

The Tempo

Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish

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.



MARCH 2017

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 am 12 noon, 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Friday-Sunday March 3-5

KANUGA FAMILY WEEKEND

Sunday, March 5

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Tuesday, March 7

Last day to submit recipes for *Family Promise Cookbook*

Wednesday, March 8

5:30 pm Lenten Service, Simple Supper

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School, SHIFT
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Evensong at St. Paul's

Wednesday, March 15

5:30 pm Lenten Service, Simple Supper

Saturday, March 18

9:30 am-3:00 pm Lenten Quiet Day

Sunday, March 19:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School, SHIFT
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Evening prayer at St. Paul's
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 pm Lenten Service, Simple Supper

Sunday, March 26:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School, SHIFT
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 29

5:30 pm Lenten Service, Simple Supper

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays 11:45 am Coffee Hour

Mondays 6-8:30 pm E f M

Tuesdays

11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study
2:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesdays

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Canterbury

Thursdays

10:30 am Holy Eucharist Clemson Downs
(1st Thursdays only)
5:15 pm Healing Service

2nd Saturdays

8 am Men's Book Group

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

"The Lord be with you...The Lord bless you." (*Ruth 2:4*) This last full week of Epiphany, the Church has read through one of my favorite books of the Bible, *The Book of Ruth*. The Daily Office Lectionary (that provides readings for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer) called for reading through this short book—four chapters. Ruth is one of my favorites for a variety of reasons: it is a masterpiece of storytelling; it is a great love story; it is a portrait of a community living according to God's laws of justice and mercy; it is a story about women and their faithfulness and resourcefulness. It is also a story in which people are habitually asking for blessings for others, and then making sure those blessings abound! This incredible story takes place in Bethlehem.

"May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" (*Ruth 2:12*) Boaz, a man of valor and status in the community, takes time to notice the fidelity of an outsider to her mother-in-law, a widow forsaken and embittered by her great losses. Boaz, following the commandment of God, opens his fields to the gleaners, those who have no other source of food but picking up the bits and pieces that the harvesters let fall as they work (See *Leviticus 23:22*). What is especially notable about the blessings Boaz heaps upon Ruth is that, according to custom and culture, she should be outcast and scorned. Almost every time her name is mentioned, Ruth is identified as the Moabite, a member of the ethnic group with whom Israel has been at war—Ruth is the enemy! But Boaz offers blessing, instead. "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter..." (*Ruth 3:10*)

This is the story of a community that lives according to God's purpose. They take care of each other, and they welcome into their midst a vulnerable widow who is a member of the enemy nation. They are able to do so because they followed the lead of a man of valor, who saw beyond the label, "Moabite enemy" to see a woman of valor who was steadfast in caring for her mother-in-law. The result of this community's speaking, living, and enacting blessings in the name of the Lord was a child. That child's grandson was named David, and he became king of Israel. One of his descendents would be born in Bethlehem under a star, heralded by angels, and adored by shepherds and kings.

The community that speaks, lives, and enacts blessings for everyone—regardless of who they are, or where they come from—that community can be agents for bringing Christ to the world.

"The Lord be with you...The Lord bless you."

Grace & peace to you,
Suz+

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Why Do We Do That?

Why do we take on “Lenten Disciplines”?

The liturgical season of Lent began as a time of preparation for Holy Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter in the ancient church. The total preparation time could take as much as two years, with the forty days before Easter marking a time of intense, focused personal and spiritual preparation for the baptismal rite of inclusion.

Eventually, as the Church spread and became more accepted by the powers of state and empire, fewer adults were baptized. With that development, the entire Church took on the practice of using Lent as a time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ. The Season of Lent now begins on Ash Wednesday, which allows for forty days of observance, not counting Sundays in Lent. Sundays are excluded in this count because they are little celebrations of the Resurrection.



In our Ash Wednesday liturgy, the Celebrant invites the people to observe a Holy Lent, saying, in part, “Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting.” (*Book of Common Prayer*, pgs. 264-265)

The Church, the Body of Christ gathered in communities around the world, dedicates herself to a time of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and study of God’s holy Word. The purpose of this activity is to call to mind the temptations that lead us to fall short of the mark of righteousness. Justice, mercy, and humility are the desired characteristics we seek to establish and nurture through the practice of Lenten Disciplines.

The journey from Ash Wednesday to the Great Vigil of Easter is meant to be strenuous, but not debilitating. By making the effort to deny self, reflect, and act on behalf of others, our appreciation of the Resurrection and the joy of Easter are enhanced. That is why we take on Lenten Disciplines. Please do join us in observing a Holy Lent—it is worth taking the strenuous and rocky trail!

Peace. Suz+



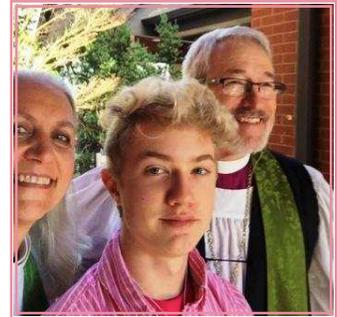
WORSHIP

Bishop Waldo's Visit

Bishop Waldo made his visitation to Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 19, in conjunction with the Cange Symposium hosted here that weekend. Bishop Waldo preached and celebrated at both services, and he taught in the Parish Hall before the 10:30 am service.



He celebrated Holy Eucharist, preached, and confirmed several youth and adults (including receiving those from other traditions). There was a reception and photo opportunity with the Bishop for confirmands in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. The Bishop is the "overseer" of the Church in each diocese, whose particular ministry is to act as "apostle, chief priest, and pastor of the diocese." The purposes of a visitation are for the Bishop to get to know us and to let us get to know him!



Confirmed on Sunday, February 19 were:

Brandon Evans, Emmett Huddleston, Renna Redd, Alena Senf, and Lou Thompson.

Received on Sunday, February 19, was *(Jerry) Carl Redd*

Bishop Waldo also dedicated the Cange (Lafontant) Crucifix during the 10:30 Service.



Ash Wednesday



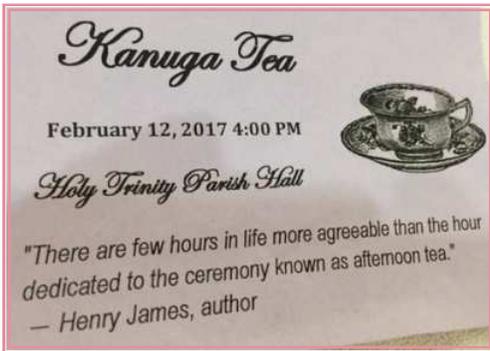
Ash Wednesday services on March 1 are all at Holy Trinity at the following times: 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Kanuga Tea

The Kanuga Tea was a huge success! We raised \$700 for the Kanuga scholarship fund and served tea and goodies to 58 attendees. Thanks to everyone who supported this event!



Special thanks go to the entire Kanuga Tea planning team who baked, brewed tea, set up and cleaned up for this event including Kathy and Peter Sparks (master of ceremonies), Eunice Waddington, Fiona Neill, Cindy Thackham, Myra Gildersleeve, Dotti Carter, Jane Hamilton, Mary Butler, Sue Smink and Alden Valentine, and to our young adults, Olivia Smink, Cary Johnstone, and Henry Mayo, for helping serve. Thank you, everyone, for continuing to make the Kanuga Tea such a special event!





CHRISTIAN FORMATION

EfM AT HOLY TRINITY



Education for Ministry is a wonderful program for anyone interested in exploring both personal and communal faith theologically and spiritually. It was developed at the School of Theology at Sewanee and has been a part of education at Holy Trinity for over 20 years. It is designed to promote deep and meaningful discussion for those wishing to live as believing, practicing Christians who are willing to look at questions both theological and cultural. The group is small, usually between 6 and 12, and embraces all seekers regardless of background or theological bent. The program unfolds over a period of four years, though students sign up for only one year at time.

Year one students study the Hebrew Scriptures, year two the New Testament, year three church history, and year four Christian theologies and other world religions. We have a group discussion as well, using methods of theological reflection to examine the role of faith, scripture, and tradition in our everyday decisions. We foster a safe and trusting atmosphere for exploration. If you are an EfM graduate, consider coming back to the group. The texts are new – not more big notebooks to carry around – and the discussion topics have been beautifully revised.

EfM meets on Mondays from 6:00–8:30 pm, beginning the third week of August and ending the beginning of May. The tuition for 2017–2018 will be \$375 which includes all materials. Scholarships are usually available for those who need them.

We will be recruiting new members in May and June and welcome any interested persons to join us the first two weeks of April (4/3 & 4/10) for a taste of the joys of this class. It is not possible to join this class mid-year, so be ready to register this spring if you are interested.

We can promise that you will learn a great deal, question nearly all your theological assumptions and make new friends for life. Please contact Mel O'Day at mel@oday.net, Boo Wilson at boowilson11@gmail.com, or Wendy Brookes at wbross76@gmail.com if you would like to observe in April or for more information.

Lenten Eucharists, Suppers, and Reflections



During the season of Lent on Wednesdays, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist, with a reflection on the scripture of the day offered by lay parishioners, followed by a simple dinner, no program. Holy Eucharist begins at 5:30 pm, followed by supper at 6:00 pm. The first supper will be on Wednesday, March 8, and the events will continue through Wednesday, April 5.

The schedule for the suppers is:

- March 8: Reflection by *Will Cate*, Supper provided by the *Choir*
- March 15: Reflection by *Cara Robb*, Supper provided by the *Staff*
- March 22: Reflection by *Henry Pate*, Supper provided by the *Pasqualies*
- March 29: Reflection by *Sue Smink*, Supper provided by the *Pastoral Care Committee*
- April 5: Reflection by *Joe Yanes*, Supper provided by *Canterbury of Clemson*



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

VESTRY RETREAT

The 2017 Vestry Retreat was held on February 3rd and 4th and was lead by The Reverend Deacon d'Rue Hazel, Canon for Congregational Development and Administration for the Diocese.



Episcopal Day School

PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY WARNING

A Day School student, as well as a teacher, have a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. For this reason, the Day School is a Peanut and Nut Free School.

We need your help to provide and maintain a safe school environment. Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do **NOT** take any peanut or nut containing products into the children's chapel or classrooms on the first floor of the Education Building. Also, if you or your child have eaten peanuts/nuts while at Holy Trinity or before coming to church, please be sure that hands (and possibly your child's face) have been thoroughly washed before entering the children's chapel and classrooms. I realize this request poses an inconvenience at times; however, I wish to express sincere appreciation for your support and understanding of this potentially life-threatening allergy.

You may contact me if you have any questions. The Day School sincerely appreciates your support!

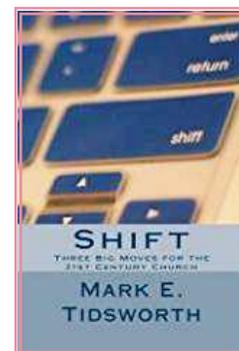
Suzanne Watkins
Episcopal Day School Director

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Making the SHIFT: a 10-week discovery process for the Parish. What's it all about?

We all know that the cultural ground upon which the 20th century church stood has shifted. Making the SHIFT is based on research and the experience of churches and ministers around the Southeastern US. This discovery process is designed to help us understand the realities of the current situation, a direction to follow in fulfillment of our call to *think* the mind of Christ, to *love* with the heart of Christ, and to *act* in the world as the Body of Christ. The good news is that "the church must change, but need not die." The shifts will help us to see what needs to change and what mustn't change in order for us to be disciples together on mission. Please join us as you are able for this 10-week adventure: we'll meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 on Sundays through mid-May. We'll kick off the SHIFT on 2/26 with an introductory session and a brief small-group time.

The book on which the Shift program is based, SHIFT: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church, by Mark E. Tidsworth, is available for purchase in paperback for \$18 on Amazon (\$9.99 Kindle format). There are 10 copies of this book available in the parish hall which you may purchase or borrow. The field guide that accompanies the book, "Making The Shift Field Guide, Implementing the Three Big shifts from the Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church" is a special edition for the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina and is available in the Parish Hall.





CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lenten Quiet Day at Holy Trinity

Saturday, March 18 from 9:30am–3:00pm
Out of the Desert: Spiritual Freedom & Peace

Sister Ellen Stephen, a member of the Order of St. Helena, located in North Augusta, will lead the Quiet Day. Sister ES is a nun, a poet, a spiritual director, and a retreat leader. A Quiet Day is a time of retreating into Holy Silence, listening to God’s Guidance. This Quiet Day will consist of three meditations followed by reflective silence. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for the Quiet Day, but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of providing lunch and art supplies. Please call 864-654-5071 and speak to our Secretary to RSVP for lunch.

THEOLOGY OF ATONEMENT

The 2017 Richard Hooker Lecture is “*Jesus Died for Our Sins? Making Sense of Atonement*” by Dr. Cynthia Crysdale, author of Transformed Lives, Making Sense of Atonement Today. It will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017, from 8:30am–3:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Continental breakfast will be provided and lunch will be available for \$10. Dr. Crysdale is Professor of Ethics & Theology at the University of the South's School of Theology. "Even theologians have had different ideas about the theology of atonement; how are the rest of us supposed to understand it? Crysdale, whose background in both psychology and theology gives her a unique perspective, presents an overview of the history of the theology of atonement, addressing clearly the difficulties around this concept, and bringing us with her to a contemporary understanding." (Church Publishing). The day will be broken into 3 sessions, consisting of Dr. Crysdale's presentations, followed by small group discussions. Call 864-654-5071 to RSVP or for more information.

Ellen is working on a calendar of activities for March. Be on the lookout for an email with all the details! Thanks to all the youth and family members who give Ellen advance notice when they plan to attend events. This helps her know how many youth to prepare for!



CARE OF PEOPLE

Notes from Your Junior Warden

What an honor it is for me to serve the parishioners of Holy Trinity as your Junior Warden! When I was first approached with the idea of being a junior warden, I was scared to death; I thought to myself – I don’t do air conditioners! How can that help in my calling to serve God and His church? But after much prayer and reflection (and long conversations with our wonderful senior warden Paul Anderson), I was excited to accept the nomination. I have spent the past month or so learning the ropes and getting to know many of you a little better. We had a wonderful Vestry retreat at the beginning of February where we learned about each other’s talents. I left the retreat energized and ready to begin working with a great group of leaders!

From a building perspective, I have been grateful for no major happenings. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Bill Hurst and Paul Anderson for their efforts in restoring the bell tower. It looks beautiful! If you noticed a slight unpleasant smell in the parish hall, we had to evict a squirrel (or two!) from our air duct system (I guess the squirrels didn’t want the bell tower bats from the winter of 2016 to have ALL the fun). Measures have been taken to prevent them from returning. I owe my gratitude to our Sexton, Jim Hylkema, for keeping all our facilities working smoothly. He is my rock behind the scenes!

One of my first priorities as Junior Warden is to have a better understanding of our current building needs and equipment needs. One of my goals this year is to develop processes/standards to ensure that we are all being good stewards of our building assets. I am going to establish (or perhaps re-establish) a “building and grounds committee.” This group consists of Bill Hurst (chair), Beth Kunkel, Suzanne Watkins (Day School), Eric Naeseth (St. Paul’s), Byron Harder (Vestry liaison), Jim Hylkema (Sexton). I am looking for a few more volunteers if you are interested. We will meet quarterly with additional meetings as needed. Please feel free to raise any building concerns to the parishioners on this committee.

In the upcoming months, be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer with minor maintenance activities. We will also be offering a “Kitchen 101” training session led by Beth Kunkel. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about how to use the kitchen appliances as well as general kitchen safety. 2017 marks the 20th birthday of our Parish hall; look for announcements about a big birthday party! As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

In His Name,
 Kathy Crouse



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

FAMILY PROMISE



Family Promise of Pickens County is a program that allows us as volunteers to be part of the solution of homelessness and to help our neighbors. Volunteers are the Heart and Soul of the program. Holy Trinity is a host church; our support church is University Lutheran. We have all met and made friends that we would not have known if it were not for Family Promise.

Our last host date was January 22nd through January 29th. When volunteers arrive at Holy Trinity they log in and give their names, date and times of arrival at the church, and when they depart they log out, recording the hour.

At the end of the week the Sign-In Log Sheets are sent to the Family Promise office in Easley where volunteer times are tabulated. The tabulated hours are used when writing grants to support our program. At our last Host Week 300 volunteer man hours were expended in support of this outreach ministry by Holy Trinity and University Lutheran parishioners. We thank you for your support. We want and need each and every one of you.

Our next host date is April 2nd – 9th. We need volunteers. If you have any questions regarding how you can volunteer in this ministry, please contact Eric Naeseth (email: naesethk@aol.com) or Liz Halpin (email: ehalpin59@gmail.com).

Thrift Shop Donations Needed

The Thrift Shop is in need of all sorts of "stuff" for its shelves and racks. Household items are especially needed, but clothes and books are also welcome. Thrift Shop profits help support repairs and maintenance for St. Paul's.



Clemson Elementary PTA Used Shoe Donation Drive

The used shoe donation drive was a huge success. We filled both boxes to the rim! Many thanks to all who participated.



Clemson Community Care



Clemson Community Care inventory is low on several items in their food pantry: Powdered milk, juice, crackers, jello, soup, and pork & beans.

We would greatly appreciate donations of these food items. Thanks to all of you who support us with your generous donations!



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Family Promise Cookbook Fundraiser

Dear Friends,

Family Promise of Pickens County is creating a cookbook to raise funds to support our program, guiding homeless families to self-sufficiency. We hope to collect 400 favorite recipes from families and friends. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. Many recipes from all members will ensure that this cookbook is a wonderful success. We are using Morris Press Cookbook's web site to easily submit recipes online. If you do not have Internet access or would rather, our committee can enter them for you. Mail hardcopies or e-mail your recipes to:

Christy Wistar
115 Sun Drop Court
Sunset, SC 29685
christy.wistar@gmail.com

Please submit your recipes by **March 7, 2017** so we can meet our deadline. Thank you so very much! And don't forget to preorder with the form below to get preferential pricing.

TO SUBMIT RECIPES ONLINE:

- Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.'
- Enter the User Name: Family Promise.
- Enter the password: ([apple945](#)) and click 'Submit.'
- Enter your name and click 'Continue.'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.
- Proofread carefully before submitting.

RECIPE WRITING TIPS:

- When adding recipes, review the "Tips" and use standard abbreviations.
- Only enter 1 ingredient per ingredient line.
- List ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., (16-oz.) pkg., (24-oz.) can.
- Write directions in paragraph form, not in steps.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
- Additional comments about the recipe (history, nutritional data, suggested uses, etc.) are not allowed unless a "Recipe Note" field is visible. Enter extra recipe content in that field.

I want a cookbook! Please reserve ____ cookbook(s) for me at the discounted price of \$16.95. The price at launch will be \$19.95. This is a perfect hostess gift, gift for visiting family and friends, birthday or other holiday gathering.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Historic Preservation at St. Paul's

The team from Clemson University/College of Charleston, Graduate School of Historic Preservation, began their study of our historic St. Paul's Church on February 10th and 11th. This evaluation is part of their spring semester elective curriculum. They will be visiting again in late March to conclude their assessment. Our special thanks to the Jack and Donna Davis, Al and Sally Mathiasen, and Eric and Kathy Naeseth for hosting their visit, which included a luncheon provided by the Pendleton Historic Foundation.

The team consisting of six graduate students, and headed by Professor Amalia Leifeste, is focusing on generating a Historic Structures Report (HSR). This report will define the current condition of St. Paul's Church, give treatment recommendations and preservation priorities, and produce a suggested maintenance plan. While providing valuable experience to the students, the HSR will serve as a benchmark and give us, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish, a tangible strategy in our continued stewardship of St. Paul's.



Pictured to the left, from left to right, are: Assistant Professor Amalia Leifeste, Kymberly Mattern, Cassie Cline, Clayton Johnson, Caroline Darnell, Jen Baehr, and Kirsten Freeman.

*Jack Davis, Chairman
St. Paul's Committee*

Lenten Meditations

Lenten Meditations is now available in the Narthex. It contains short daily reflections for each day of the Lenten period. An impressive list of Anglican leaders reflect on their favorite scripture or other sources of spiritual wisdom. Pick up your copy now.

Lenten Meditations was produced by Episcopal Relief & Development. Working in close to 40 countries, their programs have impacted millions of people around the world. For more information about Episcopal Relief & Development visit: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>



Carlo Troise

Garden Update



Even though it is winter, we have been doing some work in the So-All-May-Eat garden, not only in preparation for the upcoming summer season but also by taking advantage of our nearly year-round growing season. We have some mixed hardy greens growing, which will be ready to begin to harvest in a week or so; help yourself. We also have some Austrian winter peas, whose new leaves are wonderful additions to salads. We planted them, along with forage radishes, to help with our soil. And, in big news, we have some oyster mushrooms showing themselves along our mushroom log "row."

We will be planning a planting day in the next 6 weeks or so. Let us know what you wish to see us grow this year!

Flower List



The flower sign-up book is in the lobby for people to designate flowers in memory of, in honor of, and/or in thanksgiving for their loved ones or for a special occasion. All dates are open.

Singing Rooster Coffee



A guilty pleasure allowed and encouraged during LENT!

Despite its sinfully exquisite bouquet and aroma, generous consumption of *Singing Rooster Coffee* is officially sanctioned and encouraged during Lent by your Outreach Committee.

Remembering its support of the fair trade coffee growers in Haiti and the fact that 30% of each sale goes directly to support our educational programs in Cange and Bois Joli, your *Singing Rooster* sales force has agreed to work tirelessly through Easter Sunday to supply your needs. Give your Lenten study that extra focus and buzz!!!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 3/1 | Alice Ellison | 3/18 | Richard Zavertrnik |
| 3/1 | Priscilla Munson | 3/23 | Jodie Allen |
| 3/1 | Bill Purkerson | 3/23 | Emmett Huddleston |
| 3/2 | Bonnie Eisenbies | 3/24 | Ethan Cutler |
| 3/3 | Savannah Hawkins | 3/24 | Clyde Gorsuch |
| 3/3 | Diana Stafford | 3/24 | Tom Temples |
| 3/4 | Gary Cutler | 3/25 | Louise Nicholas |
| 3/5 | Dawson Luke | 3/25 | John Trice |
| 3/6 | Wendy Brookes | 3/26 | Sydney Farish |
| 3/8 | Brooks Farish | 3/27 | Bob Martin |
| 3/15 | Jim Abercrombie | 3/28 | Evelyn Goodman |
| 3/15 | Alexis Corontzes | 3/30 | Gerry Spejewski |
| 3/16 | Jennie Sullivan | 3/30 | Shannon Quattlebaum |
| 3/17 | Mac Wood | | |



March Birth Flower:
Daffodil



March Birthstone:
Aquamarine

Financial Update as of February 28, 2017

Operating Fund

| | Monthly Budget | Monthly Actual | Budget YTD | Actual YTD |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | \$42,958.00 | \$35,711.35 | \$85,916.00 | \$77,152.84 |
| Expenses | <u>\$42,957.00</u> | <u>\$40,494.35</u> | <u>\$85,914.00</u> | <u>\$85,378.49</u> |
| Income +/-Expenses | \$1.00 | (\$4,783.00) | \$2.00 | (\$8,225.65) |

Trinity Place Fund

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| Phase II-Prism Pledge Offerings | July 1, 2011-----June 30, 2016 |
| Amount Pledged | \$735,600.00 |
| Offerings received as of February 28, 2017 | <u>\$807,181.34</u> |
| | +\$ 71,581.34 |
| The Walls Campaign | |
| Amount Pledged | \$171,945.00 |
| Offerings received as of January 31, 2017 | <u>-\$153,604.23</u> |
| | \$ 18,340.77 |

First Citizens Bank Notes Payable as of February 28, 2017 \$747,116.89



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

History of the Lafontant Crucifix

Dedicated by The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

Sunday, February 19, 2017

The original Lafontant Crucifix was designed by Father Fritz Lafontant in the late 1960's when he was a young priest sent by his diocese to minister to a largely impoverished rural population in the Central Plateau of Haiti. His tireless dedication to the rural poor in this region over the next 60+ years led to a nearly 40-year partnership with the **Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina** and ultimately the creation of Boston based **Partners in Health** and the Socio-Medico-Educational complex in Cange. At each of his missions over the years, a hand wrought iron stylized crucifix of his design marked each mission as a joint project of these partners. His daughter Marie recounts, "As I can remember, very small, my Father was drawing a crucifix whenever he had a piece of paper in hand. I believe it was around the 70's that he started working with a first iron man but deduced that it was not what he was looking for. He then tried a second ironman but was still not satisfied. He later found a young ironman called Ti Michel who worked with him for months before he concluded that it was the final model." The stylized wrought iron crucifix hanging at the rear of our sanctuary was commissioned in Haiti and hand wrought in Cange in 2015 by this same, now older, Ti Michel. Thanks be to God.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Small Groups Forum Update—3/1/2017

Small groups at Holy Trinity will provide opportunities for study, prayer, formation, and fellowship in community with six to ten companions. The purpose of forming these groups is to develop Christian community on a scale that is conducive to establishing trust and caring relationships. We hope that these small groups will build bridges of friendship across lines of generation and worship service attendance.

Some small groups might come together long enough to study a book together or work on a project. Other small groups might form around a practice of prayer or a shared interest, such as knitting or kayaking. These groups could continue indefinitely. Each group will be open to any parishioner who shares the goals of the group and follows the guidelines set forth below. Some groups may be open to inviting friends and neighbors, depending on the purpose of the group.

Active Small Groups at HT: *(Please contact the indicated leaders if you are interested in participating or learning more about a group)*

- **Saturday Book Group (formerly Men's Book Club) (Hap Wheeler)** *ongoing target audience:* men and women of all ages *purpose:* fellowship and spiritual exploration through compelling books, the group meets on the second Saturday of each month (next meeting is March 11) at 8am at Moe Joe Coffee house on Hwy. 93. The discussions that follow our readings are typically "lively and "freewheeling" and you can join in the conversation without having read the book-so feel free join the group at any time. Our first book of 2017 is: *How Jesus Became God: the Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee by Bart Ehrman.*



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Active Small Groups at HT: (Continued)

- **Benedictine Group (Scooty Burch)** ongoing target audience: women of all ages purpose: This group meets for fellowship, prayer and spiritual exploration through the reading and discussing literature that focuses on the Rule of Benedict. The group strives to find ways of incorporating the principals of the Benedictine rules into their everyday lives. Scooty has volunteered to help new Benedictine groups form; she suggests the book, "A Good Life: Benedict's Guide to Everyday Joy", by Robert Benson as good book to start with.
- **Holy Trinity Yoga Group (Shannon Quattlebaum)** ongoing target audience: women and men of all ages; purpose: fellowship, prayer and worship through the practice of yoga. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 8:30-9:45 AM in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10 and the class is led by Renee Gahan.
- **Women's Book Group (Wendy Brookes)** ongoing target audience: women of all ages purpose: fellowship and spiritual exploration through books and prayer. This group meets at noon every Wednesday at the Central Clemson Library. Participants often bring their lunch and the meeting starts with noonday prayer. At 12:30, the book discussion portion of the meeting begins. You may join this group at any time and it is easy to participate in discussions even if you have not read the book.
- **Education for Ministry- EfM (Mel O'Day)** target audience: women and men all ages purpose: The program is designed to promote deep and meaningful discussion for those wishing to live as believing, practicing Christians who are willing to look at questions both theological and cultural. Year one students study the Hebrew Scriptures, year two the New Testament, year three church history and year four Christian theologies and other world religions. We have a group discussion as well, using methods of theological reflection to examine the role of faith, scripture and tradition in our everyday decisions EfM meets on Mondays from 6-8:30 PM, beginning the third week of August and ending at the beginning of May. The tuition at the present time is \$350 which includes all materials. Scholarships are usually available for those who need them. **We will be recruiting new members in May and June 2017.**
- **Tuesday Morning Reflectionary Bible Study (Mother Suz)** ongoing target audience: women and men all ages: Purpose: Weekly study of the Scriptures that will be read in worship the following Sunday. No preparation needed. Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am in the Conference Room at HT -all are welcome!
- **Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer** Wednesdays 12:10-12:50 in **Room 109 in the Cooper Library.** A mid-week spiritual refreshment. African Method Bible Study & Contemplative Prayer practice for anyone who is on campus. No preparation needed, you can just show up!

Newly Forming Small Groups: (Please contact the leaders if you are interested in participating or learning more about a group, these groups are ready for new participants!)

- **Friendships of Aging Women (Joanna Schuman)** target audience: women generally 70 years of age and up purpose: fellowship, support, discussion and prayer centered on the mental, physical, and life circumstances that are common with this age. Specifically, we will explore ways that we can continue in ministries, despite these limitations.
- **Meditation and Centering Prayer (Mother Suz)** target audience: women and men all ages purpose: Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship." --Contemplative Outreach, www.contemplativeoutreach.org
- **"New Directions" Women's Group: (Pam Mack)** target audience: single, divorced or widowed women of all ages purpose: Do you feel sometimes that you don't know what you are called to now? Let's explore together the meaning of this stage of life. This will be a confidential group, probably centering on a book or bible study.
*Note: There could be a men's counterpart to this group
- **HT Adventure Group (Glen Quattlebaum)** target audience: all ages, men and women purpose: fellowship and worship by enjoying the gifts of our outdoor environment through hiking, kayaking/canoeing.
- **Parents of Tweens and Teens: (Mary Beth Johnstone)** target audience: parents of children 10-18. Purpose: Prayer, Bible Study and other literature forms with discussion of issues facing parents and our children at this life phase, especially focusing on how we as parents can grow in our faith with our children. A compelling and highly recommended initial book selection will be: *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church* By: Kenda Creasy Dean
* Note: there could be a "Parents of Young Children counterpart to this group



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(Small Groups—continued)

Proposed Small Groups that need a Leader: *(Please contact Mary Beth Johnstone if you are interested in starting one of these groups OR have ideas for a group)*

Prayer Shawl Ministry (lead?) target audience: all women that enjoy sewing, knitting or quilting purpose: fellowship, create prayer shawls and other hand-made items as gifts for those in need

8 o' Clockers Bible Study (lead?) target audience: 8 AM service attendees purpose: continue our worship together as a group following our prayer together in church.

Wednesday Bible Study (lead?). target audience: connections and Canterbury participants purpose: a time of bible study for those the Wednesday Worship service.

Ladies Prayer and Fellowship (lead?) target audience: women of all ages purpose: opportunity for women to enjoy fellowship over food and drinks and time dedicated to prayer using a variety of literature including the bible and common book of prayer.

Monthly Luncheon Group for Men/Women (leads?) target audience: women or men of all ages purpose: opportunity for women or men to enjoy fellowship and prayer over a lunch once a month (this would be two groups)

HT Prayer on Tap (lead?) target audience: young professionals and Canterbury (21 years of age) purpose: enjoy fellowship, prayer and bible study over a cold beer (or beverage of choice!)

HT Walking Group (lead?) target audience: women and/or men purpose: fellowship and worship by exercising together outdoors

“Breaking Bread” Group (lead?) target audience: retired folks purpose: fellowship and prayer over meal or coffee at various local eateries and coffee shops.

“EFM Anonymous for Graduates” (lead?) target audience: people that have completed EfM purpose: continued bible study for those that would like to continue the depth and breadth of study that is characteristic of the EFM class.

“Guild of the Christ Child for Newborns” (lead?) target audience: women of all ages purpose: “Founded at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in 1990, the Guild of the Christ Child is a diocesan-wide ministry, which seeks to help mothers who lack the basic clothing and items needed for their newborns”. One example of an outreach activity might include providing newborn layettes to local birth centers.

Small Group Interest Form: *(Forms are available in the front office and Parish hall OR you may email or call Mary Beth Johnstone with the same*