

Tempo

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Holy
Trinity Episcopal Church

October - November 2026

*We are a people passionately seeking to
love with the heart of Christ,
think with the mind of Christ, and
act in the world as the body of Christ.*

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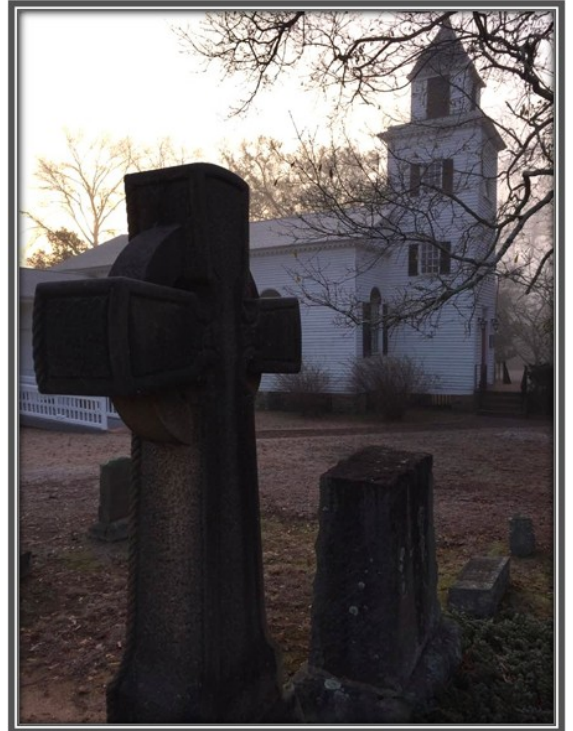
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Worship With Us!

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Livestreamed via Facebook and
YouTube)

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

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Keeping the Faith

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” –Ephesians 5:2

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, our Stewardship Committee has chosen a portion of the Bible verse above for our annual campaign theme this year. It is an apt and fitting theme for each individual and household to consider prayerfully the commitments we make to support the church with our time, talent, and treasure. It is worth a close reading of the phrase, “walk in love,” parsing each word for the depth of its meaning.



“Walk in love” means more than taking a stroll outside and greeting the world with kind sentiment. Various translations of the verse in question may render the phrase, “live in love.” To walk in this sense is to make an all-in approach to a particular way of life. For us, as followers of Jesus, that means whole-hearted discipleship. The original disciples literally walked with Jesus, learning from him, observing him, loving him, and trying to be like him. This was their life while he was with them. The record of Scripture tells us that they continued their “walk” with Jesus even after his resurrection and ascension. The result of their walk is that we are here, 2000 years later, trying to do the same.

To walk in love is to offer ourselves as Jesus did. To be a sacrifice to God means giving back to God in gratitude and humility what we receive from God—“our selves, our souls and bodies” (BCP 344). This is more than a commitment to fund mission (as important as that is). This is a commitment to live our lives ready to offer ourselves in service for building up the righteous, just, merciful kingdom that Jesus inaugurated. The sacrifice is to deny parts of ourselves that are in opposition to that kingdom: pride, greed, hypocrisy, and apathy. Love is active and always seeks what is good for others, what is good for all of creation.

To walk in love means watching for opportunities to serve Christ in other people. It means cultivating the humility to recognize and acknowledge the wrong we do as human beings and to repent of those things. To walk in love means putting relationship over position and seeing the image of God in everyone, including the people we are inclined to disdain or despise. It also means walking in the company of Jesus, as his disciples. It is belonging to a fellowship with a purpose, and that purpose is nothing less than overcoming the forces that oppose the reign of God in our common life! This year, we walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Won’t you join us?

Much love, Suz+

Senior Warden Report

Beloved Parishioners,

This has been a busy time for the Vestry and its committees. We have completed the Mutual Ministry Study through the process of committee input, an extended meeting of Church leadership in July, and drafting a proposal that was approved at the August meeting and is included in this TEMPO. One item of note that appeared in several committee reports was the concern over the difficulty of recruiting volunteers. This is an enduring problem, as the last parish-wide survey quantified what many have known for some time; that is, the majority of the volunteer work at Holy Trinity is done by a relatively small percentage of the parish and the majority of those volunteers are in the older age groups. There are many reasons for this, but two that we might be able to mitigate are the lack of information about what activities our committees perform and what the expectations for volunteers or group leaders are. Suz has proposed that the various key parish groups make presentations, one per month, to educate our parishioners about our various ministries. Look for more on this soon.



Related to the challenge of volunteerism is the difficulty we often have recruiting parishioners for elected positions, leaving us creating a slate very late in the year, and one that is often incomplete. To address this, the nomination committee, which is made up of outgoing vestry members, has been charged with developing a plan for recruiting candidates and educating them about the responsibilities of the various elected roles. A draft for such a process has been presented to the Vestry by Charlie Curtis and will be finalized very soon for implementation. In the meantime, potential candidates are being identified.

Continuing with that theme of volunteerism, the parking committee, led by Martha Williams and Bill Hurst, has proposed and the Vestry has approved that, in exchange for parking assistance, we donate a small fraction of the funds we generate from our various parking events as contributions to various non-profit organizations or teams from Holy Trinity. In a few trials this approach has worked well and will take the burden off of the usual volunteers.

In the last TEMPO, I reported that a contract had been let for the restoration work on the exterior of St. Paul's. If you drive by there, you will see the work is very much in progress, most conspicuously with the construction of a new side entrance ramp. As always, we are most grateful to Chris Heerwagen for marshalling this work.

The contracted work to prevent leaks in our stained glass windows in the nave has been completed. Unfortunately, additional leaks in some parish hall windows in the EDS area were identified during the extremely heavy rains that occurred last month, resulting in some mold issues. Our junior warden Chesley Rowe and sextons had previously developed a repair method and will be working on mitigating our current issues.

A preliminary draft of our Statement of Mission (SOM) was prepared by Bob Taylor and has come before the Finance Committee and subsequently the Vestry. Both groups recommended that the Stewardship Committee set as a goal a 10% increase in pledge contributions. I realize that we had a pledge commitment for this current year that exceeded our goal, and that with the retiring of the debt we can include football parking revenue as a source of income. However, a significant portion of the compensation for the welcome addition of Gillian our Associate Priest will be coming from the SOM. In addition, we should make every effort to provide at least cost-of-living raises to our hard-working

(continued from previous)

and faithful staff. Further, as you all well know, the cost of everything, including utilities, continues to climb. Significantly, multiple sectors of our parish, including some of the major benefactors who were instrumental in the retiring of our debt, would like to see us committed to a direct outreach of 10% of our total SOM. We as a church have always taken seriously that part of our mission statement which calls on us to “act in the world as the body of Christ”, not only through the direct outreach from our budget, but also through the work of the Thrift Shop and the ECW Bazaar, not to mention the involvement of so many volunteers in other local charities. This increase in direct outreach is a bold statement about that commitment.

For other activities of the Vestry, I direct your attention to the minutes of our last meeting. However, I do want to mention one additional action taken in August. Holy Trinity is in possession of a valuable piece of Edgefield pottery which had been residing at St. Paul's. While an offer has been made to purchase it, the Vestry has approved a recommendation by Suz to donate it to a fitting organization in recognition that pieces such as these were very likely produced by enslaved persons.

Finally, we will be welcoming back Bob Taylor as he resumes his role as Treasurer following a brief interruption in his duties resulting from injuries he sustained from his and Mary Ann's most tragic automobile accident. We have all missed him, but I personally have felt his absence, as I now realize more fully all he does in the process of analyzing, reporting on and making recommendations about our finances.

As always, if you would like more information about anything in this report, or any other activities of Parish, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours in Christ, Hap Wheeler (wheeler@clemsun.edu 864-506-6518)

Click [here](#) or scan to access the Mutual Ministry Study.



HT Cares Can Use Your Help!

The HT Cares Pastoral Care Committee needs support for the November Joy and Comfort Bags, which will be assembled on Halloween - Sat, October 31st at 11 am in the Parish Hall

We need snack items like small fruits, individual chip bags as well as our traditional homemade cookies to fill around 30 Joy and Comfort Bags. Please bring around 30 individual items or bags of 2-4 cookies each. Wear a costume and come join in the fun!



Inside HT: Introducing the Ministries that Support Our Mission



Love with the heart of Christ,
Think with the mind of Christ,
Act in the world as the Body of Christ

Have you ever wished you could hear about
all the different ministries at Holy Trinity?

Each month, as part of our Second Sunday
Potluck, leaders of the various ministries will
offer a quick overview of their ministry:
the who, what, why, where, when, and how
of the work of building up God's just,
merciful, and loving kingdom
here at Holy Trinity.

Join us on Second Sundays Oct-April.
Bring a dish to share and learn all about HT!

St. Paul's Exterior Restoration Project Moves Forward



Work on the exterior restoration and painting of historic St. Paul's in Pendleton got underway in early August, and significant progress is already being made. With several crews working simultaneously, the project is moving forward on schedule.

The first step was the removal of the church's shutters. Each shutter was carefully "tagged" so it can be returned to its original location later in the project. Once the shutters were removed, crews gave the entire exterior a much-needed low-pressure washing to remove years of accumulated dirt, mildew and other debris.

Carpentry Repairs Underway

A substantial amount of carpentry work is being completed as crews move around the building.

The rear stairs leading from the porch into the churchyard have been completely replaced. Repairs are also needed on an adjacent column before the new railing can be completed. The existing ramp walkway was determined to be beyond repair and was removed. A new ramp is now under construction, with its framing completed and awaiting inspection by Anderson County.

Crews have also replaced old, rotted and deteriorated boards around much of the church exterior. Where replacement is necessary, new boards are being milled to match the appearance of the originals, including the distinctive grooves, or "beads," found on boards throughout the main body of the building. All new boards are being primed on every side before installation. Additional repairs will be made as needed as crews move their scaffolding around the building during the scraping process.

Removing Decades of Old Paint

One of the most extensive parts of the project is scraping the old paint from the entire exterior. Crews are removing as much of the old paint as possible without damaging the historic wood beneath it. Paint that remains firmly attached and is not flaking or blistering may be left in place. Multiple coats of primer and finish paint will help create a smooth, even final surface.



Restoring the Windows

The church's windows are also receiving careful attention. Old paint is being scraped away, and each window is being re-glazed—a process that removes and replaces the putty-like compound that seals the individual panes within their frames and helps protect them from the weather.

Following re-glazing, the windows are being primed and painted, with their final coats still to come. Any rotted window frames discovered during the process are also being repaired. Once the project is complete, the windows are intended to remain closed and non-functional.

What Comes Next

Scraping and window restoration are expected to continue into October. The good news is that multiple crews are working in different areas of the building at the same time, helping keep the overall project on schedule.

Once the scraping and window work are complete, the exterior will begin receiving coats of primer. Priming will likely take place in sections soon after scraping is completed so that exposed wood is protected from the weather. The final coats of paint will then be applied.

The upper portions of the bell tower will require a crane or lift, and even the cross atop the tower will receive a fresh coat of paint. The church's three doors will also be repainted. One important detail has already been decided: the St. Paul's Committee has voted to keep the front door red.

Shutters and Columns

The shutters that were removed at the beginning of the project will be cleaned, repaired as needed, and primed and painted before being returned to the church. They will be re-hung after the final coat of paint is applied.

The half-circle shutters that once covered the tops of the windows will remain off the building. Removing them will allow more light into the church and reveal the beauty of the windows that have long been hidden behind the fixed shutters. The half-circle shutters will still be repainted to match the others and stored for possible future use.

The four exterior columns also require attention, with two of them in particularly poor condition. Repairs will be made before the columns are primed and painted. Because the columns were left as an open item in the project's original scope of work, the project team is currently determining the most cost-effective way to complete the repairs.

The restoration is revealing just how much careful preparation goes into preserving a historic building. While there is still considerable work ahead, the progress made since August is bringing St. Paul's one step closer to a beautifully restored exterior—and ensuring that this historic church will continue to be cared for for generations to come.



Church Financial Report

September 2026 Tempo Financial Report **Bob Taylor, Treasurer**

Total income for the first 8 months of 2026 is behind budget by \$30,665.94 with the major deficiency being pledge income. Late summer and fall months are typical pledge catch up months. Total expenses for the first 8 months of 2026 are also behind budget by \$9,227.26. The following table provides additional detailed summaries of the financial data through August 31, 2026:

August 31, 2026 Operating Finances	August Actual	August Budget	Actual Year-to-Date	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$4,843.55	\$5,833.00	\$53,921.10	\$46,664.00	\$7,257.10
Pledge Offerings	\$66,382.90	\$47,500.00	\$342,315.62	\$380,000.00	(\$37,684.38)
Total Income	\$74,226.45	\$56,333.00	\$419,998.06	\$450,664.00	(\$30,665.94)
Expenses	\$55,413.09	\$56,333.00	\$441,436.74	\$450,664.00	(\$9,227.26)

Trinity Place Loan Balance, January 1, 2026 **\$376,116.77**
Trinity Place Loan Balance, August 31, 2026 **\$0.00**

Sunday, September 13th, the celebration of Trinity Place took place at the Trinity Place Pavillon and grassy area with the burning of the paid mortgage. A large collection of Holy Trinity Parishioners' cakes added considerably to the festivities.

Holy Trinity welcomed Bishop Daniel Richards of EDUSC on Sunday, Sept. 13th, as the parish officially celebrated paying off the Trinity Place loan!



Liturgical Notes for October and November

October 4, at 2:00 on Trinity Place—Blessing of the Animals honors the Feast of St. Francis by celebrating our furry, feathered, and scaly friends. We will collect donations of pet supplies for a local animal shelter.



October 11 at both services—Land Acknowledgment offered as a prelude to both services, in which we honor the original stewards of the land upon which we live, work, and worship. See the article on the following pages.

October 18—Evensong at St. Paul's at 5:00, honoring the Feast of St. Luke.

October 25 at the 10:30 service—Blessing of Costumes. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and receive a blessing.

November 1—All Saints' Day. We will celebrate this Principal Feast of the Church at both services. At 10:30, our music will be enhanced by a brass ensemble, and we might get a whiff of incense to waft our prayers to heaven. This is also the day of our Ingathering of Commitments for our stewardship campaign, which we will celebrate with food and fellowship.

November 1—All Souls' Eve at St. Paul's at 5:00. Our annual remembrance of our dearly departed. Please submit to the church office the names of those whom you would like to have remembered.



November 26—Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist at 10:00.

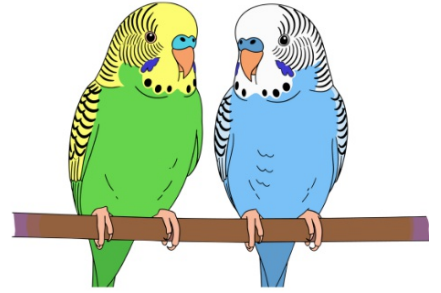
November 29—Advent 1 at both services. We begin the new church year with the Season of Advent. We begin with the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath. The liturgical color is blue, and the liturgy becomes a bit more contemplative as we use different settings for certain parts of the service in anticipation of the three Advents of Christ: The Incarnation, the Second Coming, and the daily visitation of Christ in each person we encounter.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

2-3PM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



**CELEBRATE AND PROTECT THE ANIMALS THAT
MAKE OUR WORLD AMAZING**

***COLLECTING DONATIONS
FOR
CLEMSON PAW PARTNERS**



TRINITY PLACE LAWN



HONORING THE ORIGINAL STEWARDS OF THE LAND

"The land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me." Leviticus 25:23

In a recent sermon, I mentioned the Biblical concept of Jubilee, which comes from the 25th Chapter of Leviticus. Within the detailed instructions for implementing Jubilee, I came across the epitaph provided above. It is a humbling framing for the idea that we are God's guests on the land we inhabit, and we have certain obligations to the true owner of this good earth.

The reason I'm bringing this up is to explain why we will be including a land acknowledgement in our services on October 11. Last November, the Diocesan Convention adopted a resolution for all worshiping communities in the diocese to incorporate a land acknowledgement in their liturgies on the Sunday before Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday in October.

You may have questions.

What is a land acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement is a traditional custom that dates back centuries to recognize the Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the land on which we live, work, play, and worship. It is a mark of respect for those who lived on this land and tended it for long centuries before Europeans arrived, and who continue to live here and care for their ancestral home.

What is the purpose of a land acknowledgement?

A land acknowledgement increases the visibility of Tribal members and descendants within their own homelands. It sparks curiosity to learn more about the history of our home, including some aspects that may lead to remorse, repentance, and attempts at reconciliation. A land acknowledgement should prompt us to action—to support Indigenous communities in their work to preserve their heritage of culture, language, and customs. It may also lead to efforts to address past harm.

Why did the Diocesan Convention pass the resolution to incorporate a land acknowledgement in our liturgies on the Sunday before Indigenous Peoples' Day?

The motives for the 74% of Delegates who voted in favor of the resolution are doubtless varied and personal. I can only address my own motivations for doing so. I have always felt an affinity for the work of racial reconciliation, and seeking to address the grievous harm endured by the original inhabitants of this land is an important part of that work. In the last several years, especially as I have participated in Sacred Ground* circles of learning, I have come to realize that Christians carry a historical burden that dates back to the 15th Century, when Christian European nations adopted the Doctrine of Discovery.

The Doctrine of Discovery is a legal and religious concept that allowed Christian European nations to claim sovereignty over lands inhabited by non-Christians, effectively stripping Indigenous peoples of their property rights while granting the discovering nation exclusive title to the territory. Untold harm

to millions of Indigenous peoples resulted from the conquest and exploitation of land and people around the globe, including the Americas. The Episcopal Church has officially repudiated and renounced the Doctrine of Discovery as fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the inherent rights of all people. I believe we are called, as followers of Jesus, to repent of the historic sin embedded in and generated by the Doctrine of Discovery.

Repentance begins with acknowledgement and is fulfilled in amendment of life. The Land Acknowledgement we are using was created with the assistance of Korero, a conversational AI tool created by the Native Land Digital community and designed to help people create Land Acknowledgements that “honour Indigenous presence, knowledge, and care.” You can learn more at www.native-land.ca.



I worked with our Worship Support Ministry Team to plan the inclusion of the Land Acknowledgement for Holy Trinity in our services on October 11. We will begin outside on the front lawn with a reading of the Land Acknowledgment and a moment of silent reflection before entering the church. Consider it a prelude to our worship on that day.

We stand on lands that have long held the breath of the ᑕᓄᓂᓄᓂᓄᓂ Tsalaguwetiyi (Cherokee, East), the S’atsoyaha (Yuchi), and the Miccosukee peoples—caretakers before us, witnesses to these rivers, red hills, and woods.

As we gather in faith, we remember that the ground beneath our feet is not property but a gift, entrusted to hands that came before our own. We owe a debt—not merely of words, but of right relationship—to the original stewards of this place and to the Creator who breathed life into every stream and creature.

Today, we commit ourselves anew: to teach our people that preserving the work of the Creator is an act of worship, to protect these lands and waters as sacred trust, and to live gently, so that future generations may know the wholeness we have been given.

For every blessing taken from these lands, may we give back with care, humility, and reverence—now and always.

I invite and encourage you to consider the ways in which we, as a parish, might work together to “protect these lands and waters as a sacred trust,” in order that we might fulfill our obligation to amendment of life in repentance for the Doctrine of Discovery and its consequences.



*Sacred Ground is a curriculum provided by The Episcopal Church. Click [here](#) or scan for more information.

Outreach - Mission Opportunities



Education = Hope

An Interview with Malachi St Jean from London

Responses to August's ECW 'Food for Thought' forum, an update on education projects in Haiti, show strong, continued support and interest in our parish's longtime partnership.

Read on for a report and interview with Malachi St. Jean, a young Haitian doctor who was born in the former squatter's settlement of Cange, was educated at the Episcopal school we helped build there, and went on to graduate from the Faculty of Medicine Notre Dame in Port au Prince. Selected by the Episcopal Church to serve as a year-long YASC (Young Adult Service Corps) volunteer with the Anglican Communion Office (ACO) in London, Malachi is now working as an Advocacy and UN Team Assistant.



For us, this is a striking lesson and example of how our parish and diocesan outreach efforts, with sustained commitment and determination, over time can have amazing results. Malachi's story spotlights not only how and why we do what we do in Outreach that matters---it's about building on the steps-over-steps that others have made, striking the pathway forward.

In this case it was Malachi's father, Manius, who as a teenager left his home village of Bois Joli, walking each day 6 miles roundtrip to Cange, to enroll in a new primary school built by our diocese in 1982. 'Mountains over mountains' in hopes for a better life in the Central Plateau of Haiti and to support his family, Manius is now a long-time community health worker, a leader in supporting the ongoing health projects started by our medical teams here at HT Clemson.

Manius's son, Malachi, having followed his father's hopes of education and possibilities graduated two years ago from medical school in Port au Prince. Despite the surrounding gang violence and danger to himself he traveled on around the country for required community service and medical rotations at different sites. This process required enormous support and dedication to continue on his part.



Malachi and Manius in Bois Joli honoring Earl Burch

Let it be said that Malachi is no stranger to HT Clemson or our diocese. He has worshiped with us, visited and been housed with us, and participated in diocesan conferences. He has worked and studied with our parish physicians in Haiti and here at AnMed and Clemson clinics, during which time this reporter has been only too happy to serve as laundress, cook and cheerleader!

Malachi landed in London early this spring as an eager YASC volunteer, no doubt encouraged and recommended by Alan Yarborough, former Clemson student and HT peer minister. Alan's interest in our Haiti Outreach efforts led to his own long- term involvement in YASC and work at the Episcopal Church headquarters in NYC. Zach Jeffers, formerly of our parish and son of Archdeacon Mary Jeffers, also joined YASC after graduating from Clemson and served in Hong Kong in outreach for the Merchant Marines.

Having known and worked with all of these young men at HT, this reporter asked Malachi what he is learning from his work with global groups such as the World Health Organization, the United Nations and other ACO outreach programs. Was he seeing ways to implement projects at home and build better pathways to advocate for the people in the Central Plateau as a young doctor? What could he share with us about how our church and

faith communities everywhere can be advocates and partners for those needing our vision and voices?

My latest learning curve?

That is all in my role focusing on supporting the work of the ACO by amplifying the voices of Anglican communities living through conflict, the effects of climate change, disease outbreaks such as Ebola and other worldwide issues.

Also, by connecting and giving voice to young people, we focus on their creating a platform to advocate for peace, justice and equity worldwide.

Collaborating with Anglican networks and ecumenical partners, and connecting with UN agencies and global health organizations is the way I see we are addressing issues like the Ebola outbreak, attacks on healthcare, conflicts and displacement of populations.

It's the sharing of stories and experiences, being inspired by diverse colleagues who are living out their faith, championing justice to help create positive change worldwide that motivates me. I am so grateful to be able to contribute to work that strives to improve healthcare, strengthens community and promotes lasting peace.



Malachi speaking at Anglican Global Health Symposium

Finding pathways at home?

I remain firmly connected to Haiti! The Episcopal Representative to the UN continues to advocate tirelessly for peace, humanitarian access and security measures, and ensuring that the needs and voices of those most afflicted by Haiti's crisis are heard at the international level.

I have a unique opportunity to share our successful community health experiences from the Central Plateau while working with a church-focused health network initiative. Its aim is to support and equip Anglican churches to address the most pressing healthcare issues in their context, identifying replicable and good practices for Haiti.

About being stronger advocates?

I think faith communities have always driven change when advocacy is paired with meaningful action! With increased armed conflicts, unprecedented displacements, and strained global health funding among other issues, I believe greater courage and consistency are needed to face these growing worldwide pressures. We have an opportunity to recognize and seek deeper collaboration between faith communities, government, and secular organizations as relevant partners.

Today's challenges are too complex for any one institution to solve alone. Yet wisdom, rooted in faith, is required in broader partnerships to ensure that advocacy and action reflect compassion, dignity and love for all people. Most importantly, advocacy must be in partnerships that enable communities to shape their own futures. Listening, strengthening capacity, and empowerment build resilience that leads to solutions to challenges. To me, that is a practical expression of building the kingdom of God.

(Stay tuned for Malachi's and other local advocate's thoughts about responding to the current crisis among our immigrant neighbors, and the focused deportation of US Haitians in the next issue of Tempo.) **Submitted by Outreach reporter, J Morse**



S.A.M.E. (So All May Eat) Garden

Half a TON of Produce Donated in 2026 -- and We aren't Finished Yet!

More than 1,000 lbs of produce from the SAME Garden has been donated to Clemson Community Care since January 2026. If all goes as planned, we hope to reach ONE TON by the end of December.

The hot dry summer took its toll, but thanks to the hard work of our garden volunteers, we managed to not only survive, but thrive. The summer garden is still producing well. Late in August we planted fall vegetables, which include collards, beets, turnips, and cabbage. Later this fall, we will plant carrots, onions and spinach.

For those of you who are new to Holy Trinity, the SAME Garden was founded approximately ten years ago by the late Dr. Beth Kunkel, a devoted member of our parish. She used her nutritional expertise and passion for growing fresh vegetables to help those in need in our community. A small group of dedicated volunteers continue her legacy and keep the garden flourishing. Produce from the garden is donated to Clemson Community Care, our local food bank.

Want to get involved? Volunteers meet most Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., and at other times during the week and for special projects. For more information or to lend a hand, contact "Farmer Mike" (Michael Diemer) at 864.590.4248 or beenexploring@outlook.com.



Byron Harder picked the last of our hot, tired pole beans in late August.



"Farmer Mike" (Mike Diemer, center) and the volunteers at Clemson Community Care proudly weigh in 1,000 lbs of produce from the SAME Garden.



Our okra plants tower over Mtr. Suz!



Families, Children, and Youth

*October/November

We have successfully kicked off our new formation season with Youth Group, Children's Church, and plenty of fellowship opportunities. I am looking forward to all the upcoming things October and November have to offer.

Children

Children's Church is off to a great start. Each Sunday, we focus on either the Old Testament reading or the Gospel, whichever is more relatable for our age group. In September, they learned about *The Plagues* and *Parting of the Red Sea*.

We have been working on a new song each month. The children really enjoyed *Jesus wants Me for a Sunbeam*. Currently we are working on *He's got the Whole World in His hands*.

I am so very grateful for the wonderful volunteers we have for our Children's Church. This is an important ministry of Holy Trinity and to be able to have consistency is such a blessing. We are currently well established with our Children's Church volunteers, however, if you feel called to help with this ministry, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In the event we cannot meet for Children's Church, our *Pray-Ground* is always available and will be updated with activities.

Also, don't forget the activity bags available in the Narthex, they are refreshed each week. *There are bags specific for ages 3 and under, please look for the notation above the bag hook.

Consider leaving any artwork your children make during the service in the labeled basket in the Narthex. HT Cares can use those in the joy and comfort bags for our homebound parishioners.

We have enjoyed seeing our young children participate in Children's services. Children and families have the option to present the gifts at communion. A sign up was emailed to current families. If you are interested and haven't received the sign up, please contact me via email.

Nursery offering for ages 4 and under is now on a regular Sunday offering. Should nursery not be available, it will be communicated in the Thursday and Sunday emails.

Youth

Youth group had their first couple of meetings in August and September, where they established scheduling that works for majority. They meet for dinner and have began their series *The Bible Project*. The next youth group will be on **Wednesday, October 7 from 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall**

Coming up on **Sunday, October 4**, the downtown youth cohort will hold a Youth Fall Event for *World Communion* at Ft. Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson from 6-8pm. We are asking attendees to bring a donated item for Clemson Community Care. There will also be a sign up to contribute to dinner and games. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Our youth serving in Children's Services has been very consistent. Reminder that there is a sign up. If you have not received it, please let me know. Our next Children's services are Sundays, October 4 and December 6. There will not be a Children's Service offered in November.

Ministry Highlights and Engagement Ideas

Here are a few ways children, youth, and families can stay involved:

- **Upcoming gatherings** — Consider cooking a dish together to bring for the *Second Sunday Potluck* that begin in October.
- **Activity idea** — See if your children can sing one or both of our songs we've worked on in Children's Church. Ask them what their favorite Bible Story has been thus far. **We will be discussing Saints on All Saints Sunday!**
- **Children and Youth connection** — Children's services are a great way to have our youth and younger children interacting.
- **Engagement** — Encourage your youth to attend larger youth events, such as the Fall Youth event at Ft. Hill and our monthly youth group.
- **Family outreach** — Think about a service project you can do as a family. It can be as simple as bringing items on Sundays for Clemson Community Care. Remember we will take up donations for Clemson Paw Partners on **October 4** at our *Blessing of the Pets*.

Looking Ahead

Be sure to check emails. The next few months will see lots of opportunities for our families, children, and youth. We will enter into Advent at the end of November, we will ask families to sign up to light the Advent candle each Sunday, along with other seasonal opportunities.

Closing

It has been wonderful to see the participation with our families and youth in the services and our Children's Church. We are seeing momentum with our youth and I hope to continue with your support and encouragement.

Jenae



THE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL HAS HAD A WONDERFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR SO FAR! OUR CLASSROOMS ARE FULL OF BUSY LITTLE LEARNERS! FROM EXPLORING AND CREATING TO MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND LEARNING CLASSROOM ROUTINES, OUR STUDENTS ARE SETTLING INTO ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR AT THE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL. EACH DAY BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PLAY, GROW, AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE TOGETHER. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE JOY AND ENERGY OUR STUDENTS BRING TO OUR SCHOOL EACH DAY!





TRIVIA

COME CELEBRATE
WORLD COMMUNION DAY!

YOUTH EVENT



PRIZES

Fall Fellowship

Sunday, October 4

6-8pm

**Bring an item to donate to Clemson
Community Care*

Dinner will be served

FT. HILL PRESBYTERIAN
DOWNTOWN CLEMSON



Campus Ministry:

Staying on Course While Doing Ministry at Warp Speed

One thing that people who are closely involved in campus ministry over time come to know is that **campus ministry works on a totally different time scale than parish ministry.** The membership of the typical parish turns over on a scale of decades. Any one member may only be here a few years, but others are here for much longer, especially in a lovely town like Clemson. The foundation of the lay leadership is fairly steady, with gentle evolutions. A person or family's relationship with the parish develops and deepens over years. Clergy may come and go, but the core of the congregation remains. In comparison, campus ministry evolves at *warp* speed. One-fourth of a campus ministry's student "congregation" leaves every year, year after year after year ...

What would *any* parish be like if at least 25% of our members *had* to leave every year? Think about the relationships that would be truncated, or never be established, the leadership skills that would not be fully developed. Think about the amount of energy that would be required all the time for recruiting new members just to keep a steady membership. A few off years, and you'd have no parish!

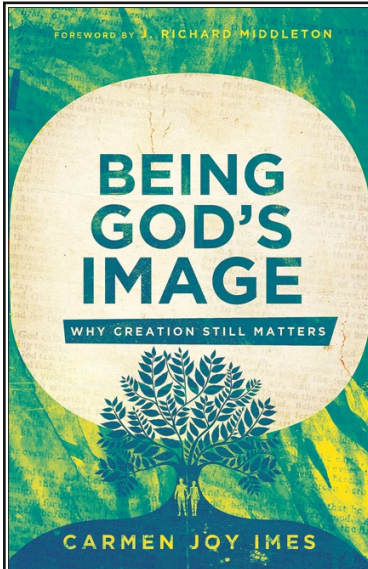


Canterbears enjoy Monday night dinner on Sept. 21st.

In parish ministry, the congregation is fairly stable, while the staff changes occasionally. In contrast, in campus ministry the student congregation is so very transient that the staff and faithful parish "alongsiders" provide the only stability.

I've been directly involved in Episcopal campus ministry for over nine years, and adjacent to it for many more. There are many ways of doing campus ministry across the church. But when I look at the campus ministries which thrive year after year, many have three things in common: consistent pastoral presence, consistent place and consistent funding. When your "congregation" is so fluid, consistency must come from outside.

The campus ministry at Clemson is looked up to in our region as a campus ministry that has always thrived. That is because of the generous and steady support of Holy Trinity, providing the essential consistency of presence, place and funding. Holy Trinity provides the clergy staff time for consistent pastoral presence. We have funded the creation and maintenance of a lovely dedicated physical space. And we also absorb many program costs from photocopies to carry-out containers. In recent years we have also benefitted from generous funding from the diocese, which in recent years has contributed over \$8,000 per year. But the bulk of the expense of the Clemson campus ministry has been covered by Holy Trinity, as diocesan support ebbs and flows. On behalf of the generations of Clemson students who have experienced Christ's love through our campus ministry, thank you! - **Blessings, Gillian+**



Formation for Discipleship - The goal of Christian Formation is to help followers of Jesus to be formed as his disciples. We are formed, not just informed—but transformed into disciples—through study and apprenticeship. In October and November, we will be offering a book study, reading the third book in the Bishop’s Read schedule for 2026. The book is *Being God’s Image: Why Creation Still Matters*.

“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27

These words from the first creation story in Genesis have shaped our understanding of human nature from the beginnings of our faith’s journey with God. *Being God’s Image* explores what it means for us and for all creation that we are God’s image in the world. Mtr. Suz & Mtr. Gillian will co-lead this study on Sunday afternoons at 4:30. There will be a Zoom option for those who live farther away from Holy Trinity. ***This class will not meet on Nov. 1.***

The reading schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 11: Introduction, Chapters 1-2
- Oct. 18: Chapters 3-5
- Oct. 25: Intermission, Chapters 5 & 6
- Nov. 8: Chapters 7-9
- Nov. 15: Chapter 10 and Conclusion

Each week, read the assigned portion of the book. Ask yourself these questions:

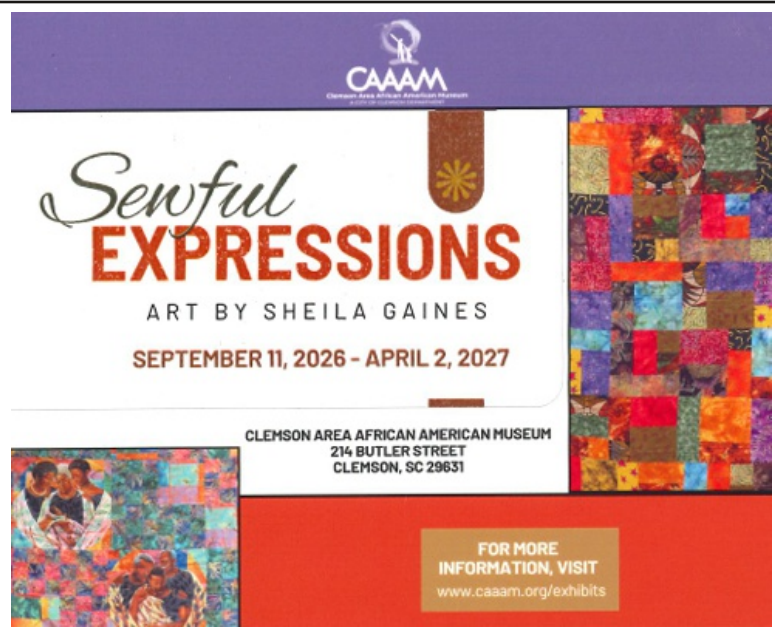
- What were the most challenging ideas presented?*
- What new understanding did you gain from the reading?*
- What questions still remain?*

If time allows, [check out the Bible Project videos suggested by the author.](#)



Now through April 2nd.

Check out this exhibit at the Clemson Area African American Museum!



Community

Pictured are some of the almost 50 volunteers of the St. Paul's Thrift Shop.

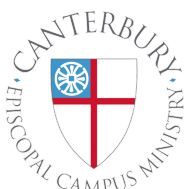
We had our annual volunteer luncheon in the parish hall on August 20th. The thrift shop is an outreach ministry of Holy Trinity. All of our proceeds after expenses are donated to nonprofits in Pickens, Anderson and Oconee counties.

The 2025 proceeds went to:

Clemson Community Care
Pendleton Community Center
Pendleton Historic Foundation
St. Paul's Church Restoration Fund

Throughout the year we also donate clothing and supplies to Salvation Army, Ripple of One, Haven of Rest, Our Daily Bread and individuals in need.

If you are interested in volunteering at the thrift shop please contact Margaret Nieman.



Befriend a Canterbear! One of the blessings of campus ministry is fostering relationships between university students and parishioners. One of the ways we do that at Holy Trinity is through our "Befriend a Canterbear" program—"Canterbear" being our term of affection for Canterbury students! Students who are away from home and their familiar churches get to know adults and families in the parish who share similar interests, and parish members get to know a student and get a deeper sense of what our young adults' lives are like. We started this program last year but it was late in the year and didn't really have a chance to gather momentum before students left in May. So we are re-launching it this year.

If you are interested in befriending a Canterbear, just access and fill out the form using the link or QR code. Even if you filled one out last year, please complete this one.



[Befriend-a-Canterbear - Holy Trinity Member Form](#)

We will ask students to fill out a similar form, and then Carter and Melanie Mae and I will "match" students and parishioners and give you each other's contact information. Some pairs just meet once or twice, and share about their common interests. Often parishioners invite their Canterbear to join them in their pew on Sundays or their table at church fellowship events. In some cases these develop into friendships that extend longer. It's a pretty unstructured program, but one which folks have really enjoyed.

BRING A DISH AND
JOIN US FOR THE

October Potluck

SUNDAY, OCT. 4 | 6 PM
183 E. QUEEN STREET

Following the 5pm Service at St. Paul's

No need to RSVP! Call or text Lura with
questions: 773-505-2146





Do you like to cook with others?

Join us on Saturday, November 7, from 10 am-noon for HT Cooks! in the Parish Hall kitchen. Our goal is to form groups of 8 to begin a fellowship rotation. Please feel free to sign up for multiple offerings! Participants will be asked to sign up to bring items for each of the recipes we will be making.

Mark your calendars now!

November's menu will be fall themed, hearty dishes and soups. The sign up will go out via email and church communications 2-3 weeks prior.



83rd Annual
Holy Trinity Bazaar
&
Artisan Market

Local Artisans, Themed Gift Baskets, Baked Goods, Plants, Stained Glass
Ornaments, Holy Trinity Crafts and Church Mice, St. Paul's Thrift Shop
Items, Heirloom Christmas Stockings, Delicious Lunch, Soups, Frozen Meals,
Silent Auction and much more

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 10 AM - 2 PM

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH
193 OLD GREENVILLE HIGHWAY,
CLEMSON, SC



Proceeds Benefit
Local Charities





Birthdays and Anniversaries



October Birthdays

2 - Genevieve Bishop
4 - Brett Murphy
5 - Hunter Crenshaw
6 - Martha Vaughan
7 - John Wilson
8 - Sylvia Linvill
8 - Tenley Murphy
12 - Dorothy Meeks
12 - Cheryl DeSellier
12 - Beth Gilmore
13 - Brittany Weinstein
17 - John Allen
17 - Judy Curtis
18 - La Vera Cieslak
22 - Hank Hanff
23 - Marsha Carey
25 - Faye Johnson
25 - Jan Cribb
26 - Jere duBois
26 - Anna Courie
26 - Chad Youngblood
27 - Mary Beth Johnstone
27 - James Graham
28 - Celia Jane Robb
30 - Molly Tindal
31 - Tommy Evans

October Anniversaries

4 - Iris & Jim Reed
5 - Ellen & Ted Haase
9 - Rebecca & Michael Diemer
10 - Jennifer & Kaleb Ellison
18 - Sarah Trice & Rufus Pieterse
19 - Julie & Joe Ryan
22 - Cindy & Paul Thackham
30 - Cara & David Robb

November Birthdays

2 - Jowell Thome
2 - Jerome Cribb
3 - Ken Weaver
3 - Craig Wallace
6 - Harper Hanff
6 - Will Mayo
6 - Kara Hollandsworth
7 - Amanda Hanff
7 - Rachel Mayo
12 - Barbara Piekutowski
13 - Jean Ellen Zavertrnik
13 - Samuel Wallace
15 - Bubba Foy
16 - Ted Haase
17 - Betty Snowden
19 - Carol Shuler
19 - Eric Naeseth
21 - Margaret Nieman
22 - Jamie Evans
24 - Kevin Freeman
24 - Michele Paoleschi
26 - James Johnson
28 - Robert Kendrick

November Anniversaries

No November Annivesrary Celebrations