# TEMPO HOLY TRINITY'S BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

December 2024–January 2025



## **Keeping the Faith**

"Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever." Ephesians 3:20, 21

#### My Dear Friends in Christ,

The closing benediction of Morning and Evening Prayer above has always been something of a watchword for me. It is a reminder that God's imagination is so much more vast and resourceful than my own. That truth is so evident in creation and in ways in which our lives unfold along paths that were beyond our comprehension when we began. That truth is also evident in the ways in which God's power works within us, individually and collectively. And I find myself wondering how this generation in the church will give glory to God in ways we haven't even imagined.

As we are wrapping up Holy Trinity's 125<sup>th</sup> year on the holy hill overlooking Clemson University, I have to wonder what those first faithful Episcopalians of Holy Trinity who built the original, little, wooden church would think of the two large, brick buildings that loom so substantially across from the soccer field. I'm sure they never imagined the beautiful, graceful gardens and breezeway, the steeple rising so far above the street below, the three stories of space for fellowship, formation, and education. Even after those buildings were completed within the time that many of you have called Holy Trinity home, who would have imagined the wonderful addition of Trinity Place on the location where once the old Clemson United Methodist Church stood?

God's power, working within the good people of Holy Trinity, has already done so much more than the generations could have asked or imagined! As we prepare to turn over the liturgical calendar and then the secular calendar to a new year in the life of this parish, our own generation is called to let God's imagination, God's power, God's love to be at work within us. This is a moment in which we can pause to listen and seek guidance from that small voice within, leading our parish into the new year with confident expectation that God *is* at work amongst us. God *is already* imagining our future and will remain with us as we discover that future together.

The leadership of Holy Trinity is listening and imagining this generation's purpose in the parish. God is working within you and has imagined a place for you in the future of Holy Trinity. What are you hearing from God as you pray about that? Speaking for myself, I would love to hear from you about that. I'm confident that your Wardens and Vestry would love to hear from you, too. **Peace, Suz+** 

# Leadership Communication

## HOLY TRINITY

Episcopal Church



### ТЕМРО

December 2024—January 2025

Click <u>here</u> or scan for the parish website.



#### Clergy

The Right Rev. Daniel Richards, *Bishop, Diocese of Upper South Carolina* The Rev. Suzanne L. Cate, *Rector* 

#### Staff

Rebecca Bowman, Director of Music Trey Williams, Organist Cynthia Spejewski, Children's Choir Director Stephanie LaGuardia, Day School Director Wesley Ramey, Parish Office Administrator Evyone Washington, Finance Administrator Jerae Wallace, Parish Life Coordinator Scotty Timms, Canterbury Peer Minister

#### **Vestry Members & Assignments**

Andrew Baker, St. Paul's Will Brown, Adult Formation Charlie Curtis, Canterbury Mel Harriss, Senior Warden Chris Heerwagen, Junior Warden Jody Hunter, Stewardship Chesley Rowe, EDS Chair/Personnel Betty Snowden, Family Ministry Mary Katherine Sosebee, Assignment TBD Mark Stokes, Worship Sarah Trice, EDS Board Hap Wheeler, Communications Martha Williams, Outreach Jean Ellen Zavertnik, HT Cares



Join Us in Worship!

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**10:30 AM**: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Livestreamed via <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>)

**5:00 PM**: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (*During CU Academic Year.* Casual Service. First Sunday of the month is Evening Prayer.)

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

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#### 102nd DIOCESAN CONVENTION NOVEMBER 8 & 9 at TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The following report is excerpted from a recent summary distributed by email from Diocesan House.

#### **An Overview**

The 102nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina went off without a hitch at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Columbia. In all we had 297 Diocesan attendees and a special invited guest, The Rt. Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. In addition to the business of Convention, we enjoyed a delicious meal Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning, a lovely service of Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral, and an inspiring Convention address by our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards. Many thanks to the staff of Trinity for their hospitality and gracious hosting.

#### **Report of Convention**

The 102nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina met on November 8 & 9, 2024, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. Below is a summary of the actions of the Convention.

#### Elected to the Standing Committee for a Three-Year Term (Lay)

- Mr. Benton Williamson, St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia
- Ms. Cathy McCabe, The Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartanburg
- Ms. Julia McCallum, The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Rock Hill

#### Elected to the Standing Committee for a Three-Year Term (Clergy)

• The Rev. Dorian Del Priore, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Simpsonville

- The Rev. Mitch Smith, St. Martin's In-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Columbia
- The Rev. Fergie Horvath, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Greer

## Elected as Trustee of the University of the South (Sewanee) Lay Order

• Ms. Molly Rasmussen, St. Martin's In-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Columbia

#### The 102nd Annual Convention granted parish status to the following congregations:

- St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church (Chapin)
- The Church of the Ridge (Edgefield, Trenton & Ridge Spring)
- St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (North Augusta)

## The following changes to the Constitution and Canons were approved:

- Proposed Amendment #1: Amendment to Title I, Canon 5 (Deputies to General Convention and Provincial Synod – found in the Convention Manual).
- Proposed Amendment #2: Amendment to Title VIII, Canon 8, Section 1 (Requirements to become a Parish – found in the Convention Manual).

#### The following resolution was approved:

 Resolution to approve the 2025 Statement of Mission (found in the Convention Manual).

#### The following individuals were awarded the Cuthbert Cross by Bishop Richards:

- Mr. Frank Ballard
- The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers



### Senior Warden's Report



Sr. Warden Tempo for Dec-Jan, 24/25

Advent has begun. It is hard to slow down and take a breath as we prepare for Christmas. Work, family, shopping, parties are all parts of our busy lives. It is easy to become overloaded and overwhelmed. The Church Calendar gives us the opportunity to pause, breathe and worship. Check HT Notes and the Sunday Announcements for details on upcoming events.

I hope you will take time to pray for the parish as we plan our Statement of Mission (budget) for 2025, schedule elections for new Vestry members, as well as a member of the Episcopal Day School Board and Diocesan Convention delegate. All these are important roles in the work of the Parish and the Upper South Carolina Episcopal Diocese. Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025.

We had several wonderful events in the Parish this fall. The Ingathering and Fall Festival was a wonderful day on Sunday, 10/27/24. The EDS families that joined us allowed us to see the fruits of the EDS. The weather was sunny and cool, but the food, games, and bouncy houses were great! Children in costumes are always so special.

We have made great progress toward our stewardship goal. If you have not returned your Estimate of Giving for 2025, please consider doing so. As we all know, the cost of everything continues to go up and that includes the operation of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Jerae Wallace and I had a wonderful time at the Clemson Trick or Treat event on 10/29/24. Chelsey Rowe had stabilized our Monster photo stand and many, many participants took advantage of it. Some even wanted to take pictures with Minnie Mouse! (Costume purchased at St Paul's Thrift Shop in 2023!)

The Youth had a wonderful Retreat on November 9-10. It included Carowinds, pizza dinner in the Parish Hall, baking items for the Bazaar in the kitchen, increasing their knowledge about Holy Trinity's history and their vocabulary of church and worship related words in a scavenger hunt that saw a lot of Google searches. After a very,very late night, they prepared, served and cleaned up after the delicious breakfast for the Parish on Sunday morning. All this could not have happened without our wonderful volunteers under the leadership of our Family Ministries Coordinator, Jerae Wallace. Lori Graham, Savannah Amerson and Ashley Crouse deserve a special shoutout. Austin Wyatt's Scavenger Hunt was a learning experience for all. Bill Purkerson supervised the kitchen activities both Saturday night and Sunday morning.

ECW held the 81<sup>st</sup> Holy Trinity Bazaar on November 16, 2024. The final tally of all the funds raised has not been announced yet, but shoppers came, shopped, bid on Silent Auction items and purchased a delicious lunch prepared by our men. It was a great day. Thank you to everyone who was involved with continuing this tradition that goes back to World War II.

Wishing you all the peace, love and joy of the season without any of the anxiety and sadness that can also be a part of the season. God bless you everyone!

Mel Harriss, Senior Warden melharriss@bellsouth.net, mgh1089@gmail.com

# **New and Noteworthy**

From your Stewardship, HT Cares, and Saint Paul's Committees



## From the Stewardship Committee:

Third quarter giving statements have been sent out. Please make sure you have received one and that it is correct. If not, please contact <u>Evyone</u> in the office. Thank you for your attention to these statements.



**HT Cares invites YOU** to join us in the discussion of how we can help members of our parish family.

Join us via Zoom for our next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 3 at 4:00 pm.

Click <u>here</u> or scan the QR code to join.



### **Calling all Cookie Bakers!**



Cookies are needed for the winter HT Cares goodie bags for our parishioners that are not able to be with us as often as we would like to see them. Cookies can be brought to the office or picked up (call Serena DuBose: 803-709-0212) by 11:00 on Sat., December 7th when the bags will be assembled in the Parish Hall. Please bag cookies individually in twos or threes.



### Guidelines for Interment at St. Paul's Now Available

"Interment in the St. Paul's Churchyard is available to communicants in good standing of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson, SC; former communicants of St. Paul's, Pendleton; and members of their families related by blood, marriage, or adoption through one generation."

To access the Guidelines and Agreement to Churchyard Interment at St. Paul's, click <u>here</u> or scan the QR code. More information on end-of-life planning may be obtained via the church office. (*A recap of St. Paul's restoration progress follows on the next page.*)



## St. Paul's Restoration Update



In a recent issue of Tempo, we provided a detailed update on the St. Paul's Painting and Restoration project. (You can access that article by clicking <u>here</u> or scanning the QR code provided.) Not much has changed since that time due to the hurricane and other factors, but we wanted to be sure all our parishioners - and most especially the generous donors to this project - receive regular updates.

As a review:

- After some progress, the painting project was stopped in November 2023 due to the upcoming winter season.
- In January 2024 we received an insurance pay-out to replace the roof due to hail damage. At this point, we decided to suspend the painting project until the roof could be completed.
- During the late spring of 2024, we had an arborist advise us regarding aging/compromised trees and branches near the structure that should be removed prior to replacing the roof. The necessary funds were approved by the Vestry, but the hurricane has stalled that effort.

Looking ahead:

- We hope to have the trees and branches that were identified as needing to be removed taken down before the end of 2024.
- Requests for roofing bids will be issued in December 2024. Foremost consideration will be given to using materials that are in harmony with the time period of its original construction.
- After the roof is completed, we will rebid and resume the painting project.



- Other potential repair needs have come to light during the past year, including work on the columns and underpinnings.
- We hope to share a more detailed timeline for the project in the near future.

Once again, we are thankful for your support of our efforts to ensure this beautiful, historic place of worship remains with us for generations to come. We are exceedingly grateful for the generosity of our parishioners and others who have donated nearly \$160,000 thus far toward our painting and restoration efforts. Additional donations are needed and welcome.

For additional information about the project, please contact our Junior Warden Chris Heerwagen at <u>chris.heerwagen@gmail.com</u>. To learn more about the St. Paul's Committee and how to get involved, please contact Andrew Baker, chair, at <u>ahbaker@clemson.edu</u>.

#### **November 2024 Tempo Financial Report**



**Bob Taylor, Treasurer** 

October was not a good month financially, in part due to Tropical Storm Helene and increases in church insurance premiums and facility costs. For the month, expenses exceeded income by \$5,281.93. For year-to-date operating expenses only exceeds operating income by \$4,659.80, thanks to the work of our Junior Warden, Chris Heerwagen, and wise financial decisions by Holy Trinity's Vestry. For the last two months of our calendar year, catchup pledge income is expected to closely match the scheduled additional expenditures. Thus, we have a very good chance of balancing the budget by year's end.

October 31, <u>2024</u>	October	October	Actual Year to	Budgeted Year	
<b>Operating Finances</b>	Actual	Budget	Date	to Date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$5,545.77	\$5,000.00	\$60,148.53	\$50,000.00	\$10,148.53
Pledge Offerings	\$36,384.28	\$39,333.00	\$368,356.48	\$393,330.00	(\$24,973.52)
Total Income	\$41,930.05	\$44,333.00	\$430,505.01	\$443,330.00	(\$12,824.99)
Expenses	\$47,211.98	\$44,587.00	\$435,164.81	\$442,845.00	(\$7,680.19)

**Special Note**: Holy Trinity has received excellent service on electrical, water and storm damage insurance claims. <u>Similar to</u> our parishioners, Holy Trinity is experiencing increased insurance costs as well as increases in utility costs.

## Trinity Place Loan Balance, January 1, 2024\$678,709.26Trinity Place Loan Balance, October 31, 2024\$590,564.60



Long-time parishioner Beth Kunkel bequeathed approximately ¾ of a million dollars from her estate to Holy Trinity in 2023. The funds were used for projects aligned with Beth's interests and passions, namely paying down the Trinity Place Loan, outreach efforts locally and in Haiti, St. Paul's restoration, Holy Trinity maintenance along others. The final three projects are the kitchen backsplash protector (completed and pictured above), landscaping in Trinity Place to deter cut through foot traffic and the SAME Garden greenhouse and supplies. The work by Bill Hurst, Chris Heerwagen and Michael Diemer is gratefully acknowledged in the completion of the list of Kunkel projects.

# Worshíp

# Seasonal Notes



The Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany share a common theme of celebrating the Incarnation of Our Lord, the doctrine of God becoming flesh and dwelling among us in the person of Jesus Christ. During this arc of liturgical seasons, we will use Eucharistic Prayer B, which includes a summary of the Incarnation and its benefits for us



(BCP 368). Our song of Praise will be the Trisagion, which calls upon our Triune God for mercy. At our 10:30 worship, the service music will be simple plainsong settings, and we will use the Contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer. That text will be provided in the bulletin for your convenience.

Advent

A time of waiting expectantly for the coming of our Lord. Our tradition holds for us the idea that there are three Advents of Christ: the birth of the baby, Jesus; the return of the risen and ascended Lord on the Day of Judgment; and the daily visitation of our Companion on the Way in our worship and prayers. Our worship during this season is intentionally more reflective. Each service will begin with a brief time to focus on the light of the Advent wreath, either in silence or to the singing of verses of that favorite Advent carol, O come, O come, Emmanuel.

## Christmas

**Those joyful twelve days of celebration of the birth of our Lord.** Christmas Eve will be celebrated as we have done for several years, with a simple presentation of the Holy Family's story at 4:00 and festive services with lovely, celebratory music at 7:00 and 10:30 (at St. Paul's). We will have our Service of Service on Christmas Morning at 10:00 in the Parish Hall as we pack up a delicious Christmas Dinner for Clemson Meals on Wheels as we celebrate Holy Eucharist. On Sunday, December 29, our ONE service at 10:00 will be Morning Prayer, led by a Lay Worship Leader.



The season in which we continue to celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. The Season of Epiphany begins with a couple of Principle Feasts of the Church. The first Sunday in January is the Eve of the Feast of

the Epiphany. Our First Sunday Children's Service that day will feature a visit from the Three Kings. The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord takes place the following Sunday, which would be a wonderful time to welcome new Christians into our communion! The rest of the Epiphany Season provides us the opportunity to become familiar with Jesus, the Revelation of God, through the stories of his teaching and works of wonder.



Sunday December 1: Advent 1—change of service music and Eucharistic Prayer in Rite II services.

**Sunday December 8: Canterbury Sunday**—celebration of graduating students, recognition of Canterbury students, Peer Minister (Scotty Timms) to preach.

**Sunday December 15: Lessons & Carols**—traditional Anglican service in which we hear the story of God's plan of salvation in readings from Scripture, interspersed with anthems and carols. 6:00 pm at St. Paul's. *(see ad, pg. 24)* 

#### **Tuesday December 24: Christmas Eve Services**

4:00 pm Children's Service at Holy Trinity

7:00 pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Choir at Holy Trinity

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass with Chancel Ensemble at St. Paul's

Wednesday December 25: Christmas Day Eucharist with Meals on Wheels—preparing and packaging



Christmas Dinner for Meals on Wheels is the "sermon." 10:00 am in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity.

Sunday December 29: ONE Service of Morning Prayer—at 10:00.

**Sunday January 5: First Sunday Children's Service with Three Kings**—at 10:30 service, with lunch following.

Sunday January 12: The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord—baptism at 10:30!

Sunday, January 26: Parish Annual Meeting—following ONE service at 10:00.

# Outreach



# TRIO: <u>Hope Health Community</u>



The Clemson Free Clinic (CFC) was founded in 2006 to provide much needed medical care to citizens in the Clemson area who lacked health insurance and whose household income met federal poverty guidelines. Several parishioners at Holy Trinity were instrumental in the founding of the clinic and have continued as active volunteers.

The mission of the CFC, currently is to provide quality free medical care and pharmaceuticals with compassion and dignity to our eligible neighbors in Clemson, Central, Six Mile, and Pendleton. In addition to Primary Care and Pharmacy, we provide referrals for specialty care as well as health and nutritional education, including fresh vegetables from our SAME garden. On site counseling, flu vaccination, and vision screening are also available. Offsite AnMed provides laboratory, x-ray, and imaging services and PRISMA assist with referrals via Access Health. With some 15% of adults in our area uninsured, the need for our services continues to be great.

Our annual TRIO event began three years after the founding of the CFC in collaboration initially with the Arts Center, and it has continued each year now supporting the Free Clinic and Clemson Community Care (CCC) in our shared TRIO mission of Hope Health and Community. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and we raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000 for each organization each year. Holy Trinity has now hosted TRIO in our Parish Hall each December for more than 10 years. This year's event will be held on Friday evening, December 6 with tickets on sale at Hubbard Young Pharmacy.

Quoting our Executive Director Sandy Smith, "When our neighbors are healthy, the entire community prospers. With these neighbors in mind, our work is more important than ever. With your help, we will continue our mission of providing care and compassion for our neighbors in need."

Hope to see you in the hall on the sixth!



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### <u>Rise Against Hunger – Meal Packaging Opportunity</u>



"Driven by the vision of a world without hunger, Rise Against Hunger, an international humanitarian organization, is a growing global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Rise against Hunger works to address hunger by targeting remote, last-mile communities and within hunger pockets often overlooked. It strives to make an impact on hunger by building resilience, self-sufficiency and empowerment in communities worldwide. Through its Pathways to End Hunger (Empowering Communities, Nourishing Lives, Responding to Emergencies, and Growing the Movement), it provides immediate nourishment for those in need today and implements sustainable solutions that will empower entire communities for years to come."

Ascension Episcopal in Seneca and Walhalla Presbyterian are partnering for a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on Saturday, February 1, 2025. The time and location are still being determined. Each meal costs 40 cents and feeds six people. Last year they packed 20,000+ meals at this event.

In addition to funding, the event needs manpower for packing meals. Please keep this on your radar, if you're interested. We plan to have a group of Holy Trinity folks to help. More details to come closer to the event.

### Family Promise - Update

Family Promise continues to do good things!!



- The Prevention Specialist reported that with the help of grants, fundraisers, and donations they have assisted 24 families that were in crisis situations.
- In May and October, they moved several families into homes and transitional housing. These are huge steps for these families, and they are excited about the future.
- In the new year, they hope to move a family from the shelter program into transitional housing. Another big win for the family.
- The Barn, Boots, and Brews fundraiser was a success, as well.

During December, Family Promise will ask for donations for Christmas gifts for some of the families in the program. At this time, the children are a 4 year old girl, a 17 year old boy (siblings) and a 6 year old boy (an only child). In early December, Family Promise will send a Sign-Up Genius with information about the children. We'll provide that to the parish, once we have it. Hopefully, Holy Trinity can help give a wonderful Christmas to these children!!

In addition to gift donations, Family Promise plans to have Christmas dinner for its families. Details are being finalized, and more details will be provided later.



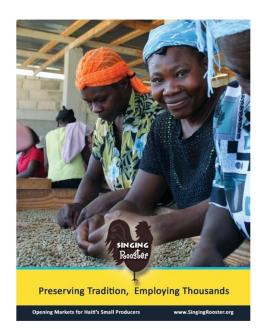


# **Support Haiti Missions**



Support our missions in Haiti by purchasing Singing Rooster Products

## Seasonal Offerings Singing Rooster Chocolate \$5 per bar





Support our missions in Haiti by purchasing Singing Rooster Coffee \$10 per bag



Place payments in provided envelope Cash or Check (made out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (note for Singing Rooster)

Your Singing Rooster salesforce will be offering a pleasing selection of five unique chocolate bars for your holiday enjoyment. These include for the first time **milk chocolate**, which is still 50% organic dark chocolate in peppermint, coffee, and toffee sea salt. These are now added to the more serious, plain dark and lemon ginger which are still 70% dark organic chocolate.

Please note that this is not only for your personal indulgence and enjoyment but is also ideal as Christmas gifts for friends and family. Remember the 66% of your purchase goes to the farmers in Haiti, who desperately need and deserve our support during a difficult time in their country. We hope to have a well-stocked cart available after church beginning November 24. Hope to see you there!

# Growing in Christ

*Growing in Christ* families, youth and children

What's Going On and Coming Up...

We continue to offer **Children's Chapel with Sunday School at 10:15 am** beginning the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted in communications. **Please make note, there will be no Children's Chapel on Sundays, November 24 and beginning December 22 through the rest of the year. Regular Children's Chapel with Sunday School scheduling will resume on Sunday, January 12.** 

**Sunday, December 1** is our **Advent Gathering.** We will have our regularly scheduled "First Sunday" Children's Service for the Rite II at 10:30 am. Following the service, we will have **lunch and Advent festivities**. We will have limited supplies for Advent Wreaths, please bring your own form if you wish to make one. A few copies of printed Advent resources will be available. You may also find an "e-reader" version via the link sent out in communications. Let us know if you would prefer a printed copy.

**Tuesday, December 24,** we will have our traditional **Christmas Eve Children's Service at 4pm.** We will have the telling of the Christmas Story and invite all children to participate. If you have child who wishes to participate, please arrive to the **Parish Hall by 3:15pm** prior to the 4pm service. Children will be given a Nativity item to carry in at the given time of the story and place in the Creche.

Sunday, January 5, Will be a "First Sunday" Children's Service at 10:30 am. We will celebrate the **Eve of The Epiphany** during the service. Following the service we will have a special parish wide"**Three Kings**" fellowship. We invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall for King Cake and more!

### *Growing in Christ* families, youth and children

# YOUTH NEWS!

Our youth group had their fall retreat the weekend of November 9-10. They began with a fun filled day to Carowinds. They returned to Holy Trinity for dinner, followed by making cheese straws to contribute to the Bazaar sells and the most AMAZING scavenger hunt that was created and lead by **Austin Wyatt.** The scavenger hunt included a list of specific items to locate around the church, along with various Bible verses they had to look up. You'll find their list in the pictures below. We ended the evening with Compline around the fire and movie night. The following morning, they were up making and serving breakfast by 9am!

Youth Formation occurs each month on the third Sunday for ages 5th-12th grades. Our 9 Confirmands continue with their confirmation prep during that time. Our next "Third Sunday" will be December 15 and January 19.

# Looking Ahead...

- December 15, Our Last Sunday School/Children's Chapel
  Nursery will continue through December 22
- December 24, Christmas Eve Children's Service 4:00pm (arrive at 3:15 if participating in the Nativity)
- January 5, Eve of the Epiphany First Sunday/Children's Service
  "Three Kings"Fellowship
- January 12, Children's Chapel/Sunday School resumes
- January 19, Third Sunday, Youth Formation

October was a wonderful time of fellowship with our entire parish including celebrating the annual Ingathering with a fall festival community outreach efforts by participating in the downtown Clemson Trick on Treat. BaPtism receptions, youth retreats and more. It is wonderful seeing so many find their place here at Holy Trinity.

Peace.

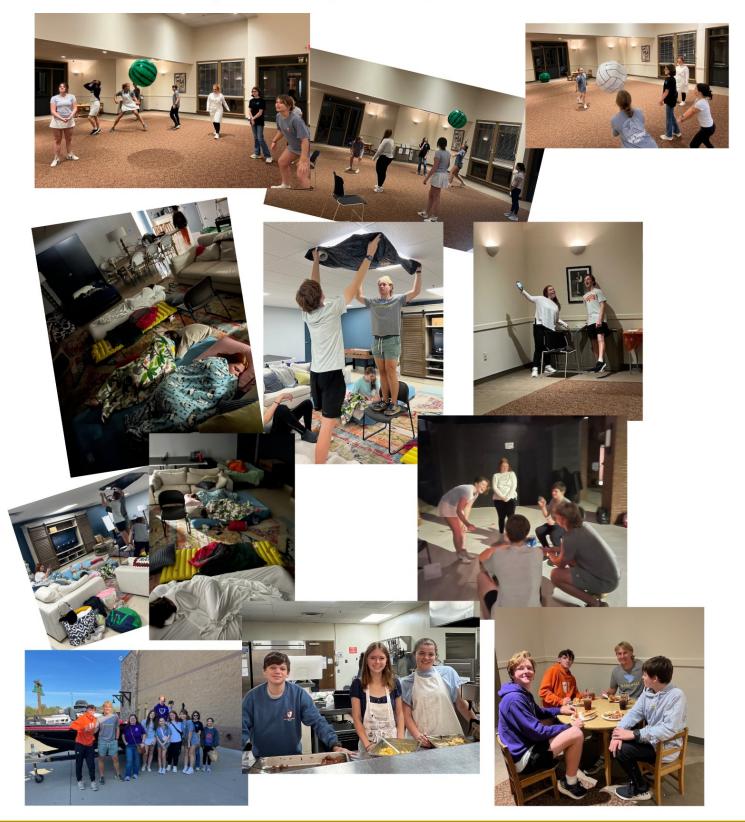
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### *Growing in Christ* FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN



### *Growing in Christ* Families, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

#### FUN TIMES AND MEMORIES MADE



## Holy Trinity EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



A 2K Blue Bird dissecting a pumpkin.

A 4K Red Bird working on the curriculum, Learning Without Tears.





A 2K Blue Bird praying in chapel.



A 3K yellow Bird trying on the firefighter's hat during their visit.





3K Yellow Birds conducting a science experiment.



In October and November, we continued to meet on Sunday nights for food, fun, and fellowship. One of our favorite activities Canterbury is Firepit Compline & Smores, which we have done a couple times this year. We also love our annual Pumpkin Carving.

Unfortunately, our plan to visit Denver Downs for autumnal adventures was a washout. 🙁 We needed the rain, but the timing was bad!

On December 8, we will celebrate Canterbury Sunday with the Parish of Holy Trinity. Canterbury students will serve in a variety of ways during the 10:30 service, with Peer Minister Scotty Timms preaching at both morning services on that day. We will also honor and bless our graduating Seniors, Eleanor Ehrman and Victoria Mills.

The following week is Exam Week. Holy Trinity provides lunch each day from 11:30-1:30, as well as providing quiet study space in the Canterbury Student Center. Please watch for opportunities to help provide this much-appreciated support for our students!



### **Adult Formation**

Our ongoing Adult Formation offerings will take a hiatus in late December and early January. Please watch HT Notes for details for when the Sunday morning Bible Study Fellowship and Tuesday morning Bible Study by Zoom will meet.

Also watch your inbox for information about the upcoming Discovery Class for newcomers and anyone who wants a refresher on the basics of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition. There will also be information about a program for reading through the Bible in 2025. Both of these offerings will begin in January.



## **Resources for Spiritual Growth**

## Advent Quiet Day: Images of Mary (see full page ad, pg. 23)



The Martha Moxley Laib Chapter of the Daughters of the King invite you to a day of quiet contemplation led by Mtr. Suz. On Saturday, December 14, we will gather in the parish hall for a series of reflections on the various images of Mary of Nazareth. Each reflection will conclude with an extended period of time for journaling, praying, or responding creatively to the presentations. We will begin at 10:00 am and conclude with a Holy Eucharist at 1:30.

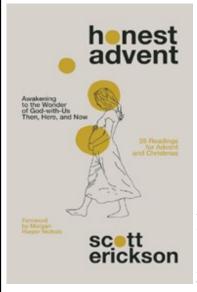
This Quiet Day is free and open to everyone in the parish and to anyone in the community who would like to attend. Beverages will be provided throughout the day. Please bring a sack lunch. Please contact Mtr. Suz for further information.



# Advent Resources

I have reviewed two very different books of reflections for Advent from two very different authors. I recommend either or both of these selections to deepen and enhance your preparations for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ this Advent season.

#### Honest Advent: Awakening to the Wonder of Godwith-Us Then, Here, and Now, by Scott Erickson.



"Scott Erickson is a touring artist, author, spiritual director, and creative curate who mixes autobiography, biblical narrative, and visual aesthetics that speak to our deepest experiences."

Erickson's 25 readings for Advent and Christmas are written in a voice that is relaxed and unchurchy, yet offers deep insights into the connections be-

tween the bodily experiences of pregnancy and birth and God's unending invitation to draw near. Each reading is accompanied by an evocative image that provides a sensory starting point for our experience of the holy journey of Advent.

# *Do Not Be Afraid: The joy of waiting in a time of fear, by Rachel Mann, the Archbishop of York's* **Advent Book 2024.** Ra-

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Do Not -

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Rachel Mann

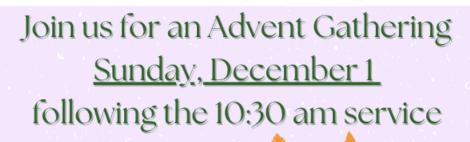
chel Mann is a priest in the Church of England, as well as a poet and theologian. She broadcasts on BBC regularly and serves as the Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton, in the Diocese of Manchester.

The daily meditations for Advent in this book look at different aspects of waiting. In them, Mann portrays various ways in

trays various ways in which God accompanies us through times of waiting– whether to comfort in times of sorrow, to surprise with joy in times of loneliness, to remind us that Christ is always coming to be with us while we wait for the completion of the "time between" that characterizes the human experience. Each meditation ends with a prayer for the day and prompts for further contemplation.



# Community





## Lunch will be served



Limited supplies for Advent Wreaths will be available. Please bring your own form.

We will have a few of this year's Advent devotionals on hand if you prefer a printed copy. An e-version is available by clicking <u>here</u> or scanning the QR code provided.



Bringing women of faith together to enrich their life and soul as they prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Thursday, December 5, 2024 Clemson United Methodist Church 300 Frontage Rd, Clemson, SC

Doors open @ 6:00pm • Program starts shortly after Registration is required. \$15 fee payable to CUMC through check, <u>linktr.ee/ClemsonUMC</u> or QR code.

Come enjoy fellowship and hear inspirational speaker Pastor Meg Wilkes, along with lovely music of the season by the Lake Arte Trio and the CUMC Bell Choir. Enjoy the beautiful atmosphere of uniquely decorated tables and a delicious dessert buffet.

# Advent Quiet Day Mary of Nazareth



### The Mary Moxley Laib Chapter

of the Daughters of the King invite you to a day of quiet contemplation of various images of Mary of Nazareth.

Saturday, December 14, 10 am ~ 2 pm. Come to the parish hall doors under the bell tower. All parking is available on that day.

This Quiet Day is free and open to everyone. Beverages will be provided throughout the day. Please bring a sack lunch. Please contact Mtr. Suz for further information. scate@holytrinityclemson.org

> Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 193 Old Greenville Hwy

## A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

## SUNDAY, DEC 15 AT 6:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 328 E. QUEEN ST. PENDLETON, SC

## A Special Note of Thanks...

Dan and I would like to sincerely thank the members of Holy Trinity for the loving outreach to us when we became homeless due to Hurricane Helene. You gave us hope and support when we needed it the most. We feel truly blessed and honored to be members of Holy Trinity

> Love and God Bless, James (Dan) and Bonnie Craft



## Helping Those in Our Community



Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing** to God.

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV

In light of the economic hardships felt by so many in our area, we anticipate that we will see increased requests for assistance from community members. We use the allocation to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund** to meet those needs, which have already been greater this year than ever. We also have parishioners whose financial security is threatened for reasons beyond their control. For those requests, we turn to the **Good Shepherd Fund** established by the generous donation from a parishioner a few years ago. Please consider making a special donation to either or both of those funds during this season of giving. Checks may be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish with the designation 'Rector's Discretionary Fund' or 'Good Shepherd

Fund' written in the memo. Donations to both funds may also be made online by clicking <u>here</u> or scanning the QR code provided.

It is times like these that we see the goodness in each other that God sees in us. We are thankful at all times for the goodness that we see in each of you.

# Parish life at Holy Trinity

Photo Highlights from Parish Events

Sun. Oct. 6-Episcopal Day School Sunday and Pet Blessing

















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# **Parish life at Holy Trinity** Sun. Oct. 27-Blessing of the Costumes and Fall Festival



















# **Parish Life at Holy Trinity** Tues. Oct. 29-Downtown Clemson Trick or Treat







## Support St. Paul's Thrift Shop



Dear Holy Trinity Parish,

Like a warm hearth on a cold day, St. Paul's Thrift Shop welcomes shoppers and folks in

need. Especially during these times of higher costs and inclement weather, our shelves for all items, empty quickly. Lately, the hot items are blankets, towels and shoes. Please help us keep our shelves stocked with your donations of all kinds. You may drop off items: Mondays and Thursdays 10:30AM - 2:30PM, and Tuesdays 9:00AM to 11:00AM. 314 East Queen St. Pendleton, SC.

We serve best with your help.

Thank you from all your St. Paul's Thrift Shop volunteers!

Questions: judysurak@yahoo.com 864-933-5205

# Check Out the Church Calendar!





Located on the parish website. You may access it <u>here</u> or by scanning the QR code provided above. *Remember that a list of seasonal services can be found on page 9 of this issue.* 

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### **December Birthdays:**

- 2 Renna Redd
- 3 Mary Ann Foy
- 6 Joanna Schuman
- 6 Rebecca Diemer
- 7 Tommye Hurst
- 8 Graydon Wallace
- 11 Paul Thackham
- 12 Callan Henry
- 13 Carolyn Wheeler
- 14 Myra Gildersleeve
- 14 Kathy Naeseth
- 15 Kathy Hunter
- 15 Chris Johnson
- 16 Ethan Carroll
- 17 Trey Williams
- 20 Charlie Arms
- 22 Curtis Henry
- 24 Jack McKenna
- 26 James Jayroe
- 27 Earl Burch
- 27 Billy Bridges
- 29 Lew Fitch
- 30 Don Campbell
- 31 Carol Todd
- 31 Cathy Garrett
- 31 Gwen Hammond

#### **December Anniversaries:**

- 1 Barbara & Tom Witmer 19 – Mary Beth & David Johnstone
- 19 Kathy & Kevin Crouse
- 29 Mellie & John Warner
- 29 Meine & Joini Warne
- 30 Scooty & Earl Burch

#### January Birthdays:

- 1 Trey Cox
- 1 Andrew Baker
- 1 Louise Rozendale
- 3 Linda Krogman
- 3 Marjorie Campbell
- 7 Mary Bridges
- 7 Mary Ann Taylor

- 11 Pat Bryan
- 11 Teague De los Santos
- 17 Roger Brown, Jr.
- 17 Kathryn Cauley
- 18 Lura Forcum
- 19 Shelby Wallace
- 20 Mother Suz Cate
- 21 Marvin-Joe Merck
- 21 Barbara Weaver
- 21 Lynn Smith
- 22 Greg Meeks
- 24 Danny Edie
- 27 Joe Yanes
- 28 Cary Johnstone
- 29 Charles Shuler
- 31 Anita Arms

#### **January Anniversaries:**

3 - Rachel & Chesley Rowe

