

# 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.*



MARCH 2020

### MARCH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 1

##### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 am First Sunday Lunch
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, St. Paul's

#### Friday-Sunday, March 6-8

Kanuga Parish Weekend

#### Sunday, March 8

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday, March 15

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

#### Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 am Breakfast
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

### ONGOING EVENTS

#### Sundays

- 8:45am Breakfast
- 9:20am Sunday School
- 11:45 am Coffee Hour

#### Mondays

- 9:00 am Facebook online prayer
- 11:15 am Quiet Time in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm E/M

#### Tuesdays

- 11:00 am Reflectionary Bible Study

#### Wednesdays

- 1 pm Women's Book Group (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed)
- 5:45-7pm Children's Choir Rehearsals
- 6:00 pm Canterbury
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursdays

- 10:30 am HE at Downs (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday only)
- 5:30 pm HE, Healing Service

### KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

My Dear Siblings in Christ,

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas and Epiphany, and now Lent is upon us! Lent is that time in the church year when we take stock of our spiritual selves. As we hear in our Ash Wednesday service, Lent is a season when the whole congregation is "put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel...and of the need of which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith." (BCP 265) Traditionally, Lent has involved spiritual practice such as fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. These practices provide an opportunity to reflect on three areas of our lives where we often confuse "need" with "want."

Of course, we need food in order to survive—it's part of that base layer of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, meaning that we must have food, water, shelter, health, and clothing to survive and thrive. Fasting, in its many forms, is not as a Lenten practice a self-improvement or health regimen. It is meant to focus our intention upon the need for sustenance, our own and that of others, and upon the sources of the sustenance we require. As we reflect upon these things, which are brought to mind with every pang of hunger or stomach rumble, we ask God to flood our hearts with love. Hearts filled with love are moved beyond physical discomfort to compassion by the ever-so-slight solidarity with those who hunger daily.

Alms giving allows us to consider the relationship we have with money and possessions. Do we have more, or less, of either than our neighbor down the street or in "that part of town"? Do we need more money or possessions, or would we really be better off with less? Will more possessions give us the security and comfort we think we need, or is that a consumerist trap that we fall into? No one can answer these questions for us, and they are certainly worth grappling. What are the spiritual benefits of alms giving? We give alms in obedience to the commandments of God found throughout scripture to care for those who are in need. Denial of self—and in such a way that does not draw attention to self—helps us to remember the source of all that we have, God's gracious care for us.

Prayer allows us to reflect upon our use of the most precious commodities of all, our time and our attention. The language we use to describe how we use time and attention is telling when we speak of "spending" time and "giving" our attention. Where and how do we spend our time? What relationships are prioritized? Do we listen to God as a first response, or is that an afterthought? First and foremost, prayer creates a direct link to God. At its most fundamental, prayer is talking to and listening to God, spending time and giving attention to that primary relationship that any creature has—its relationship with its Creator. Prayer reminds us of the close connection between faith and the rest of our lives, which is easily lost as we spend our time so freely on other things and give our attention to the latest whatever has blown through our newsfeeds, emails, and even old-fashioned trash-talk and gossip. (Let the reader know that the author speaks to herself. If it resonates with you, God's blessings.)

Spiritual practices such as the traditional three described above or the seven offered in the Way of Love practices we'll explore in Adult Sunday School during Lent are a kind of diagnostic scan of our habitual patterns of life. They help us to sort out our needs from our wants and to prioritize our precious resources accordingly. God willing, they will lead us into a habit of gratitude that will enrich our hearts, minds and bodies for the fulfilling of our mission.

Grace and peace to you all this Lenten season, *Suz+*

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*\*The open seat on the Vestry will be  
 filled at the March Vestry meeting.  
 Vestry assignments may be shifted at  
 that point.*

## SHARING A COMMON CUP

With flu and colds spreading through the community and the stories about coronavirus in the news, there is a lot of concern about the health risks of sharing a common cup at communion. I recently read a blogpost written by Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Georgia, Frank Logue, in which he quoted the following statistics:

According to the *American Journal of Infection Control* (Vol. 26, No. 5, 1998), “no documented transmission of any infectious disease has ever been traced to the use of the common communion cup.” This fits with a report in *The Journal of Infection* (Vol. 16, No. 1, 1988) which stated, “Currently available data do not provide any support for suggesting that the practice of sharing a common communion cup should be abandoned because it might spread infection.”<sup>1</sup>

I have also been thinking about the practice of intinction (dipping the piece of bread that is placed in your hand). I’m going to be upfront about this: I am not a fan of this practice, for reasons theological and practical. At the moment, I will focus on the practical reasons. Foremost among those are protecting the health of each one of you. I know, I know—you’re going to say, “I am always very careful that I don’t touch the cup or the wine with my fingers as I dip the bread in the wine.” I believe you. I trust you in that. I also just watched you shake hands with a couple or a dozen other people as we passed The Peace. When I place that piece of consecrated bread in your hand, it comes into contact with your germs and the germs of those other people. The *bread* becomes the potential vector of transmission at that point, not the fingers dipping the bread.

I am very conscientious about sanitizing my hands after sharing The Peace and before setting the table. That is because I’m very aware of how my handling the bread during the Eucharistic Prayer could expose each one of you to the germs that would otherwise reside on my hands—arguably one of the germier points of contact on the human body. For those of you who are not willing to trust that drinking directly from the cup is actually more sanitary, I have a big favor to ask: **please don’t intinct!** Just consume the bread, which carries the full freight of the grace of communion, and let the chalice pass you by for the sake of all of the rest of us. For those of you who have compromised immune systems, or are unable to receive flu vaccines, please do the same for your own sake. You have heard it once, and I say it again, please don’t intinct. I know that it is asking a lot, but the stakes are high enough to make it worth asking. I love you all, and I don’t want you to get sick.

Grace and peace to you all, *Suz+*

<sup>1</sup>The Very Rev. Frank Logue, <http://loosecanon.georgiaepiscopal.org/>, accessed 2/24/2020.



 **CARE OF PEOPLE**

*Love with the Heart of Christ*

**BAPTISM**

On Sunday, February 23, Van and Maggie Nielubowicz were baptized by Mtr. Suz (who was wearing a mask in case she was still contagious from an infection she had). There was a reception for the Nielubowiczs in the Parish Hall before the baptism.



**MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST**

Join us at 5:30 pm on Thursday evenings for Healing Eucharist that include Prayers of Healing and Anointing of the Sick. The service features acoustic guitars. One of our parishioners shared the following things that they love about this service:

1. The gentle comfort of a small group
2. The sweet camaraderie
3. Mother Suz's relaxed, quiet talks/explanations
4. Being able to feel okay about my casual attire
5. The short, simple hymns (though I cannot carry a tune)
6. The focus on healing. I ask God to heal the world and those I love each day—with He knows all the places within each of us that need a rescue.



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## CARE OF PEOPLE

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBSERVING A HOLY LENT WITH HOLY TRINITY

This year, we have provided three different Lenten Devotional Booklets for helping you along your Lenten Journey. For families, there is the *Love Builds Up Family Challenge for Lent*, which provides weekly “challenges” for your family to discuss and pray about together each week in Lent. For nature-lovers, there is the *Wendell Berry and the Sabbath Poetry of Lent* devotional booklet, featuring Creation-centered prayers and the poetry of Wendell Berry. This booklet refers to Wendell Berry’s volume of poetry, *This Day: Collected & New Sabbath Poems*. There are a limited number of books available to borrow from the church office, or you can borrow the book through Amazon’s Kindle Unlimited subscription program. Both of these booklets are from TheSaltProject.org, and we are able to print many copies, so take one of each, if you like! There is also the *Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten Devotions*. “This booklet invites daily reflection on the spiritual, physical and emotional lives of children—and our role in nurturing their growth. Produced by Episcopal Relief & Development in partnership with authors of *Grow Christians* (<https://www.growchristians.org/>), a resource to teach and nurture the faith in children.” (From the ERD website) Copies of all devotionals will be available in the Narthex, the Parish Hall, and the church office.

In addition to devotional booklets, our Adult Formation on Sunday mornings in Lent will feature *The Way of Love* program for Lent. “The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption.” This exploration of The Way of Love will be led by Mtr. Suz and members of the Adult Formation Ministry Team and will meet in the classroom of St. Luke at the top of the stairs, near the elevator, during the regular Sunday School hour. There is also a Lenten practices calendar that accompanies this course, which is available to all. You can find copies of this calendar alongside our devotional booklets.

Of course, all of our worship services during Lent will reflect the season, with changes in worship order, placing our General Confession up front and center, with the use of the Great Litany on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent. We will also have Evensong at St. Paul’s at 5:00 on Sunday, March 15.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God\*  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Give me the joy of your saving help again\*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. (Psalm 51)*



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*



## CARE OF PEOPLE

### 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. Confidentiality regarding recipients of funds is strictly maintained.

### QUIET TIME WITH GOD 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.



### COFFEE HOUR

Can you take a moment one Sunday to set out cookies & coffee so we can have fellowship after the 10:30 service? If so, please connect with Cindy Thackham to sign-up and/or find out more about this ministry ([cdjpt@att.net](mailto:cdjpt@att.net) ~ 864.280.0539).

### 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](mailto:cdjpt@att.net).

### THE PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!



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. If you have questions or would like to express interest, contact our Choir Director, Rebecca Bowman at [rebeccabowman76@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabowman76@gmail.com)



# FORMATION

*Think with the Mind of Christ*

## DISCOVERY CLASS 2020

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (mostly) Monday Nights February 3 - April 20 at 6:00 pm

Each year, Mother Suz conducts a Discovery Class. In this seven-session 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. 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*. This class is open to all who are interested in learning more about The Episcopal Church, whether you are a cradle Episcopalian or you're just checking us out. To preview the class schedule, go to

<http://www.holytrinityclemsonton.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Discovery-Class-2020-flyer.pdf>

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Mother Suz. Books will be provided for this class—just drop me a line to let me know you'll be participating at [scate@holytrinityclemsonton.org](mailto:scate@holytrinityclemsonton.org) or call me at 864-364-1952.

## LENTEN LUNCHEONS AND EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN PENDLETON

### 2020 Pendleton Community Lenten Luncheon

*all luncheons  
begin at noon and  
end by 1pm*

Wednesday, February 26, 2020	Pendleton UMC (217 S. Broad St.)
Wednesday, March 4, 2020	Pendleton First Baptist (351 S. Broad St.)
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	Pendleton Presbyterian (603 S. Mechanic St.)
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	Kings Chapel A.M.E. (135 Vance St.)
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	Zion UMC (5708 Hwy 187)
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	Christ the Redeemer Anglican (839 Greenville St.)
Wednesday, April 8, 2020	Mt. Zion Presbyterian (1501 Sandy Springs Rd.)

### Additional Lent & Easter Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th):	Pendleton UMC at 6:30 pm Pendleton First Baptist at 6:45 pm
Palm Sunday (April 5th):	St. Paul's Episcopal at 5:00 PM
Holy (Spy) Wednesday (April 8th):	Pendleton First Baptist at 6:45 pm
Maundy Thursday (April 9th):	St. Paul Episcopal at 5:30 pm Pendleton UMC at 6:30 pm
Good Friday (April 10th):	St. Paul's Episcopal at Noon
Easter Vigil (April 11th):	St. Paul's Episcopal at 8 pm
Easter Sunrise (April 12th):	On the Village Green (Downtown) at 7:00 am

 **FORMATION**

**KANUGA TEA—A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL**



Proceeds from the Kanuga Tea that was held on February 9 will be used to provide scholarships for children to attend the Parish Weekend at Kanuga. We sold 83 adult tickets and 7 children's tickets and raised \$1147. That is a bit more than the income from the ticket sales alone because some people made donations without requiring tickets. Many thanks to Eunice Waddington, Peter and Kathy Sparks, and everyone else who worked so hard to make this event a huge success!





# FORMATION

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

On Tuesday, February 25, from 5:30-7:30 pm, a great time was had by all at the Holy Trinity Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. Everyone enjoyed plain, blueberry, chocolate chip, gluten free, and vegan pancakes along with sausage and bacon. There was a short entertainment skit by the children as well as everyone’s favorite: BINGO!

Many thanks to Cindy Thackham, Iris Reed, Jane Vaughn, Greg Vaughn, Bill Hurst, Jim Reed, Robbie Grider, Hap Wheeler, Kathy Nixon, Joe Yanes, Shannon Quattlebaum, Mike Cauley, Michele Cauley, and Lynn Smith for all the time and effort they put forth to make this event a success.



### ADULT FORMATION

During Lent, Adult Sunday School sessions will present “Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent.” These adult forums will provide opportunities to “reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings.” Mtr. Suz began the series on Feb. 23, and sessions will continue on March 1, Adult Sunday School dates in March, and end on April 5, Palm Sunday. Sessions will be moderated by Mtr. Suz or lay volunteers.

The TED Talk originally scheduled for the first Sunday in March will be postponed until first Sunday in May (5/3/20). Claiborne Linvill is still seeking volunteers for TED Talk presentations in the future.





# FORMATION

## **EfM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**By a Participant**

### **What is EfM and who participates?**

A four-year program led by trained mentors, EfM, or Education for Ministry, is an international program developed by University of the South at Sewanee. All who want to learn more about the Bible, Christianity, and faith are welcome.

### **Is there an expectation that participants are considering church-related professions?**

EfM might be considered a focus on learning to be a minister to your personal spiritual education with the hope, of course, that as you learn, you may be able to help guide others, even if only within your family setting. There is no expectation that participants will assume any church "job" as a result of participating.

### **When do you meet? How long are the sessions?**

We meet once a week, currently on Monday nights, but we could be flexible with a meeting night if the majority needed a change. We meet from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with a short break for snacks and conversation. Each EfM year runs time wise as a public school year, August through May.

### **What are the assignments?**

First year students study the OT. Second year students study the NT. Year three students read church history, and year four students do selected readings and develop a personal theology.

### **Are you kidding me? You read the entire Bible?**

We do the first two years with a guided-reading approach. Supplemental text commentaries are extremely helpful.

### **Are there quizzes? Memory work?**

There are no quizzes, no pop-test questions, no put-you-on-the-spot inquiries. There is no memory work. In fact, we have a short prayer at the beginning of each session, and many of us have not yet memorized that prayer.

### **I can foresee I could miss a few classes because of work/home responsibilities or travels. Does that mean I cannot participate?**

We all sometimes miss class for both of those reasons or for illness. Certainly, it is expected, though, that you would be able to attend the majority of the classes.

### **So, then, all the time is spent discussing the Bible, church history, or the readings?**

Because all four-year groups meet together, it takes about an hour to share what the individual groups found compelling or interesting about the week's readings. Even within a group though, some people may, at a given session, speak up more or less than others in his/her group.

### **How do you spend the rest of the time?**

We begin each session with prayer requests followed by a prayer. An assigned person then opens the session by reading a scripture, an inspirational poem or devotion, or a favorite hymn. While part of group time is given to the various group sharing what confused, inspired, perplexed, motivated, etc., them from the week's readings, the rest of group time, with a few exceptions, is a focus on a TR, theological reflection.

### **What is a theological reflection?**

A stimulus for a TR might be a Bible verse(s), a personal experience, a current event or a church tradition. In EfM we learn a method for taking a word, a verse, an experience and drawing meaning and understanding by approaching the TR in an orderly way that helps us extract not only meaning but also insight that can serve to guide us in life experiences.

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# FORMATION

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### Is this, then, a four-YEAR commitment?

While E/M is a four-year study, the study need not be done in four sequential years. Participants have sometimes had to take a year or two off within the sequence, and when they return, they begin where they were when they left.

### Does it cost?

There is a cost for the reading materials, but there are scholarships available, if needed. If a scholarship is needed, that request can be handled privately through one of the mentors.

### What are reasons people have said they enjoyed E/M?

1. "The camaraderie of the group participants has strengthened my sense of community in our church."
2. "I have a better grasp of what I believe now."
3. "While a lifelong Christian, I had never read the Bible completely, and I found there were many things I had not known or understood."
4. "The TR's have given me an entirely new Christian approach to the understanding of issues and solutions."

If you would like to attend an E/M seminar, there will be 2 open seminars the second and third Mondays of April at 6 pm in the parish hall. Please contact Chesley Rowe at [chesley.rowe@gmail.com](mailto:chesley.rowe@gmail.com) or Mel O'Day at [mel@oday.net](mailto:mel@oday.net) if you think you would like to attend an open seminar.





# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*Act in the World as the Body of Christ*

## HELP RESTOCK CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE'S PANTRY

Every Sunday we invite you to bring canned goods and other non-perishables to share with our neighbors. This month Clemson Community Care is asking for *crackers, jello, pudding, juice, tomato sauce, tomato paste, cereal, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce*. They also appreciate donations of *toiletries, diapers, wipes, and baby formula*. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex (entrance) to the sanctuary.



Please help us keep CCC's shelves stocked. Thanks! We are so grateful for any and all donations.

## SINGING ROOSTER COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

*A guilty pleasure approved for Lent...*

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 under cultivation in our villages of Bois Joli and Morne Michel. High quality and exceptional taste are their hallmark. We have good inventory of French Dark Roast and somewhat lighter Vienna available in whole bean, ground, decaf, and K-kups.

In addition, new this Lent is a sale on our current inventory of gourmet Haitian chocolate in Pure Dark, Lemon Ginger, Peppermint, and Coffee. This is 25-33% off retail while quantities last!!

Remembering that 70% of the proceeds from each sale go directly back to Haiti. Our Bishop and your Outreach Committee has officially approved and is encouraging conspicuous consumption of Singing Rooster coffee and chocolate during Lent. 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 Haiti University students (most of whom are from the Cange area!!).

Look for a member of our Outreach Committee Singing Rooster sales force or visit our self-service cart after the 8 o'clock or 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall. Drink up and enjoy. Give your Lenten study a little extra focus and buzz! Visit our website: <http://www.singingrooster.org/cange/>. Available whole bean or ground, French, Vienna, or decaf. Also available as K-Kupps!!

With appreciation for your support,  
*Harry Morse*





## CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### BEN SKARDON AWARDED CLEMSON MEDALLION<sup>1</sup>

Clemson University awarded its highest honor, the Clemson Medallion, to two distinguished alumni — Professor Emeritus Beverly “Ben” Skardon and Trustee Emeritus Allen Price Wood in February. The Clemson Medallion is presented to individuals who have rendered notable and significant service and support to Clemson University and who exemplify the dedication and foresight of university founder Thomas Green Clemson.



“The Clemson Medallion is the highest honor bestowed by the Clemson board of trustees, and Col. Skardon and Trustee Emeritus Wood embody the spirit of Thomas Green Clemson’s ongoing legacy to Clemson University,” board of trustees Chairman Smyth McKissick said. “Our university is better because of their commitment and service, and our board is grateful for the opportunity to recognize their contributions.”

Clemson University President James P. Clements said he is proud that the university is honoring Skardon and Wood for their leadership and contributions to the university. “Col. Skardon made a lasting impact by teaching countless students during his career on the faculty, and students are being educated every day in buildings that Allen Wood designed. It is safe to say that our university would not be what it is today without these two outstanding leaders.”

Skardon, 102, is a 1938 Clemson graduate and veteran of the U.S. Army. He fought in the Philippines in World War II, earning two Silver Stars and a Bronze Star for valor before becoming a prisoner of war when American troops were forced to surrender to the Japanese April 9, 1942. Skardon lived through one of the most infamous ordeals of World War II, the Bataan Death March, and survived for more than three years in Japanese prison camps despite becoming deathly ill. Two fellow Clemson alumni, Henry Leitner and Otis Morgan, kept him alive by spoon-feeding him and eventually trading his gold Clemson ring — which he had managed to keep hidden — for food. It is a story now told at every Clemson ring ceremony, when Clemson seniors receive their class rings. Leitner and Morgan did not survive the war. Skardon honors them every year by walking in the Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. He is the only survivor of the real march that walks in the memorial march. Last year, at 101, he walked more than three miles through the desert to honor his friends.

Skardon went on to serve in Korea in 1951-52 and retired from the Army at the rank of colonel in 1962. He joined the Clemson faculty in the department of English in 1964 and was named Alumni Master Teacher in 1977. He taught at Clemson until his retirement in 1983. Skardon has received several honors from the university, including the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. In 2013 the university established the Skardon Clemson Ring Endowment, which helps fund the ring ceremony, and in 2016 the Memorial Stadium flagpole was dedicated in his honor. On Skardon’s 100th birthday, August 11, 2017, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster presented him with the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest honor. In March 2018 Skardon received the Congressional Gold Medal honoring Filipino and American Veterans of World War II, which is one of the highest civilian awards in the United States.



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# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

## EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

During February, Issaquena Pediatric Dentistry visited the Day School to teach the students about healthy habits for their teeth. The children enjoyed creating and mailing Valentines to special members of Holy Trinity and our community. The 3K Yellow Bird and 4K Red Bird Classes enjoyed a field trip to see Clemson University's Tri-ART Series performance of *Charlotte's Web*. The Day School teachers also enjoyed learning during their professional development classes at the 2020 SCECA Conference in North Charleston.

The Day School families look forward to having dinner at Holy Trinity on March 9<sup>th</sup> for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner. During the dinner, the EDS Parent Advisory Council will hold a Silent Auction and Raffle to raise money for school supplies and special events. This year there will be two raffles held. One will be for a *2019 Offensive Football autographed by Coach Swinney, quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs*. The other raffle will be for a *Coach Venables iconic ball cap with his autograph*. Raffle tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from an EDS staff member or school family. You do not have to be present at the dinner to win.

Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is going on NOW! Please tell your friends that it is time to apply! Applications and information are available at: [www.holytrinityclemson.org](http://www.holytrinityclemson.org). Contact Suzanne Watkins to schedule a tour or to have your questions answered: (864)654-0298; [swatkins@holytrinityclemson.org](mailto:swatkins@holytrinityclemson.org).

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 Episcopal Day School Director  
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<https://www.facebook.com/EDSClemson>



EDS Students celebrating the 100th Day of School



2K student enjoying snack



5-Day 3K Class - Learning about the Chinese New Year



EDS Staff at the SCECA 2020 Conference



## CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### HOLY TRINITY IS CARING FOR CREATION

Thank you all so much for your help as Holy Trinity intentionally moves toward more faithful stewardship of creation! We are becoming more intentional in our recycling and our composting efforts, with the goal of becoming a zero-waste church. The City of Clemson **recycles** plastics 1-2, white paper, aluminum and steel cans, glass, plastic milk jugs, and soft drink bottles in a single stream system. All you have to do is put those items in one of the recycle bins in the parish house and office. Plastic bags, including zipper-top bags, can be recycled at local supermarkets. All you have to do is put those items in one of the recycle baskets in the parish house and office. Cardboard is not recycled by the city, but it can be taken to Kite Hill or one of recycling stations in Oconee County.



(Kite Hill is off Perimeter Road near Hwy 76. It is a central recycling station for the university that is open to area residents. <https://cufacilities.sites.clemson.edu/recycling/kiteHill>.)

Our **composting** program enables us to compost essentially all of our food and paper waste. Food—including animal products—paper plates, cups, parchment paper, napkins, paper towels, etc. can be placed in our compost buckets/boxes. Paper towels from our restrooms are also being composted. Currently, we are asking everyone to place compostables into the available buckets or bus boxes. After our first 2 full weeks of composting, we have diverted over 75 gallons of waste from the landfill and will receive compost in return.

### HOSPITALITY SUPPLIES

Just a reminder to let parish leaders know that there is an ample of hospitality supplies in the cupboards in the hallway and that they neither need to purchase nor to retrieve items from the table storage room. If there is a shortage or a greater than normal demand, please let me know. Please help me understand how I can make it easy for us to minimize our waste while ensuring we are hospitable.

Thanks, *Beth*

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

Several of our parishioners are girl scouts and have delicious cookies to sell. Look for them in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am Sunday service.





# CHURCH AND THE WORLD

**RELAY FOR LIFE**  
American Cancer Society

## An Evening of Hope

*Celebrating More Birthdays!*

Survivor Celebration and Luminaria Walk

Friday, March 6 • First Baptist Church  
397 College Ave, Clemson  
Family Life Center, use the Sloan Street Entrance

@ 5:45 PM Doors Open Registration / Activities

@ 6:15 PM Birthday Party  
Potluck Supper / Entertainment / Program  
Guest Speaker – Kathy Becker

@ 7:15 PM Luminaria Walk Saint Andrew Church Courtyard

RSVP [www.eveningofhopeclemson.eventbrite.com](http://www.eveningofhopeclemson.eventbrite.com)  
or call 864-654-1757 by Monday, March 2

Made possible by the community and university teams and sponsors of the Relay For Life of Clemson-Pickens. You can help in the fight back against cancer by making a donation at [www.relayforlife.org/clemsonsc](http://www.relayforlife.org/clemsonsc)

This is my 20th year to participate in a Relay For Life event as a member of the Saints-A-Walking Relay Team from Saint Andrew Catholic Church. Over these past nineteen years, our church's Relay team has gathered with other teams from our community to *celebrate* our cancer survivors, *remember* those taken too soon due to cancer, and *fight back* against this disease. We have walked laps; we have enjoyed food, entertainment, and activities; we have observed opening and closing ceremonies, and have participated in the very special luminaria ceremony at a number of different locations over the years. We have continued to Relay for many years because we are committed to those loved ones we celebrate and remember.

This year is different. Our event will not be a "Relay For Life" event as we've known in the past. Instead, we are planning a very special "Evening of Hope" to celebrate our cancer survivors and honor those taken too soon due to cancer. This birthday-themed "Evening of Hope" will take place on Friday, March 6th, at the Family Life Center of Clemson First Baptist Church and the Courtyard of Saint Andrew Church. We are excited about this opportunity to share this time together as a community and are looking for ways to publicize our event.

Those planning to attend should RSVP/register at [www.eveningofhopeclemson.eventbrite.com](http://www.eveningofhopeclemson.eventbrite.com) or call 864-654-1757 by Monday, March 2.

*Sheila Hogan*

## CPR AND AED TRAINING



At two different sessions in February, the church held CPR and AED training for Holy Trinity ushers and some St. Paul's parishioners. There are AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units at Holy Trinity, St. Paul's, and there will also be one at the Thrift Shop.

Many people have been trained in CPR and the use of the AED unit and will respond until the EMS or an ambulance can arrive.



## CHURCH AND THE WORLD

### COOK FOR CANTERBURY



Our college students have returned from their break and are eager to gather again every Wednesday evening for food and fellowship. If you can provide a meal for our Cantebears, please sign-up using this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba8ae2ea0f94-canterbury5>

If you have questions or want to learn more about this ministry, please contact Sue Smink at [ssmink55@gmail.com](mailto:ssmink55@gmail.com) or call 864-557-4500.

### ITEMS FOR OUR DAILY REST



Our Daily Rest, the homeless shelter in Seneca, is still in short supply of paper products, cleaning supplies, trash bags, coffee and sugar. *They could also use gift cards to Dollar General, Lowe's, Walmart, and Home Depot.* Once again, could you all please lend a hand by bringing and 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)*

### VISITOR FROM HAITI

On Sunday, February 23, Holy Trinity had a visitor at the 10:30 am service. Fritz Raul Joseph was born in Cange and orphaned at birth. He was orphaned again by his adopted mother who died of cancer when he was 10. He was raised by the community and I was in Cange when he was discovered abandoned.

A year later when he was christened. Father Lafontant announced to the community that I was to be his godfather and Jackie Williams his godmother, so we stood up with him in Eglise Bon Sauveur for his christening. As he matured it became increasingly clear that he was extremely bright, and by the third grade was reading at an eighth grade level. He was valedictorian of every class he joined and showed an interest in studying medicine.

We have continued to support him in the Notre Dame College of Medicine in Port-au-Prince and he is now beginning his fifth year of six. His plan is to study internal medicine specializing in infectious disease and to pursue a masters in public health in Montreal. I have no doubt that he will someday assume a leadership role in the medical community in his country. To say the least I'm extremely proud of this young man and feel greatly blessed to know him.



*Harry Morse*





**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Jim & Judy Fairey	3/12
Stephen & Julie Lewis	3/16
John & Jodie Allen	3/18

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@holymtrinityclemsn.org](mailto:khollandsworth@holymtrinityclemsn.org).

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/1 Beth Poole	3/18 Richard Zavertnik
3/1 Bill Purkerson	3/22 Henry Turnbull
3/1 Priscilla Wentworth	3/22 Bert Fox
3/1 Alice Ellison	3/23 Jodie Allen
3/2 Bonnie Eisenbies	3/24 Clyde Gorsuch
3/3 Savannah Hawkins	3/24 Ethan Culler
3/4 Alena Senf	3/25 John Trice
3/4 Gary Culler	3/25 Louise Nicholas
3/5 Dawson Luke	3/26 Hunter Eidson
3/16 Jennie Sullivan	3/26 Travis Murphy
3/16 Addison Murphy	3/30 Gerry Spejewski
3/17 Robert Wood	3/30 Shannon Quattlebaum



**FLOWER LIST**

The 2020 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@holymtrinityclemsn.org](mailto:htchurch@holymtrinityclemsn.org) to sign up.



March Birth Flower  
*Daffodil*



March Birthstone  
*Aquamarine*

Due to a combination of factors, illness, staff transition, and technical difficulties in transmitting the electronic file, this issue does not contain updated financials. We will provide that information in the next issue of HT Notes and the bulletin for 3/8/2020.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**



If you would like to contribute toward special Easter 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, April 6**. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Also, please write in memo area of check: **Easter Flowers**. Thanks!

Please print!

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Easter Music**



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