

April-May 2023



Keeping the Faith

Beloved Friends in Christ,

Lent 3A 2023

Exodus 17:1-1

John 4:5-42

Sometimes, but not always, I will look back on my notes and sermons from previous trips through the lectionary cycle. This year, preparing a sermon for the Third Sunday in Lent, I was reminded that the last time we had these particular readings was the first Sunday that we were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Third Sunday in Lent, 2020, was the first Sunday that we livestreamed a Sunday morning service. As I recall, Will and I led Morning Prayer from our dining room table. That weekend, we began the great sacrifices of the pandemic, figuratively splashed blood on the lintels of our doorways and boldly set out into the desert by staying home.

We thought we were heading into the wilderness for a few weeks--back by Easter, Pentecost at the latest. Little did we know. Little did we know how much we would sacrifice. We tried to keep count of the cost, spending endless hours doomscrolling the numbers: Numbers of cases, numbers of dead, numbers of jobs lost, numbers of businesses shut.

We're still actually trying to interpret the numbers: how do you figure average Sunday attendance when the only people in the church building are the priest, her husband, and the organist? How do you interpret the numbers who came back to in-person and the numbers who remain online and the numbers of those who have totally checked out?

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We *were* the people of Israel in their distressing thirst. We were stuck in an unknown land, parched and afraid for the vulnerable ones in our communities. In some ways, we still are. We are the woman at the well at high noon, bringing our empty jug to be filled. And there it is --there it always has been. Water that will quench our thirst for ever.

From the mouth of God's Son, we hear: *"Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'"*

People are thirsty. They are parched--dry to the bone and seeking relief that only the Living Water can supply. The Israelites in the wilderness, the woman at the well, men, women, and children in our families and neighborhoods *thirst* for the water of life.

But what is this water of which Jesus declares that He is the source and which He promises to all? It is the life-giving water of grace, the only water capable of quenching our thirst. God has promised that when we follow faithfully, when we cry out to God, that water will be supplied. Not only that, we will become fountains flowing with the living water ourselves!

Lord, give us this water, so that we may not thirst. Let the water of life flow through us to bring forth beautiful flowers and abundant fruit in the wilderness of the world's indifference to the suffering and pain that is always the result of turning away from you. Let rivers of living water wash away the fear and anguish of these pandemic years and nourish new beginnings for this, your church. Let our hearts drink deeply of the Spirit's gifts and power to bring new life from the rich soil of this parish. We humbly ask for this living water in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we approach with gladness the Resurrection of our Lord and the celebrations of Easter-tide, remember that "God's mercies are new *every* morning. Great is God's faithfulness." The promise of Easter is that the Living Water will never fail. There will always be a spring, sometimes from the most unlikely source, that will sustain us in our mission and ministry.

Much love to you all, Suz+

Senior Warden's Report – Vestry Update March 2023

Be Patient, bearing with one another in love....

Ephesians 4:2-3, 7, 15

²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep unity with the Spirit the bond of peace...⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ¹⁵...speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

The business of Holy Trinity quickly fills the allotted hour and a half (or two hours) leaving us little time for reflection. So, each year, your dedicated Vestry spends half a Saturday for getting to know each other a bit better. I would like to share you are few of the things we learned this year so you can appreciate this amazing group.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS – OUR GRACES. Mtr. Suz led us in a Lectio Divina on Ephesians 4:1-17, the theme of our February Orientation and Meeting. To learn more about our individual “graces”, the Vestry completed and shared the results of a Spiritual Gifts inventory. God greatly blessed your Vestry with people with spiritual gifts that “Strengthen God’s People” and “Show God’s Love”. Knowing our every need, God also blessed your Vestry with people that “Support Worshipping God,” “Share God’s Word” and “Sustain All Ministries.” However, I must report that God did not see any need for anyone that speaks in tongues or interprets tongues.

BE PATIENT, BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. A discussion of Vestry norms and assignments helped us build a foundation to work together

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as The Body of Christ. Dialogue and differences of opinion are part of how God works to be heard. Assuming positive intent, respectfully disagreeing and trust are critical to make sure we don't miss His message. Keeping the faith by always working for what is best for Holy Trinity and "speaking the truth with love" connect our work to God. This year, building on the work of your Vestry from 2018 through 2023, we started a "Vestry Handbook" Project that will include everything we learn each year.

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE. Our guest, Mtr. Lynn Sanders, led us in a discussion of our 2023 Study of our Mutual Ministries process. As the EDUSC tells us, the goal is to make, equip and send mature disciples of Christ. The Vestry and our Ministry Leaders have completed questions to guide us in celebrating the ministry of ALL God's people, look at what is working and what needs attention. We look forward to sharing God's message to Holy Trinity through this process.

Church Finance. Bob Taylor taught us how to understand Holy Trinity financial statements and reports. We are grateful to have Bob as our Treasurer. Bob reported that we received an anonymous donation of \$35,500 donation towards the Trinity Place mortgage.

The Vestry plans to continue our dedicated, faithful service in so many ways. I look forward to sharing all the good news with you here. I am available on Sundays after the 8:00 AM service at breakfast or join me for Adult Fellowship at 9:30 AM.

Next Vestry Meeting is 16 April 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be provided in preceding week's **HT Notes**. The May meeting will be in-person, date to be provided.

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Your humble servant and Senior Warden,
Ellen Haase

Vestry Update—February 2023

At the Vestry's Orientation in February, areas of responsibility were finalized. Each Vestry member, in addition to serving on the Vestry as a leader for the whole parish, serves as a liaison to a particular area of ministry. In that capacity, Vestry members attend the ministry team meetings, as appropriate. In those meetings, they participate actively, providing the broad perspective of the Vestry in the context of the particular ministry. Then they bring the particular perspective of the ministry they represent back to the Vestry, sharing the work and concerns of the ministry with the Vestry. This connection between ministry teams and the Vestry is a vital element to the common ministry that is shared by the whole parish. The Vestry liaisons may serve as a Ministry Team chair person, but it is not always the case that they do so.

Senior Warden Ellen Haase 2023

Junior Warden Bill Hurst 2023

Jan Cribb 2021-2024

Fellowship

Jenn Ellison 2021-2024

Parking

Harry Morse 2021-2024

Outreach

Charlie Curtis 2022-2024

Canterbury

Mel Harriss 2022-2025

Christian Formation & Family Ministry

Betty Snowden 2022-2025

EDS Board Chair

Mark Stokes 2022-2025

Worship Support

Jean Ellen Zavertnik 2022-2025

Pastoral Care

Andrew Baker 2023-2026

St. Paul's

Jody Hunter 2023-2026

Stewardship

Chesley Rowe 2023-2026

EDS Board & Personnel Support

Hap Wheeler 2023-2026

Communications

Please keep all of our parish leaders in your prayers as they pray for you.

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Stewardship Notes

Stewardship. Often we concentrate on our treasure given to the Lord's causes, but not enough on our time that we offer Him. But the two are equally important. One cannot function without the other. I think the following poem by South Carolina's 1st Poet Laureate, Archibald Rutledge (1880-1970), a lifelong Episcopalian (St. James-Santee Parish), beautifully emphasizes God's dependence on our service in His Kingdom:

The Master's Plea

*I have no hands save your own hands
To lift the burdens, loose the bands
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 message 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 truths unsung.*

*I have no heart but 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 fulfill.*



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March/April 2023 Tempo Financial Report Bob Taylor, Treasurer

January's plate offerings were several thousand dollars over budget and are reflected in the total year to date, being \$5,980.72 over budget. March pledge offerings were still below budget but higher than January and February. Prepaid pledges for the entire year increased in March and will help decrease the total income deficit of \$26,348.60, as prorated shares of prepaid pledges will be added to pledge offerings each month for the remainder of the year.







March 29, 2023 Finances	March Actual	March Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budgeted Year to Date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$3,898.22	\$4,708.00	\$20,104.72	\$14,124.00	\$5,980.72
Pledge Offerings	\$26,043.52	\$34,167.00	\$69,129.18	\$102,501.00	(\$33,371.82)
Total Income	\$29,941.74	\$38,875.00	\$90,276.40	\$116,625.00	(\$26,348.60)
Expenses	\$36,728.83*	\$38,875.00	\$100,314.51	\$116,625.00	(\$16,310.49)

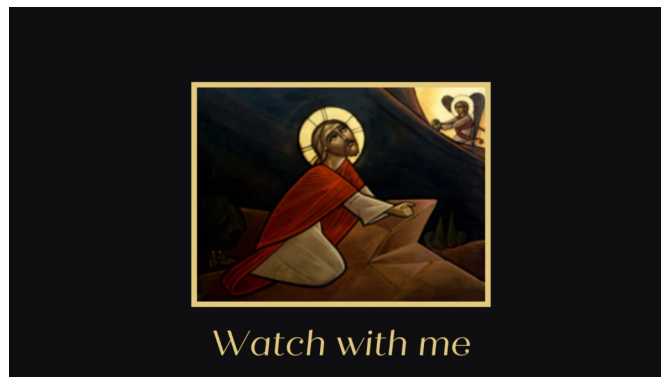
***Special Note:** An insurance check for water damages from the frozen/burst pipes in the Parish was entered as a negative expense, and the related expenses have not occurred and/or have not been invoiced yet.

A definite statement on expenses is difficult since repairs continue with damaged equipment associated with the early December electrical issues and the frozen/burst pipe in the Parish Hall. There are still major repairs to be made. One insurance reimbursement check for water damages has been received and credited against the expenses. The insurance claim for electrical damages will be filed after all repairs are completed, and invoices have been received. Aside from the repair expenses and expected insurance reimbursements, most other expenses are near budgeted totals for the end of March.

An anonymous gift of \$15,000 for a principal-only payment on the construction loan accounted for almost half of the \$36,804.620 decrease in the loan balance from January 1, 2023, to March 29, 2023.

Trinity Place Loan Balance as of January 1, 2023, \$1,292,524.30
Trinity Place Loan Balance as of March 29, 2023, \$1,255,719.68

Holy Week					
					
April 2	April 3-5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Palm Sunday	Mon. Tues. Wed.	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
8:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm (St. Paul's) Holy Eucharist	7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	7:00 pm Holy Eucharist Gethsemane Vigil in the chapel until dawn.	12:00 pm Community Service St. Paul's 7:00 pm Proper Liturgy	9:00 am Morning Devotion 8:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 am Sunrise Service 9:00 am Children's Service 11:00 am Festive Eucharist



Garden of Repose

“They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” (Mark 13:32)

Once again, Holy Trinity is offering an opportunity for prayer and meditation in the chapel following the Maundy Thursday service. The Daughters of the King will prepare the chapel as a garden in a tradition that reflects Jesus going with his disciples “across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and the disciples entered” (John 18:1) following the Last Supper. The Reserved Sacrament will be on the altar in the chapel and meditation materials will be provided for those who attend in person.

We hope enough will sign up for entire night coverage. For safety reasons, please consider signing up with at least one other person. If you are not able to pray at the chapel in person, we ask you to sign up to pray via our Facebook page as we will have camera access to the chapel for you. When you sign up, please indicate IN PERSON or REMOTE. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4FAFA62CA2FE3-garden>. This time of prayer and meditation is a meaningful way to participate in Holy Week. Please consider being a member of this community of prayer and invite others to do so.

This Joyful Eastertide

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.

The refrain from that great old Easter hymn, This joyful Eastertide, very succinctly summarizes the joy of the Great Fifty Days. Because Christ lived, died, and rose again, our faith is not in vain. Throughout this joyful Eastertide, we sing and shout alleluia, alleluia!



On April 23, we will celebrate the connections that are created when Christians pray for one another. All during Lent, volunteers have been praying for a child or youth in our parish. These Prayer Partners will meet and get to know each other at a special celebration. **Our Lenten Prayer Partners Celebration** takes place over lunch immediately following the 10:30 service on that day.

Also on April 23, we will celebrate the return of a beloved parish tradition, **A Proper English Tea! At 3:00**, the Parish Hall doors will open to ticket holders to enjoy a lavish and lovingly prepared English tea to benefit the St. Paul's Restoration Project. Tickets will be available after church services, in the church office, or may be reserved by calling Betty Snowden or Eunice Waddington.

The last Sunday of April will be a **Canterbury Sunday**, in which we celebrate our ministry with students, with a special recognition of our graduating Canterbears at the 10:30 service. That evening we will host a special Canterbury Supper to celebrate the 2022-2023 school year.

On May 21, we will **celebrate our young members who will graduate this year**—either from high school or college. Please let Jerae know if your young person is graduating this year so that he or she can be included in the recognition. We will also have a **Food Truck Family Fun time after the 10:30 service**.

Also on May 21, the Holy Trinity Chancel Choir will present a service of **Evensong at 5:00** at St. Paul's in honor of the Sunday after the Ascension. The occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days (Acts 1:1-11, Mk 16:19). The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God. The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds.

Finally, on May 28, we celebrate the **Feast of Pentecost**. Pentecost means "the fiftieth day." The New Testament refers to Pentecost as the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. In recent years, we have celebrated Pentecost by visiting our mother church, St. Paul's, for the 10:30 service, followed by a picnic in the churchyard.

Outreach Update



Inside Outreach

'Voices From Parish Projects'

SAVE THE DATE—Thursday Evening, April 20, 2023

**In Memory of our Upstate Saints of Haiti Mission Gillaine
Warne, Beth Kunkel, Jackie Williams**

Holy Trinity Clemson Outreach Committee and the Clemson Engineers for Developing Communities (CEDC) cordially invite you to join us for a delicious gourmet flounder dinner to be served in our parish hall at 6:30PM. This dinner will be lovingly prepared by our own Don Campbell with assistance from CEDC students and Holy Trinity members and will be elegantly served by our CEDC wait staff.

Following the dinner there will be a short presentation by the CEDC students and Reginald Cean, Haitian director of Partners in Agriculture and our Vocational School (CFFL) in the Central Plateau of Haiti. We will be introducing an EDUSC diocesan sponsored project to develop local production of tilapia fish food to supply the growing number of tilapia farms on Lake Peligre. This is a very exciting initiative to allow production of fish food using locally produced agricultural products as opposed to importing the fish food at considerably higher cost. More tilapia production provides a heart healthy protein source to a food insecure region of rural Haiti. A true WIN-WIN!

Tickets to the dinner will be limited to the first 200 subscribers at \$30 per ticket minimum. As much as we enjoy your company, this event is a fundraiser to support the diocesan effort to raise \$50,000 to get this project off the ground. We would welcome any donation you would be willing and able to make above this \$30 amount.

To reserve your spot and/or make a donation, visit the Holy Trinity Website donation link:



Holy Trinity Clemson
<https://www.holytrinityclemson.org>

And proceed to on-line giving for: Haiti Outreach Dinner or mail your check directly to:

Holy Trinity Parish, 193 Old Greenville Highway, Clemson, SC 29631. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Parish with "Haitian Outreach Dinner" in the memo line. ***Please indicate the number of spots you wish to reserve.***

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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The SAME*Garden

"I grew up on a 2 1/2 acre pig farm," says new SAME garden manager Michael Diemer. "My father said to me, 'There's seven of us at this table that we need to feed and you're gonna have to learn about gardens. Planning, seeds, planting and harvesting.' So, I became the farmer who fed our family. "

"I don't see myself volunteering for a Haiti work trip, but I *can* see myself here in the SAME garden. It's something I can do to help others." That's because the garden's work is to provide healthy fresh produce for those in our community whose resources don't always allow for enough. We partner with Clemson Community Care (CCC) to help do it.

When garden founder, Beth Kunkel died suddenly in November, Michael bravely stepped up to fill in. He'd only been to the garden once. He hopes other parishioners might do the same. There are many ways to help out. "There are 3-4 gardens/year, including one in winter, dictating the cycle of helpers needed and tasks: carpentry (building raised beds), hauling, extra hands at harvesting times. He even sends out weekly 'what's up' emails before Tuesdays so you know if there's a way to pitch in to help.

The raised bed garden is in Trinity Place where there are newly constructed ones for luscious strawberries. Another area has just been designated for a small greenhouse where the gardeners hope to seed their own plants. The main focus in raised bed gardening is choosing plant varieties that are *compact but high volume producers*. Michael wisely asked the CCC staff, "What do *clients* ask for?"

The response? It's Clemson okra, collards and 'candy roaster' squash. Each of these much-loved squash plants puts out 52 lbs./season! Then there's the small but mighty musk melon plant that produces 12 super sweet fruits. "We're planting 6 of these, so... 144lbs.?" Wow!

Volunteer Anne Bryan says, "I was never a gardener, but I *am* a worker bee. Especially if it's beneficial to others. I just responded to Suz's Sunday call for garden volunteers, and it's been fascinating: thrashing benne seeds, harvesting peanuts and heirloom seed discoveries. Beth wanted us to experience the impact our produce donations could make by weighing and recording what we harvested before delivering to CCC."

"That was more than 300 lbs in 2022!" says our hands-on priest, Suz Cate whose 'happy place' is in the garden. When Michael asked her whether to go with 'quantity or exotic' in plant choices, Suz's resounding reply was: "Quantity!"

Like Anne, Rebecca Eidson had no gardening experience but thought it would be fun, with a purpose. She offers this invitation: "Just join us when you can! The importance of working side-by-side building community, continuing Beth's

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legacy and growing support for each other is another benefit of taking part." The gardeners' quiet and devoted care of Beth during her illness is a moving testament of that. Robbie Grider says, "Beth's love of community is the focus I am always aware of when working in the garden."

Beth first started a garden at HT in response to diabetic and hypertensive patients she saw for nutrition and dietary counseling at the Clemson Free Clinic. To improve their health they needed more affordable, fresh produce in their diets. Several young parishioners' families helped her build the garden and raise bags of fresh produce for Clinic patients every Wednesday night.

Dr. Harry Morse regularly tells his patients as they head out the Clinic door with their produce bags, "There are more health benefits from what's in that bag than all the drugs we have in our pharmacy!"

Beth and Harry's work in our Haiti mission pointed out the implications of health disparities in resource-poor settings. Beth's response was a result of recognizing neighbors of our own with the same problems.

That *is* the reason for the SAME garden's work: impacting the health and well-being among neighbors in our community, especially those who may suffer from or are at higher risk for debilitating diseases. That's the target for growing our veggies!

After all, we could be growing and donating donuts along with those 'candy roaster' squash!

To hear what the recipients have to say about these healthy garden gifts: stay tuned to find future **Tempo** dispatches on Outreach projects.

****So All May Eat***



Growing in Christ



Growing in Christ FAMILY MINISTRY



Holy Trinity family,

Our last couple of months at Holy Trinity have been exciting for our families, youth and entire parish. Our youth have been busy with their service projects. In January, they took funds they had raised from the spaghetti dinner, shopped for staple items and delivered to Clemson Community Care.

In February, they were able to visit Clemson Paw Partners. They learned about the work CPP does for our communities' animals and they helped clean and tidy up around the facility. They were even able to visit with a recently rescued puppy, Artemis.



Clemson Community Care project; our youth with Karen Carter, director at CCC.



Samuel, Graydon and Eric



Mims Catherine and Kathryn enjoying some "chill time"



Some of our amazing youth cleaning at CPP



Curtis getting some love from Miss Tink



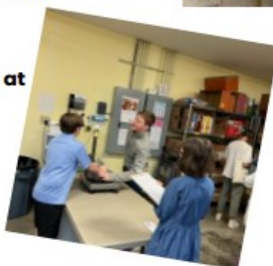
Lunch talk fun with Mr. Bill



Amelia, Sylvia and Alice with Ms. Margart and Artemis.



Sorting and weighing at CCC



We will continue to offer youth events once a month on designated Sundays immediately following the 10:30 service. While we enjoy lunch together, Bill P. and Mother Suz provide a brief lesson that links our activity biblically.

Coming up in March, we will go to Project Rock in Easley, this will be a fun day to reward them for all their hard work. We've invited our Canterbury students to join us!

In April we will have our "prayer partners' lunch. For May, we will have the parish wide food truck event and our youth will collect items for CCC.

Holy Trinity youth is on instagram! I am going to provide updates and add photos of their events. **Follow us at [htyouth_clemson](https://www.instagram.com/htyouth_clemson).**

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To kick off the season of Lent, we held a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. We had an amazing kitchen crew! Thank you to Cindy Thackham for organizing and prepping the food. Thank you to Will and Suz Cate, Cynthia Spejewski, Mel Harriss, Ted and Ellen Haase, Kathy Crouch, and Dorothy Meeks for cooking, being hands on help, donating prizes and calling bingo! A fun time was had by all and it would have not been possible without the help of everyone. We also held a "parents' night out" in February. We provided food and sitters and parents were able to enjoy a couple of hours to themselves. Thank you to our sitters who signed up and Lou Kay for volunteering.



Shrove Tuesday
Fun!

Happy Mardi Gras!

We continue to provide Sunday school for all ages each week. Numbers continue to be inconsistent on a weekly basis, I am hopeful that will continue to improve. I appreciate our youth who have stepped up to acolyte and serve on first Sundays.

We are in the midst of the Lenten season, Lenten activities were made available for everyone to take home. This year our Lenten giving will be donated to earthquake relief in Syria.

Children's church has returned. Each Sunday, except for first Sundays and Easter, children will have the opportunity during the service to dismiss to children's chapel.

Be on the lookout for all the upcoming Holy Week and Easter happenings. As always, check Holy Trinity's website for information, our calendar and more. Mark you calendars for May 7, we will hold a parish wide baby shower and welcome for Lori Graham and Anna Crouch.

Please lift in prayer our high school and college seniors who are approaching upcoming graduations and decisions they may be facing in the coming months.

Peace,
Jerae



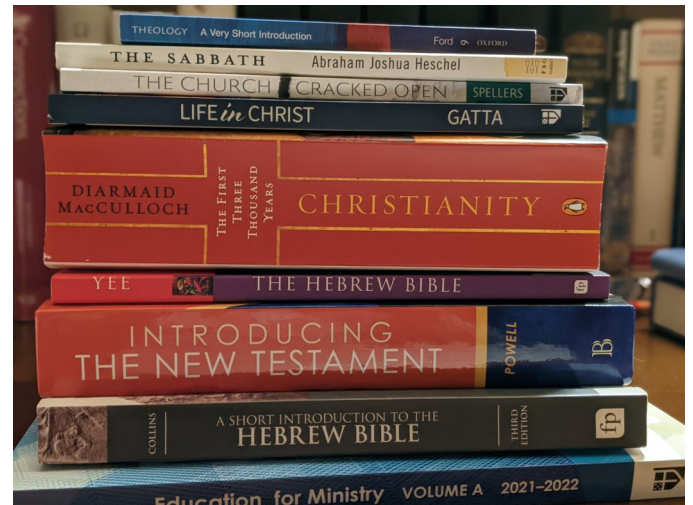
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Education for Ministry is Forming for 2023-24

Education for Ministry (EfM), offered through the Theology program of the University of the South, is a small group program for adults who desire a deeper knowledge of scripture, church history, and theology. Groups are comprised of six to twelve adults, led by a mentor or two who guide and administer the group. Holy Trinity's EfM group meets on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and we roughly follow the Clemson University class calendar from late August to early May. Our group meets by Zoom.

The weekly group meeting consists of prayer, discussion of the week's reading materials for each year and theological reflection. EfM is designed to deepen the participant's spiritual life through theological reflection, to help participants discern their ministry in daily life, and develop an informed and knowledgeable laity. Theological reflection is the core of EfM. EfM is open to non-Episcopalians but it is an Episcopal theology program.



The participant fee for the 2023-24 session cost is \$325 plus \$50-\$75 for books. Scholarships are available. If you are new to EfM, year 1 is for you, and if you've completed some part of EfM previously, you can pick up after the last year completed and continue with our group.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact the EfM mentors, Jim Beddow (jim@naryatrace.com, 770-605-0954) or Anna McKenna (amckenna@me.com, 320-761-0678).

Adult Christian Formation

ONGOING ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS



Sunday Morning Bible Fellowship

Sundays at 9:30-10:15 in the Tom Davis Library. Ellen Haase leads discussion on the readings set for each Sunday. The conversation is lively and informal, connecting the Bible readings to our daily lives.. Bring a cup of coffee over from the Parish Hall and join in.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 11:00 on Zoom. Mtr. Suz leads a deep-dive discussion on each of the readings for the following Sunday. This “Reflectionary” study is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible in a relaxed setting. Zoom link provided in each week’s HT Notes.

Men’s Book Group Returns

The Men’s Book Group returns! The first meeting will be Saturday, April 15th at 9 am in the Canterbury Center. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Regular meeting times and places will be discussed. Readings typically have theological content but virtually always have implications for the place of belief systems (religious or other ideologies) in history and society. The selection for this session, rather than a full book, will be an essay from the NY Review of Books about Christian Nationalism entitled “Victimhood and Vengeance” by Linda Greenhouse. If you are interested in joining, please contact Hap Wheeler (wheeler@clemson.edu; 864-506-6518). and he will email you a scan of the essay. There is no obligation to do the reading, as all are welcome!

Episcopal Church Women Happenings

Who belongs to ECW? Why, any woman who is part of an Episcopal Church belongs to ECW! ECW exists to provide worship, formation, fellowship, and service opportunities for women in the Episcopal Church.

SAVE THE DATE for *"The Way of Prayer,"* our Holy Trinity ECW Women's Annual Retreat Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13, 2023 at Camp Fellowship on the shores of Lake Greenwood. Join the women of Holy Trinity for a weekend of prayer, fellowship and sunshine! Registration opens May 1, be on the lookout for more information and registration forms. For more information, please contact Nanine Hartzenbusch Fox at naninephoto@gmail.com.

Spring Flowers for Sale

EDS is selling beautiful spring flowers in pots from Roebuck Greenhouse. Orders must be received by Thursday, April 6, 2023. Pots will be available for pick-up from EDS on April 19th after 12:00 PM. Click [here](#) for an order form.



Pastoral Care Request

When our Holy Trinity parishioners have surgery, are homebound with an illness, are taking care of parents or other loved ones, or have experienced a death in the family, Pastoral Care can offer support by delivering meals. Parishioners have been generous in the past in preparing meals to keep in the church freezer to be used as parish needs arose. Currently, our freezer is bare. We welcome help in replenishing the supply of meals in the freezer from anyone wishing to serve in this ministry. Meals should be for two or more, labeled with the ingredients and date prepared, and placed in the church freezer on a shelf labeled Pastoral Care. Thanks for all you are doing! - Robbie Grider (704)-516-8138.

PROPER ENGLISH TEA

Sunday April 23, 2023

3 to 5 PM

at Holy Trinity.

This special event will benefit the St. Paul's Renovation/Painting Fund. Hosted by two of our very own parishioners who hail from across the pond: **Paul Thackham**, who is known for brewing the most exquisite tea in the American Colonies, and **Eunice Waddington**, who will prepare her famous homemade scones, jam, and whipped cream. A team of home-grown American Patriots will assist and provide other delicious delicacies for your enjoyment. You will also enjoy music and an oral history of St. Paul's presented by **Joe Merck**.

Please plan to attend and invite your friends! Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased after the 8:00 and 10:30 services beginning March 26, or contact **Eunice Waddington** (864-263-7053) or **Betty Snowden** (864-653-6709) to make a reservation.

For those less familiar, St. Paul's Church in Pendleton, often referred to as our "mother" church, is an important part of our parish life, ministry, and outreach to the community. The church is 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.



Learning Opportunities in the Community

EDUSC Haiti Symposium

Join us at Christ Church, Greenville (10 N Church Street), on April 22 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. for the 2023 EDUSC Haiti Symposium, recognizing and honoring our more than 40-year partnership in the country. We especially want to invite those who have been to Haiti on mission trips and those interested in learning more about the mission work. Speakers will include friends from Haiti, students from Clemson University, and others around EDUSC.

Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and explore the many dimensions of our work in Cange, including literacy, agriculture, medicine, spiritual life, and economic development. Guests from Haiti will be present. A continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included in the \$20 registration fee.

Mental Health First Aid at Pendleton First Baptist April 22:

<https://fbcpendleton.org/mental-health-first-aid/>

Mental illness, substance use, and suicide impact our community, our families, and our friends. Help is often as close as someone starting a conversation. Learn about starting that conversation by taking a **Mental Health First Aid** course, offered at FBCP on **Saturday, April 22** from **9 am – 3 pm**, led by **Ted Thomas**. The cost is only **\$25 per participant** and includes lunch. This course is designed to equip non-professionals to have conversations with friends and family about mental health challenges. No previous experience or training is required. Start the registration process online using the link below. You can pay for the course during the registration process, or bring a check payable to “First Baptist Church of Pendleton” on the day of the course.

Unity in the Community

Every year, local churches and businesses come together to celebrate ministry through Word*Music*Fellowship. This year, there are two such celebrations planned: one in Pendleton at Veteran’s Park on April 15 from 10 am-2 pm, and another in Central at Bolick Field on May 13 from 10 am-2 pm. Both events will feature speakers, song, dance, family fun, games, and food. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for local food banks. Contact Elder Joe Moss at 864-633-8975 for more information. Rain dates TBD.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays:

1 – Ellen Redd
1 – Christopher Burch
2 – Tori Hurst
3 – Kathy Russell
5 – Beth Newton
5 – Sarah Maiberger
6 – Eleanor Hare
6 – Jean Jordan
6 – Carolyn Foster
6 – Sophia Burch
7 – Mary Jeffers
8 – Leon Luszc
9 – Amy Agosti
9 – Kevin Crouse
9 – Jack Purkerson
10 – Joy duBois
10 – Riley Stokes
10 – Rachel Maiberger
11 – Nancy Georgion
13 – Libby Wehrman
14 – John Garrett
14 – Tom Witmer
15 – Ned Mayo
16 – Kathy Sparks
16 – Michael Mobbs
17 – Henry Pate
19 – Don Garrett
20 – Will Purkerson
25 – Chip Stapleton
27 – Gaines Robb
30 – Campbell Joy Smith
30 – Wright Henry III

April Anniversaries:

1 – Dot & Bill Teske
3 – Gerry & Cynthia Spejewski
13 – Trey & Catherine Cox

May Birthdays:

1 – Thames Stokes
1 – Larry Bowman
1 – Frances Wales
3 – Cynthia Spejewski
3 – Rebecca Bowman
6 – William (Wes) McMullan
8 – Lawrence Gaulin
10 – Kenneth Mobbs
10 – Julie Morse
10 – David Vaughn
11 – Maggie Graham
12 – Jennifer Ellison
12 – Michele Cauley
16 – Glen Quattlebaum
17 – Elizabeth Cox
17 – Phil Maiberger
18 – Carol Luke
18 – Scooty Burch
21 – Bill McDaniel III
23 – Lynn Luszc
24 – Rachel Rowe
25 – Martha Green
25 – Catherine Cox
27 – Mel O'Day
28 – Keane De los Santos
28 – Ashley Crouse
29 – Adam Wheeler
31 – Mims Catherine McTigue

May Anniversaries:

5 – Will & The Rev. Suz Cate
7 – Jack & Anna McKenna
8 – Henry & Nancy Pate
14 – Will & Rachel Mayo
14 – Judy & James Eidson
17 – Don & Cathy Garrett
23 – Brett & Tenley Murphy
31 – Happy & Carolyn Wheeler