

August-September 2023



Keeping the Faith—The Harvest is Plentiful

Jesus said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest." – Matthew 9:37-38

Beloved in Christ,

Over the next few weeks, students, faculty, and staff will be returning to the classrooms and hallways of schools and universities. This is our cue at Holy Trinity to gear up and get ready for the program year. There is much good and fruitful work to be done in all areas of Parish Life. Sunday School classes for all ages, Children's Church, Canterbury of Clemson will all begin again in a very short time. Opportunities to gather around food and to contribute time and money to helping our neighbors in need will become abundant as we move into the early months of Fall. And let's not forget Football Parking on game days, which contributes close to \$80,000 to our bottom line, covering the mortgage payments on Trinity Place.

In addition to these programmatic activities, there are many others that are always ongoing in a busy congregation like ours: worship, pastoral care, grounds-keeping and gardening, administration and planning. Holy Trinity is not a simple parish church. In addition to the usual ministries one finds at Episcopal churches, we manage and support four additional major areas of ministry on two separate properties—Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, Canterbury of Clemson, St. Paul's Church and Churchyard, and the St. Paul's Thrift Shop. Not counting the Episcopal Day School, the paid staff supporting all this activity consists of one full-time priest, one full-time Office Administrator, a part-time Finance Administrator, a part-time Family Ministry Coordinator, two part-time Music Ministers, and a part-time Sexton, whose time and efforts are shared with the school.

Leadership Communication

Our Vestry members have done a tremendous job of stepping up and helping out in all areas of ministry. They need your help to support the many good activities that have been planned to provide beautiful and life-giving worship services, times for gathering with church friends for fun, food and learning, and opportunities to help our neighbors in need.

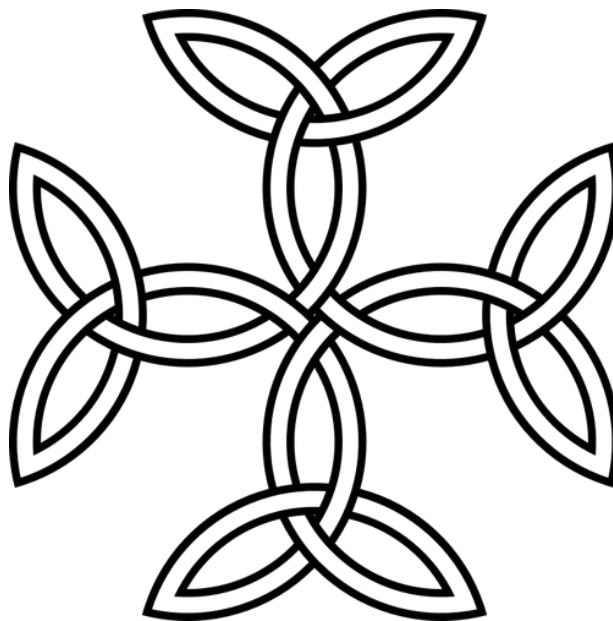
To be frank—the church needs volunteers, and lots of them, to keep up with the work of the harvest. If you name any area of ministry in this church, I guarantee you that I have heard these words from someone involved: “We need more help!” My friend, we need you. We need you to sign up to bring lemonade and cookies to serve after the 10:30 service—just once would be great, a couple of times would be marvelous. We need you to call Jerae Wallace, our Family Ministry Coordinator and say, “I could cover a Sunday in the nursery during the summer.” We need you to say yes when an Altar Guild member asks you to help them set up for a service or clean up afterwards to see if you would be interested in working behind the scenes with this vital ministry. We need you.

And I believe you need Holy Trinity. This parish church nurtures people of all ages and stages of life, sharing the Good News of God’s love in thought, word, and deed. We are here for you when you need comfort and care, or when you need to be with other people whose joy is to love and serve the Lord. God provides the grace; we provide the space and companions to lean on as you grow in Christ.

I’m praying to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. I’m hoping that you will say yes when the Spirit taps you on the shoulder.

Much love,

Suz+



Senior Warden's Report – Vestry Update – August 2023

“Where would I be if it wasn't for the love of God

Hallelujah for the Love of God! ”

by Andrew Ripp – *“For the Love of God”*

The lyrics of “For the Love of God” have been speaking to me lately. God has richly blessed my life, and I cannot imagine where I would be if it wasn't for the love of God. The dedicated work of your Vestry in service to Holy Trinity reflects the amazing love of God in our parish. Here are some of the highlights of God's love at work through your Vestry in the past few months.

Neighborhood Groups Reboot 2023. Jan Crib, Hap Wheeler, and Jean Ellen Zavertnik are working through the logistics of restarting Neighborhood Group gatherings in the fall. Thanks especially to Hap and Carolyn Wheeler for holding a successful trial gathering. If you are interested in being a Neighborhood Group leader, please let Jan or me know.

Growing Membership and Engagement. The Vestry makes steady progress on the goals set during the Mutual Ministry Study including enhancing our Holy Trinity Communications, making Vestry meetings more accessible, finding ways to improve engagement, growing membership, and exploring new ideas for family friendly worship.

Beth Kunkel Estate. With guidance from the Finance Committee, a subcommittee of the Vestry made recommendations for the use of the incredibly generous gift from Beth Kunkel based on what they felt Beth would want. As reported in the Treasurer's report, Beth Kunkel is doing a happy dance in heaven knowing that much of her gift has gone to dramatically reduce the Trinity Place loan. Thanks be to God and Beth's love of Holy Trinity.

Vestry Discernment and Transition. The MMS identified a need to update Holy Trinity's Vestry recruitment, discernment, and transition process. The updates include providing more information about the vital work of the Vestry through discernment sessions, starting voting earlier to allow a longer transition and developing a Holy Trinity Vestry Handbook to share knowledge with the next Vestry class.

Outreach. The Vestry approved requests from Outreach Ministry for expenditures from designated funds for Haiti University Students and for Haiti Bois Joli Teachers Adopt a Village commitments. Outreach Ministry provided details of the vital mission in this month's Tempo update.

Parish-wide Survey. The Vestry commissioned a committee to develop and complete a Parish-wide Survey. Hap Wheeler leads the survey committee including Andrew Baker, Kathy Crouse, and Mel Harris. The goal of the Survey is to gather your thoughts and opinions to guide the Vestry's strategic planning for Holy Trinity.

The Vestry approved a new Alcohol Use Policy in line with the Diocese recommendations. The Vestry also approved St. Paul's Churchyard Guidelines. The details of these can be found in the June 2023 Vestry meeting minutes that will be posted to the Holy Trinity website.

Each Vestry member continues their dedicated, faithful, loving service to Holy Trinity in so many ways: Canterbury, Fellowship, Football Parking, Outreach, Family Ministry, Christian Formation, EDS, Worship Support, Pastoral Care, St. Paul's, Stewardship, Communications, and Clerk. Thank you to the many parishioners that support Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. Keep us all in your prayers as we follow God's call of service to Holy Trinity and our community.

Next Vestry Meeting is 20 August 2023 at 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 AM service with Zoom option available. All are welcome to attend. The Zoom link will be provided in the preceding week's ***HT Notes***.

Your humble servant and Senior Warden,
Ellen Haase

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Stewardship

Our Parish Family

by Jim Reed



The Parish Family, of course, is composed of multiple generations, from infants to grandparents and beyond. Essential to the long-term life of the Parish Family is the basic family household of children, parents, and sometimes, grandparents. This is the group where the “water meets the wheel” in long term Christian growth. The nurturing of the children in their Faith, from Infant Baptism on, is the link in the chain of Christianity that

must be sustained. It is the duty, not only of parents and Godparents, but of the entire Parish Family to support families’ growth in Christian faith.

That support takes more than kind words. To make an impact in their young lives, our children need to see the positive difference that Christian Faith makes in the lives of their forbears. Seeing the Holy Spirit in action in the life of the Parish, and individuals, plants the seed to develop in our children’s growing hearts. Holy Trinity programs recognize this need and are designed to support it, but more is needed, in volunteers and staff. Specifically, an Assistant Priest or Minister to support campus ministry and Canterbury.

The needs of the students right across Old Greenville Hwy are greater than ever. Clemson University is a mission field like no other, and the reason why Holy Trinity was founded. The youth of Canterbury age are at a critical junction in their lives, having to choose a career. Some, perhaps, are dealing with a calling from the Holy Spirit for Full-time Christian Service. Others are struggling with anxiety, addiction, and loneliness needing a safe place to find friends and support.



What principle in the Parish Family makes or breaks this mission, and others? STEWARDSHIP of God’s generous blessings to us. Our 2023 Pledges did not meet Holy Trinity’s plans and needs for the year. Stewardship shows our youth that we are seriously dedicated to the mission God has set before us. As parishioners, where does support of the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity rank in our hierarchy of values? The percentage of time and income we commit to the Parish is a measure of the depth of our Faith. As we approach initiation of our 2024 Stewardship Drive, please be in thought and prayer for how you will answer God’s call for 2024.

Malczewski, Jacek, 1854-1929. Praying Man, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59723> [retrieved July 18, 2023]. Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jacek_Malczewski_-_Praying_man_-_MP_1906_MNW_-_National_Museum_in_Warsaw.jpg.

May/June 2023 Tempo Financial Report
Bob Taylor, Treasurer

Plate offerings through the first 6 months of the year are \$19,144.02 above budget, while pledge offerings lag behind budget by \$11,055.10 on June 30th. Consequently, total income through June 30th is a little over nine thousand dollars above budget.

June 30, 2023 Finances	June Actual	June Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budgeted Year to Date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$9,147.70	\$4,708.00	\$47,392.02	\$28,248.00	\$19,144.02
Pledge Offerings	\$54,807.70	\$34,167.00	\$193,946.90	\$205,002.00	(\$11,055.10)
Total Income	\$63,955.40	\$38,875.00	\$242,381.42	\$233,250.00	\$9,131.42
Expenses	\$31,762.18	\$38,875.00	\$177,727.33*	\$219,090.00	(\$40,922.52)*

* **Special Note:** Insurance checks for December's water damages from the frozen/burst pipes in the Parish and the electrical issues were entered as negative expenses. A payment for flooring in the Parish Hall still needs to be made with respect to the repairs.

The planned expense of \$25,000 for Parish Hall flooring will bring the total expenses for the year closer to the budget. All repairs of damaged equipment associated with the December electrical issues and the frozen/burst pipe in the Parish Hall have been completed, and insurance reimbursements almost totally covered the costs of repairs/improvements.

Beth Kunkel bequeathed her home at 111 Hillcrest Ave to Holy Trinity. In June, the Vestry voted to make a principal-only payment of \$500,000 on the Trinity Place loan from the sale of the property. One of Beth's passions was paying off the Trinity Place loan as soon as possible. This very gracious gift from Beth reduced the payoff date of the loan by almost 7 years and saved Holy Trinity considerable interest over the remaining years of the loan. Consequently, the loan was reduced from 1.25 million to less than ¾ million. Parking revenues and Doors gifts continue to be sufficient to make the required monthly payments and an occasional additional principal-only payment, thus continuing to shorten the loan payoff date and saving interest (no operating funds are used for Trinity Loan payments).

Trinity Place Loan Balance as of January 1, 2023: \$1,292,524.30

Trinity Place Loan Balance as of June 30, 2023: \$739,298.40

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. Amen.

New Security System for the Parish House and Episcopal Day School



Starting the week of August 7th a new security system will be in place for the Parish House, weekdays from 7 am to 6 pm when school is in session. This system is being implemented to better protect the children and staff of the EDS and is in keeping with nation-wide school norms and parental expectations.

During these hours no one will be able to use the standard key to enter the side entrance to the Parish House, as a FOB access only magnetic lock will be activated. If you need to gain access simply push the intercom button on the wall to communicate with a staff member of the EDS. After 6 pm on weekdays and on weekends, the system will be inactivated, and the standard key can be used. As usual, accommodations will be made for any special parish weekday events.

In addition, during these same weekday hours, access to the first floor by the elevator or the doors at either end of the hall will be blocked. Also, please be aware that additional recording cameras have been installed in the classrooms, stairwells, parish hall playground and hallways. These will help us identify any unwanted activity in real time and provide a record for future review if needed.

We recognize that with any change of procedure comes some potential inconveniences. We hope to keep these to a minimum and ask for the forbearance of the parish as we make this essential transition.— **Hap Wheeler for the EDS Board**

Liturgical Notes for Late Summer

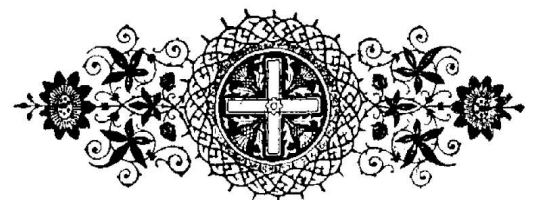
Transfiguration, Episcopal Visitation, Sunday Evening Service

The first Sunday in August is the Feast of the Transfiguration, which is a Feast of Our Lord in the Church. Because it falls on a Sunday this year, it takes precedence over the usual, seasonal celebration of a Sunday in the Season after Pentecost. You may remember that we read Matthew's version of the Transfiguration story on the last Sunday after the Epiphany, where the story serves as a hinge leading us into Lent each year. On August 6, we celebrate this Feast with full attention given to the glory and beauty of the Lord of Creation. There will not be a Children's Service on this day (we will have a Children's Service the Sunday prior, with the blessing of backpacks).



On the last Sunday in August, Bishop Daniel Richards will visit Holy Trinity for the first time ever. Bishop Daniel will preach and celebrate at both services and will teach on discipleship over breakfast. We have four adults who will be Received into The Episcopal Church and one who will be Confirmed. We will celebrate with them at a reception following the 10:30 service. Please join us for that celebration!

On Sunday, September 10, we will begin a new service at Holy Trinity. Each Sunday at 5:00 pm, we will have a service in the Nave. On the first Sunday of each month, this service will be Evening Prayer, led by Canterbury students when school is in session. On the other Sundays, the service will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist, in a relaxed style. This service is designed to be no more than 30-40 minutes, with fewer readings and a brief homily. Canterbury students will help plan and lead our worship. We will use this time to experiment with different types of music and worship styles.



Don't worry about dressing up—this is comfy church!



SEEKING SINGERS....COME JOIN US!!

The Chancel Choir is recruiting new members for our new season beginning in August. We are a friendly group that enjoys learning together and takes pride in providing a music ministry for Holy Trinity. Drop by for a visit anytime; sing with us for the season or the whole year. There is no cost to participate and no experience is required. Minimum age requirement is 16. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will resume on August 9th.

“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.” Psalm 100:2

For more information, please contact Rebecca Bowman: 864.506.2382



The Children's Choir will resume rehearsals in the children's choir room on the second floor of the Day School building on Wednesday, August 9, following the schedule below:

Grades 4K, 5K, and 1 st grade	-	4:40-4:55 p.m.
Grades 2 – 4	-	5:00-5:15 p.m.
Grades 5 – 7	-	5:20-5:40 p.m.

With a few exceptions, the children sing on the first Sunday of the month. The schedule from Labor Day weekend through Christmas is:

- Sunday, September 3 - Children in grades 2-7 (no robes)
- Sunday, October 8 - ALL children (Day School Sunday)
- Sunday, October 29 - Children in grades 2-7 (Blessing of costumes) Children may wear their Halloween costumes instead of robes.
- Sunday, December 3 - Children in grades 2-7
- Sunday, December 17 - ALL children for Lessons & Carols at St. Paul's in Pendleton
- Sunday, December 24 - ALL children for Christmas Family Service at 4:00 p.m.

All children are welcome to join the choir. Please contact Cynthia Spejewski at cspejewski@gmail.com or call her at 864-650-8480.



COME AND SEE

Welcome to The Paul's Thrift Shop, where bargains abide in every corner and joy is shared by all who enter. In other words, please visit this little place located beside historic St. Paul's Church in Pendleton. When you do, you will discover why the volunteers stay and why the customers keep coming to "Belks South" to meet their neighbors, share their stories with all, and find

bargains too. The thrift shop was begun by the Episcopal Church Women in 1978 and formally opened in 1979. Key people were Mary Anna Garren, Louis Nicholson and Mary Kilby. By 1980 it was self sustaining. The mission was to raise scholarship funds for the children of York Place, the St. Paul's fund, and to the community at large, especially if someone had

lost a home to fire or were in great need. Today, the Thrift Shop continues with the mission of supporting St. Paul's Church and serving local people. In 2022, \$10,000, was donated to the St. Paul's renovation fund, \$3,000 to Clemson Community Care, and \$3,000 to Ripple of One. The shop flourishes with a life of its own and importantly, the service of 44 hearty, able and willing



volunteers. Inside, you will find clothing for all sizes, ages, and needs, and shoes, dishes, greeting cards, kitchen items, books, jewelry, puzzles and more. Money raised continues to be donated locally, within Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties, and to support St. Paul's Church. This community mission and outreach is only possible because of YOU, our donors and our volunteers.

THANK YOU.

We reopen, after a 2 month summer break, on Thursday September 7th. The hours are: Mondays and Thursdays 10AM-3PM, and the third Saturday from 10AM -1PM.

COME AND SEE.

Judy Surak, Chair 864-933-5205 judysurak@yahoo.com





Haiti Outreach Dinner

Saturday, September 30, 2023

6 PM in the Parish Hall

Holy Trinity Outreach is planning a special evening in support of an exciting new diocesan-sponsored project in conjunction with our Clemson student partners, the Clemson Engineers for Developing Communities (CEDC). This dinner and fundraiser event will feature an informative presentation by Clemson faculty and parishioner David Vaughn and the CEDC students' new project initiative for Haiti.



The Clemson students, working with Haitian partners, are developing a system for locally producing a tilapia fish food to supply the Haiti's growing number of tilapia fish farms on Lake Peligre, which is in the Central Plateau of Haiti where our 40 year missions are located. Click [here](#) for a history or scan the QR code on the right side of the page with your phone.



This project would make possible the local production of fish food using locally produced agricultural products as opposed to importing the fish food made in the U.S. at considerably higher cost. The goal: more cost-effective tilapia production provides a heart-healthy protein source to a food-insecure region of rural Haiti. A mission with many benefits!

The dinner, prepared by beloved chef and parishioner Don Campbell with assistance from CEDC students and Holy Trinity members, will feature flounder (fish food, of course!) and will be served by the CEDC students.



Tickets for the dinner are now being sold at \$30 each. For Holy Trinity's part in the diocese's effort to raise \$50,000 for the Haiti fish food project, we welcome any donation you would be willing and able to make above this amount.

To reserve your ticket and/or make a donation, visit the Holy Trinity Website by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code below.

Proceed to secure on-line giving for: Haiti Outreach Dinner

Please indicate the number of tickets requested (if any) and your mailing address, **or** mail your check directly to:

Holy Trinity Parish
193 Old Greenville Highway
Clemson, SC 29631.



Checks should be made payable to **Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish** with "Haiti Outreach Dinner" in the memo line along with the number of dinner tickets desired (if any).

Please RSVP now and no later than Monday, September 25th !

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Growing in Christ

Growing in Christ FAMILY MINISTRY



**Mims Catherine and Kathryn
all smiles!**



Sunday fellowship lunch



Dinner fun

Holy Trinity Families,

We continue to be involved with our families, children and youth during our summer months. Our youth are able to join us each week for "Wild Wednesdays". Holy Trinity's youth meet for dinner every Wednesday before we join up with fellow churches for an hour of games and fellowship. We end each night with a group prayer, where kids are encouraged to make prayer requests. It is a great way for the youth of our community to come together. Our last "Wild Wednesday" for this season will be July 26.



Wild Wednesday gaga ball



Holy Trinity youth are in it to win it!



It's not summer without a 73 Ice Cream visit



Ending prayer circle



Always great to meet up with friends



Slip-N-Slide Races!!



Water balloon relay

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Growing in Christ

FAMILY MINISTRY

July 5, we took "Wild Wednesdays" on the road to Carowinds! We had an awesome day of adventure and fun. Ashley Crouse and Greyson Tindal were two of the best chaperone helpers! It is always nice to have our young adults pitch in and help, as they make excellent role models and mentors. We used our car ride time to make plans for our upcoming program season. Our youth have some excellent ideas and goals for what they are looking for in their church home. We have amazing kids at HT.



"Rockin Roller" selfie fun



Ashley and Amelia about to take flight!



Before embarking on "After Burn"



Two Thumbs up for Carowinds!



Our Carowinds crew
(not pictured, Craig Wallace)



Can't resist a picture with Snoopy

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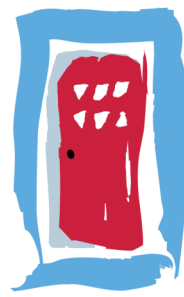
We continued to have Children's services once a month for June and July, it is always so wonderful to see the children's interaction with Mother Suz. July 30 will be our "Backpack Blessing" during the 10:30am children's service, we encourage anyone returning to school to join us. After the service, we invite everyone for fellowship in the Parish Hall. We will have light refreshments and offer words of encouragement for a wonder school year.

We will resume our regular Sunday programs beginning on August 20. Our Family Ministry team met and finalized plans and ideas for our families, children and youth. Be on the lookout for upcoming communications regarding Sunday School and more. My goal is to establish consistency between our families and Holy Trinity. I continue to work on building our Family Ministry team. The Family Ministry team focuses on planning for our families, children and youth and making those plans come to fruition. We continue to need volunteers. Opportunities include chaperones, set up and clean up for events and Sunday help. Time commitment is flexible. If you would like to be involved in any aspect with Family Ministry, please let me know. Thank you to The Henrys and The Haases for your generous donations to the youth fund. The youth will have some fundraising opportunities this coming year. These funds will go towards diocesan events, fellowship, community service projects and more for our youth to participate in.

Peace,
Jerae



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Scotty Timms—Canterbury Peer Minister

Hello everyone! My name is Scotty, and I am the new Peer Minister for the Canterbury ministry! I am rising fourth-year student in Clemson, studying Civil Engineering and a director for the student-run, humanitarian organization Clemson Engineering for Developing Communities (CEDC). Faith wise, I am a new Episcopalian, having grown up in Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in Winnsboro, SC. I have a deep love of learning, and particularly enjoy researching trains, history, and theology. I also enjoy serving others, hanging out with my friends. The reason I joined and remained in the Canterbury and Holy Trinity communities is because they served as a refuge from life's difficulties and gave me an environment to grow and strengthen my faith. The reason I serve is to provide the same setting for others.

Adult Formation Fall 2023

Sunday Mornings

Lectionary Bible Study & Fellowship continues in the Tom Davis Library. Ellen Haase will lead the discussion each week, focusing on the appointed readings for the week. Come on across the hall after breakfast or grab a quick cup of coffee and join us for studying God's Word. This is a great drop-in opportunity!

Coffee Talk with the Rector (on the 4th Sunday of each month) especially recommended for newcomers to the parish. Come and join Mtr. Suz in the Parish Hall during Sunday School hour on the fourth Sunday of the month. It's a great opportunity to find out what Holy Trinity is all about. We might even take a tour of the church!

Short-burst Bible or Book Study is in the works. We would like to offer short-burst (2-6 weeks) studies of Scripture, spiritual disciplines, or other faith-related topics. We still need leaders for these, so if you have a passion for the Book of Ruth or for walking prayers or for icons or for...almost anything relating to growing in Christ, please contact Mtr. Suz to discuss leading a Short-burst Study.

Monday Evening

Education for Ministry has a long history at Holy Trinity. It is a serious commitment of time and money, and it is worth every bit of it! EfM is a unique certificate program of experiential theological education for laity under the direction of The School of Theology. EfM helps students encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.



An EFM group of six to 12 students with a trained mentor meet weekly for two and a half to three hours over the course of a nine-month academic year. The program takes four years to complete and is broken up into these courses of study:

- Year One: The Hebrew Bible
- Year Two: The New Testament
- Year Three: Church History
- Year Four: Theology, Ethics, Interfaith Encounter

There is currently one opening in the Holy Trinity EfM group. Please contact one of our Mentors, Anna McKenna amckenna@me.com or Jim Beddow jim@naryatrace.com for more information about joining this year's group, which will begin in August.

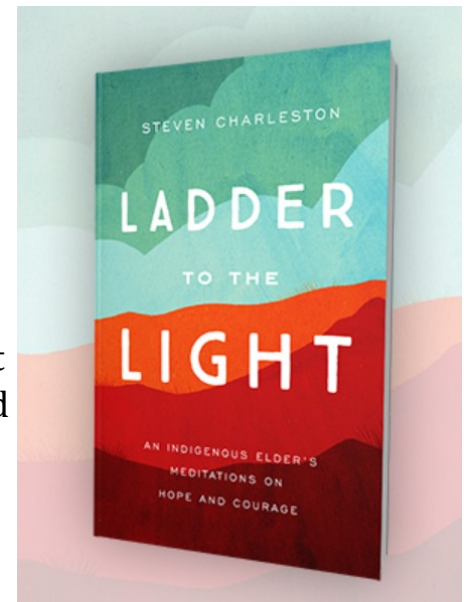
Tuesday Morning

Reflectionary Bible Study join Mtr. Suz and a faithful group of friends who gather by Zoom each Tuesday morning to hear and reflect on the readings appointed for the following Sunday. There is nothing to prepare, unless you want to take a look at the readings beforehand. We are all on a journey of discovery together. The link is provided in HT Notes each week.



Ladder to the Light, Inspiration in Dark Times

Steven Charleston is a member of the Choctaw Nation and former bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska. His simple, but profound reflections are shared by hundreds of people each day on Facebook and read by many thousands. He has collected many of these reflections and organized them thematically in his book, *Ladder to the Light: an Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage*. Charleston begins with a simple image drawn from Indigenous wisdom, an underground chamber, called a kiva. The only source of light in the kiva is the opening in the ceiling through which one enters and exits the chamber by way of a ladder. The rungs of the ladder represent the eight themes that Charleston guides the reader through by sharing his short messages from the Spirit and meditating on those messages. The eight rungs of the ladder are: Faith, Blessing, Hope, Community, Action, Truth, Renewal, and Transformation. The supports of the ladder are the Spirit's messages and Charleston's meditations. This book is both practical and profoundly moving. If you are looking for inspiration to keep you moving toward the light in even the darkest of times, then this book is a good place to start.



Prayer For Everyone

Prayer Changes Things

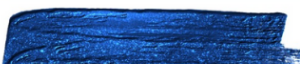
All Are Welcome.

Take and tie a ribbon.

Say a prayer or let your ribbon be the prayer...



People Who Labor In Service To Others



Teachers, Staff, And Students



Freedoms We Enjoy In Our Country



Our Neighbors In Need



Victims Of Violence And Abuse



HOLY TRINITY
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Visit our Prayer Fence

The next time you're at church, stop by Trinity Place and visit our Prayer Fence. Think of it as a kind of votive stand for the community. Everyone is invited to pray for one of the five needs listed above and to leave a physical symbol of their prayer in the form of a ribbon tied to the fence.

Look for the box of ribbons attached to the fence. Offer your prayer to God. Tie a ribbon to the fence.

God will hear your prayer. Your heart will be moved. The ribbons will invite all who pass by to wonder what it's all about. Who knows? Maybe they will be moved to pray, too.

Breakfast Anyone?

We are in search of friendly, smiling faces to help with breakfast preparation, serving and clean up one Sunday each month (or less frequently if we get enough volunteers). The time commitment is 7:30-10:15 AM each rotation and all food and training will be provided by the church. This is a ministry to the parish that fosters engagement and fellowship after the 8 AM service and before Sunday School. Families with young children can get out the door for church with one less task in the morning while our Canterbury students can enjoy a warm meal and have time to connect. If you have any talent in the kitchen, be it cooking, washing up or anything in between and you have time to help, please contact Cindy Thackham at 864-280-0539 or email cdjpt@att.net. Schedules will be created when we know how many volunteers we have. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration.



ECW Retreat - New Date -

March 1-3, 2024 Join us for our rescheduled ECW Annual Womens' Retreat, ***The Way of Prayer***, March 1-3, 2024 at Camp Fellowship on the shores of Lake Greenwood. Amy Sander Montanez, our retreat



Episcopal
Church Women



leader, will guide us as we learn about the different forms of prayer. Gather with the women of Holy Trinity for a weekend of prayer, fellowship and spring flowers! Reservations are now being accepted and forms may be obtained [here](#) or via the QR code provided. Space is limited and registrations will be accepted until the retreat fills up or by February 15, 2024. For more information, please

contact Nanine Hartzenbusch Fox at naninephoto@gmail.com



Holy Trinity Reusable Shopping Bags for Sale

Our ECW is currently selling red, reusable shopping bags with the church name and Episcopal shield printed on them. Bags are \$5 each and are available in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with ECW Red Bags noted in the memo.

Holy Trinity Bazaar & Artisan Market

Our 80th Annual Bazaar and Artisan Market is Coming! Mark Your Calendars!

Did you know that the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of Holy Trinity Parish started the bazaar some 80 years ago? Some of us older parishioners have taken part in nearly 50 of them, forming many friendships along the way, too. And did you know that every dollar that ECW makes from this event is donated to local charities in our three-county area, and that last year that sum was nearly \$9000? (See the list below.) Featuring the wares of talented artisans and gifted parish cooks and crafters, this is not your grandmother's church bazaar. (Well, for some of us it actually is...) This year's event will be held **Saturday, October 21 from 10 AM-2 PM**. We need many hands to cook, create crafts, contribute plants or cuttings as well as items for baskets and the silent auction; to set up; to work the day of the event; and to help with clean up afterwards. We are also currently accepting applications from artisan vendors, so if you know of someone whose work would be a good addition to bazaar offerings, please encourage them to contact us. If you want to contribute in any of these ways, the list of contacts follows. And, most importantly, we need people to **attend**! You will be sure to find a gift for someone or something for yourself, and we can almost guarantee you will enjoy your bazaar experience. So do plan to come, have lunch, enjoy the fellowship and support the local community at the same time!

Co-Chairs: Carolyn Wheeler - cslwheeler@hotmail.com; 864-723-1634
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Lunch: Bill Purkerson - BPurkerson69@gmail.com; 864-202-2094

Gift Baskets: Iris Reed - ibbrh@bellsouth.net; 864-650-6991

Crafts: Sally Morrell - sallym29631@gmail.com; 864-710-5264

Plants: Rachel Rowe - rrowe12@bellsouth.net; 864-710-3438
Margaret Nieman - mlsnieman@gmail.com; 207-350-2043

Prepared Foods (baked goods, jams, etc.): Michele Paoleschi - mpaol3234@gmail.com; 803-240-9594

Silent Auction: Judy Stech - judystech730@gmail.com; 770-851-2860
Mel Harriss - melharriss@bellsouth.net

Personalized Christmas Stockings: Amy Agosti - akagosti@yahoo.com; 864-650-3145

St. Paul's Thrift Shop: Judy Surak - judy-surak@yahoo.com; 864-933-5205

Artisan Vendors: Kathy Crouse - kcrouse98@bellsouth.net; 864-710-1726

Treasurer: Cindy Thackham - cdipt@att.net; 864-280-0539



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Women 2022 Bazaar Charities Supported

Shaw Center:	\$2,000.00
Ripple of One:	\$1,500.00
Clemson Community Care:	\$1,500.00
Family Promise:	\$1,000.00
Clean Start Anderson:	\$1,000.00
Golden Corner Food Pantry:	\$1,000.00
Pickens County Habitat:	\$927.59

TOTAL: \$8,927.59

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

August Birthdays:

2 – David Johnstone
2 – Judy Surak
3 – Robbie Hughes
5 – John Nieman
6 – Jane Hamilton
6 – Carl Redd
8 – Amelia Linvill
10 – David Robb
11 – Barbara Witmer
11 – Frank Johnson
11 – Libby Woodell
12 – Jack Davis
12 – David Harriss
14 – Bill Hurst
14 – Cindy Thackham
15 – Charles Curtis, Jr.
16 – Crawford Robb
16 – Sharon Lane
18 – Frecia Hepburn
18 – Serena DuBose
20 – Melanie Beddow
20 – Eric Crouse
24 – Nancy Pate
25 – Nanine Hartzenbusch Fox
25 – Louise Shipps
26 – Terri Mayberry
26 – Byron Harder
27 – Muriel Kaye
31 – Nigel Kaye

August Anniversaries:

1 – Carmen & Bill Purkerson
20 – Marjorie & Don Campbell
22 – Libby & Harold Woodell

September Birthdays:

2 – Kaleb Ellison
2 – John Warner
3 – Matt Huddleston
7 – Mason Johnstone
8 – Lori Graham
12 – Wendy Longo

15 – Flossie Ellison
15 – Jim Reed
16 – Hap Wheeler
17 – Laura Henry
18 – Mac McMullan
19 – Mel Harriss
22 – Jim Fairey
22 – Harold Woodell
22 – Chesley Rowe
25 – Henry Mayo
26 – Bob Green, Jr.
26 – Cara Robb
30 – Jude Cox

September Anniversaries:

3 – Kimberly & Matt Huddleston
10 – Cheryl & Jim DeSellier
17 – Charles & Anita Arms
23 – Pat & Anne Bryan
23 – Michele Paoleschi & Clem Watson
30 – Cariza & Christopher Burch

