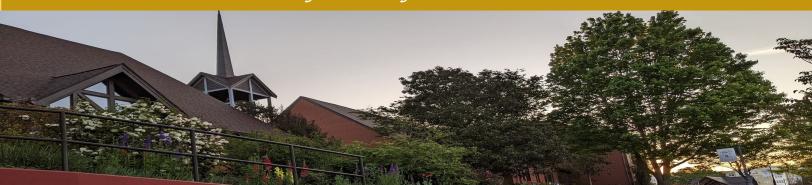
TEMPO HOLY TRINITY'S BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Apríl—May 2025



Keeping the Faith

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Your Vestry and I are preparing to work together on our Mutual Ministry Study (MMS) for this year. In our three-year cycle of MMS, we begin with the tight focus of Rector and Vestry; the second year is focused on Rector, Vestry, and Ministry Leaders. The third year widens the focus to include the entire parish. We are in the first year of the current cycle, so we are looking at how to fulfill our responsibilities as Rector and Vestry. One of the most important responsibilities we have in our mutual ministry is to define the vision for the current cycle and to plan for its implementation.

Our mission statement has served us well for a very long time, and I believe it will continue to do so for a good while to come. We seek to be a people who **love** with the heart of Christ, **think** with the mind of Christ, and **act** as the Body of Christ. Everything we do as a parish should ideally fulfill this mission. The mission is what we do. The vision is how we do it. Figuring out the how is the work that the Vestry and I will be undertaking over the next several weeks.

As I've been thinking about this work, I keep coming back to the conversation that we had at our last Vestry meeting about watchwords. This concept was the subject of a chapter of When Church Stops Working¹, a book that we've been studying together for the past several months. A watchword is a shorthand way of telling the story of a group of people. Its purpose is to direct our attention toward that story. It provides a lens through which we can focus our purpose and activity for a season or two. It isn't meant to provide guidance and direction for the long term, as a mission statement does. It doesn't provide a strategic plan for short-term, as a vision will do. It is more of a rallying cry to give heart to us in our ongoing efforts to fulfill our mission.

I have to confess that I was not prepared to propose a watchword to the Vestry when we met and discussed that chapter of our book. But my mind and heart keep returning to that

idea. As I look around Holy Trinity in the current moment, the story I see unfolding amongst us is a story of growth. I see gardens beginning to burst forth in beauty and bounty. I see children growing in their love for Jesus and his church. I see fellowship growing and building again after the isolation of the pandemic. I see our worshiping community growing in both numbers and in spiritual depth. If I were to suggest a watchword now, it would be based on the words of the Letter to the Ephesians:

By speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.—Ephesians 4:15-16 Common English Bible

The watchword I would suggest is this—**We are growing in Christ**. I think it fits beautifully with our mission statement. It captures our story of the current moment. It is aspirational and inspirational. I will keep that watchword for myself as I continue to work collaboratively with your Vestry to dream about our mission to love, think, and act as Jesus has shown us to do. Please pray for our ongoing work of discerning the vision—the how—of fulfilling that mission for the next two and a half years of our current cycle.

Much love, Suz+



Photo by Jack McKenna

Leadership Communication

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Clergy

The Right Rev. Daniel Richards, Bishop, Diocese of Upper South Carolina The Rev. Suzanne L. Cate, Rector

Staff

Rebecca Bowman, Director of Music
Trey Williams, Organist
Cynthia Spejewski, Children's Choir Director
Jeff Johnson, Sexton
Stephanie LaGuardia, Day School Director
Wesley Ramey, Parish Office Administrator
Evyone Washington, Finance Administrator
Jerae Wallace, Parish Life Coordinator
Scotty Timms, Canterbury Peer Minister
Carter Senf Canterbury Peer Minister

Vestry Members & Assignments

Andrew Baker, St. Paul's
Betty Baldwin EDS
Will Brown, Adult Formation
Charlie Curtis, Canterbury
Lori Graham Welcoming
Mel Harriss, Senior Warden
Chris Heerwagen, Junior Warden
Jody Hunter, Stewardship
Bill Loeffler Worship Support
Chesley Rowe, EDS Chair/Personnel
Katherine Sosebee, HT Cares
Sarah Trice, Parish Life
Hap Wheeler, Communications
Martha Williams, Outreach



Join Us in Worship!

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube)

5:00 PM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (During CU

Academic Year. Casual Service. First Sunday of the month is

Evening Prayer.)

5:00 PM at St. Paul's, Pendleton (First Sunday of the

Month): Holy Eucharist, Rite I



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Senior Warden's Report

April-May 2025



Spring has arrived. The grounds of Holy Trinity are filled with beautiful spring flowers thanks to the hard, faithful and loving work of Byron Harder. As I walk up to any of the doors at Holy Trinity I am blessed by the beauty of God's and Byron Harder's work. I hope that that you will take a few minutes or longer to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of our grounds.

We have begun the search and call process for an assistant priest. Please pray for the call committee as they undertake this task. Last year's Mutual Ministry Study made it clear that we need an assistant priest. Please pray that God will bless our search, and our Parish will be a blessing to our next assistant priest.

We are excited to have the new roofs on the buildings of Holy Trinity. The process of replacing the hailed damaged roofs has been a long one but has been achieved through the hard work of our Junior Warden, Chris Heerwagen. St Paul's Thrift Shop will be getting their new roof in April and St Paul's Church's new roof will follow.

You can see the excellent work of our Sexton, Jeff Johnson. He had Jim Hylkema's big shoes to fill but it appears that once again, God has answered our prayers and brought the right person to our staff.

Episcopal Day School continues to be a blessing to our Parish and to the Community. Please note all the current worksheets and artwork posted in the Parish Hall. It is amazing to see the growth of these young students. The Board and staff doing great work!

Holy Week and Easter will be here soon. Many services will be available at Holy Trinity and St Paul's. Please say extra prayers for our staff, choir, and worship volunteers during this very special season. Plan to attend a special service that you have not attended before during this time to increase your knowledge of the opportunities for worship that Holy Trinity offers.

May brings the end of the academic year. We will miss our Clemson students as they graduate or move on to their summer jobs. Our high school graduates will need our prayers as they move into different worlds in the months ahead. Keep them all in your prayers.

Thank you for supporting Holy Trinity. As we move into the vacation season, please remember that the parish doesn't go on vacation for the summer just because some of us do. Keep supporting Holy Trinity with your prayers, offerings, volunteering, and ideas for helping us obey the Commandment of Love that Jesus gave us.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Mel Harriss

Rector's Report to the Vestry: March 16, 2024

I thought I would share with you what I shared with Vestry at our March meeting to give you a sense of the activity that goes on "behind the scenes" at Holy Trinity. — Mtr. Suz



Worship: AVG attendance for 2025 so far \sim 122. We continue to see new faces almost every week. Students continue to attend regularly \sim 12-15 regulars with "visitors" almost every week. Positive feedback regarding music and preaching. First Holy Hike in 5 years was well-received by those who attended.

Staff: Staff continuing to work very well together as team. Our new Sexton, Jeff Johnson, is integrating well and getting his feet underneath him. We are working on sharing knowledge intentionally. This week we have begun facilities orientation, looking at the facilities systems (security, thermostats, elevator, lighting) to understand operations and troubleshooting. In addition, we are building a document to have that information accessible when needed.

The OTM profile for an assisting priest has been filed and distributed to all Transition officers in The Episcopal Church. Call committee consists of: Suz Cate, Carter Senf, Jerae Wallace, Charlie Curtis, Lori Graham, Bill Purkerson, and Meredith McTigue (with input from Mims).

Pastoral Care: There are several ongoing issues of moderate to severe concern. In Feb & March I have focused my time on visiting with a couple of parishioners who have no family nearby, as well as tending to bereaved families. We have 4 active Eucharistic Visitors taking communion to those who need/want it. I trained two additional Eucharistic Visitors, who will be licensed upon completion of Safe Church Training. HT Cares is exploring possible training and support for "Friendly Visitors."

Canterbury: Carter Senf is off to a good start as Peer Minister. Our group continues to be small and tight-knit. However, we have recently seen more visitors coming at the invitation of our regulars, which reflects well on the group members. The group is planning an overnight event to deepen their experience of prayer stations, fellowship, and community. Our Peer Ministers will each preach one Sunday at morning services, and they have been offering reflection/homily occasionally at Comfy Church.

Continuing Education/MMS Action Plan implementation: I attended Pinnacle Leadership's Lead Pastor Base Camp at the end of February. It was an excellent presentation of skills, knowledge, and systems for leading a medium-to-large sized congregation.

I have called together a Sermon Roundtable Cohort to work through the Libby-sponsored curriculum for developing knowledgeable providers of critical feedback for the preacher. Our first meeting is tonight, in which we will review the technology of the online learning platform and set our schedule. If it is a successful program, I will plan to run it again in the fall with a new cohort.



March 2025 Tempo Financial Report Bob Taylor, Treasurer

Two months into our 2025 financial year is too early to detect definite trends or serious budgetary issues. Income and expenses for both February and Year-to-date are several thousand dollars behind with total expenses exceeding total income by \$2,933.26 through the first two months of 2025. The following table provides additional detailed summaries of the financial data:

February 28, 2025 Operating Finances	February Actual	February Budget	Actual Year-to Date	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Difference
Plate Offerings	\$3,504.65	\$6,000.00	\$6,317.61	\$12,000.00	(\$5,682.39)
Pledge Offerings	\$35,200.84	\$40,500.00	\$75,409.97	\$81,000.00	(\$5,590.03)
Total Income	\$40,644.24	\$48,500.00	\$86,166.33	\$97,000.00	(\$10,833.67)
Expenses	\$41,680.74	\$48,500.00	\$89,099.59	\$97,000.00	(\$7,900.41)

Trinity Place Loan Balance, January 1, 2025 \$575.879.21 Trinity Place Loan Balance, February 28, 2025 \$454,341.46

Parking Revenue (thanks to an energic parking committee) and generous gifts by Holy Trinity parishioners greatly reduced the Trinty Place loan balance during the past two months. Of particular blessing was a \$100,000 gift in honor of Beth Kunkel for a principal only payment on the loan.

Consider Joining the Pasquales

One opportunity for volunteering at Holy Trinity is to join the Pasquales. Named for San Pasqual, the patron saint of the kitchen, we Holy Trinity Pasquales organize and assist with funeral and memorial-service receptions. Our participation allows us to show support, love, and care for those who are mourning.

Some of us take part by bringing food while others participate in ways like helping set tables, plate food, or serve punch during receptions. We always need additional assistance in the kitchen as well. You may not feel you can join us during the day of a reception, but, perhaps, you would be willing to bring cookies or fruit or small sandwiches. We appreciate any and all help!



We Pasquales feel grateful to be able to provide some small offering of help during a sad time for families. Our side-by-side activities on reception days are sweet and harmonious. Please consider becoming one of us.



Holy Week

4/13 Palm Sunday—8:00, 10:30, 5:00
Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of Passion
4/14-4/16 Holy Mon, Tues, Wed—5:00 Holy Eucharist
4/17 Maundy Thursday—6:00 Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar
4/17-4/18 Gethsemane Watch at Altar of Repose
4/18 Good Friday—12:00 Community Service at St. Paul's,
3:00 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 Proper Liturgy for Good Friday
4/19 Holy Saturday—8:30 Great Vigil



Easter Sunday

7:00 Sunrise Service in Pavilion
9:00 Children's Service (
Easter Egg Hunt follows)
11:00 Festival Choral Eucharist

Outreach





Meal Packaging Event Saturday, February 1, 2025

More than 170 people from our community volunteered their time at this year's third annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on Saturday, February 1. In two short hours, the dedicated volunteers worked in teams to measure, weigh, seal, label, and package nutritious meals containing rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and micro-nutrient packets with twenty essential vitamins and minerals.

In total the group, facilitated by Rise Against Hunger on-site coordinator Dave Thomas-Bush, packaged more than 38,000 meals for those most in need. We recently found out that these meals went to Vietnam and will provide food for children in schools and early child development centers. Rise shared with volunteers the heartbreaking reality that for the majority of children receiving these meals, it will be their only meal of the day.

Eight churches sponsored this non-denominational event: the Episcopal Church of the Ascension - Seneca, College Street Baptist Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Richland Presbyterian Church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Seneca Presbyterian Church, Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Presbyterian Chapel. The group raised \$15,500 to purchase the food to package 38,664 meals and College Street Baptist Church opened its Family Life Center for the group to gather. Event attendance was also boosted by the Walhalla High School Beta Club.

Many thanks to the Holy Trinity volunteers who helped to make this happen. We're already looking forward to next year's event!!

Rise Against Hunger is a global organization headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina. It has been working for more than 25 years to combat worldwide hunger. In 2023, it distributed nearly 80 million meals impacting 3.6 million lives.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop News Items

- ♦ A new furnace and roof have been installed!
- \$5,000 each has been donated to Clemson Community Care and the Pendleton Community Center.
- Items have been donated to WNC hurricane relief, Ripple of One, Salvation Army, Our Daily Bread, Our Daily Rest and individuals with immediate needs.
- ♦ We will be closed Memorial Day, May 26, 2025.
- ♦ We will close for July and August for the season and reopen Thurs, Sept 4.
- ♦ We continue to welcome to your donations until that time.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry!



S.A.M.E. GARDEN

Spring Preparations are Underway!

Preparations are underway for spring plantings in the SAME (So All May Eat) Garden, located on the grounds of Trinity Place just outside our Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help plant, tend, water, and grow a new crop of vegetables to donate to Clemson Community Care, our local food bank. Volunteers meet most Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. For more information or to lend a hand, contact Michael Diemer at 864.590.4248 or been explor-

ing@outlook.com.



"Farmer" Mike Diemer has been busy adding to and repairing our raised beds, as well as supplementing our soil in preparation for spring plantings.





Mike Diemer and Anne Bryan transplant strawberries and discuss herbs for the smaller beds.



The last of our winter crops are now harvested. Twenty-five pounds of greens were delivered to Clemson Community Care, the first donation of 2025.

Growing in Christ

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FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

What's Going On and Coming Up...

We continue to offer various opportunities for our families, youth and children to nurture their spiritual growth. One of those ways is "**First Sundays**", the 10:30 am Rite II Children's Service is catered towards our younger children, offering a time for Mother Suz to connect young minds to the liturgy of the day during the sermon.

This year at our **Easter Children's service**, as per tradition, we will **"Flower the Cross"**. Bring a flower to place in the cross that will be under the Bell Tower as you arrive, we will have a small amount of flowers to provide. After the service, we will have our traditional egg hunt, however this year, we will be using plastic prize filled eggs. **If you would like to donate egg fillers, please drop them off at the office during office hours or bring any given Sunday by Sunday, April 13.** We will have an egg filling day on Saturday, April 19 at noon in the Parish Hall. Light snacks will be provided.

Please note that after **April 13**, our Children's Church will be on break until **August**. This has become necessary due to participation along with volunteer schedules. We will still continue to offer Nursery throughout the year for K and under.

Be on the lookout for some exciting changes this Summer. We are making way for a "Pray-Ground" coming in August. More information will be announced over the coming months.

- Sunday, April 6; First Sunday 10:30am Children's Service
- Sunday, April 13; Palm Sunday

Our Last Children's Church until August
Youth Sunday (Youth to serve in the service)
Confirmand "Catch Up" following the 10:30 service

- Saturday, April 19- Egg Filling in the Parish Hall 12pm. Light snacks will be served.
- Sunday, April 20- Easter Sunday; 9 am Children's service with flowering of the cross. Egg hunt to follow
- Sunday, April 27- Canterbury Sunday; Parish Wide Full Breakfast at 9am
- Sunday, May 4- First Sunday Children's Service with Holy Baptism 10:30 am
- Sunday, May 11- Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 18- High School Graduation Recognition at the 10:30 am service;
 parish wide lunch to follow

Growing in Christ

FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

YOUTH NEWS!

Two of our youth attended the Diocesan event, *Happening #92*. Kathryn Cauley and Mims Catherine McTigue attended this event at Camp Gravatt. If you see them, make sure you ask them about their experience and what they took away from it. This is such a wonderful experience for our youth. If you would like to learn more and how your youth can attend along with other opportunities, you can check out edusc.org and look under formation for children and youth.

There is an opportunity this summer, **July 15-19**, for **6th-12th** grades to attend a "**Missions Camp**". This year EDUSC is arranging to use the facility at Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp in Northwest NC, https://laurelridge.org located above Boone, along with their tools and connections to have an **Episcopal Diocesan mission camp- where all participants will be youth groups from EDUSC and we will do three days of work projects and have a program at night, plus meals and lodging.** There are hotel style bedrooms that share a bath and a dining room/conference facility that does all meals etc. The Moravians have provided a program at night and all the projects and supplies to do light construction work in the communities around them. Each youth group will need to bring their own adult chaperones and have transportation. More information will be sent out soon. If you are interested please contact Jerae.

We will have our regular "Wild Wednesdays" this summer. Once those dates have been established, those will be communicated church wide.

We continue to encourage involvement with our families, children and youth. If you are looking for ways to become involved or have your child more involved, check out our bulletin board in the Parish Hall or our main website. There are LOTS of opportunities to fit various preferences.

Looking Ahead...

- Sunday, June 1- First Sunday; Children's Service 10:30 am
- Sunday, June 8- Pentecost- Service and picnic at St. Paul's
- Sunday, July 6- First Sunday; Children's Service 10:30 am

Growing in Christ FAMILIES, YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Pics!



Upcoming Youth Opportunities

- Sunday April 13; PALM SUNDAY (YOUTH SUNDAY)
 - Youth to serve in the service
 - CONFIRMAND "CATCH UP"
 - 11:30 am;Lunch will be served
- Saturday April 19; Egg Prep in the Parish Hall, Noon-1:30pm.
 Light snacks provided
- Sunday April 20; EASTER
 - 9 am Children's service; Youth to serve; youth to help hide eggs
- Saturday April 26; Unity in the Community event at Abel Baptist Church
 - Youth are encouraged to attend and help (reach out to Hap Wheeler)
- April 26-27; Bridge Retreat (5th-6th graders) Camp Gravatt
- Sunday May 18; Youth Third Sunday 9:30am (Confirmation prep)
 - High School Graduate Recognition
 - We will recognize those graduating during the 10:30 am service.

Wild Wednesdays

Wednesdays during June and July 6-8pm (more information to come)

- July 15-19 Mission Camp (6th-12th grades) at Laurel Ridge, NC.
- Sunday, August 24; CONFIRMATION 10:30 am
 - Confirmand Breakfast 9:30 am Canterbury basement

CANTERBURY

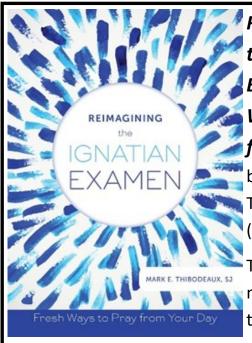


Join us for a full breakfast prepared and served by our Canterbury students beginning at 9am.

Our services will be lead by our Canterbears.

We will acknowledge our graduates during the service.

Resources for Growing in Christ



Reimagining the Ignatian Examen: Fresh Ways to Pray from Your Day

by Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ (Society of Jesus)

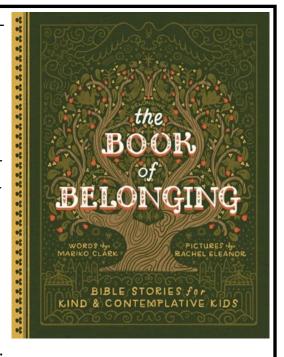
The Ignatian exa- of the record men is a tried and of God's relatrue practice for tionship with drawing close to all of Creation

God by examining the various moments of your day. I have known it to be a helpful end-of-day practice to review the day and ask God to shed light on the implications of the highs and lows. Thibodeaux provides 34 variations on the examen, which offers the opportunity to try a different form each day of the month. I can see this little book becoming a bedside table regular, gently supporting the goal of ending each day with examen and thereby drawing closer to God.

Book of Belonging: Bible Stories for Kind and Contemplative Kids words by Mariko
Clark, pictures by Rachel Eleanor

"You are Beloved, you Belong, and you are Delightful." This mantra is the throughline of this lovely presentation of many of Scripture's most important stories—both the well-loved and the often overlooked. The author and illustrator pre-

sent these stories in fresh and thought-provoking ways that emphasize the diversity, expansiveness, and inclusiveness of the record of God's relationship with all of Creation.



Sprinkled throughout the book are "Wonder Moments" that invite the reader to think deeply about some aspect of the story that might be puzzling or unexpected. I love the fact that the Wonder Moments ask big questions and does not presume to provide answers, leaving the reader to figure out their own. This is a children's book, written at grade level 2-4 and appropriate for read-aloud with pre-kindergarten and up. However, I am enjoying reading it myself. It is delightful!



Reflection from the 2025 Holy Trinity Women's Retreat "The Feminine Face of God"

Nineteen women gathered at Camp Fellowship for a weekend of worship, spiritual nurture, and—true to the name of the venue—fellowship. Our topic was "The Feminine Face of God," although we spent a good bit of time pondering the particular voice that God uses with and through women. Our leader was Cynthia Fore, a parishioner at St. Andrew's in Greenville who is a gifted spiritual director and retreat leader. Cynthia guided us through several sessions designed to open our hearts to God and each other, gently encouraging us to try out new practices and ideas. The weather was wonderful, and the setting was beautiful. We are looking forward to the next Women's Retreat in 2026!

















Parish life Highlights

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER































Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays:

- 1 Christopher Burch
- 2 Tori Jayroe
- 5 Beth Newton
- 6 Eleanor Hare
- 6 Jean Jordan
- 6 Sophia Burch
- 8 Leon Luszcz
- 9 Jack Purkerson
- 9 Amy Agosti
- 9 Kevin Crouse
- 10 Joy duBois
- 11 Nancy Georgion
- 13 Libby Wehrman
- 13 Julie Morgan-Ryan
- 14 Tom Witmer
- 15 Ned Mayo
- 16 Kathy Sparks
- 16 Michael Mobbs
- 16 Katherine Sosebee
- 17 Henry Pate
- 19 Don Garrett
- 20 Will Purkerson
- 25 Chip Stapleton
- 27 Gaines Robb
- 30 Wright Henry III

April Anniversaries:

- 1 Dot & Bill Teske
- 3 Cynthia & Gerry Spejewski
- 13 Catherine & Trey Cox

May Birthdays:

- 1 Frances Wales
- 3 Rebecca Bowman
- 3 Cynthia Spejewski
- 8 Lawrence Gaulin
- 10 Alexander Pieterse
- 10 Kenneth Mobbs
- 10 Julie Morse
- 11 Maggie Graham
- 12 Jenn Ellison
- 12 Michele Cauley
- 14 Cariza Burch
- 18 Scooty Burch
- 18 Carol Luke
- 21 Bill McDaniel

- 22 Emily Baker
- 23 Lynn Luszcz
- 24 Rachel Rowe
- 25 Catherine Cox
- 27 Mel O'Day
- 27 Sarah Trice
- 27 Kimberly Huddleston
- 28 Ashley Crouse
- 28 Darby Evans
- 28 Keane De los Santos
- 31 Mims Catherine McTigue

May Anniversaries:

- 4 Judy & Charlie Curtis
- 5 Suz & Will Cate
- 6 Carol & Charles Shuler
- 7 Anna & Jack McKenna
- 8 Nancy & Henry Pate
- 14 Rachel & Will Mayo
- 17 Cathy & Don Garrett
- 23 Anna & Michael Crouch
- 23 Tenley & Brett Murphy
- 24 Anne & Pat Bryan
- 25 Jeffery Ann & Clyde Gorsuch
- 31 Carolyn & Hap Wheeler
- 31 Mickey & Byron Harder

