

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.*



DECEMBER 2016

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, December 3:

10am-2pm Holy Trinity Bazaar and
Artisan Market

Sunday, December 4:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:20 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist - Canterbury
Sunday
11:45 am Jessie Tree Songs, Stories
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

December 4-11 Family Promise

Sunday, December 11:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:20 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:45 am Jessie Tree Songs, Stories
6:00 pm Advent Lessons and Carols,
St. Paul's

Wednesday, December 14:

5:30 pm Connections-Parish Family
Holiday Party

Sunday, December 18:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:45 am Jessie Tree Songs, Stories
5:00 pm Evening prayer at St. Paul's
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Saturday, December 24:

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist - Family
Service at Holy Trinity
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist at Holy
Trinity
10:00 pm Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Sunday, December 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Holy Eucharist - Holy
Trinity Parish Hall

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays 11:45 am Coffee Hour

Mondays 6:00 pm E/M

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

12-3 pm Women's Book Group
5:15 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Canterbury
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

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

2nd Saturdays 8 am Men's Book Group

Keeping the Faith: Suz's monthly message

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By the time you read this, we will have lit one candle on our Advent wreath, asking Emmanuel, God-with-us, to ransom the captive and to teach us the ways of Wisdom. We have entered a season of expectation, preparation, and – I hope – some contemplation of what God has done for us in the Incarnation. We are waiting for the Nativity of Our Lord, the Christ-mass, even as the world around us is frenetically indulging in over-the-top consumerism and excessive consumption of all manner of delights that are seemingly designed to cause headaches and tummy-aches.

Cookies and candies and eggnogs and brandies are not bad, in and of themselves, and I'm not suggesting that we can't enjoy them—in moderation! I would encourage each of you, however, to find ways to step outside of the Silver Bells and Jingle Bells Christmas Extravaganza during this season of Advent. Find some quiet time and quiet ways to slow down in the midst of the hustle and bustle and focus on the Light growing in the darkness with each candle lit on the Advent wreath.

Mary Beth Johnstone and I have worked together to provide resources for you to take Advent home with you and invite the daily visitation of Jesus there, as you prepare and wait for Christmas to come. We have provided a worship booklet that you can use with your Advent wreath at home with your household. Will and I light our wreath each morning as we pray the Daily Office. I have fond memories of my family lighting the candles and reading Scripture and praying before dinner each night in Advent. I hope you will find a way to make your own Advent wreath traditions come alive in your homes.

Holy Trinity will also be participating in the online Global Advent Calendar project of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. You can read more about that project online at adventword.org. I'll be posting images on our Facebook and Twitter feeds with the #adventword each day between now and Christmas, and I hope some of you will join me in posting your images and meditations on the daily Advent word.

We'll celebrate a service of *Advent Lessons and Carols* at St. Paul's at 6:00 pm on Sunday, December 11. And of course, we'll be here each Sunday, preparing, watching, and waiting for that most wonderful "moment" when the Christ Child is born in our hearts again. We don't join the rest of the world in singing Christmas Carols until that moment, because we are preparing our hearts. And when our hearts are properly prepared, the joy is unmatched!

Please take time to read about our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services on page 3 in this *Tempo*. I pray that all our hearts will be ready for the visitation of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and for the Twelve Days of Christmastide that follow.

Grace and peace and the blessings of the Incarnation to you all.

Suz+



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*Core area assignment in parentheses

Why Do We Do That?

Why does the Church follow a different calendar than the rest of the world?

The patterns of our church calendar, based in liturgical seasons, frame our parish life. The repeating cycles of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and the Season after Pentecost, sprinkled with Holy Days and Feasts, connect the current year to all the years that have passed and all the years that have yet to come. The great gift of these cycles is that our finitude is woven into the eternal pattern.

We remember the celebrations of Christmas and Easter that shaped our expectations for *this* Christmas or for *this* Easter. This year's celebrations will shape our expectations for those to come. And so it goes.

We have now entered a new church year, the first full year of the church calendar that we will spend together. We also begin a new cycle in the lectionary, the readings set forth for each Sunday. We will work our way through the Gospel of Matthew in this Year A of the lectionary, and next year, Year B, we will find ourselves primarily in Mark's Gospel. The following year, we'll be back to the Gospel of Luke for Year C. And so it goes.

It is fitting, and an indication of the genius of the church calendar, that our church year begins with a season that layers the past, the present, and the future arrivals of our Lord Christ. We spend the darkening days of Advent waiting for the Light of the World to be born in a manger in Bethlehem. We pray as we light the candles on our Advent wreaths for Jesus to be present with us each day. We live in anticipation of the final coming of Christ. Barbara Brown Taylor says that "Ours may be the generation that finally sees [Jesus] ride in on the clouds, or we may meet him the same way generations before us have—one by one by one, as we close our eyes for the last time. Either way, our lives are in God's hands. Either way, God leaves the living of them to us."¹

Church time invites us to step out of the straightforward, linear march of secular history into the cyclical, multivalent dance between past, present, and future. We are always harkening back to our Biblical roots to hear the stories of how God's loving-kindness creates, sustains, and nurtures us. We apply the lessons of those stories to the needs of our own time. We are reminded of our hope for the future--for creation and for ourselves. And so it goes, world without end.

¹"Expecting the Second Coming", Barbara Brown Taylor. <http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=3127>. Accessed 11/23/2016

Mtr. Suz



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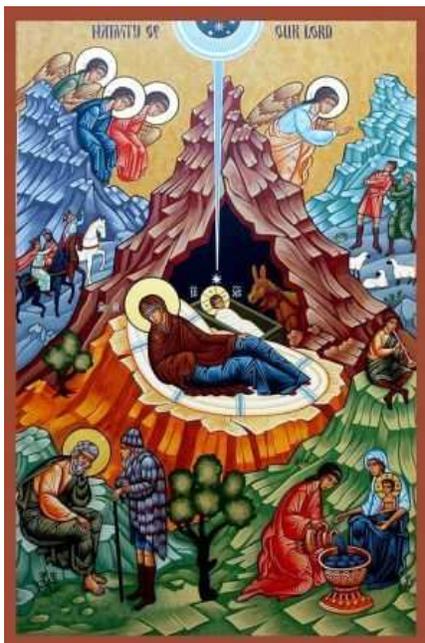
PLAN TO JOIN US AT ST. PAUL'S FOR A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 PM

Lessons and Carols is part of the wonderful Anglican tradition of musical services. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve in 1918. The Festival of Lessons and Carols has been celebrated there on every Christmas Eve since then. The King's College service incorporates nine lessons from Holy Scripture, punctuated by carols, anthems, and hymns. The lessons and music move intentionally from Advent into Christmas.

Our service at St. Paul's will very deliberately move through the themes of Advent right up to the birth of Jesus, leaning into the Christmas story, but leaving that for Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity and the promise of the Messiah is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Lessons and Carols will be celebrated at Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 328 E. Queen St. in Pendleton on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 PM. It will feature the Holy Trinity Parish Choir and Special Guest Instrumentalists.



Christmas Services



Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

- 4:30 pm at Holy Trinity—Family & Children Friendly Service
- 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity—Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Organ & Strings
- 10:00 pm at St. Paul's in Pendleton—Traditional Late Night Christmas Mass with Choir & Strings

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

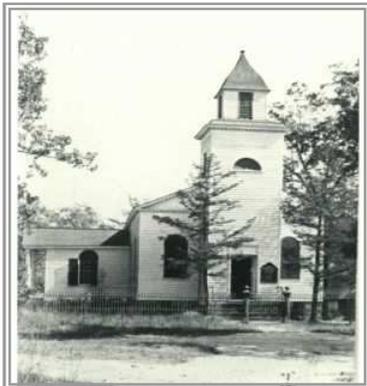
- 10:00 am at Holy Trinity in the Parish Hall

Our Christmas Day Service will be somewhat different this year. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall, in proximity to our brothers and sisters who will be preparing meals for Clemson Meals on Wheels clients. Others will be preparing care packages and small gifts to accompany the meals. Our worship will take place within the context of the ongoing work of ministry, and we will take time to participate in that work in response to the Gospel. Our celebration of the Nativity of Our Savior will take the form of serving those who would otherwise be hungry and alone on this most holy day.



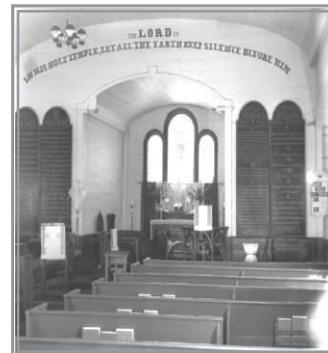
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YOU WILL SEE NO BOWS NOR RIBBONS



Imagine: We are in the years surrounding 1819. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is established. The first building of the church is erected in 1822. It has three pews. As time progresses, more pews are added as attendance dictates. Soon after, the idea of decorating the House of the Lord at Christmas time came to mind and it became a reality.

Imagine: No craft stores to supply the materials needed – God's natural gifts are the possible choices. Last year I refurbished the decorations at St. Paul's of past endeavors to wreath the church windows. I then had the thought to do new wreaths to reflect the era.



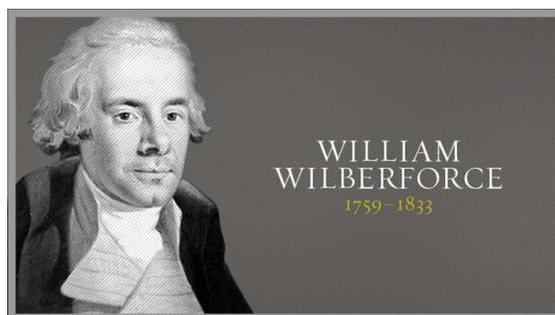
Knowing that natural materials would not do well in storage, I researched Williamsburg, Virginia, history for inspiration. I tried to duplicate, using non-perishable items, the image of what might have been used in the early 1800s. You will see no bows or ribbons, only a simple offer to God and His family.

Merry Christmas! Rejoice!
Viola Wolf

Ed. Note: Vi's wreaths will be in the windows of St. Paul's at the Christmas Eve service at 10:00 pm on December 24.

The Transformative Power of Christianity

Phillip Doddridge, the author of the first 3 verses of our Holy Eucharist Hymn #321, was an 18th century hymnist and author. (Isaac Watts wrote the 4th verse.) Through his writings, he was credited with leading a young parliamentarian, William Wilberforce, to Christ, in 1785. William Wilberforce, with his newfound Christian perspectives, and his knowledge of the cruelty of slavery, made abolition of slavery in the British Empire his primary goal in Parliament. He knew it would be a long struggle. Time, after time, after time, he submitted the necessary bills, but time, after time, after time, they were voted down. In 1807, he was able to get the Slave Trade abolished (an intermediate goal). But finally, after almost 50 years, in 1833, a month after Wilberforce's death, slavery itself was abolished in the British Empire. Is this a good example of what individual perseverance, combined with Christian goals, can accomplish?





CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Church Election and Appointment Results



Elected as Senior Warden: Paul Anderson

Elected as Junior Warden: Kathy Crouse

Elected to the Vestry: Kathy Hunter, Tommye Hurst, Bill McDaniel, and Hap Wheeler

Elected to the Day School Board: Mike Cauley and Lucy Rollins

Elected as Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Aynsley Hartney

Elected as Alternate to Diocesan Convention: Beth Kunkel, Nancy Pate

Appointed as Stewardship Committee Chair: Ray Eisenbies

Appointed as Treasurer: Dustin Foxworth

Elected by the Vestry to fulfill Mary Beth Johnstone's Vestry vacancy: David Robb

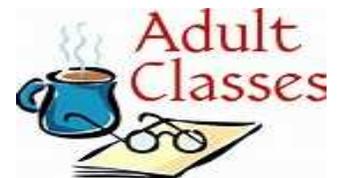
ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION IN DECEMBER

12/3 The Romp continues through the Book of Common Prayer – come and discover some UNcommon prayers hidden within the BCP! Upstairs in St. Luke's classroom

12/11 Forum in the Parish Hall–What's Happening in Haiti: a presentation by Earl Burch and Harry Morse.

12/18 No Christian Formation

12/25 Merry Christmas!



Discovery Class Coming in January!

If you are new to Holy Trinity ... if you are new to the Episcopal Church ... if you are seeking renewed connection with your faith: join us on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parish House for an exploration of how your faith (and questions) are welcomed here. Class meets 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, & 2/13. Under the guidance of Mtr. Suz and Hap Wheeler, we will learn together about Anglican identity and Episcopal worship and Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish, a people passionate about living into our mission "to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act in the world as the Body of Christ."

At the end of 6 sessions, you will be prepared, if you so choose, to be Confirmed, Received, or for Reaffirmation of the good work God has begun in you. These rites will be performed when Bishop Waldo makes his Visitation on 2/19. Please contact Mtr. Suz at scate@holytrinityclemsan.org for more information and to indicate your intention to attend this class. Child care provided upon request.

Mtr. Suz Cate



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Connections



The final Connections dinner of 2016 will take place on Wednesday, December 14, beginning at 5:30 pm. We will have a Parish Family Holiday Party! We are asking you to bring a heavy hors d'oeuvres (the Rector will supply PB&J and chicken fingers for the kiddos) to share.

We will also have a Christmas Sock Exchange: Bring a pair of brightly patterned, holiday-themed socks containing little treats for the exchange. We will simply spend time together and have fun. Because we are not catering a meal, reservations are not necessary.

Jessie Tree Stories and Songs

All are welcome to join the children for stories and songs at the Jessie Tree following the 10:30 am service each Sunday in Advent through Dec 18. We will hear stories about many of Jesus' ancestors that helped prepare Him for his ministry and prepare us, past and present, for His coming into the world. Grab a snack at the coffee hour after the service and join us at the base of the Jessie Tree in the Parish Hall!



Nativity Exhibit



Do you have a special Nativity set that you would be willing to share with our parish family? Please bring it to the church for the 2016 Nativity Exhibition! The exhibit will officially "open" during our Connection's Family Holiday taking place on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30pm. You may bring your Nativity set to the Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 11 before or after either church service **or** you may bring it Dec. 14 just before the Connections event. There will be several tables set up against the wall where the piano sits. There will also be note cards and pens there for you to tell us about your Nativity set if you would like. *(You may pick up your Nativity on Sunday, Dec. 18 or arrange a pick up time with Mary Beth.)*

Come take a "walk" through Bethlehem to the stable where Christ was born! If you have questions, please contact Mary Beth Johnstone at 864-506-5570.

Mary Beth Johnstone



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Tuesday, December 6 from 6 pm—8 pm Clemson Christmas parade
Youth of all ages and families are encouraged to attend! Ellen will bring hot chocolate.



Saturday, December 10 from 3 pm—6pm — Christmas shopping
Buying Christmas gifts for ten foster children living at the Helping Hands home. We need a few adults to supervise. Please let Ellen know if you can help! Youth of all ages and families are invited to shop. Where? Walmart — 1286 18 Mile Rd, Central, SC 29630

Sunday, December 11 from 3 pm—6pm — Christmas Party
Eat snacks, listen to festive music, play games, and wrap Helping Hands presents. Where? University Lutheran Church FLY room — 111 Sloan St, Clemson, SC 29631

Sunday, December 18 from 3 pm—6pm — “Sundae Sunday”
Pizza, ice cream, and a Christmas movie in Holy Trinity basement — 193 Old Greenville Hwy, Clemson, SC 29631

Sunday, December 25 — Christmas Day
No youth group meeting due to the holiday. Enjoy time with your families!

INSTAGRAM

Here's a new way to see what's going on with our group — our Instagram username is YOUunifiedinChrist. Click the link to follow our account <https://www.instagram.com/youunifiedinchrist/> Do you have photos from past events? If so, please send them to me so we have some material to post!

FACEBOOK

Our group is also on Facebook. Here's the link if you would like to join!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/YOUunifiedinChrist/>



ECW Charities

The votes have been tallied for the charities that will be supported by the 2016 Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market. Clemson Free Clinic and Clemson Community Care are our two focus charities, each receiving 24% of the parish proceeds. Clemson Child Development Center, Family Promise of Pickens County, Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, and Our Daily Bread are the other supported charities, each receiving 13% of the net parish proceeds from the Bazaar.

KANUGA—SAVE THE DATE! The Holy Trinity Parish Weekend at Kanuga returns March 3-5. The planning committee for this wonderful event is forming now to put together a great weekend for the whole Parish Family. If you are interested in helping with that effort, please contact Mary Beth Johnstone at the Church Office. Watch for more information coming your way soon!



CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Canterbury
of CLEMSON

One recent weekend in November, Canterbury enjoyed a weekend in Helen, Georgia, for our annual Fall Retreat! We ate, sang, prayed, colored mandalas, sat in the hot tub, marveled at the beautiful fall colors in the mountains, played pool, watched our Tigers defeat the Demon Deacons, and developed a mission statement and goals for the rest of the year! We wrapped up the weekend by attending a service at the local Episcopal Church and eating lunch at Cafe International, known for their delicious Rueben sandwiches. As always, we are thankful for each other and a wonderful, supportive parish! We hope you all enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we'll see you in January.

Jodie Holodak





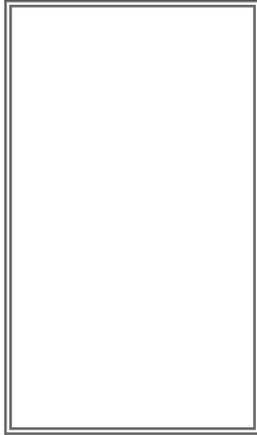
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Changes to Pricing in St. Paul's Churchyard

At its November meeting, the Vestry approved the request of the St. Paul's Committee to raise the price of each 4 ft. by 11 ft. churchyard plot to \$1,000, effective January 1, 2017. (The current cost is \$500 for each plot.)

The Vestry also approved our request to institute a \$100 Interment Fee for each cremation, *i.e.* per hole, for interment not performed by a mortuary. This is the amount that the church must pay to have this service done.

If you have not taken a stroll through St. Paul's Churchyard, you should definitely put it on your schedule. Many interesting and very old graves are there. Some of the more famous persons interred in its cemetery are: Clemson College founders Thomas Greene Clemson, and his wife, Anna Calhoun Clemson, the daughter of US Statesman John C. Calhoun; Confederate generals Clement Hoffman Stevens (1821–1864) and Barnard Elliot Bee (1824–1861), credited with giving Gen. T. J. Jackson the nickname "Stonewall."



Advent Festival

After the 10:30 am service on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27, many parishioners and their families enjoyed a festive start to the Advent season. The intergenerational event featured lunch, opportunities to make personal Advent wreaths and cookie decorating among other fun activities.





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Update on Cange, Haiti

As many of you are aware, since Father Lafontant, who is now 92, no longer serves as priest in Cange, the Parish of Bon Sauveur, there has been a great deal of unrest, confusion, and mixed signals. This has been greatly accentuated by the difficulties involving the Bishop of Haiti. Because of the situation, some of our work in Cange has been curtailed and/or delayed. Over the last four years, there have been four different priests assigned to Cange, which has obviously hindered much of the long term planning and forced the delay of many of the projects with which we have been involved.

Fortunately, a much more stable situation now seems to exist, which will hopefully allow EDUSC to refocus our most critical 35-year efforts to help our brothers and sisters in Cange. Following is a brief summary describing the various components of community life with which we have been involved:

Parish of Bon Sauveur – In June, Pere Kesner Gracia was assigned to the parish. He grew up in Cange and his education was facilitated by Father Lafontant. He describes himself as a child of Cange. He appears to be trying very hard to bring stability and hope back to Cange. His focus is long term with emphasis on economic development. He works very closely with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) to meet the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently signed by the Diocese of Haiti and ZL to administer the activities in Cange. Bon Sauveur Church is very active with an attendance of 400-500 each week.

Ecole Bon Sauveur and College Bon Sauveur – The school is now open with a total of 1500 students with an additional 200 students unable to attend due to a lack of uniforms and tuition. School started late due to a lack of funding for teachers' salaries for several months. EDUSC had paid the salaries for the last three years but had discontinued payments for several months due to the unrest. EDUSC has now paid all back salaries and expects to pay all salaries for the rest of this school year and hopefully to provide significant support in the future. There, however, is no money available for books or supplies. Students' scores on the national exams have suffered due to this lack. The newly established school board continues to function and a new, transparent accounting system is operational. Two meals are provided to the students each day.

Hospital – Although services had been severely limited with an accompanying loss of jobs four years ago, they are now being increased back to original levels. Doctors at the new teaching hospital in Mirebalais are being required to serve rotations at the hospital in Cange. Eye and dental care are still being provided as is special care for those with HIV/AIDS.

Artisan Center – Sant Art still operates with 30 artisans under the direction of Jackie Williams. Sales are severely limited due to a lack of visitors to Cange. Additionally, ZL has discontinued subsidizing salaries of the artisans. Therefore, this important source of money for the village is in dire straits with accompanying negative effects on morale and life in Cange.

Water System – “Water is Life.” EDUSC built the water system for Cange in the early 80s and then rebuilt the system, greatly increasing its capacity as the population of Cange grew from several hundred to several thousands. It is doubtful that Cange would have continued to exist without this chlorinated system, the best in Haiti. Certainly the hospital and school would not be able to function. EDUSC made maintenance and upkeep of the water system a top priority along with education. A team of Haitians has been trained to maintain the system and EDUSC funds the maintenance of the system at a cost of approximately \$22,000 per year.

Other Villages, Churches and Schools in the Central Plateau – As part of the long term planning initiated by the Lafontants years ago, several parishes have helped villages around Cange by helping to finance churches, schools, water systems, etc. These villages include: Bois Joli, Blanchard, Morne Michel, Chapoteau, Terra Blanche and others. A new secular organization, Summits, has taken over the administration of the schools in these and other villages, as well as providing the salaries and training for the teachers. We are working with Summits to help them in this most critical work for 40 schools.

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Update on Cange, Haiti continued

Unfortunately the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti has chosen not to work with Summits and Bon Sauveur and Chapoteau are not included in this most fortunate group.

Clemson Engineers for Developing Countries (CEDC) – CEDC has been providing student engineers to live in Cange and help with various projects to help the people of Cange and the surrounding communities, including the water system. Unfortunately the interns had to be withdrawn last December due to the unrest in Cange. Tentative plans are for two interns to return in January to resume their most critical function.

Medical Work Trips – We still send teams of medical doctors, nurses and others to visit villages to provide medical care, particularly high blood pressure. These trips continue with the next team spending January 14-21. The teams are treated with respect and outstanding hospitality as they go about their life saving efforts.

Community Library – We continue to work closely with the Rotary in support of the community library in Cange, which serves hundreds in the entire region. The needs for books, supplies, salaries and computers continue to be great.

Friends, in 1979 Bishop Beckham assured the people of Cange that they were our Christian brothers, sisters, and fellow Episcopalians. He promised that we would help them as “our people,” not just as a project, but as a long term commitment from our Diocese to “love our neighbors as ourselves.” The DEC and the World Missions Committee has confirmed this promise to the people of Cange and our God on several occasions since then. Times are not always easy. Frustration and burnout occur easily. We have made tremendous progress in the last thirty years, but our work is not done. We have the ability talent and financially to continue to do God’s work in Haiti. We are the “body of Christ.” Do we still have the fortitude and the will? Can we let these people, our people, go?

Please direct any questions and suggestions to Earl Burch, Partnership Cange Coordinator, EDUSC ([864-356-9804](tel:864-356-9804)). Direct all monies to EDUSC for Haiti Ministries in Cange.





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ADVENT IS NIGH HOLIDAY SINGING ROOSTER SALES



Your Singing Rooster Sales Force would like to thank you on behalf of the school children in Cange and the Haitian Coffee growers for all your support this past year. SALES HAVE BEEN BRISK!

The increasing needs for our support of Ecole Bon Sauveur in Cange and the damage done by Hurricane Mathew makes sales this holiday season all the more important. We would love to become your supplier of choice! Please consider delicious Singing Rooster Mountain Blue, either whole bean or ground or Kkups, as Christmas gifts for extended family and/or professional contacts.

I'm making a large holiday order on the Second Sunday of Advent (December 4) to meet your holiday needs. Remember we have French Dark, Vienna Medium, Decaf, whole bean or ground as well as Kkups – all for only \$10/bag. Feel free to place your order with me at church or hgmorse@gmail.com. Whenever possible prepayment by check made to Holy Trinity Parish marked "Outreach Coffee" is appreciated. Blessing to you and yours this blessed season.

Harry Morse

Clemson Community Care

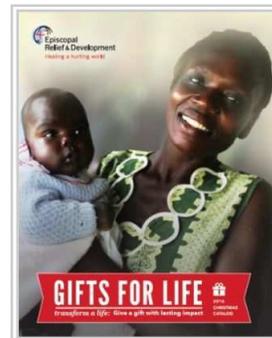


The holiday season is approaching and Clemson Community Care will soon be providing Christmas food baskets to needy families in our community. As you know, we will need your donations to make this possible. We have a need for

the following food items: frozen turkeys, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes or yams, boxes of corn muffin mix, canned fruit, pumpkin or fruit pie filling, sugar, evaporated milk, chicken broth, pie crust mix, flour, canned green beans and canned corn.

As in past years, Bi-Lo and Publix will hold the frozen turkeys for Clemson Community Care to pick up at the stores. This will make it easier for anyone to donate a turkey. Thank you so much for your support!

Gifts for Life



The Episcopal Relief & Development *Gifts for Life* catalogs are here. It is a wonderful opportunity during the Christmas giving season to give a gift with a lasting impact and help heal a hurting world.

With each purchase, you will receive a personalized card (or e-Card) to send to a friend or loved one telling them a gift was made in their honor. Order by December 2nd to receive gift cards in time for Christmas.

Between now and December 31st all donations will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor and there are three ways to give: Online, mail, or by phone.

The catalogs are available in the church Narthex so please pick one up as you leave church.

Carlo Troise

Family Promise Returns



The Family Promise program returns to Holy Trinity from December 4 through December 11. At present, we have two families with children from ages 7 to 15.

If you could help with housekeeping, food, or hospitality, please contact either Liz Halpin at 654-5230 or Ann Russell at 654-3424. Thanks so much.



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market

Saturday, December 3

10 am—2 pm



Mark your calendars! Once again it is time for the Holy Trinity Bazaar and Artisan Market, scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 10 am–2 pm. Items not sold will be available after church for parishioners who could not attend the bazaar on Saturday to purchase on Sunday, December 4. All Holy Trinity proceeds are donated to charity (See page 7.)

Our Champions: Many thanks to our Bazaar Champions who make this event a big success. They need assistance, so please reach out to them if you can help in any way.

Lunch Sales/Kitchen: Bill Purkerson

Baked Goods: Cindy Thackham

HT Crafters: Sally Morrell, Carolyn Wheeler, and Pat Geldard

Stained Glass Ornaments: Sally Morrell and Carolyn Wheeler

Silent Auction: Judy Surak and Carol Yardley

Heirloom Christmas Stockings: Pat Geldard

St. Paul's Table: Diana Manley

Plants: Carol Yardley and Liz Halpin

Gift Baskets: Iris Reed

Blessed art thou among women ... Luke 1:26-42

The Annunciation window will be the featured stain glass window ornament presented this year at the ECW bazaar. The Annunciation window was given to the glory of God in memory of Dr. James Hagood Sams, Jr. and Elizabeth Dargan Sams. This is the 4th in the series of windows we have done. We have a few of the Nativity window and the Rose window ornaments left that we had reordered for sale. The cost of each of these keepsake ornaments is \$25.00.

American Girl Doll Clothes: Holy Trinity Crafters present adorable American Girl doll outfits, each one of a kind. Some are pictured below. Come and see them! Perfect for Christmas or birthday gifts for that special girl!



Food Donations: To all parishioners: If you like to bake, can, cook, and/or jam, the Food Booth at the Bazaar is looking for donations! Sweet or savory delights are always a hit! Bring donations to the Parish Hall between 1:30 pm and 5 pm on Friday, December 2 or before 10 am on Saturday, Dec. 3. Call or email for more info! Cindy Thackham 864-280-0539; cdjpt@att.net.

Silent Auction: Would you like a fun and an interesting way to shop? Come to the silent auction at the annual ECW Bazaar. The valuable items you may encounter are fine art, days at a time share, Clemson memorabilia, tickets, etc. How about talents or services like 1 hour of IT help in your home or 1 hour from a personal trainer? The list goes on! Along with all the fun, ECW needs your donated items. Please ponder your time, talents, and treasures to see if you have something that would be just right for a fun and interesting silent auction. Please contact either Judy Surak at 864 933-5205 or judysurak@yahoo.com, or Carol Yardley at 864 506-6133 or cayardley@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION

Pat Geldard and Iris Reed, Co-Chairs



Although we use only greenery during Advent, you can sign the flower book to designate a special person(s) or event. There is no charge, but a donation to Holy Trinity will be accepted and placed in the Altar Guild flower fund.

The form for donating Christmas flowers is on the next page.

Coffee Hour



Everyone enjoys the fellowship provided by the coffee hour after the 10:30 service on Sundays.

Volunteers for the coffee hour ministry are from January through May, 2017. If you are able to help, please contact Jen Ellison at 864-506-4715 or jendecosta@pickens.k12.sc.us.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Noelle Yardley	12/17	Jessica DeCubellis
12/4	Barbara Runz	12/19	Andrew McCabe
12/4	Susie Stokes	12/19	Tim McPeak
12/6	Rebecca Eidson	12/20	Charles Arms
12/6	Joanna Schuman	12/22	Wayman Henry
12/7	Tommye Hurst	12/22	Jennifer Thackham
12/9	Mary Bowman	12/26	Isabel Quattlebuam
12/10	Phoebe McPeak	12/27	Billy Bridges
12/11	Paul Thackham	12/27	Earl Burch
12/12	Patsy McMullan	12/29	Lew Fitch
12/13	Carolyn Wheeler	12/30	Don Campbell
12/14	Myra Gildersleeve	12/31	Cathy Garrett
12/14	Kathy Naeseth	12/31	Carol Todd
12/14	Austin Temples	12/31	Gwen Troise



December Birth Flower:
Narcissus



December Birthstone:
Turquoise

Financial Update as of November 30, 2016

Operating Fund

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$42,308.00	\$37,248.95	\$465,391.00	\$494,030.04
Expense	<u>\$42,307.00</u>	<u>\$37,778.32</u>	<u>\$465,404.00</u>	<u>\$384,125.56</u>
Income +/-Expenses	\$ 1.00	(\$529.37)	(\$13.00)	\$109,904.48

Trinity Place Fund

Phase II-Prism Pledge Offerings	July 1, 2011—June 30, 2016
Amount Pledged	\$735,600.00
Offerings received as of November 30, 2016	<u>-\$723,618.00</u>
	\$ 11,982.00
 <u>The Walls Campaign</u>	
Amount Pledged	\$171,945.00
Offerings received as of November 30, 2016	<u>- \$150,559.23</u>
	\$ 21,385.77

First Citizens Bank Notes Payable as of November 30, 2016 \$874,839.78

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to contribute toward special Christmas flowers, please fill in the information below and place it in the collection plate or mail it to the church office on or before Monday, December 19th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in memo area of check: **Christmas Flowers**. Thanks!

Please print!

In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____

Christmas Music



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