

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 2018

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Saturday, December 1

10-3 ECW Bazaar and Artisan Market

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Advent Wreath Making, Lunch
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Thursday, December 6

10:30 am HE at Corley Center, Downs
6 pm-9 pm TRIO Fundraiser

Saturday, December 8

9 am-2 pm Advent Quiet Day

Sunday, December 9

CANTERBURY SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Advent Event

Sunday, December 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm Lessons & Carols, St. Paul's
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, December 20

9 am EDS Christmas Program

Sunday, December 23

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:45 am Greening of the Church

Monday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm HE and Family Service
7:00 pm HE at Holy Trinity
10:00 pm Music, then HE at St. Paul's

Tuesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am HE in Parish Hall, Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 30

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays

9:10 am (1st, 3rd Sundays) Solo Women
11:45 am Coffee Hour

Tuesdays

11 am Reflectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays

12 noon Women's Bk Group, Central Lib
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

9:30 am Davis Library Book Group
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Healing Service
7:30 pm (2nd, 4th Thursdays) Community Bible Study

Saturdays

8:00 am Holy Trinity Book Group

Keeping the Faith: Suz's Monthly Message

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the church office this month, we are preparing for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany—which together constitute an arc of liturgical seasons that present the doctrine of the Incarnation. Each of these seasons in the life of the Church is focused on a particular aspect of the Incarnation, that mystery of Jesus the Christ as described by one of my favorite Advent and Christmas hymns, “True man, yet very God.” (Hymnal 1984, 81 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*)

In her new book, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*, Fleming Rutledge states, “Advent runs backwards. The movement is from the second coming to the first coming. It doesn't make sense. The season begins with the last things and ends with the nativity in Bethlehem.” Advent is the season of anticipation, waiting quietly and expectantly for Jesus to show up. It can be difficult to take time for cultivating the anticipatory attitude that characterizes the Church's season of Advent.

In Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning, but we also prepare our hearts to receive the “daily visitation” in which we encounter Jesus in our neighbors, in our prayers, and, most tangibly, in the Holy Eucharist. Advent is a time of deep longing and anticipation, which is so clearly articulated in the introit that we hear at the beginning of each Sunday in Advent: *O come, O come, Emmanuel!* We tap into that place of deep desire for the presence of God-with-us, which is what Emmanuel means. We reconnect with the ancient watchfulness and waiting for the return of Christ.

And we do all of this as best we can within the clamor and bustle of the now-secular holiday season. There is much to enjoy in that generic, secular celebration, and I don't suggest that it is bad or harmful to indulge the cultural impetus to celebrate. I do encourage each of you to find for yourselves a balance between enjoying the holiday season and being swept up in it.

My prayer for all of us this Advent season is that we will take time to receive the daily visitation of Christ, either as a daily discipline or as small breaks from the hustle and bustle of what I call the “Silver Bells” holiday celebrations that don't necessarily have anything to do with the birth of the Christ Child.

There are simple ways for families and individuals to observe a quiet time each day: light candles on the **Advent wreath*** at suppertime and read an **Advent Reflection*** written by one our own parish family members; come to the **Advent Event*** to see and hear the story told by our youngest members, with the help of more seasoned “venerable ones”; come and hear the story told in Scripture and song at **Lessons & Carols***; turn off the TV, put away the screens, and spend a few minutes with the quiet glow of the Christmas tree. Shhh! Be quiet. Slow down. It's Advent.

Grace & peace to you all, Suz+

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italics following the name.)

Why Do We Do That?

*The Children's Service: Why do the children leave the nave
after the Collect of the Day?*

As everyone who attends the 10:30 am service knows on every Sunday, except the first one of the month when we have a children-oriented family service, the younger children of our parish exit the nave behind a crucifer and return at the time of the peace. As those with these children know, they have their own "service" currently led by parent volunteers: a Liturgy of the Word, which parallels the one in the church. There is no age restriction for attending the service, but children usually join when they outgrow the nursery and usually graduate themselves out around the fifth grade.

This service came about starting around 1990 when David Bateman, the Curate at Holy Trinity at the time, and Carolyn Wheeler, the Director of Christian Education, began struggling with an on-going dilemma for the church; that is, how to include young children in the worship life of the church and yet make the service more meaningful to them. As most of us are keenly aware, the lectionary readings and the sermons are challenging for adults, as they should be. We are equally aware that for the children they can be largely unapproachable. Yet, back then, after children graduated from the nursery, we expected them suddenly to be able to sit through this part of the service. The children squirmed and the parents were distracted. Consequently, to benefit children and parents alike, these two staff members decided that a more appropriate tack would be to give the children their own Liturgy of the Word geared to their level. What arose was a series of volumes, one for each of the three years of the lectionary cycle, under the title "Come and Worship: A Children's Liturgy of the Word", currently published by Leader Resources and adopted by numerous parishes. Using multiple versions of the Bible and other sources, these authors, with the expert editorial help of Carolyn Foster, crafted the readings and the psalms (with a single response line) in language children can understand. For example, they converted any passive voice to an active one, as this style makes following a text easier for children, or really anyone. Further, they wrote collects, prayers of the young people, a simple confession and notes for the homilies each week and adopted the Day School creed. In addition, the volumes include suggestions for music and artwork.

While this work makes every effort to follow faithfully the lectionary, there are a few stories that the authors felt needed to be included more often than they would normally appear. In addition, if a reading was considered too harsh or too negative for young listeners and could not be softened without losing too much of its meaning, then a substitute reading was introduced. There are only two readings, as it is difficult for children to keep three separate and distinct. These two are usually the Gospel and Old Testament readings, as narratives and stories are the most accessible to children.

Having the children gather with the congregation before their dismissal was intentional, as it communicates the important message that children are part of the whole worshipping body: coming back is different from coming in. The children return to the same place where they began their worship. From a practical point of view, by leaving and returning, they know where their parents are sitting. Returning for the "second part of our service", the Eucharist, is important for children, as it is so central to our community as Christians, and they should be part of it. In addition, there is much more action in this part of the service, which children can follow more readily.

Over the years, many people have participated in making this special service a success: musicians, donors for the early stages in development, altar guild members, parent volunteers and, of course, the hundreds of young people who provide feedback in ways only children can. Today, Mary Beth Johnstone coordinates the volunteers.

The resource embodied in "Come and Worship" is something we can celebrate and use in our version of evangelism, not only because it is homegrown but because it helps solve the wonderful dilemma of having children as part of our worshipping community.

Hap Wheeler

LIMINAL SPACE: Notes from the In-Between**Father Christopher's Monthly Message**

Hello, Friends!

As I sit down to write this month's *Liminal Space* column, we are on the brink of the season of Advent, which means that Christmas is almost upon us! In the larger culture around us, this would be the point at which someone would inevitably say something about the number of "shopping days left" before the Big Day. There are several reasons that that way of looking at the holiday season saddens me—not the least of which is the way that "holiday" is only given meaning in relation to the amount of time we have with which to buy stuff. I have forty-year-old childhood memories of Charlie Brown Christmas cartoon specials in which Charlie Brown laments more than once the degree to which Christmas had become "commercial." And that was back in the Golden Age, when it was unheard of, unthinkable, to see Christmas sales and plastic Christmas decorations pop up before Thanksgiving was over—much less before Halloween even happened—as is often the case today! I'm not sure we've done a great job of heeding Charles Schultz's warnings...

There's something else about the "shopping days" approach to counting down till Christmas: it can lead us to think of Christmas Day itself as the *end* of this season of magic and mystery. A month (or two, or three, depending on which stores change their displays on which days) of anticipation and build up ... and the day finally arrives ... and it's all over in an instant. Pull down the decorations, chuck the tree in the dump, take a brief moment to acknowledge the New Year, and then everything gets back to normal. But that way of thinking about it is all upside down and back to front. The season of Christmas *begins* on Christmas Day (or, more properly, the evening before—Christmas Eve) and lasts for twelve days. That's almost two weeks of Christmastime! After a month or more of anticipation, I think a payoff of a week or two is in order, don't you?

Besides, do we really believe that things are supposed to return to normal after Christmas? Do we want to live in a world where that's even possible? The birth of Christ is the beginning of the Incarnation, the moment when the Most High, God Almighty, breaks through into this world, into our mortal lives, in human flesh, and by doing so destroys sin and defeats death. By entering directly into the created world in human form, to share our fears, our temptations, our hurts, our wounds ... and also our joys, our celebrations, our delights, our loves ... God in Christ not only answers our cries for help, but also gives us a first taste of the fulfillment of God's vision for creation, a vision depicted in Revelation, Chapter 21: the New Jerusalem descending to Earth, the heavenly realm coming here, and God dwelling with us and we with God.

How could anything go back to normal after something like that?

Why would we ever want it to?

One of the great gifts of a Christian tradition like ours, which observes liturgical seasons, is the opportunity we have to enter more and more deeply with each passing year into the very life of Jesus Christ himself. There is a sort of timelessness to this way of moving through time. That quality of timelessness allows us to experience in new ways, each time we go around the calendar, the earth-changing events of the life of Jesus Christ. And the more deeply we experience the life of the Incarnate Christ in our own lives, the more fully conformed to Christ we ourselves become—and the more fully we come to experience God.

Now, that sounds pretty amazing, doesn't it? But how do we actually do it?

Well, to begin, we have to find a way of tuning out, or at least turning down the volume of, the "noise" from the culture around us that drones on about shopping days and consumerism and Christmas as a one-day-of-the-year event. That's hard (at least it is for me) because that noise can be so loud ... and it seems to be everywhere, to boot. One useful trick is to find something else to focus on instead. The Scripture readings of the Daily Office during the weeks of Advent may be very useful to you.

On that note, if you have not picked up your copy of the *Advent Reflections* booklet from the Church, please do so. It contains the aforementioned Daily Office readings, along with short reflections on the readings for your prayerful reflection and consideration. A simple discipline of reading, reflecting, and praying daily will be an excellent way to prepare your heart and your mind for the coming into the world of Our Lord.

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(Father Christopher's Monthly Message continued)

It may also be helpful to name (and perhaps to write down) your expectations for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We speak often in the Church about the focus of Advent's being expectant waiting; we should perhaps speak a bit more about what our expectations are, specifically. The Christmas story itself, the biblical narrative of Jesus' birth in Luke's Gospel, can help us focus our expectations. In the same way that Mary and Joseph have to find a place where they can, even if it's among the livestock, for this baby that's about to come into the world, we, too, must find a place for the eternal Christ Child to be born in us, in our hearts and in our minds, in the very core of our being.

We must be patient, caring, and kind, especially with ourselves and our own shortcomings, in order to make that space inside us safe for the little child, the little light that is entrusted to us, to be nurtured by us and helped to grow. And we must diligently feed that Christ in us, if we are, in the words of the letter to the Ephesians, to "come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (4:13).

How do we feed this precious Christ child that is to be born in us (again) in a few short weeks?

Above all, we must love.

It is that simple, and that complicated. We must love each other, and ourselves, despite, through, or even because of all our flaws and foibles. But more than that, we must love others, beyond the walls of our own church community. We must love people who look different than we do, who speak differently than we, who believe differently, who vote differently, who live differently, even people who worship differently than we do. We must love people, full stop.

To do that, we must remember that love, in the Christian tradition, is not a warm, fuzzy, feeling of affection. Christian love is a conscious choice to act in ways that serve the good of other people, the good of all people. Christian love is a deliberate giving of oneself, one's labor, wealth, gifts, talents, even our very presence, to the benefit of other people. It is sacrificial (in the most joyous sense of the word), and it is sacramental, in that it is an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace we, as baptized Christians, have all received.

That is what we prepare for during the season of Advent. May we all be blessed this year with a prayerful and transformative time of study, reflection, and eager anticipation of the Mystery that awaits us.

Happy Advent, y'all!

Christopher+





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Baptisms

On Sunday, November 4, at the 10:30 am service, **Campbell Joy Smith** was baptized and welcomed into the congregation of Holy Trinity.



On Sunday, November 18, **Louise Shapleigh Horton** received the sacrament of new birth with baptism and was welcomed by Holy Trinity parishioners.





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Holy Trinity Advent Reflection Booklet

Just in time to have on hand for Advent—daily reflections based on the appointed readings for the Daily Office during Advent. The reflections were written by Vestry members, Sunday School classes, and our priests. Pick up your copy and spend some time each day preparing your heart for the advent of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Advent Wreath-Making



We continue our tradition of making Advent wreaths for celebrating the Season of Advent in our homes. Supplies will be available in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 am service on December 2. Bring your Advent wreath form from years past to prepare. We will have a limited number of metal wreath forms, as well as candles and greenery with which to adorn them. We will also have a simple order of service for Advent prayers at home each day during the season. Suggested donation: \$10 for wreath form and candles, \$5 for candles only. The Holy Trinity Youth Group will have a yummy lunch available, as well, raising funds for future mission and pilgrimage trips.

Advent Quiet Day: Anticipating the Three Advents of Christ

Advent is the season of anticipation, waiting quietly and expectantly for Jesus to show up. It can be difficult to take time for cultivating the anticipatory attitude that characterizes the Church's season of Advent. You are invited to come to Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 8, for a time of reflection and silence in preparation for the Three Advents of Christ: the Birth of the Christ Child, the Second Coming of Christ, and the Daily Visitation of Christ. We will begin at 9:00 am in the Nave with a series of brief meditations on these three aspects of Advent, each followed by a period of silent reflection. We will conclude with a contemplative Holy Eucharist at 1:30 pm. A simple soup and salad lunch will be available for \$5, or you may bring your own. Please RSVP to htchurch@holytrinityclemsontn.org or call Kara Hollandsworth at 864-654-5071 to reserve your spot.

Advent Event

Join us for an annual tradition at Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish! The young children as our “friendly beasts,” our youth, and our beloved venerable parishioners will tell the Christmas story on Sunday, December 9 at 5pm. A light supper will be provided afterwards.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us for Advent Lessons & Carols at St. Paul's at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 16. Lessons & Carols is a gem of the Anglican choral tradition, combining readings from Scripture, choral anthems, and congregational hymns of the season. The service *Advent Lessons & Carols* presents salvation history as it points towards the first coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and leads us into the attitude of expectant anticipation of the Incarnation. It is a beautiful and moving way to prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ Child, and lovely St. Paul's is the perfect setting for this service.



Festival of Lessons and Carols



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CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm Holy Trinity—Young families/Christmas pageant

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

10:00 pm St. Paul's in Pendleton—Special Music begins at 10:00 pm and Traditional Late Night Christmas Mass at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

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

Meals on Wheels on Christmas Morning

Holy Trinity has provided the meal for Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day for several years. In years past, this meal has been cooked and packaged on Christmas morning by a dedicated crew of volunteers. The head cooks, Kevin and Robbie Hughes, have decided to take a well-deserved break to visit with family this year. This Christmas, we will take a different approach to cooking and packing this meal.



There will be a Signup Genius providing the number of each item that we need, as well as a recipe. We ask individuals or families to sign up for one or two items. We will need: turkeys, cooked, deboned, and sliced; green bean casseroles, pans of dressing, dinner rolls and pies. These items can be dropped off at church on Sunday, December 23, or on Christmas Eve, or on Christmas Day—no later than 10:00 am. Watch for the Signup Genius in *HT Notes* or on the website—coming soon! If you need help with Signup Genius, the office staff will be more than happy to help you—just give us a call at 864-654-7051.

All of the Advent and Christmas information has been summarized on the next page. Thanks to Cara Robb and Kathy Crouse for this condensed informative poster of events!



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ADVENT

at Holy Trinity



SATURDAY
DEC 1
HOLY TRINITY'S
ANNUAL BAZAAR
10 AM – 3 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY
DEC 2
FIRST SUNDAY
FAMILY SERVICE
followed by Advent wreath making & lunch
10:30 AM | AT HOLY TRINITY

THURSDAY
DEC 6
TRIO 10TH
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
for Clemson Community Care
6 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY
DEC 8
ADVENT QUIET DAY
9 AM – 2 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY
DEC 9
ADVENT EVENT
Children's Pageant followed by a simple supper
5 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY
DEC 16
LESSONS & CAROLS
5 PM | AT ST. PAUL'S, PENDLETON

SUNDAY
DEC 23
GREENING OF THE CHURCH
following 10:30 AM Eucharist Service
AT HOLY TRINITY

MONDAY
DEC 24
CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY SERVICE
4 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

MONDAY
DEC 24
CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST
7 PM | AT HOLY TRINITY

MONDAY
DEC 24
CHRISTMAS EVE MUSIC
followed by Christmas Eve Eucharist
10 PM | AT ST. PAUL'S, PENDLETON

TUESDAY
DEC 25
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
10 AM | AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY
JAN 6
FIRST SUNDAY
FAMILY SERVICE
followed by Epiphany celebration and lunch
10:30 AM | AT HOLY TRINITY

*Regular Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30,
except 12/30, when we will have one service at 10:00 AM.
No Sunday School on 12/23 & 12/30.*



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Mid-Week Holy Eucharist

Join us at 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings for Holy Eucharist that will include Prayers of Healing and Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Resource Center

Have you discovered it yet; in the corner of the parish hall? ... the bookshelf and bulletin board display. When you see it, please step over and peruse the information on health and fitness and the health education events in our area. You might find information you had always wanted to know!

Put together by your Pastoral Care Committee, and we welcome your input.

Thank you,
Judy Surak



The Pastoral Care Ministry Team Presents

... Wait. What? Why did that just happen? Especially when caring for loved ones in the stages of aging and loved ones in the states of cognitive decline.

Join Kathy Hunter, Certified Dementia Practitioner and Teepa Snow PAC-trained trainer, and Judy Surak, BS, RN, for a 2-part Adult Sunday School series on "Vision Changes As We Age" and "Positive Physical Approach." Both these sessions will help us understand the importance of vision and how it changes as we age, with or without cognitive complications, and a concept entitled, "Positive Physical Approach." Attend one or both sessions on Sunday, January 13 and 20 at 9:20am in the Parish Hall. You'll be glad you did! Please contact Kathy or Judy for more information.

Worship in the Chapel Anytime* Day or Night!

The chapel door is once again unlocked. Can't sleep at 4 am? Come pray. Heading home after dinner downtown? Stop by and make a joyful noise before the Lord. (The acoustics are great!) Pray the daily office, meditate, or praise God's name with dancing. All are welcome—just make sure you stay within the chapel (transept) so you don't trigger the alarm in the Nave. That noise may not sound very joyful to your ears.

*Almost anytime: We do lock the door on football game days.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

—Thessalonians 5:16-18





Think with the Mind of Christ

Community Bible Study

Join us for an ecumenical Bible study designed to help participants in engaging with the Bible on topics from poverty, hunger, displacement, racial inequity, and the care of vulnerable populations. The group will begin by using The Social Justice Bible Challenge, a book that is part of *The Bible Challenge*, a global initiative to encourage daily engagement with scripture and an exploration of the Word of God.

Copies are available upon request. We meet in the Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. During December, we'll only meet on December 13. This group is open to anyone in the community who wishes to participate.

Come Sing With Us!!



Holy Trinity Choir welcomes all voices to join us for the 2018-19 season. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm -8:30 pm upstairs in the Parish Hall. No auditions! Everyone is welcome!!

*"Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;
I will sing the praises of your name." Psalms 18:49*

A Word from the Kitchen Crew

Sometimes our cups runneth over, and out of the cabinets! And sometimes, there isn't one to be found! From time to time, we find that the various groups that provide hospitality in the parish have either bought more cups and napkins and such than they could use or have used up all that we've got. Did you know that we have a volunteer who manages our kitchen supplies so that you don't ever have to be in that position?

Beth Kunkel monitors our supplies and does her best to keep our cupboard well-stocked with all the necessary items for serving up hospitality! She works hard to make sure that there are at least 50-100 of each item on hand at any given time.

Beth is dedicated to making sure that we only use the most environmentally responsible products so that we are caring for God's creation as good stewards. She has provided a few easy-to-follow guidelines to help ensure that we always have enough of everything to get the job done:

Check the cupboards in the hallway for supplies before going to the table room to open new packages.

Notify Beth at kitchen@holytrinityclemsen.org if more items are needed for your upcoming event —and be sure to allow at least a week for her to get what you need.

If you use most of an item, or notice we're running low, let Beth know so she can re-stock.

With just a bit of planning and a dollop of diligence, we can keep our hospitality ministries running smoothly. Thanks for helping out!





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Discovery Class 2019

Monday Nights 1/7- 2/18

In this class we use our hearts, minds, and imaginations to explore the various aspects of life as Anglican Christians at Holy Trinity and in The Episcopal Church. It designed to introduce newcomers to our tradition, but you don't have to be new to join us. All are welcome! This year, we will follow the structure and teaching of an excellent book by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*.

Week One: The Anglican Way of Christianity—an exploration of the Anglican or Episcopalian understanding of prayer.

Week Two: Sacraments and Sacramental Life—we will spend most of our time on Baptism and Holy Eucharist, because they are the primary sacraments, but we will make sure to introduce the other Rites: Confirmation or Reception, Marriage, Reconciliation of a Penitent, Unction, and Ordination.

Week Three: Marking Time—a look at the daily, seasonal, and yearly marking of time in our liturgical traditions, concluding with the end of our earthly pilgrimage: funerals and burial.

Week Four: Basic Beliefs—a discussion of Creeds, sin and grace, and how all of those big ideas are founded in our Holy Scriptures.

Week Five: The Church—beginning broadly, we will get to know the people who have followed Jesus since the first disciples were called in Galilee, then we'll spend some time with the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, and then we'll talk about how we are called to follow Jesus.

Week Six: A Trinitarian Life—our life together as followers of Jesus calls us out of ourselves to participate in God's work of care of creation and each other. Our tradition points to the various tools and resources we have for that work.

Week Seven: What's Next?— by this time, we'll be ready to talk about ethics, praxis, and evangelism (oh my!). These things aren't as scary as they sound, but they are frightfully important to engaging fully in the life of Holy Trinity.



Adult Christian Formation for Advent

In observance of this holy season of preparation for the Incarnation of Our Lord, our adult Sunday school class will explore the sacraments. We will begin by examining the two so-called Dominical sacraments, starting with holy Baptism on December 2nd and moving to holy Eucharist on the 9th. On the remaining Sundays in Advent, we'll discuss the other "sacramental rites" contained in our Book of Common Prayer. Our Anglican tradition is inextricably rooted in our sacramental worship and practice, and our Anglican theology is deeply incarnational in its nature - please join me in exploring the meanings within these holy mysteries and their connection to the Incarnation of Our Lord.



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Elections for Parish Service Results

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Please join me in thanking everyone who agreed to put their names forward as nominees for our various elected leadership positions for 2019 and into the future. All of our uncontested elections have resulted in very fine appointments:

Hap Wheeler — Senior Warden

Bill Hurst — Junior Warden

Vestry — Amy Agosti

Vestry — Samantha Nelson

Vestry — Bill Purkerson

Vestry — Shannon Quattlebaum

Sheila Durham — Episcopal Day School Board

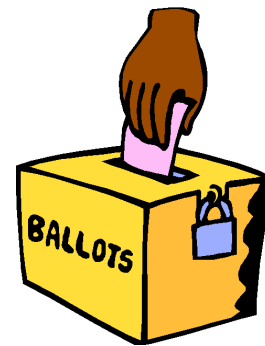
Betty Snowden — Episcopal Day School Board

Kevin Hughes — Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Al Mathiasen — Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Clyde Gorsuch — Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Finally, please join us in praying for all of our leaders at Holy Trinity:



Lord Jesus Christ, watch over those who are leaders in your Church. Keep them faithful to their vocation and to the proclamation of your message. Teach them to recognize and interpret the signs of the times. Strengthen them with the gifts of the Spirit, and help them to serve faithfully. Open their eyes and hearts to the needs of all, especially the poor and the needy. Give them a vivid sense of your presence in the world and a knowledge of how to show it to others. Amen.

Kathy Crouse



Canterbury
of CLEMSON

We are preparing for Canterbury Sunday which will take place on Sunday, December 9! This is always a fun opportunity to come together and worship with Holy Trinity through a Canterbury-led service.

Don't forget: Canterbury is making breakfast on Sunday, December 2. Our casserole is always delicious. Don't miss it!

Aynsley and Alena



FORMATION



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 17th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in memo area of check: **Christmas Flowers**. Thanks!

Please write legibly!

In honor of _____

In loving memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____



Christmas Music

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Kanuga Parish Weekend 2019

Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Start Close In
Friday, March 1-Sunday March 3, 2019



You don't want to miss our weekend at Kanuga! We return to that bit of heaven on earth March 1-3, 2019. Bring the family, join old friends and make new friends while we learn about finding inner peace and wholeness. Our time together will include worship, program, fellowship, singing, and plenty of refreshment for body, mind, and spirit. We'll leave plenty of time for you to relax in a rocking chair, go for a hike, or take a nap!

Kanuga is a conference, retreat and camp center affiliated with the Episcopal Church and is a beloved haven of spiritual refreshment for many Episcopalians. Nestled on 1,400 peaceful acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Hendersonville, NC, Kanuga's historic setting features a 30-acre lake, and 20 miles of hiking trails. The Kanuga Parish Weekend is a long-standing tradition of Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish.

Program

Blessed Are The Peacemakers: Start Close In

Inner peace and inner healing may seem like elusive topics. But before we can change our families, churches, or communities, we often need to change ourselves. For Christians, that might mean exploring our understanding of God and our understanding of our Selves, because knowing God and knowing Self are actually inseparable. Why is your image of God important and how did you get it? Why is inner peace important, and how can we participate in pursuing inner wholeness? What does it look like to finally get to a place of self-understanding, self-compassion, and self-acceptance? This session will take a look at these questions. Bring a journal, and open heart, and a curious mind.

Presenter

Amy Sander Montanez, D.Min, LPC, LMFT www.amysandermontanez.com

Amy is a therapist, spiritual director, coach, retreat leader and writer in private practice in Columbia, SC. She specializes in working with clergy and seminarians, and is also known for her compassionate work with couples. Her first book, *Moment to Moment: The Transformative Power of Everyday Life*, won Spirituality and Practice's top 100 books of the year in 2013, and she has won six National Polly Bond Awards for her work in spiritual writing. Her most recent blog, *Life is Messy, Life is Marvelous*, can be found at messymarvelous.com or on Facebook at [messymarvelous](https://www.facebook.com/messymarvelous).



Registration forms are available in the church office and in the Parish Hall. You may also register and pay online at this URL: <http://holymontanez.org/kanuga>

Save the date! Amy Montanez will present a Lenten Program on Forgiveness at Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish April 5-6, 2019, as part of our Richard Hooker Lecture Series.



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Please
come and
support
your ECW
and all
the
charities
we help!


Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish
 193 Old Greenville Hwy, Clemson, SC 29631
 (across from Riggs Field & tennis courts)

Holy Trinity 
Bazaar & Artisan Market

Saturday, December 1, 2018
 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Creations & Crafts
 Homemade jewelry, stoneware, wreaths, and more

Gift Baskets
 Wonderful themed baskets that are ready for giving

Baked Goods & Frozen Meals
 Delicious treats and freezer-ready meals

Plants
 Including many from the parish grounds

Holy Trinity Crafts
 Handmade items, American Girl doll clothing, variety of linens,
 traditional church mice, knitted items, customized heirloom knit
 Christmas stockings for pre-order

Holy Trinity items
 Stained glass window ornaments, note cards

St. Paul's Thrift Shop
 Unique gifts

Haitian Artisans
 Variety of gifts available from skilled artisans

Delicious Lunch
 Homemade soups, salads, quiche and more

Silent Auction
 Local artwork, area retailers and Clemson artwork

All parish proceeds are contributed to local charities.

<http://holytrinitybazaar.org>



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ECW News

Endearing Church Mice



Church Mice have been observed around the church. New this year is a very dignified verger. After attending Father Christopher's ordination and observing the verger there, it seemed only fitting to create our own verger mice. This year there will be several angel mice to fill out the Holy Trinity Church Mice procession. These sell out quickly at the ECW bazaar so come early. All are \$25 and make adorable decorations.

Sally Morrell

Festive Flag Banners

Clemson flag banners and celebration flag banners are being made for the ECW bazaar this year. The Clemson flags are made using a variety of Clemson materials and can be personalized with your name or "Tigers" or "Clemson". These make great tail gate banners with your name on it.



The celebration banner is made of bright cheerful colors and can be personalized with "Happy Birthday", "Celebrate" or a child's name. The Festive Flag Banners are approximately 10 feet long.



There will be some at the bazaar with no words. If you would like one personalized, it will have to be ordered by November 1st. Festive Flag Banners will cost \$30.00 each. To order one please call or email Carolyn Wheeler at 654-2311, cslwheeler@hotmail.com or Sally Morrell at 654-5607, sallym29631@gmail.com



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Stained Glass Ornaments

Stained glass window ornaments for this year are the Healing and the Teaching windows. Like all the windows in the nave of the church, these windows also depict major events in the earthly life of Christ

The Teaching window was given to the glory of God in honor of Girdler and Estella Fitch and Hampton and Judy Jarrell. *He began to teach them many things ... Mark 6:34*

The healing window was given to the glory of God in memory of Temperance Glenn Young Conley. *Your faith has made you well ... Luke 8:45-48*

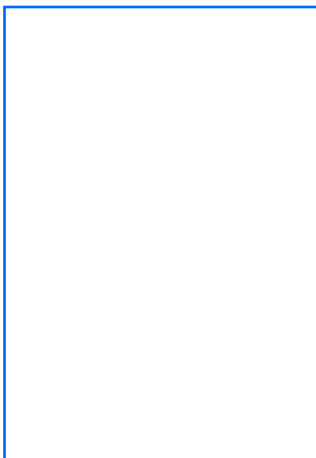
These stained glass ornaments would make wonderful gifts for the special people in our lives. These both will be available at the ECW bazaar in December. The cost is \$25.00 each. We will also have a few of the other window ornaments that we have previously offered available.



Sally Morrell

American Girl Doll Clothes

American Girl doll dresses, sports outfits, sleep attire and cheerleading outfits will be available at the ECW bazaar. There are over 50 outfits to select from. They are packaged as outfits with matching shoes and accessories. Wonderful gifts for those special little girls in your life. Come early and get to see them all.





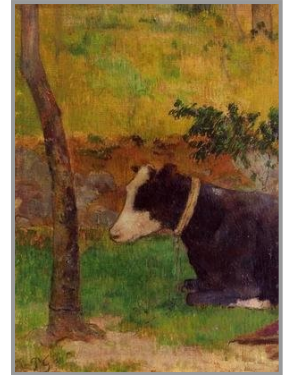
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Cows Kneeling on Christmas Night & Alarm Clocks atop Graves: a special historical presentation at St. Paul's Friday, December 7 at 6:30 pm

This talk will explore two key features of folk Christianity in the American South: Old Christmas lore and grave decoration. Both were spread and sustained through folk techniques, drew from inherited traditions of Europe and Africa, and were imbued with new meaning by folk Christians in the late 19th/early 20th centuries. And, in a social order where Jim Crow was dominant, both involved cultural exchange across the color line.

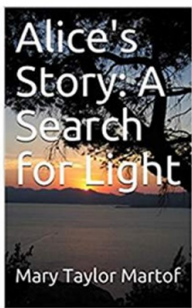
John Hayes is Associate Professor of History at Augusta University. Last fall, UNC Press published his first book, Hard Hard Religion: Interracial Faith in the Poor South. He is a Georgia native and an Episcopalian, and he reveres Flannery O'Connor as a patron saint.

This is a free event and will last about 45 minutes to an hour.



Congratulations, Mary Martof!

Mary just had a book published on Amazon: Alice's Story: A Search for Light. The light is the inner light that leads to the authentic self. Go to books under Amazon and pull it up by title or author's name (Mary Taylor Martof) – the first 3-4 chapters are offered free.



Synopsis: In the French Quarter of New Orleans, 32-year-old Alice Hollister faces her father's ghost in a voodoo séance and learns secrets that will change the life of this defrocked nurse forever. When a child, Alice's alcoholic mother told her repeatedly that she was defective. Still in her childhood when her father died in an oil-well explosion, Alice had no one to tell her, "I see your little light, and it's just precious." So she is unaware of the light in her soul and survives by pleasing others. Her life is filled with pain. Not realizing that she has created much of it herself, by replacing a search for identity with people pleasing, Alice turns to alcohol and eventually cocaine for relief. She steals drugs from her employer and becomes defrocked from nursing. Prostitution appears to be the only way to support her addictions. But a phoenix, a bird with magical

powers, turns her life around. She retraces certain paths she has taken and finds that evasive inner light leading to her authentic self.

Episcopal Relief and Development

Gifts for Life

Episcopal Relief & Development works in over 40 countries and touches 3 million people a year to empower people to find lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and disease.

The Episcopal Relief & Development *Gifts for Life* catalogs are here; pick one up in the Narthex as you leave church. It is an opportunity during the Christmas giving season to give a gift with a lasting impact and help heal a hurting world. It is also a great way to give a gift in someone's honor.

If you make an order before December 31st, your gift will be matched! Please help those in need this Christmas season!





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SPECIAL ORDER SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

Perhaps the best quality and certainly best tasting fresh coffee available anywhere in the Upstate is Singing Rooster fair-trade Haitian Mountain Blue. Grown on the volcanic mountainsides in rural Haiti and currently being harvested in our villages of Bois Joli and Morne Michel, high quality and exceptional taste are their hallmark. Remembering that 70% of the proceeds from each sale go directly back to Haiti. Of each \$10 purchase only \$3 goes toward shipping and handling and processing, while \$4 goes directly back to the farmers with \$3 going to support our University Students from Cange. Organic chocolate in four delicious flavors also available for \$3/bar.

Look for a member of our Outreach Committee Singing Rooster sales force (Phil Maiberger, Glen Quattlebaum, Rachael Mayo, & Harry Morse) after the 8 am or 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall. \$10 PER BAG Coffee; \$3 PER BAR Gourmet Chocolate – payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THOSE HARD TO GET FAMILY, OFFICE, AND FRIENDS

- FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!!
- Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf!
- Superb gourmet chocolate bars also available in Plain, orange, and Lemon-Ginger, & Cinnamon flavors!

CONTACT HARRY MORSE BY TEXT, PHONE, OR EMAIL. 864-314-9996 (phone or text), hgmorse@gmail.com (email)

Order please for bulk by Sunday December 2 to ensure delivery by Sunday December 10.

NB—An increasing body of scientific data suggest that coffee consumption is linked to increased quantity and improved quality of life. Though data for chocolate consumption is less robust, some would hold this truth to be self-evident!! References available from Dr. Morse!



A Poem from a Dream

During a time of upheaval, I was visited by a recurring dream. I didn't understand it at the time, but it always brought, however briefly, an odd serenity. As those difficult times progressed, I began to slowly relinquish pet resentments and fears. Here is the dream:

The Meeting

The front door is open
 I walk through it
 Right away there is a stairway
 I climb up to an open window
 Lace curtains ruffle and puff
 No sound but the whisper of a breeze
 Everything is fresh bright, white
 Sunlight puddles on the floor
 Dapples dance on the walls
 The rooms are empty,
 Sparkling, spotless
 Stillness
 Peace
 Anticipation
 Complete emptiness
 A soul prepared...

Julie Lewis





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Organ Crawl

On Saturday, November 3, several members of the local Anderson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) participated in an Organ Crawl, an activity which takes members to various churches to play all sizes of organ installations in the Tri-County area. The two organs seen on November 3rd were the organ at St. Paul's in Pendleton and the organ at Pickens Presbyterian Church.

The Pickens instrument is a one-manual plus pedal 1905 Henner tracker organ with slider chests, mechanical key action and mechanical stop action. It has 8 ranks of pipes (stops). This organ served Immanuel Lutheran Church in Staplehurst, Nebraska, for 80 years. It was restored by the Gene R. Bedient Co. with no tonal or mechanical changes and installed at Pickens Presbyterian Church. The dedication concert was played by Richard Peek in 1985.



The organ at St. Paul's in Pendleton was built in 1848 by George Jardine. It has one 54-note manual and no pedal board. There are 3 ranks of pipes. The organ is essentially unaltered. Its pipes are undamaged, its wind system is intact except for the addition of a large Kinetic blower, and the case is almost perfect except for the hole cut in a side panel to accommodate the blower wind line.





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Please come and support Trio on December 6
from 6 pm—9 pm at Holy

Come join us
FOR A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

10TH ANNUAL



HOPE • HEALTH • COMMUNITY

WINE AND BEER TASTING

Come taste a variety of wines and specialty beers, including one crafted exclusively for Trio!

Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Raffles and Live Auction

DECEMBER 6, 2018 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM • HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

TICKETS

Available at Hubbard Young Pharmacy, Clemson Free Clinic,
& Clemson Community Care
\$40 per person \$150 for four people

EVENT SPONSORS



Karen Carter
864-901-2642
karencarter@clemsoncommunity.org

Sandy Smith
864-506-4049
ssandra@clemson.edu

Coffee Hour

Do you enjoy coffee hour as much as I do? This fellowship time after the 10:30 am service is very popular, and we are in need of people willing to host each week.

There is no pressure to put out an elaborate spread – this is not lunch! If you have a friend you can team up with, even better. If you have never done it before but are willing, we will partner you with someone who will help you.

Please call, text or email me and I will arrange a coffee hour date for you: 864-280-0539 or cdjpt@att.net.

Thank you!!
Cindy Thackham



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/01 Noelle Yardley
- 12/02 Renna Redd
- 12/04 Susie Lloyd Stokes
- 12/06 Rebecca Eidson
- 12/06 Joanna Schuman
- 12/07 Tommye Hurst
- 12/09 Mary Bowman
- 12/10 Phoebe McPeak
- 12/11 Paul Thackham
- 12/13 Carolyn Wheeler
- 12/14 Myra Gildersleeve
- 12/14 Kathy Naeseth
- 12/19 Cameron McCabe
- 12/19 Tim McPeak
- 12/20 Charles Arms
- 12/22 Wayman Curtis Henry
- 12/22 Jennifer Thackham
- 12/24 Jack McKenna
- 12/25 Elena Wilkerson
- 12/26 Isabel Quattlebaum
- 12/27 Billy Bridges
- 12/27 Earl Burch
- 12/27 Madelyn Gajdalo
- 12/29 Lew Fitch
- 12/30 Don Campbell
- 12/31 Cathy Garrett
- 12/31 Carol Todd
- 12/31 Gwen Troise



December Birth Flower:
Narcissus



December Birthstone:
Turquoise

**Brighten a Senior's Day:
Volunteer at Clemson Downs**



For the past 20+ years, many of your friends and neighbors have served as volunteers at Clemson Downs Retirement Center. You may choose the job most suitable for you and your schedule. Giving two hours a week, bi-weekly or monthly will bring pleasure to others and to you. Please call Wendy Longo, Membership Chairperson, at 722-5477 to set up a time when you can find out more about this very worthy program.

Did You Know?

Church members are required to have an Episcopal Church sticker on cars parked at Holy Trinity. They are free, but you need to contact Kara Hollandsworth in the church office to get one.

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of November 29, 2018

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$43,883.00	\$53,598.06	\$482,713.00	\$474,593.41
Expenses	\$43,880.00	\$42,206.42	\$482,713.00	\$478,900.01
Income +/-Expense	\$3.00	\$11,391.64	\$0.00	(\$4,306.60)

Trinity Place

Balance on First Citizens Bank Notes as of November 29, 2018
\$571,663.14