

February—March 2024



Keeping the Faith

Enacting the Kingdom in Worship, Fellowship, and Formation

My Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, I asked the congregation gathered for worship on Sunday morning to take a moment to reflect on what their faith means to them and what brought them to church on that day. I got about seventy-five responses, all of which were quite touching. I read them through several times and prayed for each person who responded (most anonymously). I especially prayed for the one person who was brave enough to write that they felt that no one cared whether they were there or not. I typed out all the responses in order to create the word cloud that accompanies this letter. Notice that God is at the center of the graphic and most prominent. That was the work of the algorithm. I think it says a lot about Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity is a community of Christians gathered for communion and fellowship for the purpose of worshipping our Triune God, sharing the fellowship of the Apostles in breaking bread together, continuing to learn about God, and growing in our life in Christ. As Episcopalians, our understanding of these practices is centered in Baptism and Holy Eucharist. Baptism is the occasion for new members to be included in the fellowship established by the Apostles, and we are reminded of our own adoption into the household of God and of all the rights and responsibilities that come to us through our Baptism. Holy Eucharist is the practice of coming together week by week to be fed in body, mind, and spirit, nourished for the work of manifesting the realm of God's Way in our lives.

The eucharistic community—a community of generosity, peace, love, joy, kindness, gentleness, and self-control—is a fellowship in the deepest sense of that word. The fellowship of the Apostles is much more than breaking bread together. It is a profound sharing of life with others who follow Jesus. We share our hopes and dreams, our sorrows and burdens, our tears and our

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laughter. These are the elements of life together, shared in hopes of belonging to something greater than ourselves.

This kind of fellowship distinguishes between “frivolity and genuine fun, between hollow words and truth,” to quote a prayer I heard recently. This apostolic fellowship focuses on “what is good for **building others up** as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29). Friends, these practices strengthen us to live Christ-like in a world that is torn by strife and addicted to outrage. In these practices of Eucharistic worship and Apostolic fellowship, we prepare ourselves for the daily task of manifesting the realm of God’s Way—the Way of Love. We do this for ourselves and for each other, particularly for our children.

We have a responsibility for helping our families raise children within these practices of formation in the Way of Love. Jesus told his disciples to bring the children to him, “for to such as these belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14). Jesus admonished his disciples not to hinder the children, and within that admonishment I hear a further command to teach and raise them up for the Way of Love. This is the responsibility of the entire apostolic fellowship. Jerae Wallace and our Family Ministry Team are doing their part to provide ways for the children of our parish to grow in Christ. They need loving hearts and hands to help in that formation. Please read the Sunday School Volunteer description provided on page 16. You may be just the person we need to help our children grow into the fullness of their part in the apostolic fellowship. I warn you, though, these amazing youth and children will captivate your heart, and you will find yourself surrounded by love and laughter and a multitude of opportunities to learn from them about God’s Way of Love.

If you are ready for such joy, please contact our Parish Life Coordinator, Jerae Wallace. To find out more.

Much Love—Suz+



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Holy Trinity's Bimonthly Newsletter
February—March 2024

Visit our parish website [here](#) or via the QR code.



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM in the Nave: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM in the Nave and Livestreamed:
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00 PM in the Nave: Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Casual. First Sunday is Evening Prayer.)

5:00 PM at St. Paul's, Pendleton (First Sunday of the Month): Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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Senior Warden's Report – Vestry Update January / February 2024

Hallelujah! Amen!



What amazing things God has done through this parish over the past year! There is so much excitement for the future of Holy Trinity and the mission God has set for us as we look forward to 2024.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God! Statement of Mission Budget for 2024.

Thanks to everyone who pledged for 2024, the Vestry has approved a budget that looks a lot less austere including fully restoring our direct Outreach with an increase. Special thank you to our Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Financial Administrator, and Finance Committee for their work in preparing the 2024 Statement of Mission budgets for our Operating and Trinity Place budgets.

Planning for Recruiting An Assistant Rector.

As I reported in our last Tempo update, planning for calling an Assistant Rector remains one of the Vestry's top priorities. Although, there is still work to be done to secure financing for the position, the improvement in the budget along with the generosity of parishioners at year end have helped us feel that we are getting closer. Look for more information about this soon.

Thank you for saying "Yes". Your Vestry members devote amazing amounts of time and energy to supporting the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity. Their love of God and Holy Trinity shines through everything they do as a Vestry and beyond. The decision to say Yes when called to serve on the Vestry is both a commitment and a leap of faith. If you have not done so already, please take a moment to thank our new Vestry members and officers. Sr. Warden for 2024, **Mel Harriss**, has shown amazing leadership in her work on the Vestry and her involvement in several areas at Holy Trinity so she will naturally be a wonderful leader for our Vestry. **Chris Heerwagen** said he would be willing to help where needed including accepting the Jr. Warden position in his first year on the Vestry. **Martha Williams'** years of service in a variety of aspects of Holy Trinity life will bring a great perspective to the Vestry. Special thank you to **Charlie Curtis** for agreeing to continue serving on the Vestry after filling a one-year unexpired term.

Thank you for your years of service. Four people concluded their time on the Vestry this year and they deserve our thanks for their service. **Jan Cribb** shared her enthusiasm and joy in leading us back to in-person fellowship. **Jen Ellison** bravely accepted a nomination to the Vestry as a full-time working mom with two young children. Jen brought ministry to Football parking by being the face of Holy Trinity to those who spend their Saturdays tailgating at HT. **Bill Hurst** agreed to one more term as Jr. Warden even though he knew the challenges of the position. Bill oversaw the flood damage remediation, installation of the Nave HVAC units, start of the St. Paul's renovation on top of keeping everything running. **Harry Morse** inspired us to never forget those in need with his remarkable passion for Outreach to our community and beyond.

Thank You Holy Trinity Parish. In my last Tempo article as your Sr. Warden, I want to thank everyone of the Vestry members, Treasurers and Mtr. Suz for their support and patience with me as I was learning. I am also grateful for those of you in the Holy Trinity Parish for your love and encouragement.

Join me in continuing to keep Holy Trinity, our Vestry, Wardens, and clergy in your prayers. As St. Paul advised the Philippians, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:4-7 **AMEN!**

Your humble servant and Senior Warden,

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Holy Trinity Stewardship Ministry

Our 2024 Stewardship Campaign is concluding and we are proud to share that through the faithful generosity of our parish families **we have exceeded our Stewardship goal of \$470,000. As of this writing, we have received 103 pledges for \$472,801.** This will allow the complete funding of our Statement of Mission as established by the Finance Committee in supporting the Ministry of Holy Trinity. Your Holy Trinity Stewardship Ministry graciously thanks you for supporting this campaign with your pledges of time, talent and treasure.

Stewardship is a way of life that allows Holy Trinity to serve as a beacon of light, love and faith for each of us and our beloved community. We sincerely thank you again for your generous support of our Stewardship campaign and the Mission of Holy Trinity Church.



Nov/Dec 2023 Tempo Financial Report

Bob Taylor, Treasurer

It is not unusual for plate offerings in December to be above budget (often called the Christmas Miracle) with additional services and many visitors. Holy Trinity was particularly blessed this year with plate offerings of over \$23,000. End of the year catch up pledge offerings can also result in December pledge offerings exceeding budget, which occurred again in 2023. Consequently, total income through the end of 2023 exceeded the budget by \$53,842.29.

December 31, 2023 Finances	December Actual	December Budget	Actual Year to Date	Budgeted Year-to-date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$23,631.11	\$4,712.00	\$100,686.63	\$56,500.00	\$44,186.63
Pledge Offerings	\$41,334.20	\$34,163.00	\$418,535.64	\$410,000.00	\$8,535.64
Total Income	\$64,965.31	\$38,875.00	\$520,342.29	\$466,500.00	\$53,842.29
Expenses	\$29,702.22	\$38,870.00	\$426,746.81	\$466,500.00	(\$39,753.19)

Insurance reimbursements covering almost all of the needed repairs of damaged equipment associated with the December 2022 electrical issues and the frozen/burst pipe in the Parish Hall during the 2022 Christmas Holidays reduced Holy Trinity expenses far below expenses that were anticipated at the beginning of 2023. A tremendous thanks by the Parish goes to 2022 Junior Warden Clem Watson, 2023 Junior Warden Bill Hurst, and Financial Administrator Evyone Washington for the cost-saving repairs and careful tracking of expenses for insurance claims.

Thanks to the principal-only payment of \$500,000 from the sale of Beth Kunkel property, a very substantial reduction was achieved in the only remaining Trinity Place Loan in 2023. The Football Parking Team deserves tremendous credit for their work, which resulted in abundant parking revenue, which is also paying down the Trinity Place loan. The continued Doors gifts by Holy Trinity Parishioners are also helping with the loan reduction and the shortening of the final payoff. We are blessed that no operating funds are used for Trinity Loan payments and that all plate and pledge offerings are used for Holy Trinity's programs and missions.

Trinity Place Loan Balance, January 1, 2023: \$1,292,524.30
Trinity Place Loan Balance December 31, 2023: \$693,709.26

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.

Seasonal Notes: Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week, & Easter

February and March encompass both the most solemn and the most joyful occasions marked by our liturgical calendar. This year, the liturgical and secular calendars clash rather dramatically, as Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day. This interesting juxtaposition offers the opportunity for the faithful to reflect on the nature of God's love in the context of preparing for a season of repentance. It is helpful, perhaps, to bring to your attention a quotation from Thomas Merton's *Seasons of Celebration* (p. 113).



"We must remember the original meaning of Lent, as the ver sacrum, the Church's 'holy spring' in which the catechumens were prepared for their baptism, and public penitents were made ready by penance for their restoration to the sacramental life in a communion with the rest of the Church. Lent then is not a season of punishment so much as one of healing."



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this season of healing, which we observe for forty days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday is a very solemn occasion, on which we are reminded of our mortality and our need for repentance. Lent is the time which we are invited to observe "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." These practices, as Merton suggests, need not be punitive, but may open for us avenues for healing and restoration in preparation for Easter.

Our worship services will reflect the somber, but hopeful, tenor of the season. On Ash Wednesday, we will offer several opportunities to participate in the Proper Liturgy of the Day (see the calendar at the end of this newsletter). On Sundays in Lent, we will begin our worship services either with the Great Litany (BCP

148) or the Penitential Order, which is found just prior to the Rite One and Rite Two forms for Holy Eucharist (BCP 319 or 351). Alleluias are omitted during the Season of Lent, and contemplative silence will be more evident in our Rite Two services at 10:30 and 5:00 on Sundays.

Holy Week is sometimes considered to be a season unto itself, and there is certainly an increased intensity in the themes and tone of the week that begins with Palm Sunday:

the Sunday of the Passion and culminates in the Triduum, the three holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the glorious Easter Vigil.

The readings, the prayers, and the litanies of this season offer glimpses into a realm of being that is of ultimate purpose and meaning—a necessary counterpoint to the tendencies of late modernity toward flattened and constrained frameworks that are so often closed to the possibility of divine action in the world. It is, of course, our belief as Christians in the glorious divine action of Jesus handing over his life on the cross and the divine power of the Holy Spirit in resurrecting him three days later that is the impetus for observing Lent in the first place.

The Church offers the observances of Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week in preparation for Easter joy. The more fully we are able to participate in these observances, with solemn attention paid to the healing benefits of the practices of Lent, the greater our capacity for embracing the joy of resurrection. Please, come and see for yourself this Lenten season!



SPECIAL SERVICES IN LENT

Ash Wednesday, February 14

12:30 & 7:00 Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
5:30 Children's Liturgy

Palm Sunday, Sunday March 24

8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm Liturgy of the Palms & Passion Reading

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, March 25-27

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6:00 pm The Triduum begins with Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at St. Paul's
6:00 pm Proper Liturgy at Holy Trinity

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Simple Prayer Service

The Great Vigil of Easter, March 30

8:00 pm The Lighting of the New Fire & Vigil of Easter

Easter Morning, March 31

7:15 am Sunrise Easter Service

9:00 am Children's Service

(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)

11:00 am Festive Easter Holy Eucharist





CLEMSON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2023: A Year of Changes at CCDC

Since opening our doors in 1969, the non-profit Clemson Child Development Center (CCDC) has always depended upon the “kindness of the community.” Many churches, clubs, civic organizations, the City of Clemson, local colleges and universities, foundations, and individual donors have long embraced our mission to provide affordable, high-quality childcare and preschool education. And such generous support remains vital to our future.

In 2023, however, the CCDC budget contained one-time money for a major home improvement project: a facelift for our 75-year-old facility! The Federal and State emergency funding which kept us afloat during the COVID pandemic years had allowed us to set aside much of our regular income from tuition, donations, and grants. And that income made it possible to fund long-overdue repairs and upgrades to our part of the Calhoun Bridge Center, the building which once housed the Calhoun Colored School and later the Morrison Annex.



A GOOD BEGINNING NEVER ENDS!

Phase One of this makeover involved our indoor spaces. To improve the learning environment and ensure the health and safety of our students and staff, we repaired and painted every indoor area and installed new vinyl flooring throughout. We also created a new, well-equipped teacher workroom/lounge, a bookkeeper's office, a family room/library, and a sixth classroom, while our screened porch “Playpen” has been converted to an all-weather sunroom for year-round use. Our administrative offices were completely renovated and equipped with brand new furniture and computers. The six classrooms were refurnished with new rugs, seating, tables, cots, cribs, play kitchens, manipulatives, dolls, and other toys and teaching equipment.



As the interior improvements of Phase One neared completion in the Fall, during football season we kicked off Phase Two: Exterior Improvements. CCDC received a new roof in October and fresh paint on the exterior brick, siding, doors, and trim. Both inside and out, this 75-year-old building feels like a new school!

The interior and exterior improvements to the facility coincided with a major transition in leadership. After 27 years of service, our Director Sharon Hwu retired at the end of August. Mayor Halfacre proclaimed August 21, 2023 “Sharon Hwu Day” in Clemson.

CCDC welcomed new Executive Director Mary Wesley in September. Hattie Bryson was promoted to the Director of Programs position, and Martika Benson joined the team as Supervisor. A 55-year tradition of excellence continues under this new leadership. Mary Wesley is leading the charge to help CCDC move forward as an Early Learning Center focused on Best Practices in Early Childhood Education. In Phase Two we will upgrade our playgrounds to create a safe and engaging outdoor learning environment for nature-based activities that stimulate the imagination and creativity of our children. Learn more [here](#) at CCD's website or by scanning the QR code.



The Period Project (TPP)

– information in this article comes directly from the TPP website:

<https://periodproject.org/>

The Period Project is a small (but growing nationally) non-profit organization headquartered in Greenville, SC. The lack of access to menstrual hygiene products is often a misunderstood or an utterly unknown issue in the United States. Menstrual hygiene products are necessities but are not available in many schools, shelters, and communities to menstruators and students in need.



Shannon Quattlebaum and Melissa Powell of Greenheart Awakening in Pendleton are hosting a period supply drive in support of The Period Project. Donations can be dropped off at either the Greenheart Awakening Store located at 102 East Main Street or the Greenheart Wellness Lab located at 158 East Main Street. Later, they will be hosting a Period Party (date TBA). At a Period Party you, along with friends and fellow community members, create Period Packs—small packages containing a supply of products for one woman including tampons, pads, and wipes. These parties are a great way to share a meaningful experience, have fun together, and positively impact the lives of those in need in your community. Please plan to attend!

Lacking the ability to purchase menstrual hygiene products can be debilitating because it can hinder the ability to attend work or school. For homeless menstruators, the repercussions can go even further. Often, a homeless woman is limited to one set of clothing. When these items become damaged and stained, it can be both embarrassing and stigmatizing. Many young menstruators are in similar situations. They are ashamed to ask their already financially-challenged family to cover additional costs and are often surprised to learn schools most often charge for menstrual hygiene products. The products TPP collects are distributed to menstruators in shelters, those living on the street, and to young menstruators in local schools who cannot afford or have access to menstrual care. In addition, they supply products to menstruators in need during disasters such as hurricanes or fires. The Homeless Period Project has delivered over 240,000-period packs since they began their mission in 2015.

You can find out more about this local Period Product Drive and Period Party by sending an email to either Shannon Quattlebaum (shannon@greenheartawakening.com) or Melissa Powell (melissa@greenheartawakening.com) at Greenheart Awakening (<https://www.greenheartawakening.com/>).

For more information about The Period Project, visit their website by scanning the QR code or visiting the web address listed above.





OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

"Alone we can do little; together we can do much." – Helen Keller

Would you like to start 2024 by making a difference in the fight against hunger?

Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Seneca is partnering with Walhalla Presbyterian, St. John's Lutheran Church, Richland Presbyterian Church and West Union Presbyterian Chapel at a RISE Against Hunger event on Sat, February 3. The goal is to package 20,088 meals for those in need in just two hours. 100 volunteers are needed to make this a success.



Please consider volunteering from 10 am to 12 pm to help measure, seal, label, and package meals of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and micro nutrient packets. If you have the interest and physical capability to lift heavy boxes, your help from 8:30 am to 10 am for set up and/or from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for cleanup would be appreciated. Click [here](#) or access the QR code to sign up. You may also contact Donna Pankratz (donnampankratz@gmail.com) or 864-719-0321.



SINGING Rooster

Special Stock for LENT at Our Self-Service Kiosk

Deepen and intensify your Lenten study with a fresh supply of our Fair-Trade coffee and chocolate. Coffee in beans or ground, caffeinated or decaf, French or Vienna, even K-kupps! Chocolate in Pure Dark, Peppermint, Cranberry, Toffee and Sea Salt Crunch.

All both stimulating and delicious! Enjoy!!!



Growing in Christ



Growing in Christ FAMILY MINISTRY



Ethan and Eric all smiles!



Advent Wreath Making

Holy Trinity Families,

We kicked off the Advent season with a wonderful children's service and a fellowship lunch. Advent festivities included our traditional wreath making along with cookies for the kids to decorate and more. The fellowship was a great way to bring in the season.

Thank you to **Mel Harriss, Cindy Thackham, Bill Purkerson, Craig Wallace, Kara Hollandsworth, Anne Bryan, Lori Graham, Jane Vaughn, Judy Stech and Lura Forcum** for supplying items, cooking, being hands on resources, and clean up crew.



Cindy lending a helping hand



The "Souper" Crew!



Some of our awesome youth

Growing in Christ

FAMILY MINISTRY

Moving into the Christmas season, some of our youth helped prepare the Nave. **Eric, Ethan, Curtis, Callan, Mims Catherine, Graydon and Caroline** were all on hand. Altar Guild provided cookies and cocoa. It was a fun afternoon. Our youth enjoyed their own Christmas celebration afterward with pizza and a funny gift exchange.



Eric, Graydon and Samuel being silly!



Eric braved the ladder with lots of adult supervision



Ethan getting the star just right!



Everyone working together to make our church beautiful for Christmas



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FAMILY MINISTRY



Christmas season began with our traditional Christmas Eve children's service. Attendance recorded was 175! Our children and youth participated with the telling of the Christmas Story. **Molly** and **Mims Catherine** were our readers while our younger children brought in the Nativity figures to place in the Creche. **Eric, Sylvia and Graydon** served as our acolytes. Our children's choir performed beautifully as well.



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FAMILY MINISTRY

New Year, New Happenings!

We celebrated the first Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord with our own baptism of Miss Isla Johnson during our children's service. The children learned about Jesus' baptism.

Ethan, Curtis, and Callan served as acolytes. A small parish wide celebration followed. Thank you to **Mel Harriss** for making the baptism cake!

Our children and youth Sunday School classes are starting at a new time. Children's Chapel and Sunday School will begin at 10:30 for ages Kindergarten and up. There will be no chapel or Sunday School on Children's Service Sundays. We hope this meets the schedule needs of our families.

Nursery for ages 5 years and younger is every Sunday at 9:30 am.

We have new confirmands!! **Julian Baldwin, Drake Bishop, Kathryn Cauley, Eric Crouse, Mims Catherine McTigue, Ethan Carroll, Sylvia Linvill, Molly Tindal, Gaines Robb and Graydon Wallace.** Their confirmation process will take place over the next year and a half. They will have confirmation prep on designated Sundays with a retreat occurring in Spring 2025. Please show them support and encouragement.

February and March will bring us into Lent and Easter Seasons. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with our traditional pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13. Please let me know if you would like to help. There will be several Ash Wednesday services, including a children's service. Easter Sunday we will have our 9 am children's service followed by our traditional egg hunt. Mark your calendars!

In closing, our **Family Ministry is in need of volunteers.** Sunday School leaders, helpers, youth event chaperones and more. Our kids are awesome and super fun to hang out with. Get to know them and be a part of their spiritual journey. Giving our children and youth connections at church is one of the best ways we can give them a sense of purpose and belonging at Holy Trinity. Please reach out to me to find out more.

Peace,
Jerae



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Sunday School Volunteers are Needed



A Sunday School Volunteer role consists of a one month every Sunday commitment to be alternating monthly between other Volunteers for the entirety of the program season. The rotation of monthly Sundays is to allow leaders/volunteers to attend church services and to allow flexibility with personal schedules. Ideally, the Sunday School schedule will be issued in August and cover the duration of the program year with the notion of possible changes due to unforeseen occurrences that may arise.

Lesson plans, activities and guidelines will be organized by the Parish Life Coordinator and emailed to the leaders each week as well as having the Sunday School rooms prepped and set up.

Volunteers simply need to be familiar with the lesson plans and show up with a smile! It is appreciated that Sunday School leaders/volunteers arrive in the room by 10:15 am ready to greet the attendees as they arrive. Sunday school begins at 10:30 am and will last approximately 45 mins. Sunday School participants will go to the service at the Peace to join their families or whom they wish to sit with.



Sunday School offers the opportunity to teach our children and youth about Jesus with age appropriate lessons. This is a vital part of our church in order to help develop spiritual growth and belonging for our younger parishioners. This is a great way to get to know our children, youth and their families. Your time and willingness is appreciated.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.—Proverbs 22:6

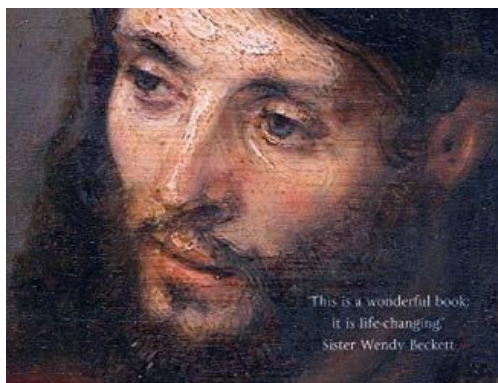
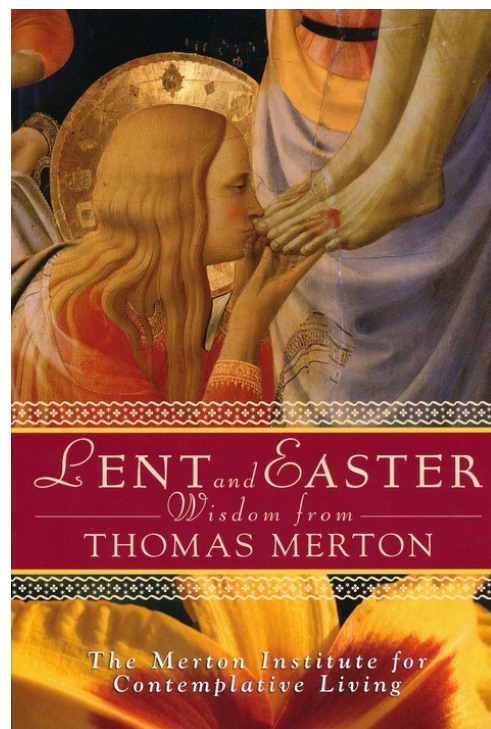
Spiritual Resources

Lenten Spiritual Resources

Lent and Easter Wisdom from Thomas Merton: Daily Scripture and Prayers Together with Thomas Merton's Own Words, compiled by Jonathon Montaldo for The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living

This lovely volume of daily devotions for Lent and the Octave of Easter (Easter and the seven days following, ending with the Second Sunday of Eastertide) begins with encouragement to keep a journal of reflections and responses to the excerpts from Merton's collection of essays called *Seasons of Celebration*. Each daily entry includes a brief excerpt from *Seasons*, a passage from Holy Scripture, a prayer, and a journal prompt.

The Introduction to this book provides a Brief History of Lent, a reflection on Lent as a Journey, and Montaldo's thoughts about the Penitential Nature of Lent, which he calls "time to center attention on conversion." Altogether, I find this book to be both rigorous and gentle in calling out reflections on the themes of Lent, and journal prompts evoke much-needed contemplation of those themes.



God with Us: The meaning of the cross and resurrection. Then and now, by Rowan Williams.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has written a powerfully compelling introduction to the great mystery of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and he has done so in 106 pages of clear and easily accessible theological writing that is rare and inspiring. This is a book that I have turned to at the beginning of each Lent since I discovered it several years ago. My personal copy is heavily marked and annotated, a bad habit, perhaps, but indicative of the deep impression Williams's thought has made upon my own understanding of the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection. This little book is thoughtful and deeply *Anglican* theology presented in easily understood language. I highly recommend it for anyone who seeks a better understanding of what we call the Paschal Mystery.

Parish Life at Holy Trinity

Opportunities for Fellowship

2023 saw much activity at Holy Trinity as parishioners both new and familiar gathered as a community of faith. At the end of the year, we launched a Coffee Fellowship Hour on Sundays so people could gather to catch up on the week and greet newcomers to the parish. It has been well attended and we look forward to seeing more people join us for this special time of connection between our 8:00 and 10:30 am services. A full breakfast will be served periodically, and those dates will be published in our weekly electronic communications. Stay tuned!



On January 20th, we hosted a planning potluck to kick off our Red Door Dinners program. This event was a success and we have organized groups that will be meeting in each other's homes and some who will be gathering in local restaurants. This is a tradition in many Episcopal parishes and is sure to be an exciting way for Holy Trinity parishioners to fellowship together. If you missed out on the planning potluck, but would like to participate or find out more, please contact [Jerae](#).

The following pages of our Community section provide an overview of what's coming up!





SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Bingo and Prizes

2024



Tuesday, February 13
6-8pm

Parish Hall

Want to help?



ECW Food for Thought Continues February 15th

The Food for Thought series is a fantastic way for the ladies of our parish to come together for fellowship and to hear about the various charities we benefit through our annual Bazaar and Artisan Market. All ladies



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are invited to join us on Thurs, Feb 15 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall for our next potluck and speaker series event. We will be joined by speaker Mike and/or Jane

Harlin from the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Please RSVP

by signing up to bring an item to the potluck [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



*Don't miss the #7 Schedule of Events for February
and March, located on the last page of this issue!*



Lenten Soup Suppers

Take a break. Let us feed you—body, mind, and spirit. For five Wednesdays in Lent, beginning Feb. 21, we will gather in the Parish Hall for Lenten Soup Suppers. Simple food, simple teaching, simple fellowship. We ask that you bring packages of soup for donation to Clemson Community Care. Here is a brief schedule for our Wednesday evenings:

At 5:30 we will gather people and prayers.

At 5:40 we will serve soup, bread, and water or tea.

At 5:50 we will serve brief teaching about Christian Virtues: Observing a Holy Lent in Order to Live a Good Life.

At 6:20 the choir departs, and everyone else helps clean up.

At 6:30 we head home, fed and full.



The soup will be hot and filling, the teaching will be brief, the fellowship will be wonderful. Come and join us!



Join us for our ECW Annual Womens' Retreat

The Way of Prayer

March 1-3, 2024

Camp Fellowship, Lake Greenwood, SC

Amy Sander Montanez, our retreat leader, will guide us as we learn about the different forms of prayer.

Gather with the women of Holy Trinity for a fun, relaxed weekend of prayer, fellowship and spring flowers!

Reservations are now being accepted and forms may be obtained by accessing the QR code provided. If you have already completed a form and paid your fee for the retreat, kindly inform us if you will attend in March. **Space is limited and registrations will be accepted until the retreat fills up or by February 15, 2024.** For more information, please contact Lynn Smith at lynnsmith114@earthlink.net or Nanine Hartzenbusch Fox at naninephoto@gmail.com



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays:

1 – Carmen Purkerson
1 – Randa Johnson
4 – Donna Davis
5 – Louise Kaye
5 – Jacqui Dunn
6 – Anna Tollison
9 – Lucy Rollin
9 – Mellie Warner
9 – Eunice Waddington
9 – Greyson Tindal
11 – Drake Bishop
13 – Anna McKenna
14 – Claiborne Linvill
16 – Greg Vaughn
18 – Tina Robbins
21 – Michael Walker
23 – Nell Hacker
24 – Jeffery Ann Yang
26 – Sylvia Titus

February Anniversaries:

1 – Diana & Don Manly
7 – Barbara & Ken Weaver

March Birthdays:

1 – Beth Poole
1 – Bill Purkerson III
1 – Priscilla Wentworth
1 – Alice Ellison
2 – Bonnie Eisenbies
3 – Savannah Hawkins
5 – Dawson Luke
10 – Justin Graham
16 – Jennie Sullivan
16 – Addison Murphy
17 – Robert Wood
18 – Richard Zavertnik
22 – Ginny Gaulin
22 – Bert Fox
23 – Emmett Huddleston
23 – Jodie Allen
24 – Clyde Gorsuch

30 – Gerry Spejewski

30 – Shannon Quattlebaum

March Anniversaries:

12 – Judy & Jim Fairey

18 – Jodie & John Allen



Feb & March **SCHEDULE**

2/3 Daughters of the King Chapter meeting at 9:00 in the Parish Hall
2/4 Children's Service at 10:30 followed by churchwide Fellowship (light refreshments in the Parish Hall)
2/7 Holy Eucharist at 10:30 at Clemson Downs
2/10 Vestry Orientation begins at 9:00 in the Parish Hall
2/11 ECW Baby Brunch for Tori Jayroe at 11:30 in the Parish Hall
2/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 6:00-8:00 in the Parish Hall
2/14 Ash Wednesday Services at 12:30, 5:30, and 7:00 in the Nave
(5:30 is a Children's Service with no Holy Eucharist)
2/15 ECW Food for Thought at 6:00 in the Parish Hall
2/21 Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 in the Parish Hall
3/1-3/3 Women's Retreat at Camp Fellowship, Greenwood
3/3 Children's Service followed by churchwide Fellowship Lunch
3/7 Holy Eucharist at 10:30 at the Downs
3/7 Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 in the Parish Hall
3/13 Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 in the Parish Hall
3/20 Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30 in the Parish Hall
3/24 Palm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
3/25-3/27 Holy Week Services 6:00 pm
3/28 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 pm
3/29 Good Friday Community Service 12:00 pm at St. Paul's
3/29 Good Friday Proper Liturgy 6:00 pm at Holy Trinity
3/30 The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00 pm
3/31 Sunrise Easter Service at 7:15 am
3/31 Children's Easter Service at 9:00 am
3/31 Easter Egg Hunt at approx. 10:00
3/31 Festive Easter Holy Eucharist at 11:00
