—they are certainly cause for concern. However, they are not the end of the story. There are several signs that we have reason to hope for the future of Holy Trinity.

First of all, the leadership and people of Holy Trinity have continued to find new ways to adapt to the current situation. New ministries are emerging to meet the needs of parishioners and community: the Shaw Center Project (helping neighbors keep their homes in good repair), Good News Garden Friends (gathering in the SAME Garden each week to feed our neighbors), Pastoral Care deliveries of goodies and seasonal prayers to parishioners who live alone or have trouble getting out and about. New members are rising up to become leaders and servants of the Gospel. New spaces—Trinity Place and Canterbury Student Center--are providing opportunities for welcoming the community to enjoy our hospitality.

Staff and ministry leaders are exploring and offering new opportunities for gathering and serving. Our recent Trunk or Treat event drew about 75 children and their families to Holy Trinity—in the pouring rain! The 2022 Bazaar and Artisan Market was a bustling success.

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Food Truck Sundays are a great time of fellowship and fun that we will offer two or three times each year. And, of course, our weekly worship is the heartbeat that binds all this activity together.

The thriving of Holy Trinity will depend on continuing to build on the solid foundations of former times and generations. That is where you come in. Bishop Daniel Richards has challenged each congregation of the diocese to adopt a Bring 10 practice. "Hmm, what's Bring 10?" you ask. It's simple. We are asking each person to bring 10 people to Holy Trinity in 2023. First, count yourself as one—we need your presence and participation in our common life. Then, you can work on the other nine. You can bring one person to worship on Sunday and a couple of people to Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and a family of four to a Food Truck Sunday and your book group to the Bazaar. Some of you are already doing this, and that is marvelous! Imagine the impact of each person or household doing the same.

The challenges of the current situation in the church and in the world are significant. The opportunities for Holy Trinity to transform and grow are limited only by our imagination and willingness to act on our dreams. The power of the Holy Spirit to move us and guide us is infinite. Let's build a bright future for Holy Trinity!

Much love, Suz+



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Excerpt from Bishop Daniel's Address to the 100th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Ad fontes stamus et levamus oculos nostros in montes.

Standing at the foundations, we look to the hills.

At this moment of our history, we find ourselves returning to the font, the foundations of our faith. It is here that we find our common ground, our common call. Our One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.

Jesus himself declared in John's Gospel 7:37-38, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' "

Here at the foundations we need to carve out new buckets to draw out foundational truths. We have to articulate again for a culture that has gotten used to our usual way of articulating the faith and turning it against us.

We have wandered away from the foundations to proclaim things without watering them in the truths. We do not love the outcast, the stranger, the orphan or the lost because it is popular on line or will make us attractive to the cool kids. We love because Christ first loved us.

We forgive because we have been forgiven. We hold open the door of Grace because someone else held it open for us. Choosing to love like Christ and not like the world will mean that we will get our hearts broken. Anyone who has ever loved a sinner knows human beings break your heart.

Set free, we still walk like we have on shackles. Given life, we light up a cigarette. We forgive and love anyway. We cannot do this alone. We need each other, sure, but ultimately before all we need God.

That is why our seal reminds us that we "lift up our eyes to the hills" with Psalm 121. It is God who saves, God who redeems, God who will make us new after so much struggle and renew us after the long journey to here.

The rest of Bishop Daniel's address can be found [here](#) on our website!



12 November 2022 The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards IX Bishop

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Senior Warden's Report – Vestry Update December 2022

Come to the Mountain

*³“Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord...
He will teach us his ways,
So that we may walk in his paths”*

*...⁵Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Isaiah 2:3, 5*

Isaiah 2:1-5, part of the liturgy for the start of Advent, contains the imagery of God speaking from the Mountain, where heaven comes down to meet Earth. Heaven came down to live amongst us with Jesus's birth. Jesus's teachings invite us to “walk in the light of the Lord.” In this season of light and preparation, the Vestry and clergy continue to work for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church so that our parish can be a light to our community. Here is a summary of the Vestry activities in October and November.

Church Finance. As of October, our Pledge and Plate Offerings for the year are \$438,020 which is \$7,480 below budget. Our year-to-date expenses have been slightly higher than budget primarily due to timing of some expenses. By year end, these trends should level out so that we finish the year close to our budget. We thank God that his light shines through the generosity of this parish.

- **New Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.** Bob Taylor was approved as our new Treasurer and Dorothy Meeks was approved as Assistant Treasurer. We are grateful to Jack McKenna for his service as Treasurer and for Bob and Dorothy for their work managing Holy Trinity's finances.
- **Trinity Place Gift pays off Demolition Loan.** As we reported at Thanksgiving, Holy Trinity received a generous gift of \$35,500 from an anonymous donor for the purpose of paying off the demolition loan. At the start of January 2022, the demolition loan balance was \$138,353.61. The Vestry worked with our Finance Committee applying this generous gift, Designated Doors gifts, a major gift of \$70,000 in March and parking revenues in such a way to retire the demolition loan on November 22, 2022. The only remaining loan on Trinity Place is the construction loan with a balance of \$1,292,405. Thanks to the continued support of parishioners through the Doors Pledges and revenues generated by our hard-working Parking Ministry, no operating funds have been used for loan payments.

Letting our Light Shine at Trinity Place. A group of Vestry and Parking Ministry members reported on their work exploring ways to make our beautiful Trinity Place and our parking area available to our community so Holy Trinity's light can reach more people.

The Vestry is evaluating available reserve funds and options for tackling both St. Paul's renovation and our Nave HVAC.

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Buildings and Grounds. In the last issue of Tempo, I reported that the Vestry is addressing the needs of St. Paul's renovation and the failing Nave HVAC.

- St. Paul's appeal has raised slightly over \$20,000 to add to the St. Paul's Fund for renovation.
- Our Buildings and Grounds team has received competitive bids from five HVAC companies for the replacement of the 20-ton Nave HVAC unit and the 3 small units. The largest unit has developed a freon leak that cannot be repaired because parts are no longer available. To replace this 20-ton HVAC unit, three smaller units must be moved to make room for the replacement. Since those three units are also over 20 years old, moving them will cause damage such that they will no longer operate. All five HVAC companies recommend replacing the four units rather than attempting to move the small ones.
- After analyzing the five competing bids, the Buildings and Grounds team has made a recommendation from a bidder for \$65,257.00.
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Mutual Ministry Review. Harry Morse and Betty Snowden are planning a Mutual Ministry Review with facilitator, Mother Lynn Sanders. They are developing a process that recognizes our gifts, what we do well, and what we may need to do more effectively. We are grateful for the diligent work of this team that will help God's light shine through us in the year ahead.

Next Vestry Meeting is 11 December 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be provided in preceding week's **HT Notes**.

God works daily through this dedicated Vestry and parish to shine His light in the world during this Advent season.

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Your humble servant and Senior Warden,

Ellen Haase

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The 2023 Stewardship Kick-Off Luncheon was well received, as can be seen in the accompanying photographs. It was a barbecue dinner catered by Dyer's Diner in Pendleton, and funded by 2 donors. It was so well received that the goal posts were torn down afterwards, literally. The Championship in kicking the ball through the goal posts was shared by Mother Suz, and Paul Thackham.

The In-gathering and blessing of pledges and ministry commitments was held Sunday, Nov. 13 at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. We are so very thankful for each and every pledge received so far. Each gift, of any size, makes it possible for Holy Trinity to continue to change lives and bring Good News to the people of our community.



As of Dec. 1 we have received 87 pledges for \$346,786.00. The average pledge being \$3,986.05. Our goal is \$530,000. We urge that if your Pledge Form hasn't been returned, please do so at the earliest possible opportunity.



We need your commitments in planning for the new year. We have such a wonderful facility at Holy Trinity, given to us by God through His gifts, and our own labor for His Cause. It is our duty to use it to its fullness and so to honor the sacrificial giving that makes it possible. An even greater blessing is found the wonderful people who share gifts and talents to proclaim God's glory and support His mission at Holy Trinity.



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Report on Upper Diocese of SC 100th Convention

Eric Naeseth and Kirby Colson as Lay Representatives and Mtr. Suz Cate as clergy represented Holy Trinity at the 100th Diocesan Convention of Upper South Carolina on Nov. 11 and 12 in Columbia. Friday afternoon the meeting convened with an inspiring convention address from Bishop Richards as well as an agenda of business including revised canons and resolutions as well as the Statement of Mission for the Diocese. The meetings were followed by a dinner held for representatives, clergy and spouses where The Very Rev. James F. Turrell, Dean of the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South gave a presentation thanking the SC Upper Diocese as well as our churches for needed donations to the School of Theology. He also stressed the importance of encouraging potential students and seminarians to apply to Sewanee. Radio celebrity, Walter Edgar, star of "Walter Edgar's Journal", gave the keynote speech outlining the 100 year history of the Upper Diocese of SC. On Saturday, canons and resolutions were voted on. Elections were held to approve the budget and elect representatives and clergy to various committees, including deputies to General Convention. Our own Kirby Colson was elected as Trustee for Sewanee: The University of the South.

In peace,

Kirby Colson

Appeal for Funds for St. Paul's Renovation & Painting Project Several months ago, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of St. Paul's Church in Pendleton. **St. Paul's is now in dire need of a major renovation to its exterior, and we are seeking financial contributions to fund this effort. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with St. Paul's Renovation in the memo line.** Please contact Mary Lou Sigsby, chairperson for the St. Paul's Committee of Holy Trinity (marylou.sigsby@gmail.com) with questions.



Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany—a Cycle of Seasons Celebrating the Incarnation

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are all seasons of the church year that hold up for us the mystery of God-with-Us, Emmanuel. During Advent, we anticipate the coming birth of the Christ-child, the Second Coming of Christ, and the daily visitation of Christ, our brother, who shows us how to be fully human. During the Christmas Season, we celebrate the birth of God in a human body and soul, a particular mystery that shows us God's willingness to be humble and vulnerable, in solidarity with our limitations. The Epiphany Season is the time when we explore the manifold ways that Jesus shows us the incarnate One whom we have come to know as teacher, healer, miracle worker, and, most importantly, redeemer.



All three seasons teach us something particular about God Incarnate, the Word made flesh. Taken as a cycle, we can appreciate the depths of meaning in this doctrine of the church, summed up in John 1:14, the crux of the Christmas Day Gospel reading:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

From this grace-filled statement flows the wonder of Incarnation. The theology of Incarnation enlivens, enables, and encourages us to live as Christ lived. The grace of God has come to us in the person of Jesus, and our relationship with God has been forever changed. The very nature of humanity is now capable of restoration to the goodness and wholeness for which God created us, because in Christ, we are being made new. How wonderful that our liturgical tradition allows for ample time to ponder these precious thoughts in our hearts, much as the Blessed Virgin Mary did at key points in the story of the Incarnation.

Worship

All of this richness of theology can be experienced through the traditions and practices of our Anglican/Episcopal ways of marking time. We begin in Advent with the practices of slowing down, making space in our lives to notice the presence of God-with-Us as we prepare for his birth. At Christmas we take our time celebrating and savoring the joy of light-filled festivities and music. During Epiphany, we listen to and learn from the stories of the ministry of Jesus, bringing health and restoration through his marvelous works.

Join us for a festive service of



Lessons &

CAROLS

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
at 5:00 pm Sunday, December 18

Our Christmas celebrations include **Lessons & Carols at St. Paul's at 5:00 on Sunday, December 18. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services** will follow the usual schedule (see next page).

Having observed Advent and celebrated Christmas, **you are invited to mark the Feast of the Epiphany on Thursday, January 5 at 5:30 pm.** We will celebrate Holy Eucharist, followed by a simple wine and cheese reception in the Parish Hall. The intention is to gather for simple worship and fellowship to honor the feast that closes out the Christmas season and leads us into the season of ordinary time that follows.

Please join us!

Thursday,
January 5 at
5:30 p.m

Holy Eucharist followed by simple wine and cheese reception in the Parish Hall.



FEAST OF THE
Epiphany

Christmas Services



Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Children's Service

7:00 pm Festive Choral Service

10:30 pm "Midnight" Christ Mass at St. Paul's

Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall
with Meals on Wheels

Outreach Opportunities

Outreach Committee Members Needed for the New Year

The Outreach Committee is looking for a couple of fresh perspectives to add to their circle in the coming year. The Outreach Committee is the group that works specifically on identifying, funding, and facilitating our work in the world as the Body of Christ. They are currently meeting 4-6 times per year to apportion the allocation from the Statement of Mission (parish budget) for Direct Outreach each year, to find new and innovative ways to serve those in need in our community, and to continue Holy Trinity's strong tradition of participating on the boards and as volunteers with several iconic agencies in the area. If you have a strong commitment to follow the commandment from Matthew 25 to take care of the needs of our neighbors, this is an opportunity to help in real and significant ways. If you would like to learn more, please contact Rachel Mayo (rmayo@clemson.edu) or Rachel Rowe (rchlrw@gmail.com).

Jesus told Peter, "Because you love me, feed my sheep."



Acting in the World as the Body of Christ

Last time, this space focused on opportunities to address the issues of homelessness and housing insecurity. This time, we are focusing on the very real problems facing families and individuals in our community regarding hunger and food insecurity. With the rising costs of food and other necessities, many households in our area face the tragic choice between eating and keeping the lights on. Jesus told Peter, "Because you love me, feed my sheep." Supporting these feeding ministries and agencies is a particularly appropriate way to act in the world as the Body of Christ.

*If you are looking for a way connect with our community, here are a few ideas. **Each one needs leaders, workers, and sponsors.** And these are just a few of the many ways you can serve your community:*

Christmas Dinner for Meals on Wheels Clemson

Ingles Deli provides Meals on Wheels for our neighbors here in Clemson 364 days each year. Ingles is closed on Christmas Day, so for several years, Holy Trinity has provided a healthy, delicious meal to MoW clients and parishioners who wish to receive delivery of a Christmas dinner. Most of the food is prepared ahead of time and delivered to Holy Trinity, where a small crew heats up the food. The meals are packaged during the Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, which is celebrated in the parish hall. The meals are delivered by MoW drivers. Watch for emails about preparing food for this amazing feast. Come and worship on Christmas morning and give a most precious gift for the Christ child—the gift of loving and feeding our neighbors.

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Soup Kitchen in Seneca

Serving lunch Monday-Friday, 11:30-12:30

Our Daily Bread is an interdenominational Christian ministry committed to addressing the needs of the poor and underserved. We will provide daily, nourishing meals in a pleasant, friendly setting designed both to alleviate physical hunger, as well as provide an encouraging and supportive environment to enable hope. We also provide informational support to help our guests find ways to solve the problems that aggravate their individual situation.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Our Daily Bread may contact Lee Molz at (864) 985-0855 or molzf@bellsouth.net.

Our volunteers contribute in the following ways: plan weekly menus, prepare and serve meals, coordinate and assist in food pickup from donors, inventory and organize food supplies, schedule and supervise volunteers, interface with clients and clean facility for next day operation.

Area youth have shown an overwhelming interest in being involved in Our Daily Bread's mission. Our Daily Bread encourages the participation of youth. Youth ages 14 -15 may volunteer by bagging, serving food, assisting our clients, but may not be involved in food preparation, youth ages 16-17 may assist in food preparation, but are restricted from working with equipment that is considered hazardous. There is no restriction for individuals 18 and older.

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen also accepts donations of food and financial aid. See their website for details: http://ourdailybreadsc.org/?page_id=11



Clemson Community Care (CCC) serves Clemson, Central and Pendleton communities

The mission of CCC is to assist persons in difficult circumstances with necessities such as food, shelter and utilities, and to help them to become self-sufficient through educational programs and advocacy.

Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors
help themselves

In cooperation with local religious, civic, educational and private agencies, staff and **individual volunteers**, Clemson Community Care supports a variety of basic human needs, emphasizing development of self-sufficiency. Services offered by CCC include:

- Food pantry
- SNAP application assistance
- Utility bill assistance
- Rental assistance
- Homeless support services
- Home Repair program
- Back to school assistance
- Holiday help for Thanksgiving and

How donations benefited the community this year:

2,783 families received 225,395 pounds of food.
312 families received holiday food.
55 seniors received food boxes each month.
246 families avoided utility disconnect.
98 families avoided eviction.
356 children received toys for Christmas.
156 children were outfitted with school supplies.

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In Memory of Our Dear Sister, Beth Kunkel:



So All May Eat (SAME) Garden at Holy Trinity in Clemson

Have you ever wondered where most of the produce harvested from the SAME (So All May Eat) Garden ends up? Most of our produce goes to Clemson Community Care (CCC), some 125+ lbs in 2021 and 300+ lbs in 2022; some has been included in pastoral care bags for individuals in our parish; and some goes to supplement the produce prescription bags given out at the Clemson Free Clinic. In addition, Holy Trinity provides freezer and cabinet space for storing produce, which allows CCC and the Free Clinic to purchase

"extra" produce from their suppliers during the summer for supplementing during winter months when the variety of fresh produce isn't as available. For example, this year, CCC and the Free Clinic bought a lot of extra tomatoes, snap beans and okra, when they were abundant, and have them in our freezer to be included in the winter food distributions. We have also been growing field peas and letting them dry to put in the bags as a protein source in the winter. **Harvesting, preparation for storage and delivery** do not happen by themselves. These are all activities taken on by **volunteers**, as are **shelving and distribution prep at CCC!** **Donations from your home gardens** would be welcome as well!

For about 4 years now, Clemson Free Clinic has implemented a produce prescription program they are calling Produce Rx. In its current iteration participants come to pick up their prescriptions on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Right now, Clemson Free Clinic is sourcing the produce from 3 local farms--last year they spent over \$12,000 on this produce, which in addition to providing healthy food for their clients, had significant impacts on the participating farms. Produce from our SAME Garden has been used to supplement the program as well.

Clemson Free Clinic also partnered with Clemson University's Nutrition Program to assist and develop recipes and educational materials for Produce Rx. The pandemic hampered their ability for direct education but not recipe development and testing. The Nutrition Program has 50+, mostly plant-based recipes featuring products the clients receive in their prescriptions.

Cara Robb designed the logo and recipe template. They also printed a limited-edition cookbook for a donation of \$20.

HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



Holy Trinity Frozen Meals

For a while, a group of Holy Trinity cooks met monthly in the church kitchen and prepared and froze meals that could be used to deliver to parishioners or others who are in need of a meal train. **IS this something you could see yourself doing?**

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THANK YOU- THANK YOU- THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market. What a special time for all of us who have worked all year long on making things for this day! The companionship, friends and good times shared all added up to a wonderful day at Holy Trinity. There are so many people who worked together; the booth workers, the cooks, young people who served, set up crew, publicity people, vendors, clean up helpers, and treasurers, to help make this a success. Our sincere thanks to you all.



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Written by Dr. Harry Morse

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CLEMSON STUDENTS TOUR ST. PAUL'S Parishioner and Clemson University professor Andrew Baker brought a group of students to St. Paul's on November 9 to learn about its history and tour the church yard. Anne Russell, Jim Reed, and Michael Diemer shared information about the church's history and founders, famous individuals buried in the church yard, including Thomas Green Clemson and Anna Calhoun Clemson, as well as burials in "Strangers Row."



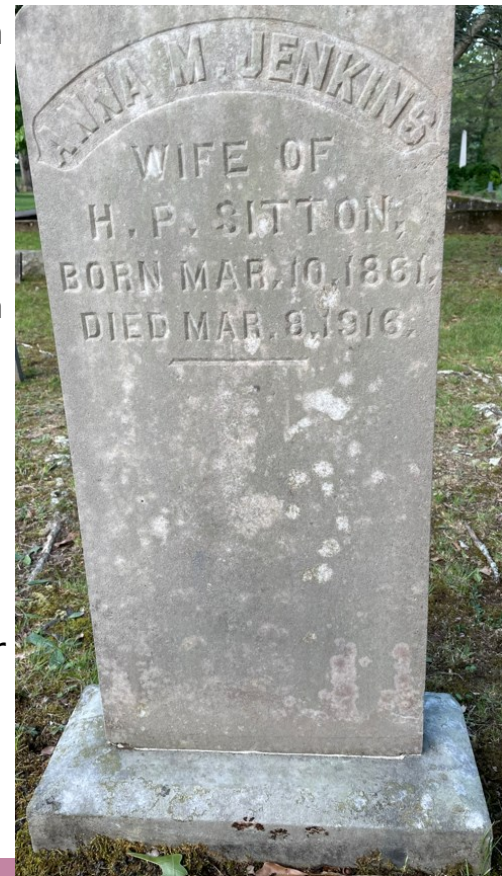
Gravestone Cleaning Project Underway at St. Paul's

A new project is underway at St. Paul's to clean gravestones dating back to the early 1800s in an effort to conserve them for generations to come.

Following a process used by Arlington National Cemetery and recommended by an expert archeologist at Clemson University, parishioner Michael Diemer has cleaned approximately 20 stones to date. His first selections of gravestones were unreadable due to dirt, stains, lichen, moss, etc. Now those stones can be read and the individuals buried there can be recognized and remembered. Watch for an announcement this spring inviting parishioners to sponsor a gravestone and participate in a gravestone cleaning workday.

(Caption for Anna Calhoun Clemson Photo) The tombstone of Anna Calhoun Clemson (left side) was identical to that of her son's tombstone (right side) before cleaning. The stone is now easily read and the beauty of the marble is once again showcased for visitors.

(Caption for two Anna Jenkins gravestone photos – before and after) These two photos show the tombstone of Anna M. Jenkins before and after the cleaning process.



Growing in Christ

Holy Trinity Families,

Fall proved to be quite busy with several opportunities for our Parish family to gather and fellowship. September saw another **food truck Sunday**. We had a great turn out. It was so lovely seeing familiar faces, but also welcoming those we haven't seen in a while. We hope to make this a twice a year tradition. Look for our next one in the Spring! Our youth held **several service days**. They came together and made gorgeous flower arrangements and delivered them to several of our parishioners. This was a great time of fellowship but also a great way to connect with others. Our **youth also collected goods for Clemson Community Care**. They delivered the items and helped sort and bag for distribution.

October was a great month as well! We held our annual **Pet Blessing** and used this opportunity to collect donations for **Clemson Paw Partners**. If you've never seen their facility, check them out.

Holy Trinity hosted a table at the **downtown Clemson trick or treat**. We were able to pass out information on our Sunday services and our Trunk or Treat event. The turnout and response were wonderful. Special thanks to Mel Harriss for helping me set up and run the table. Two of our Canterbury students, Emma and Blake also helped in our efforts. We estimate we saw close to a thousand kids. On Sunday, October 30, Holy Trinity held their **second annual Trunk or Treat event!** The weather turned our trunks into tables, and we set up inside the Parish Hall. We had 17 themed tables, from Jurassic Park, face painting, to Toy Story. Our canterbury students, parishioners, and EDS hosted tables, as well as a family from a neighboring church. We saw lots of our EDS kids, but we also were able to welcome kids from within our surrounding community. On that same night, Holy Trinity was host to surrounding downtown churches for a youth Halloween night. They painted pumpkins, lots of fellowship and food and an overall great time. The costumes were some of the best. Thanks to Bill Purkerson for grilling over 50 hotdogs and helping with the cleanup at the end of the night.



Growing in Christ

December will be a wonderful time of focusing on the meaning of Advent and Christmas. **First Sunday service will be on December 4,** and we will have our children's service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. I will send out information on this in the coming weeks. Beginning in January, we will have a one time a month youth social. We will periodically tie these socials in with a family event. Mark your calendars now for every 4th Sunday from 5-7pm.

Sunday school and nursery are continuing to be offered each Sunday. I send out reminder emails of upcoming happenings every Monday. If you are not receiving those and would like to, please reach out to me.

We continue to see growth in our children's ministry. I am seeking input as we move forward in our ministry. If you would like to be a part of family ministry for volunteer purposes, I would love to hear from you. Thank you to Sheilah Durham, Bill Purkerson, Alexander Pratt, Ben Porter, Sarah Slagle and Eleanor Ehrman. These wonderful people are who help make Sundays run smoothly for our children and youth.

Peace,

Jerae



Adult Formation for Advent & Epiphany

Sunday Mornings:

Lectionary Bible Study and Fellowship continues in the Tom Davis Library during the Sunday School Hour (9:30-10:15). This informal and informative study of the Bible readings each Sunday is lead by Ellen Haase. It is a perfect drop-in opportunity for Christian Formation. There is a faithful and lively group of students who would love to welcome you!

The Peaceful Caregiver Book Study begins January 8 and will meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom on the 2nd floor near the elevator. **If you are a caregiver, you are not alone!** *The Peaceful Caregiver: from Stressed to Blessed*, by Mary Tutterow, is intended to be a support and blessing for anyone who is experiencing the stresses and challenges of being a caregiver. Each chapter presents an important topic of concern for caregivers, offers assurance that God is present in that concern, and provides discussion starters for participants. The book can be obtained from your favorite bookseller. Mel Harriss, a retired social worker and experienced facilitator will lead the discussion of this book.

Discovery Class begins in early January and will meet biweekly for 10 sessions. **If you are new to Holy Trinity or to The Episcopal Church, this class is for you!** Mtr. Suz will lead this class, which is designed as an introduction to The Episcopal Church for those who might be thinking about Confirmation, or as a refresher for those who have been around awhile. All of those “Why do we do that?” and “What does that mean?” or “What does the Episcopal Church teach about?” questions will be answered. Or at least explored, because it is in those questions and explorations that discovery happens. This class will meet at a day and time to be determined by the participants. Please contact Mtr. Suz by January 5 if you are interested in participating.

Advent Resources for Spiritual Formation

Advent is the perfect time to add praying the Daily Office into your prayer life. It is a short season—four weeks beginning this year on November 27, and continuing to Christmas Eve. A regular practice of praying the Daily Office gives one a structure for two of the most important disciplines for living a life in Christ—prayer and the reading of Scripture. One of the great barriers for today’s followers of Christ is carving out the time to practice these disciplines. Add to that obstacle, the complexities of figuring out how Morning or Evening Prayer unfold, plus looking up the Bible readings, and then putting it all together—whew! That smacks of work.

Fortunately, there is a tool available for your phone or tablet that eliminates the set up involved in praying the Daily Office. Venite is available at your app store—it’s free and is super-easy to use. In the first screen you have the option to choose the language, rite, date, and liturgy via drop-down menus.

(Insert images: Venite First Screen and Venite Second Screen side by side here)

When you tap the “Pray” button, there is the liturgy! You can choose various options along the way by tapping the form you prefer. To begin with, I would suggest just praying the liturgy as it is presented.

The app will provide the order, the readings, and the prayers for praying the Daily Office. If you’ve ever thought that you would like to try out this prayer practice, this is a great way to give it a trial run for this short season. I recommend starting with one of the Offices: Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer (the shortest and most straightforward), Evening Prayer, or Compline. This app has helped hundreds of Episcopalians (and others!) integrate this core practice into their lives of prayer. The Daily Office is one of the great treasures of our Book of Common Prayer because it offers each person the opportunity to step away from the demands of our lives for a few minutes to pray and to read the Bible every day. Both of these practices are certain to bring us closer to God daily, and isn’t that what we all want?

Happy Birthday!

Kalen Henry	12/??	Jennifer Thackham	12/22	Roger Brown, Jr.	01/17
Noelle Yardley	12/01	Jack McKenna	12/24	Kathryn Cauley	01/17
Renna Redd	12/02	James Jayroe	12/26	Doug Henry	01/17
Susie Lloyd Stokes	12/04	Isabel Quattlebaum	12/26	Lura Forcum	01/18
Barbara Runz	12/04	Billy Bridges	12/27	Hannah Maiberger	01/18
Rebecca Eidson	12/06	Earl Burch	12/27	Mary Cate Garrett	01/19
Joanna Schuman	12/06	Lew Fitch	12/29	Shelby Wallace	01/19
Tommye Hurst	12/07	Don Campbell	12/30	The Rev. Suz Cate	01/20
Graydon Wallace	12/08	Cathy Garrett	12/31	Joe Merck	01/21
Mary Bowman	12/09	Carol Todd	12/31	Lynn Smith	01/21
Phoebe McPeak	12/10	Gwen Troise	12/31	Barbara Weaver	01/21
Paul Thackham	12/11	Andrew Baker	01/01	Greg Meeks	01/22
Carolyn Wheeler	12/13	Trey Cox	01/01	Danny Edie	01/24
Myra Gildersleeve	12/14	Louise Rozendale	01/01	River Messer	01/24
Kathy Naeseth	12/14	Diana Shuler	01/01	Joe Yanes	01/27
Kathy Hunter	12/15	Marjorie Campbell	01/03	Paige Gainey	01/28
Jessica DeCubellis	12/17	Sally Mathiasen	01/06	Cary Johnstone	01/28
Charles (Trey) Williams	12/17	Mary Bridges	01/07	Charles Shuler	01/29
Tim McPeak	12/19	Mary Ann Taylor	01/07	Anita Arms	01/31
Charles Arms	12/20	Steve Jeffers	01/08		
Wayman Henry	12/22	Pat Bryan	01/11		
Robert Hurst	12/22	Teague De los Santos	01/11		

Happy Anniversary!

Earl & Scooty Burch	12/30	55	Years!
John & Mellie Warner	12/29	48	Years!
Kevin & Kathy Crouse	12/19	23	Years!
Tom Witmer & Barbara Lewis-Witmer	12/1	2	Years!
Chesley & Rachel Rowe	1/3	41	Years!