

The Tempo

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

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 2019

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 am Advent wreath making
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Thursday, December 5

- 6 - 9 pm TRIO

Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 5:15 pm Advent Event, Simple Supper

Sunday, December 15

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Lessons & Carols, St. Paul's
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, December 20

- 9 am EDS Christmas Prgm/Parish Hall

Sunday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4 pm Holy Eucharist, children's pageant
- 7 pm Holy Eucharist, Holy Trinity
- 10 pm Special Music, St. Paul's
- 10:30 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

Wednesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10 am Holy Eucharist/Meals on Wheels

Sunday, December 29

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

ONGOING EVENTS

- Sundays 11:45 am Coffee Hour
- Mondays 9:00 am Facebook prayer
- 11:15-11:45 am Contemplative Prayer
- 6:00 pm E/M

Tuesdays

- 11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 1-3 pm Women's Book Group
- 6:00 pm Canterbury
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

- 10:30 am HE at Corley Center, Clemson Downs (First Thursday only)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Healing

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent is upon us. We are entering into the mystery of God coming to dwell among us as one of us. This mystery includes the words of the prophets pointing us to Bethlehem, the home of Jesse and David. This mystery includes a king who is a baby, born to Joseph and Mary, born in a barn. This mystery includes a Messiah who comes to us, not leading an army to overthrow our enemies, but who saves by healing and reconciling. This mystery includes a savior who triumphed over death and sin, ascended to heaven, but who is present with us as we pray and worship and dedicate our lives to him. The mystery of Advent is that the Word that was made flesh and lived among us will return to make all things new. When Jesus was born, everything changed. When we turn to Jesus, we are changed. When Christ returns, everything will change again.

Advent is a season of preparation for an important arrival. We often think of it as the arrival of Christ at Christmas, which is certainly what we're all waiting for. Another way to think of Advent is of *our* arrival. In order to arrive somewhere, we must leave this place and travel to another. During the Advent Season, the traditions of the church invite us to leave behind for a while the normal trajectories of our lives, upward, downward, or stuck in a rut. We have opportunities to step onto the road to Bethlehem, joining the prophets (including John the Baptist, who leapt in his mother's womb in recognition of the coming of Christ), Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, the wise men who will arrive rather late, coming from afar. The reality of our lives means that most of us are only able to step onto the road to Bethlehem for a few moments at a time: church on Sunday, lighting a candle on the Advent wreath, reading a devotional, or listening to one of Spotify's Advent playlists.

This is not some Advent-Grinch harangue to avoid Christmas carols or to leave the decorating until Christmas Eve (although for some, it is a blessing to do so). This little letter to the parish is meant to encourage you to step onto the road to Bethlehem from time to time—make it a regular part of your routine, if possible. Our destination is Christmas, the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. To arrive, we must take the journey:

“Because the beginning shall remind us of the end
And the first coming of the second.”

T. S. Eliot, *The Cultivation of Christmas Trees*

Grace and peace to you all this Advent Season, Suz+



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 italics following the name.*

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Why don't we sing Christmas carols or decorate for Christmas until Christmas Eve?

First things first: if you've spent the Thanksgiving weekend decking the halls and listening to your Christmas favorites, I'm not going to frown judgmentally and wag my finger at you. I'm here to explain the liturgical practices of the church. Maybe you are one of those people (like me) who needs to integrate the themes of light growing in the darkness and make time for quiet time with God before jumping into the sparkle and joy of Christmas. Even I will pull down from the attic those boxes of lights and decorations a week or so before the big day. My Advent playlist will gradually incorporate some Christmas-y music (but not *Silent Night* before Christmas Eve!) For now, I will focus my attention on our Advent wreath on the dining table, paying attention to the lectionary readings and devotions of the season.

Our common worship will take on a different tone, building our anticipation of the celebration to come when we relive the joyful feast of Nativity. From the singing of *O come, O come, Emmanuel* as the Advent candles are lit to the seasonal blessing at the end of the service, we will turn our attention to the deep longing of creation for the threefold coming of Christ: the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning, the return of the Messiah to usher in the completion of the new creation begun on Christmas, and the daily visitation of Christ, who comes to us in our prayers and in our actions on his behalf. However, I have chosen a Christmas hymn for the presentation of our gifts of bread, wine, and monetary gifts at the altar. It will serve, I hope, as a reminder of the gift that we anticipate throughout Advent: the *Love that came down at Christmas*.

Love came down at Christmas,
 Love all lovely, love divine;
 love was born at Christmas
 star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
 love incarnate, love divine;
 worship we our Jesus
 what shall be our sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
 love be yours and love be mine;
 love to God and neighbor,
 love for prayer and gift and sign.

With all my heart, I wish you a blessed Advent in preparation for the Merriest of Christmases! Suz+





CARE OF PEOPLE

Love with the Heart of Christ

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Sunday, December 1 was First Sunday in Advent, as well as the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We had our annual Advent Wreath Making following the 10:30 am service during Coffee Hour.

Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall. You might also want to follow us on Instagram or watch our Facebook page to catch *Advent Word 2019*, an online global Advent calendar to which we will contribute daily images and reflections throughout the season of Advent. Our aim is to help you and your family observe a meaningful Advent season of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, awaiting the second coming of Jesus, and enjoying the graces of the daily visitation of Jesus in our prayers. May this Advent season be for you a time of quiet reflection on the Light that grows in the darkness and illumines your journey to Christmas.



ADVENT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

ADVENT RESOURCES

We have a Reverse Advent Calendar to guide your through a season of giving, “Celebrating Advent in the Home” with a simple prayer service to use with your Advent wreath, and “In Light & Darkness: an Illustrated Devotional” to inspire your creativity in reflection on the themes of the season. Copies of each of these resources are available in the Parish Hall.

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ADVENT EVENT: PAGEANT AND SIMPLE SUPPER

Sunday, December 8 at 5:15 pm at Holy Trinity

“Watchman, Tell Us: Advent Stories of Blessedness and Light” The children and youth of Holy Trinity present this pageant as a gift to the parish on Sunday, December 8 at 5:15 pm. Come and hear the stories, sing the songs, and prepare your hearts for the light that shines in the darkness. A simple supper will follow in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm at St. Paul’s

Please join us for Christmas Lessons & Carols at St. Paul’s at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 15. Lessons & Carols is a gem of the Anglican choral tradition, combining readings from Scripture, choral anthems, and congregational hymns of the season. The service *Christmas 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.



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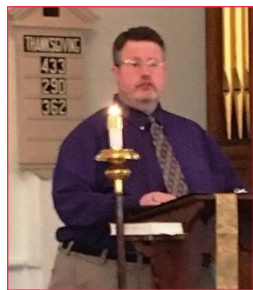
ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S

A community Thanksgiving service was held at St. Paul's on November 24th at 5 pm. It was a combined effort of 6 different Pendleton area churches, representing a wide variety of Christian traditions and approximately 87 persons attended. The collection went to Clemson Community Care, and a fat envelope was given to Karen Carter, Director of CCC at the end of the service.

The Pendleton Community Thanksgiving Service was fabulous and enjoyed by all who attended—here are the folks who participated.



Mtr. Suz gave the invocation.



Chris Cottingham—First Baptist Church of Pendleton



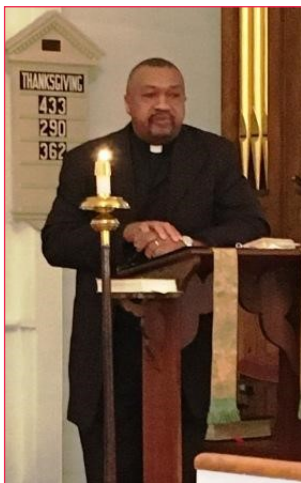
New Holly Light Missionary Baptist Choir



Beverly CroweTipton—Zion United Methodist Church.



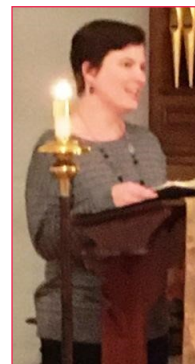
Allison Helvie—Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church



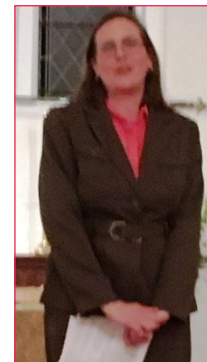
Joe Moss—Ambassadors for Christ Ministries gave a rousing sermon!



Karen Carter—CCC Director



Cara Morgan—First Baptist of Pendleton



Jennifer Rygg—First Baptist of Pendleton





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CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Children’s Pageant at Holy Trinity

Christmas Eve 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Choir at Holy Trinity

Christmas Eve at St. Paul’s—Special Music begins at 10:00 pm and Holy Eucharist at 10:30 pm

Christmas Day 10:00 am in the Parish Hall at Holy Trinity (includes preparation of Meals on Wheels for Christmas Day)

BAPTISM

Eunice Waddington’s great granddaughter was baptized at the 10:30 am service at Holy Trinity on November 3. Isabelle Rose Coxe was welcomed as one of Christ’s own forever.





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FIRST SUNDAY AND CHILDREN’S CHOIRS

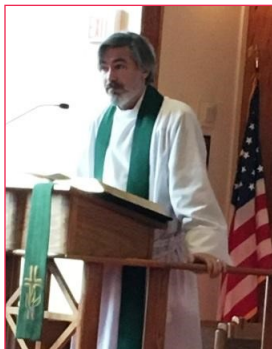
On All Saints Sunday, November 3, parishioners were treated to performances by the Bel Canto & Cherub Choirs. The children’s choirs are lead by Leah Durham.



THE “GOOD SHEPHERD FUND”

The Vestry and Clergy wish to communicate that Holy Trinity has established a confidential Good Shepherd Fund to be administered by the Pastoral Care Committee in conjunction with our Clergy. The purpose of this Fund is to provide confidential financial assistance in response to emergencies or financial hardship among any of our parishioners.

The program is well-defined, including proper oversight and guidelines for its operation, with full accountability to the Vestry. If any parishioner has such a financial emergency, they are to contact the Rector or Pastoral Care Committee directly, in confidence. Contributions to the Fund will be accepted from generous parishioners and others, but cannot be earmarked for any specific purposes.



FATHER CHRISTOPHER’S LAST SUNDAY

November 17 was Father Christopher’s last day at Holy Trinity. He was called to be the priest at All Saints Episcopal Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. We wish him well.

Anne, Emily, and Elena will join Father Wilkerson in Wisconsin when the school term here ends at Christmas.



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CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE IN THE CHAPEL



Take a break with God on Monday mornings. The chapel at Holy Trinity is always open, and all are welcome to stop by and pray at any time. On Monday mornings, any who wish to gather for quiet, contemplative time with God can come together for reflective reading of Scripture and short periods of prayer and meditation.

The leadership of this practice will be shared by clergy and lay participants. We will gather at 11:15 am and conclude by 11:45. All are welcome.

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. Most of these services feature music led by a team of gifted musicians who lead us in simple hymns and songs of praise using acoustic instruments. All are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist together.



THE PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

The 2019-2020 Parish Choir season has begun. We welcome anyone over the age of sixteen to join and further enrich our beautiful and harmonious choir!! We rehearse Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm and our Sunday pre-service rehearsal is at 10:00 am.

We have a core of dedicated and talented singers, but there is always room for more. This lively, energizing ministry is the perfect place to share the love of singing together; making new friends; receiving support and fellowship; having a creative and expressive experience; developing new skills.

We are an open group of people who enjoy lifting our voices to enhance and guide the worship experience. Previous choral experience, or the ability to read music, is not required.

Please consider giving us a try! If you have questions or would like to express interest, contact our Choir Director, Rebecca Bowman at rebeccabowman76@gmail.com

GET ENGAGED & HELP FOSTER FELLOWSHIP

Consider signing up for a particular day to help the Engagement Committee with Coffee Hour, First Sunday Lunch, or other social events. Sign-up sheets are near the welcome table in the Narthex. If you have any questions about these opportunities to serve, please e-mail Cindy Thackham at cdjpt@att.net.



FORMATION

Think with the Mind of Christ



CATCH YOUR BREATH AT KANUGA

In a culture of ever busy business, we invite you to step away for a weekend to reconnect and breathe deeply in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Our annual parish retreat is scheduled for March 6-8, 2020, at Kanuga, where we will gather to nurture old relationships, make new friends, worship, sing, hike, relax, and play.

Our program this year will be led by Scott Hardin-Nieri, an ordained pastor with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who has served as a pastor in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Fort Collins, Colorado, as well as in Spring and Houston, Texas. Scott enjoys accompanying people during transformative experiences, whether during hikes, spiritual direction, wilderness quests, stories shared, service learning trips, live music concerts, camps or retreats.

Through this year's program, *Catching Our Breath: Listening Deeply to God*, we will share meals, play, pray, reflect on our own lives, and listen within God's creation as we seek right relationships with our neighbors, creation, self, and God. Together we will explore the sacred texts of scripture, nature, and our own lives, seeking the Sacred breath of God's love throughout.

What's new this year? We will be sharing the program time with St. John's, Columbia, the parish that has booked the same weekend at Kanuga as Holy Trinity for several years. The benefits of this collaboration include more robust children and youth programs, some additional Saturday afternoon program time for those who want it, and significant savings to our budget by sharing the cost of the program with St. John's. A welcome social in the Fireplace Room is back by popular demand. And in addition to our valued Holy Trinity social time, there will be opportunities to meet and mingle with St. John's parishioners. We will also share the Sunday Eucharist with St. John's, allowing us to worship at 10 am instead of 10:30 am, so those wanting depart earlier can do so. For those who prefer to eat Sunday lunch at Kanuga, it will be available before departure on Sunday.

What hasn't changed?

- Morning Devotions on Saturday with singing before program time.
- Taize late Saturday afternoon before supper.
- Holy Eucharist on Sunday morning.
- Time to relax, enjoy outdoor activities, learn, sing, worship, and play together, with program time, personal time, and parish social time.
- And of course, Kanuga toast!

Registration will begin in January, 2020. Plan now to join old friends and make new ones, as we gather to learn, relax, and worship in the natural beauty of God's creation at Kanuga.





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TUTORING AT HOLY TRINITY

Kimberley Comport is a Junior Biomolecular Engineering major at Clemson who is starting a tutoring program at the church. Tutoring will be held every Wednesday from 5 pm to 7 pm. She's looking for students to tutor from the surrounding schools in middle and high school in STEM classes.

If you know of a student who you think could benefit from extra help whether it be with studying or homework please reach out to her at kcompor@g.clemson.edu or 843-603-0379 or contact Cary Kaye, Kimberly's Vestry liaison.

GOODBYE, BETSY!

Long time parishioner Betsy Dunkle has moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. Betsy has been a member of Holy Trinity for 42 years and served most of that time in the choir. The parish sent Betsy off with a fond farewell during the coffee hour on Sunday, November 10.



UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR AN ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR AND CAMPUS MINISTER

We are actively searching for a second priest to take on the responsibilities of Assistant to the Rector and Campus Minister. I've called together a Search Committee to assist in the search process: Bob Green and Bill Purkerson, both representing the Vestry, Sue Smink and Al Mathiesen, both experienced in the search process, and our Canterbury Peer Minister Aynsley Hartney are all contributing to the effort to find our new priest to serve Holy Trinity and Canterbury.

We've fine-tuned the job description, as well as our description of Holy Trinity and Canterbury, and we've shared those with our diocesan Transition Officers, Episcopal clergy job posting sites, Episcopal seminary placement networks, and through various social media networks of Episcopal clergy and ministry professionals. If we haven't called a priest by mid-spring, we'll start interviewing graduating seminarians.

As we continue our work of searching for a faithful priest to minister to the people of Holy Trinity and to serve as Campus Minister with our Canterbury group, please join us in praying:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Holy Trinity, and so guide the minds of those who shall seek a Campus Minister and Assistant to the Rector that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for all your people, guide our Canterbury ministry with college students and young adults, and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Suz+



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KANUGA COFFEEHOUSE: A FAREWELL CONCERT

On Sunday, November 10, from 4-6 pm Anne and Fr. Christopher presented "Coffeehouse: A Farewell Concert." Coffee, tea, snacks, and family-friendly acoustic performances of Johnny Cash to Jimi Hendrix, The Allman Brothers to the Indigo Girls, The Who to U2.

Cover charge was \$10 at the door, and kids under 12 were free (nursery care was available). Several requests at \$50 each brought in more donations. All proceeds benefitted the 2020 HT Parish Retreat at Kanuga—to the tune of over \$700!





FORMATION



GREENING OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE

Please join the Holy Trinity Altar Guild as we "Green the Church" for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 after the 10:30 am service. There are tasks for all abilities and ages, and as our mothers told us, "Many hands make light work."

We'll have cookies, coffee and cider to sustain us as we hang the greens and decorate the tree. We'd love to see you there!

Thanks,
Anna, Kathy and Jack

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



During the adult Sunday School hour this Advent, Bob Green will present "Reflections on Three Advent Hymns." Beginning Dec. 8 and continuing through December 22, each Sunday the group will explore one of three traditional hymns, "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus," "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent," and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Each lesson will encourage participants to discuss the importance of the hymns, explore the meaning of the featured text, and learn more about the writers.

CANTERBURY



On December 4th at Canterbury we will be getting ready for Canterbury Sunday and playing some jams. It's our last regular Canterbury of the semester, so come on out! During finals week we will have dinner at 6:00 pm, but there will be no program following.

This coming Sunday, December 8th, is Canterbury Sunday. Even if you aren't participating, come on out and sit with us. Father Jimmy Hartley will be visiting this week so let's show him how much we love Canterbury!



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Act in the World as the Body

HELP RESTOCK CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE'S PANTRY

Clemson Community Care has the following food requests: dry and canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, canned vegetables, canned meat, powdered milk, cereal, and rice. We always have a need for any toiletries, diapers and wipes.

We are so grateful for any and all donations! *Donations can be placed in the basket in the Narthex or dropped off at the church office.*



PLEASE IGNORE SPAM EMAIL FROM "SUZANNE CATE"

Cyber criminals are increasingly preying on the trust that parishioners have for their clergy and are using fake email accounts to "phish" for money, gift cards, and contact information. This has happened several times this fall to me and many of my colleagues. I urge you to be very careful about responding to emails that seem to be from me or any other member of the clergy or congregation that seems unusual in any way. There seem to be several signs that an email is not legitimate:

- Your name is in the subject line—a recent example: Many blessings (parishioner's name)
- I will never send an individual message to you asking for money or for gift cards—if the need for such an appeal arises, it will come to you via *HT Notes* or another Constant Contact email or by phone (but not by text—the scammers are spoofing those now, too)
- I never sign off on an email using my full name, so if an email is signed Rev. Suzanne L. Cate, that isn't from me
- The sending email address will usually be a clever imitation from the domain gmail.com—my email address ends with @holytrinityclemsion.org and nothing else

If you have any doubts at all, please contact me by phone or call the church office. Please do report any suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission. Their website offers the following reporting guidelines:

Report Spam

Forward unwanted or deceptive messages to:

- The Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov. Be sure to include the complete spam email
- Your email provider. At the top of the message, state that you're complaining about being spammed. Some email services have buttons that allow you to mark messages as junk mail or report them spam.
- The sender's email provider, if you can tell who it is. Most web mail providers and ISPs want to cut off spammers who abuse their system. Again, make sure to include the entire spam email and say that you're complaining about spam.



Unfortunately, spammers and other cyber criminals are always finding new ways to rip people off. Be alert, my friends!

Suz



CHURCH AND THE WORLD

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HONORING GRACE WARD CALHOUN AND THE FOUNDERS & PATRONS OF THE TAMASSEE DAR SCHOOL

There was a centennial celebration honoring Grace Ward Calhoun and the founders and patrons of the Tamassee DAR School on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at 2:30 pm at St. Paul's in Pendleton. Guests came from all over South Carolina. Following the church ceremony there was a wreath-laying ceremony in the churchyard honoring their founder Grace Ward Calhoun. Eric Naeseth, chairman of the St. Paul's Committee represented St. Paul's at the celebration. A reception was held at the Historic Ballenger House in Seneca following the celebration.

The Tamassee DAR School is a school in Tamassee, South Carolina, founded in 1919 by the Daughters of the American Revolution to serve the underprivileged children of Appalachia. Historic buildings can be observed on the DAR School campus. The school survives and thrives to this day. It is a non-profit children's home and family service organization that has been a place of hope, healing and learning for children in need for 100 years.



Grace Ward Calhoun (Mrs. F. H. H.)
Vice President General, 1917-1920
SC State Regent, 1914-1917
Andrew Pickens Chapter Regent,
1907-1909 & 1939-1941





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EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

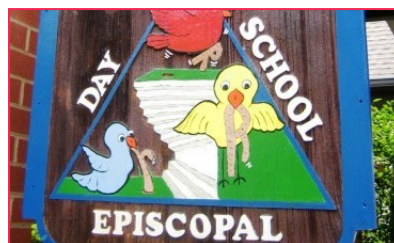
The Day School sincerely thanks those who ordered poinsettias last month. If you placed an order, please pick-up your poinsettia(s) in the parish hall on Wednesday, December 11th after 12 pm or on December 12th or December 13th. Poinsettias will be labeled with the name of the person who placed the order.

The 4K Red Bird Class will be riding in the Clemson Christmas Parade on December 3rd, beginning at 6 pm. Please come downtown to support the Day School at the parade!

The Episcopal Day School Christmas Program will be at 9:00 am on Friday, December 20th in the parish hall, and everyone is invited to come. The children will present a program of songs.

If you have questions about enrollment at the Day School, please contact Suzanne Watkins at (864) 654-0298 or swatkins@holytrinityclemson.org. The children and staff of Episcopal Day School wish Holy Trinity Parish a blessed Christmas!

~ Suzanne Watkins, Director





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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. Remember that 70% of the proceeds from each sale go directly back to Haiti. Of each \$10 purchase only \$3 goes toward processing, shipping and handling while \$4 goes directly back to the farmers and \$3 goes to support our University Students from Cange. Organic chocolate now in 5 delicious flavors also available for \$4/bar. Flavors this year are Lemon Ginger and new flavors Peppermint, Seasalt & Nibs, Cranberry, and Coffee.



Look for a member of our Outreach Committee Singing Rooster sales force (Phil Maiberger, Glen Quattlebaum, Rachael Mayo, & Harry Morse) after the 8 o'clock or 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

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

GOURMET COFFEE FRENCH or VIENNA, CAF OR DECAF, ground or whole bean!! Cange Kupps for Keurig also available in Vienna & Decaf!

CONTACT HARRY MORSE BY TEXT, PHONE, OR EMAIL: 864-314-9996 (phone or text), hgmorse@gmail.com (email) \$10 PER BAG Coffee; \$4 PER BAR Gourmet Chocolate—payable to: Holy Trinity Outreach.

Please order for bulk by Sunday December 1 to ensure delivery by Sunday December 15.

Thanks for your support of our work in Haiti!!

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!

MEALS ON WHEELS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

We are continuing our tradition of providing a Christmas Day meal to clients of Clemson Meals on Wheels who might not otherwise enjoy a festive meal. We will be posting a sign up sheet on SignUp.com next week asking for volunteers to provide ham, sweet potatoes, cranberry relish and pumpkin pie. We will have recipes in the parish hall (on the table on the right near the entrance) so people can prepare their dish at home and bring it in either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

We ask that you use the recipes provided so that everyone gets the same meal that is appropriate for those who have chronic medical conditions. Holy Trinity will provide the containers that go to the clients.

Thank you!
Beth Kunkel





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

DEPOLARIZING WITH BETTER ANGELS



We all try to walk the walk of our faith. Some pray for others, some serve those in need, some give their talents and others give beyond their talents. A smile, a kind word, silence when words would inflame, boldness when silence would condone unkindness—all contribute to peace in our community.

At least that is the hope. In the last several years we have experienced a frightening affront to our societal norms. Families attack each other over politics, communities live in fear of one another where differences used to be accepted. We see our whole country deeply divided and rancor and incivility have become the disorder of the day. We cannot leave this chaos and contempt for those unlike ourselves to our children and grandchildren.

Remember Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural speech in 1861 just prior to the Civil War.

We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory...will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.

We are the Better Angels! We MUST BE Better Angels!

Better Angels (the national organization) began in 2016 when a red (conservative-leaning) man and a blue (liberal-leaning) man brought together a handful of reds and blues to have meaningful, respectful conversation about their political beliefs. The results of that meeting? They found that they respected and liked each other, that they shared commonalities, and that they wanted to keep meeting. They learned that they *could* have a depolarized community. And they wanted depolarization for the entire country.

You are invited to a Red Blue Workshop on January 25 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. This workshop will bring together a maximum of 30 people: 7 conservative-leaning (red) people and 7 liberal-leaning (blue) people for a structured conversation with two trained moderators (1 red and 1 blue) and about 15 observers for a day long event. Our goals for participants and observers are to speak and be heard safely the beliefs of those on the other side and to find areas of common ground.

To learn more about the Red Blue workshop on January 25th, join us for a discussion and viewing of a documentary on Better Angels on November 14th in the Parish Hall here at Holy Trinity at 7 pm - 8:45 pm.

For more information about either event, to reserve your space, or to learn more about Better Angels, contact the Clemson Area Better Angels (CABA) team: Shari Jung at spjung@me.com, Paula Appling at upst8hiker@gmail.com, Linda Law at lindabrodylaw@gmail.com, or Janet Marsh at jmarsh@clemsun.edu.

ITEMS FOR OUR DAILY REST

Dear All,

Our Daily Rest, the homeless shelter in Seneca, is in short supply of paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags, coffee and sugar. Once again, could you all please lend a hand by filling the basket in our Holy Trinity entrance with your generous donations of needed supplies?

With grateful thanksgiving,

Robbie and Kevin Hughes, Mary Bowman, and Judy Surak (dedicated shelter chefs)





CHURCH AND THE WORLD

FAMILY PROMISE'S BEE-YOND THANKFUL ANNUAL SOCIAL

Tuesday, December 3 ~ 5-8 pm



Family Promise of Pickens County invites you to their Bee-yond Thankful Annual Social at Bee Well Honey (909 West Main Street, Pickens). Enjoy their silent auction, learn more about Family Promise and *bee* appreciated for your support and dedication. For more information, call 864-644-8828.

TRIO

Thursday, December 5 ~ 6-9 pm

Join us at Holy Trinity for this annual community fundraising event that supports the Clemson Free Clinic and Clemson Community Care. It's a rare night that you can help out your neighbors by enjoying delicious wine, beer, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets (\$45/person or \$170 for four) are available at Hubbard Young Pharmacy.

CLEMSON PLEDGE TO END RACISM WINTER WORKSHOP

The Clemson Area Pledge to End Racism is a multi-faith initiative and the pledge is a personal commitment to work on ourselves and to work with others throughout the Greater Clemson area to address racism in all its forms. We invite all who would like to connect with others to reflect, learn, and practice how to develop and maintain this commitment to end racism. The winter workshops will be held on January 18 & February 1. More information is available at

<http://www.holytrinityclemson.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Clemson-Area-Pledge-to-End-Racism-Winter-2020-Workshop-Flyer-2.pdf> (Clickable link available in HT Notes)

The deadline to register is Monday, December 16. Please register at <https://forms.gle/WsBHYkeP9sCXGy218> We hope you can join us! If you have questions, please contact clemsonpledge@gmail.com.

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Tuesday - Thursday, December 3-5, 2019

Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation's 16th Annual Hospice Christmas Tree Festival is Dec. 3-5, 2019, Tree Viewing & Holiday Market location is Best Western Plus University Inn & Conference Center of Clemson and sponsors are Oconee Federal Charitable Foundation and Best Western University Inn & Conference Center



Holiday magic abounds, thanks to a generous community and the help of many hands! Enter a winter wonderland of original Christmas trees, wreaths and centerpieces, and browse through a holiday market overflowing with handmade crafts and gifts, freshly baked homemade cookies and an assortment of the popular Butter Braid pastry. Proceeds from the Christmas Tree Festival are "A Gift of Love" to patients served by Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills. The spirit of this holiday tradition continues all year long for patients of our local nonprofit hospice organization that has cared for residents of Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties since 1989. Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills provides in-home hospice care as well as in-patient hospice care at Cottingham Hospice House.



ADMINISTRATIVE

STEWARDSHIP 2020

As we began our 2020 Stewardship Campaign, we had so much to be thankful for. Last year's campaign raised over \$533,400. With these generous donations from the Parish, we added additional worship services to reach as many of our brothers and sisters in Christ as possible. There is the weekly Thursday healing service and the monthly service at Clemson Downs. We are growing Canterbury and our Youth Ministries. We've made improvements at both Holy Trinity and St. Paul's.

Our 2020 Campaign included:

- A Stewardship mailing from Mother Suz that went out in early October. Included in the mailing was a pledge card and a pledge brochure emphasizing the need to pledge.
- A Stewardship Sunday sermon on October 13th and weekly updates on the 2020 Pledge Campaign.
- In-gathering Sunday, November 17, 2019

The Stewardship Committee set a goal of raising \$544,000 in pledges for 2020. To reach our goal, we asked pledgers to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge by at least 2% over last year's pledge.

We have received 119 pledges totaling \$489,910.00 as of December 2, 2019. We still have about 25 parishioners who pledged last year who have not turned in their pledge cards yet. I am very optimistic that we will get these pledges and meet our goal.

Bill McDaniel
Stewardship Chairman

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us 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.





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 16th. 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 _____



If you would like to contribute toward special Christmas music, please fill in the information below and place it in collection plate or mail it to the church office on or before Monday, December 16th. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in memo area of check: **Christmas Music**. Thanks!

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Art Young & Donna Reiss	December 3
Kevin & Kathy Crouse	December 19
David & Mary Beth Johnstone	December 19
John & Mellie Warner	December 29
Earl & Scooty Burch	December 30
Brad & Ann Russell	December 31

This new feature of *Tempo* lists the wedding anniversaries of parishioners. If you want your anniversary included, please give the information to Kara Hollandsworth at khollandsworth@holyltrinityclemsn.org.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Noelle Yardley
12/2	Renna Redd
12/4	Susie Lloyd Stokes
12/6	Joanna Schuman
12/6	Rebecca Eidson
12/7	Tommye Hurst
12/9	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	Jennifer Thackham
12/22	Wayman Curtis Henry
12/24	Jack McKenna
12/25	Elena Wilkerson
12/26	Isabel Quattlebaum
12/27	Madelyn Gajdalo
12/27	Earl Burch
12/27	Billy Bridges
12/29	Lew Fitch
12/30	Don Campbell
12/31	Cathy Garrett
12/31	Carol Todd
12/31	Gwen Troise



December Birth Flower
Narcissus

FLOWER LIST



The 2019 flower sign-up book is in the Narthex for people to designate flowers to the memory of, in honor of, and/or in thanksgiving for their loved ones or for a special occasion. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Kara Hollandsworth in the church office (864) 654-5071, ext 0, or email htchurch@holyltrinityclemsn.org to sign up.



December Birthstone
Turquoise

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of November 30, 2019

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,841.00	\$42,252.73	\$526,251.00	\$519,910.11
Expenses	\$48,964.00	\$43,031.61	\$525,119.00	\$510,008.93
Income +/-Expense	(\$ 1,123.00)	(\$ 778.88)	\$ 1,132.00	\$ 9,901.18

Trinity Place

Balance on First Citizens Bank Notes as of November 30, 2019
\$477,418.96