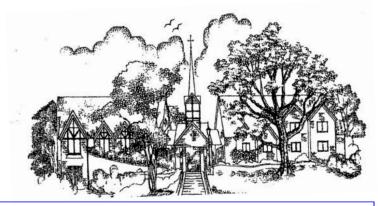
The Tempo

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.



APRIL 2020

APRIL CALENDAR

Note: All services are online via Facebook

Sunday, April 5

PALM SUNDAY

10:30 am Morning Prayer, Liturgy of

the Palms

11:00 am Online Coffee Hour

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 6

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday, April 7

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

<u>Wednesday, April 8</u>

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, April 9

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 pm Ante-Communion (Liturgy of the Word from Holy Eucharist) with footwashing and stripping of the altar

Friday, April 10

GOOD FRIDAY

12 pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday 3 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 11

HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 am Prayers for Holy Saturday 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 12

EASTER SUNDAY

 $9{:}00~\mathrm{am}$ $\,$ The Easter Story: a Service for

Children of All Ages

11:15 am Worship with the Washington

National Cathedral

Sunday, April 19

 $10{:}30\;\mathrm{am}\quad\mathrm{Morning}\;\mathrm{Prayer}$

11:00 am Online Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 26

10:30 am Morning Prayer

11:00 am Online Coffee Hour

ONGOING EVENTS

Each evening: 8:30 pm Compline

Mondays

9:00 am Facebook online prayer

6:00 pm EfM via Zoom

KEEPING THE FAITH: SUZ'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Ones.

By now we are all beginning to settle into our new normal of physical distancing, online teaching/learning/working/worshiping, and checking in on each other. The last three weeks have been an extraordinary time of pulling together through great changes in our lifestyles. I am awed and humbled by the love that you have all shown for each other and for your neighbors in offering to run to the grocery store or to help with food collections for Clemson Community Care or making phone calls to make sure your friends are okay. For however long we are physically distanced, we are in this together, and we will get through this together.

We are sustained in this travail through our faith in God, who created us and our world; in Jesus, who bears all our brokenness to the cross and beyond; and in the Holy Spirit, who kindles in us the fire of God's love. With God's help, we are able to walk this dark path of uncertainty and physical separation with a spirit of united purpose. Our united purpose is to work together for the common good, doing our best to slow the spread of COVID-19 so that our medical personnel and facilities can keep up with the increased demands caused by this disease.

This means a prolonged period in which we are learning to be the church and to do the work of our mission in new and creative ways. The Wardens, Vestry, Ministry Teams, and more individual parishioners than I can count have been working together to figure this out. The members of the Vestry are reaching out to every parishioner—if you haven't been contacted yet, please call me and let me know. My phone number is 864-364-1952. Each group with which I have been able to meet (remotely, of course!) has made a commitment to reach out to others each day-a particular concern has been for those few in our parish who do not receive emails. We are following up with them by phone.

We are also working on ways to enhance our online worship, learning how to use new platforms that will allow for wider representation from the parish in our online worship. We will observe the solemnities of Holy Week together, and we will celebrate Easter with a festal shout! Join us, as you are able, for Compline each night at 8:30 pm, for Morning Prayer on Sundays at 10:30 am and Mondays at 9:00 am. Our Holy Week and Easter schedule is included in this issue of *Tempo* on page 4.

You are all in my prayers, and I ask you to hold all our parish leaders in prayer. God bless you all and keep you well.

Much love, 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 CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

My Dearest Ones,

I want to share instructions for joining together for worship via the Holy Trinity Facebook page. You do not have to have a Facebook account to join our live-stream Sunday morning at 10:30 am. The link to that stream and instructions can be found on our website's home page (http://holytrinityclemson.org/). There is also a complete Order of Service for Morning Prayer that you can print or download if you do not have a <u>Book of Common Prayer</u> at home. Please join us.

If you are a Facebook user, just navigate to **@HolyTrinityClemson**. Otherwise, the web address for **all** live worship video is:

https://facebook.com/holytrinityclemson.org/videos/

I also wanted to let you know about our office operations for the time being. Lynne, Sheryl, and I will continue to monitor emails and phone calls. Some of that we will do remotely, but we will also be in the office from time to time. If you have any need whatsoever, please let us know by phone or by email. We will do our best to respond immediately. **Please do not come to the church office until further notice.** In order for our actions to make a difference in the rate of spread of COVID-19, we need to limit our interactions in-person. As always, if you need pastoral care, please call me on my cell phone: 864-364-1952.

Much love, Suz+

HT Notes

For the time being, *HT Notes* will be a bit different in focus and content. Obviously, we are paring down the activities of the parish during a time of physical distancing to the essentials of our mission. Therefore, we will be sharing important information about staying connected to one another (*loving with the heart of Christ*), providing resources for maintaining regular prayer practices (*thinking with the mind of Christ*), and suggesting ways to *act in the world as the Body of Christ* without leaving home any more than is necessary. I will continue to send letters to the parish via email a couple of times a week to provide more detailed information or more fulsome reflection on our current situation.

Much love, Suz+





Love with the Heart of Christ

VIRTUAL CHURCH

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not currently meeting in person, but virtually. Sunday worship will happen at the usual time on Facebook Live. Go to http://holytrinityclemson.org/ for instructions and clickable links. Please refer to the next page for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday online service times.

The service orders for Morning Prayer and Compline can also be downloaded at the above web site if you don't have a prayer book.

Online Worship via Facebook Live through the end of April:

Compline each evening at 8:30 pm
Sunday: Morning Prayer at 10:30 am
Monday: Morning Prayer with Suz and Will at 9:00 am (ongoing)







SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Dear Ones,

We are planning a Holy Week and Easter Sunday virtual worship. The plans have changed several times, so be sure to check *HT Notes* right before Palm Sunday to see if there are any changes.

Our worship schedule for the next two weeks is as follows. All services will be streamed online from our Facebook page and accessible through the link

https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolyTrinityClemson/videos/

Compline —Nightly at 8:30 pm Bedtime Prayers for Us All, Order of Service located at http://holytrinityclemson.org/compline.html

Palm Sunday—The Sunday of the Passion Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms + Morning Prayer

Holy Week—Monday April 6, Tuesday April 7, Wednesday April 8 at 5:30 pm Evening Prayer

MaundyThursday—April 9 at 5:30 pm Ante-Communion (Liturgy of the Word from Holy Eucharist) with footwashing and stripping of the altar

Good Friday—Friday, April 10 at 12:00 pm Proper Liturgy for Good Friday and at 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday—April 11 at 9:00 am Prayers for Holy Saturday: A Time to Mourn

Saturday—April 11 at 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday—April 12 at 9:00 am The Easter Story: a Service for Children of All Ages

Easter Sunday—April 12 at 11:15 am Worship with the Washington National Cathedral: https://cathedral.org/

All bulletins and Orders of Service for the week of April 5-12 will be made available soon. Please email Sheryl at **htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org** if you need a printed packet mailed to you, and we will do our best to get it to you next week.

If you have a prayer request, we've set up a voicemail box for that at ext. 2 of our office phone system (864 654-5071). Leave a message, and we'll add your request to our parish prayer list.

As always, if you need pastoral care during this time of physical distancing, please don't hesitate to call me at 864-364-1952. Stay well.

Much love, Suz+





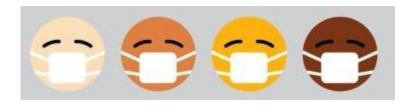


CORONOVIRUS PANDEMIC REFLECTION

When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store Conversations with neighbors A crowded theatre Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI





Think with the Mind of Christ

Was the Last 1st Sunday Only 31 days Ago?

It seems like March 1st was decades ago, doesn't it? So much in our lives has changed this month—actually only a little over half a month! Here are some pictures, including the children's choirs that were so delightful, from that first Sunday in March for your to refresh your memories.....









BREAKING GOOD NEWS!

The Engagement Ministry Team has devised a plan for an online Coffee Hour following worship on Sundays. Watch for an invitation to that parish-wide online event in *HT Notes* each week. We are not posting this invitation publicly in order to keep the meeting secure. In the meantime, if you haven't al-



tion publicly in order to keep the meeting secure. In the meantime, if you haven't already downloaded Zoom to your computer, phone, or tablet, go ahead and do so. We have several volunteers who would be happy to talk you through the process of getting connected by Zoom. Let the church office know if you need help.





Kanuga, being the first weekend in March, just missed all the closings and isolation we are now experiencing with COVID-19. There was even a surprise visit from our former priest, Father John Nieman and his wife Margaret. Here are some photos of that wonderful parish weekend.

















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

While EfM is a four-year study, the study need not 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 EfM?

- 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 learn more about EfM. please contact Chesley Rowe at **chesley.rowe@gmail.com** or Mel O'Day at **mel@oday.net**.







Act in the World as the Body of Christ

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE

Clemson Community Care is still open and operating, expecting needs to increase as this crisis progresses. You can donate money to them online at

https://clemsoncommunitycare.org/





Family Promise will be housing their clients in a transitional home for the foreseeable future and will need extra financial support to provide meals and household essentials that are normally provided by host churches. You can support them online at

https://familypromisepickens.org/donate/

OUR DAILY REST

Our Daily Rest has ongoing needs for cleaning supplies. The best way to support them is by donating here

https://www.ourdailyrest.org/give



THE VIVANCOS' MINISTRY IN ECUADOR

Dear Friends.

We hope that you are well and safe and being very conscientious to maintain social distance! We are. Like most of you, all of Ecuador has moved to on-line everything, including schools and church. What unprecedented times we are living. The history major in me knows that this will be fascinating to study in a few decades. However, it is not fun to live through it. This is a brief note to say that we are quarantined, but well. Thank you to all who have written and checked in, and to all of you who are walking this life and ministry with us!

What is life in Ecuador like right now?

Due to Covid-19, Ecuador has closed its borders by air, land and sea, and the whole country is quarantined/on lock-down. All business are closed save banks, food stores and medical places. We are allowed to drive our car two days a week, and only allowed to go to large supermarkets one day a week, depending on the last number of our citizen I.D. cards. Martial law is enforced 2 pm to 5 am, so there is a small window on certain days to get out and get what we might need.

What does ministry look like right now?

The students and families that we serve are in more difficult and desperate situations than ever. Most of them were already living hand-to-mouth, and with these new circumstances they are basically helpless to help themselves. Parents can't get out to work anywhere and have no income. Schoolwise, initially the government said everyone would have on-line classes, but that proved unrealistic as most students don't have access to computers or reliable internet (private school students yes, public school students no).

Overall, we are so thankful for so many things.

While options were offered for us to head back to the US, we know that we are in the right place and trying our best to do the right thing. These are stressful times, but God is not caught by surprise by all of this, and God is with us and loves us, as He does all His people. THANK YOU for being a part of our journey as well!

Abrazos and prayers for peace, Cameron for all the Vivancos

OUTREACH AT HOLY TRINITY

ACT IN THE WORLD AS THE BODY OF CHRIST.

THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

IF YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE,

YOU HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

OUTREACH is focused on those outside our parish family. How do we show the love of God to those in need in our community and in the world? The OUTREACH Committee should:

- Identify the needs for help in our community (sick, hungry, homeless, unschooled, unemployed, elderly, abused, etc.)
- Evaluate how these needs are being met
- Identify the gaps, prioritize, and make recommendations as to how we might help, given our resources and talents
- Communicate to the parish on a regular basis, as well as the extent and results of our participation
- Allocate the funds designated in the Statement of Mission for OUTREACH and report to the parish
- Make every effort to support the efforts of The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina and TEC in world outreach

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

For more information about OUTREACH opportunities and general activities of the OUTREACH Committee, please contact Earl Burch. (356-9804, eburch@innova.net)

For information about specific charities contact the following:

Clemson Child Development Center - Carol Salter (cahsalter@yahoo.com, 207-6462)

Clemson Free Clinic – Byron Harder (hbyron@clemson.edu, 722-3287)

Safe Harbor II – Mellie Warner (mlwrnr@yahoo.com, 654-5080)

MARYS House – Mellie Warner (mlwrnr@yahoo.com, 654-5080)

Clemson Community Care – Peter Sparks (speter@clemson.edu, 654-9583)

Our Daily Bread – Judy Surak (judysurak@yahoo.com, 933-5205)

Our Daily Rest – Judy Surak (judysurak@yahoo.com, 933-5205)

Family Promise – Liz Halpin (ehalpin59@clemson.edu, 903-6340)

Clemson Meals on Wheels – Kevin Hughes (HughesKev@aol.com, 654-2122)

Clean Start – Julie Morse (jamsmorse@gmail.com, 224-9996)

Hospital & Medical Care, Cange, Haiti – Dr. Harold Morse (hgmorse@gmail.com, 224-9996)

Haiti University Fund – Earl Burch (eburch@innova.net, 639-4918)

Adopt a Village-Bois Joli, Haiti – Earl Burch (eburch@innova.net, 639-4918)

Episcopal Relief and Development – Scooty Burch (scootyburch@gmail.com, 356-9803)

Cameron Vivanco, Quito, Ecuador – Mary Jeffers (jeffers6sc@att.net, 653-8647)



(Outreach continued)

Each month an individual outreach organization will be highlighted in *Tempo*.

THE CLEMSON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Clemson Child Development Center (CCDC) provides child care and preschool education for children 6 weeks old to four years old. Because CCDC caters to working and student parents, it is open year round, from 7 am to 5:30 pm, and daily serves the children breakfast, lunch, and a healthy afternoon snack. CCDC's purpose is to provide quality educational services at affordable prices, particularly for low income, at risk families. Approximately 60% of students qualify for tuition assistance which is provided through DSS vouchers and the Center's scholarship funds. The CCDC was founded on the belief that not only does the program prepare children for a successful start in the public schools, but that it helps break the cycle of poverty by giving parents the opportunity to work or to complete their own education and training.

Opportunities for Volunteers

- Facility and grounds upkeep and development (Ex: Screen repairs on the play porch, upkeep of the library)
- Staffing special events (Ex: As Homes Tour docents, servers at luncheons, set up and clean up for various fund raising functions)
- Assisting with Clemson home football game parking at designated downtown parking areas (Hubbard-Young Pharmacy and Magnolia Place parking lots)
- Serving as a board member to represent Holy Trinity's OUTREACH team
- Providing special programs for the children and parents (Ex: Holiday parties, parenting classes)
- Leading reading groups for the children

ST. PAUL'S THRIFT SHOP



Due to COVID-19, we will continue to April. I have posted a notice on the

keep the Thrift Shop closed through door. If anyone has donations, let me

know and I can meet them there. Try to safe and healthy and I will let you know any further developments.

Diana Manly

NEW PARISH SECRETARY



We wish to thank Kara Hollandsworth for the wonderful job she did as our Parish Secretary. Now, I am delighted to introduce you to our new Parish Secretary, Sheryl Shankles! Sheryl comes to us with several years of experience working in church offices. Her skill set and experience in communications and church membership data management are a great fit for our needs. Sheryl told me in our first conversation that she looks forward to presenting Christ to everyone who walks through our door. I think she had me at that moment.

Sheryl and her husband, Gary, have been married for 44 years and have spent many of those years west of the Mississippi. They recently moved to Anderson. Sheryl enjoys reading, listening to sermons, and being Grandmother to five grandchidren. Please join me in welcoming Sheryl to our Holy Trinity staff.

FINANCES

One of the conversations we're having right now is about staying financially healthy as we move through this medical health emergency. Although we aren't gathering in person and using our buildings, we are using resources to keep things going, and we need to sustain our incoming revenue. Since we can't pass the offering plate in church right now, please consider, *as you are able*, giving online at http://holytrinityclemson.org/secure-online-giving/ or sending your regular offering by mail.

Lynne Farmer is coming to the office regularly to keep our finances managed and is checking voicemail and email remotely. If you need any assistance, please call or email her. Lynne's contact information is as follows: email: **lfarmer@holytrinityclemson.org** and phone: 864-654-5071 ext 3.

Much love, Suz+

We are in solid financial shape currently with reserves to counter possible short-term monthly income shortages. As Mother Suz so eloquently stated above, we still need your support to remain financially stable. We also understand



that some of our Parishioners are going to face financial hardships with the current health crisis and its economic effects. If you find that you cannot honor your 2020 Pledge or your Doors Pledge, please let me or Mother Suz know. It is very understandable if you find yourself in a monetary financial bind. We just need to know so we can make tough decisions if this pandemic goes on for an extended period of time, and we find our reserves depleted or our Doors Campaign disrupted.

I am confident that we will weather this crisis. I am glad to know that I belong to a loving and selfless Parish Community. We will do all we can to help anyone in our Parish or our community who needs us. My invitation to be contacted about any problems you may encounter during these troubled times remains open and from the heart.

Bill McDaniel, Senior Warden



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Dot Teske 4/1 Gerry & Cynthia Spejewski 4/3

This new feature of *Tempo* lists the wedding anniversaries of parishioners. If you want your anniversary included, please email <a href="https://html.ncb.google.ncb



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. Once services are resumed, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office (864) 654-5071, or email htchurch@holytrinityclemson.org to sign up.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Redd 4/13 Libby Wehrman 4/14 Tom Witmer Andy O'Day 4/4 4/5 Beth Newton 4/14 John Garrett Sarah Maiberger 4/15 Ned Mayo 4/16 Kathy Sparks 4/5 William Barutio 4/16 Michael Mobbs 4/6 Eleanor Hare 4/6 Carolyn Foster 4/17 Henry Pate 4/6 Jean Jordan 4/18 Connor McPeak 4/8 Nancy Barutio 4/19 Don Garrett 4/9 Jack Purkerson 4/20 Will Purkerson Kevin Crouse 4/25 Chip Stapleton 4/26 Tom Von Kaenel 4/9 Amy Agosti 4/10 Joy duBois 4/27 Gaines Robb 4/10 Riley Stokes 4/30 Campbell Joy Smith 4/11 Nancy Georgion 4/30 Wright Henry



4/13 Susan Lasseter

April Birth Flower

Sweet Pea



April Birthstone Diamond

Operating Fund

Financial Update as of March 31, 2020

	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
Income	\$47,863.00	\$34,822.90	\$143,587.00	\$116,686.31
Expenses	\$47,85800	\$32,344.68	\$143,588.00	\$119,876.52
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Trinity Place

Balance on First Citizens Bank Notes as of March 31, 2020 \$540,575.29