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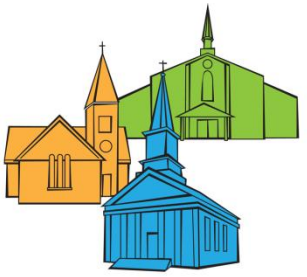
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

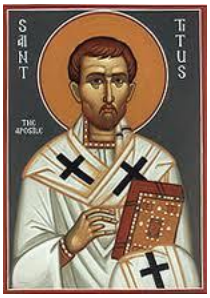
Briefly about Episcopal Polity



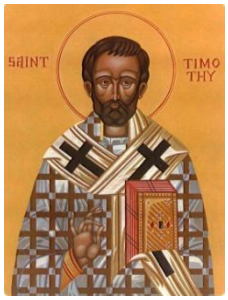
DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Next Friday and Saturday, February 3-4, a delegation from Holy Trinity, including the wardens and the rector, will attend the 129th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina in New Bern. If you are new to the Episcopal Church, you need to know that ours is a hierarchical church. The parish is not the primary unit: the diocese is. The rector is not the primary pastor: the bishop is. All the offerings we receive do not remain here to benefit Holy Trinity. A percentage of that money—for 2012 the amount is $50,000—goes to the Diocesan budget, which serves a variety of ministries too large for us to do alone at the parish level but of which we are an integral part.

Our way of living together is different from many other denominations. We are not a congregational church. Our church extends beyond Holy Trinity. We are but one small part of a much greater enterprise. And at the parish level, the vestry and the rector run things, with the vestry primarily responsible for the temporal life of the parish and the rector primarily responsible for its spiritual life. In practice, the rector and vestry work together on almost all aspects of parish life. All this means that if you are not elected to the vestry or called as the rector, you are not a part of the governing body of the parish. You vote for the vestry at our annual parish meeting, but that is the extent of your official involvement in governing Holy Trinity. Of course, the rector and the vestry want to know what you think and what you need, but they are the only ones with a vote.



Our model of church governance is as old as the New Testament. This past Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St. Timothy and St. Titus. Those two saints were young men who assisted St. Paul on his missionary journeys until they were ready to become bishops themselves, Timothy in Ephesus and Titus in Crete. In turn, they appointed presbyters (priests) to assist them. That ancient construct of church polity is much the same as ours.



The Diocesan Convention provides the time for all parishes in the Diocese to come together to govern it. We will pass a budget for the Diocese that provides funding for various ministries and activities within the Diocese, funding for the greater church throughout the United States, and compensation for our Diocesan staff, among other things. We will consider resolutions and changes to the Diocesan canons. Bishop Daniel will give an address to the Convention setting forth his vision for the coming year and reviewing our common life. We will have the opportunity for fellowship with other Episcopalians throughout East Carolina.

Between Diocesan Conventions, the Executive Council, which is elected by the Convention in three year staggered terms, governs with the Bishop. If you think of Executive Council as a Diocesan version of our Vestry, you will not be far off. Executive Council handles finances, but much like your Vestry, Executive Council also advises on other matters of importance as well.

The Diocese in turn is one part of the Episcopal Church, which includes not only the United States, but also members in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, Venezuela, and the Virgin Islands. Just as the parish helps fund the Diocese, the Diocese provides funding to the greater church. That means that some of the money we give to the Diocese goes beyond it to help our ministry throughout much of the world.

The Episcopal Church meets in General Convention every three years as it will this summer in Indianapolis. The General Convention makes decisions for the whole church in much the same way that our Diocesan Convention decides matters for East Carolina or that the rector and vestry decide for Holy Trinity. Between General Conventions, the Presiding Bishop and an Executive Council function much like our Diocesan Executive Council and our Vestry.

We will let you know about this Diocesan Convention on Sunday. **Faithfully, Ray+**

Sunday School Notes

"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever". *The Book of Common Prayer p. 308*

Our topic this winter is Baptism, always a happy and exciting time in our church life. The lesson plans include movie, drama, kitchen, music, story, and art workshops, all centered on teaching children about Baptism, one of the central symbols of our Christian faith. They are learning more about the history and importance of baptism and explore the rich symbolism of water and the Trinity.

"What an amazing gift to offer our children! They have the assurance that no matter how far they wander or what choices they make, they have been "marked as Christ's own forever" and there is no path on which they find themselves that will be outside the realm of God's attention and concern. As our children grow and learn, we hope they will develop their own deep personal relationships with God, and talking about baptism is one step on that lifelong journey." We welcome one and all and encourage you to enroll at any time. Join us in the Preschool/Sunday School wing and hear the Baptism buzz!

Sunday School Teachers

Evening Labyrinth Walk

Our monthly "First Thursday" evening Labyrinth walk is February 2nd. If you have not yet walked our Labyrinth (inlaid in the floor of the sanctuary), come and give it a try! Many people have made the walk a regular monthly activity. Candles and soft music accompany the walk and docents are available. If you wish to see the optional orientation video, please come promptly at 7:00 pm; otherwise, come anytime between 7:00 and 8:15 if you just want to walk it.

GOING OUT TO SERVE ……. PARTNERING WITH MARGARET WILLIS

Last fall, the Holy Trinity Foundation approved a $2500 outreach grant to the Margaret Willis PTO. These funds are available to support students, faculty and families in ways not possible within the school's limited budget. So far this school year, the grant has been used to purchase art supplies, instructional supplies and fund a PTA winter program for students and families.

The Outreach Grant is one way we have partnered with Margaret Willis Elementary School this year. Please visit the Margaret Willis table in the Parish Hall to learn about other ways to participate in the partnering project.

Mark Your Calendar for these upcoming events:

Saturday, March 3rd: Diocese-sponsored "Sexual Ethics Training" for the Upper Cape Fear Deanery is scheduled for 10 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall. This course is also online for those who are interested. All Sunday School teachers, youth advisors / teachers and church staff must have this training. Please see Joyce Loughlin (826-6685) if you are interested in either the live or the online course.

Saturday, April 21: The "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" workshop led by the Anti-Racism Commission is scheduled for the Upper Cape Fear Deanery. It will be held at La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia, Newton Grove, from 9 am - 4 pm. More information coming soon!

May 6th: "Trinity Center Sunday" will be celebrated in every Parish in the Diocese. Be thinking of what Trinity Center means to you, and if you don't know about it, you will certainly find out on May 6th.

May 27th: "Trinity Center Day" - for those of us who will be attending the annual Parish Weekend at the Beach, this fun event will be held on the afternoon of the Sunday we normally leave. Plan to stay for the afternoon, or possibly Sunday night and enjoy a BIG Trinity Center celebration!

Carl Beene	1	
Zachary Miller		1
Brennan Short	1	
Sally Caldwell		2
Yezzika Nevarez	2	
Brianna Conroy	3	
Nancy Holt	3	
Richard Karp	3	
Coleman Smith	4	
Julie Michaels		4
Helmsley Dapuyen	5	
David Alecca	6	
Florence Alvarez	6	
Chick Chisolm		6
Leroy Chisolm, III	6	
Eileen Bratton		7
Rosemary Zimmerman	7	
Nancy Broadwell	8	
Matthew Cross	9	
Evan Tate	9	
Cooper Wilson	9	
Martha Brown	11	
Stuart Jordan		11
Martha Bowyer	12	
Nan Fiebig	12	
Roy Parker	12	
Mia Carpenter	14	
Erik Kirchen	15	
Reese Lawrence	16	
Libba Pate	21	
James Spivey		21
Derrick Nadalina	24	
Judy Barratt	25	
Charles Koonce	25	
Paula Stewart		25
Meredith Philbrook	26	
Aidan Long	27	
Nathaniel Miller	27	
Cindi Slappey		27
Reagan Francis	28	

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild does work that is "behind the scenes" – we prepare the church for worship services. It's a wonderful group that faithfully serves this parish. If you are a new Altar Guild member or think you may be interested in Altar Guild please attend our training/informational session scheduled for **Sunday, February 5th** immediately following the 10:30 service. We will gather at the front of the church and a lite refreshment will be provided.

Lenten Wednesdays

Come One, Come All ... Join One, Join All at our parish worship on Lenten Wednesdays. We'll share soup and bread, then join together in evening service each Wednesday during Lent.

The menus have been set to include healthy homemade soups (chicken wild rice,french onion, minestrone, vegetable beef, tomato roasted red pepper, chicken noodle, and baked potato - okay, well maybe that last week's not so healthy), homemade breads, and fresh fruit.

Contact via email sherijordancrr@aol.com or cell 322-8686 if you're led to volunteer at the soup kitchen.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Dear Holy Trinity,

I sincerely want to thank everyone from your church that came out to my home with gifts for me and my family for Christmas. We also received a Thanksgiving and Christmas basket of food and without your help I would not have been able to put food on the table.

This was truly the best holiday season I have had in years. My children were so happy and for that I thank God and thank you from the bottom of my heart, **God bless you all! Love, Tina Byers**

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My family will forever be grateful to you. Thank you for your care, compassion, understanding, and support during this holiday. Thank you for words of comfort and encouragements. **God bless… sincerely yours, Priscilla Sinclair and family.**

These notes from two of our Adopt-A-Family recipients reflect the gratitude of those who received our help at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Many thanks for your response to helping these families and for your ongoing support to our Food Pantry as it helps our needy neighbors with food each month!

J2A Pilgrimage Fundraiser

J2A is once again selling chili on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 5th** as a fundraiser for their upcoming summer pilgrimage to California. The group has decided to make San Francisco the destination of their week long journey. While there, they plan to visit some early mission churches, to participate in service work with young people and to grow as a community of newly confirmed Christians as they experience the "foreign" culture of the west coast.

On Sunday, February 5th, the youth will be selling 5 cup containers of homemade chili for $ 5 each. There will also be a vegetarian chili available. **Thank you for supporting our youth.**

Parish Weekend at the Beach!

For at least 20 years now, Memorial Day Weekend has been the time of our annual Parish Weekend at the Beach.

From Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, we've had a great time together at Trinity Center, our Diocesan Camp and Conference Center on Emerald Isle. We have reserved a total of 36 rooms and usually have about 90 people there! For the past several years we've been totally sold out.

Some of the activities include:

- a campfire with s'mores and some icebreakers on Friday night,
- an optional short Bible Study and/or beach time on Saturday morning, games on the beach and an ice-cream social on Saturday afternoon, an intergenerational dance with a DJ and karaoke on Saturday night, and
- church on Sunday in the pavilion overlooking the ocean with a short play by the children to illustrate one of the readings for that day, and with lively guitar music and singing.

With the exception of church on Sunday morning, all activities are optional, though we hope you will want to participate in most of them. There's lots of free time for relaxing and getting to know each other better. All meals are buffet-style…and they're good!

Registration forms will be in your bulletin soon, and in the March GoodNewsletter.

We hope you will consider joining us this year!

Rite 13 News

Rite 13 is on a roll!

We are so thankful for everyone's help with our parish dinner fundraiser. Holy Trinity ROCKS! We especially want to thank ECW for helping us with this!! We raised $700.00 which will be used for our trip to DC. The trip is scheduled for April 20-22. We plan to arrive Fri evening, do a service project Sat morning (feed the homeless) and then be tourists on Sat afternoon. I hear a scavenger hunt is in the works… On Sunday, we will attend church at the National Cathedral.

So, again, parents… mark your calendars:

Feb. 3-4: Diocese Convention – New Bern Riverfront Convention Center - 6th to 12 graders will gather at 7 pm for a concert on Feb. 3rd and leave after breakfast at 9 am on Sun. Feb. 4th. The cost is $40.00 and includes supplies, a t-shirt and breakfast.

Feb. 21: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. We will be helping J2A raise money for their Pilgrimage.

Mar 2-4: New Beginnings at Trinity Center

April 20-22: DC

If there are any middle school aged youth who are not part of Rite 13, you are missing out! Contact

Maggie Hargrave (928-607-3895) or Judy Philbrook (910-850-6360) for more info.

VESTRY RETREAT JANUARY 13-15, 2012 TRINITY CENTER

The Vestry gathered for its annual retreat at Trinity Center beginning Friday evening, the 13th of January. After supper together, the Vestry met informally for the purpose of getting to know each other better.

Between tremendous meals served by the Trinity Center Staff, the Vestry met to review activity of Holy Trinity for 2011 and begin planning for 2012. A number of accomplishments from 2011 were recognized, as well as areas for improvement in 2012. Some points of emphasis were discussed, including among other things, better communication, Greeters on Sunday and the building debt. Some adjustments were made to reflect additional pledges received since the Annual Meeting, and it was decided that registration and lodging expenses for delegates to Diocesan Convention as well as for the vestry retreat would be paid from Foundation/Endowment income rather than the operating budget.

There is a need and desire to create a new parish directory, with photos, if practicable. If you would like to help with that project, please see Amy St. Peter or J.R. Hustwit.

New Vestry one year assignments as Points of Contact in the ten areas of Parish Life are as follows:

Stewardship:	Mark Philbrook and Tom Holt
Evangelism:	Joyce Loughlin and Beth Early
Outreach:	Anne Chisolm and Nancy Broadwell
Pastoral Care:	Robert Yoakum and Joyce Loughlin
Parish Life:	Amy St. Peter and J.R. Hustwit
Communications:	Mark Philbrook and Tom Holt
Christian Formation (Adult):	Neil Bergman and J.R. Hustwit
Christian Formation (Youth and children):	Beth Early and Amy St. Peter
Finance:	Neil Bergman and Robert Yoakum
Worship:	Nancy Broadwell and Anne Chisolm

Your Vestry is extremely excited regarding Holy Trinity's work and mission for 2012. The number of new people coming to worship is evident, and we invite **everyone** to make their time and talent available to be used for the good of our parish, community, diocese and the world. **NOW** is always a good time to start. If you want to help, please ask a Vestry member how you can "plug in."

Prayer List

Pray for those in need

Alana, Vilmar Agustin, Christian Arreguin, Steve Barnicle, Judy Barratt, Pam Bigler, Jerry Bobbitt, Danny Booth, Lindsey Branson, Owen Brooks, Matthias Brown, George Caldwell, Connie Canaday, Peggy Casey, Chick Chisolm, Clair Clark, Kathleen Clark, , Mari Couch, Eli Davis, Oscar Davis, Mary Charles Duggins, Patty Edel, Tom Ficklin, Lonnie Fox, Carolyn Gaskins, Sue Glendening, Maggie Harmon, Colin Henry, Martha Holcomb, Ginger Jacocks, Gerald Karp, Mary Koonce, Dean Lentz, James Mixon, Anne Mizelle, Peter Niccum, Marie Parker, Nancy Pate, Vi Piner, Jim Quevado, Morton Rivkind, Lee Robertson, Jenny McCoy Rosser, Stephanie Rzonca, Ron Saracen, Sr., Kathy Schwarz, Jim Searfoss, Bob Shouse, Joyce Simon, Patricia Sineath, Jim St. Peter, Cathy Stanley, Linda Maxwell Stone, Elaine Suguitan, Bryson Walker, Dick Warner, Janet Warner, Katherine Whaley, Melissa Williams, Robert Yoakum, Sr.

Military Prayer List

David Alecca, Aaron Baty, Bill Burgdorf, Christopher Casey, Daryl Casey, Kyle Chase, Michael Chase, John Chisolm, Leroy Chisolm, Lychelle Chisolm, John Connor, Scott Harris, Brian Hoffman, Oliver Karp, Ryan Kenny, Leo Leon, Eric Long, Jose Madera, Dan Middleton, Zach Miller, Brandon Niemann, Tim Ripley, Daniel Robert, Cedric Scott

More Flower Arrangers Needed!

If you enjoy arranging flowers, or if you just wish you knew more about it, we would love to have you help with the weekly flower arranging in the sanctuary. Each Saturday morning, except in Lent, "flower committee" ladies in our parish bring in greenery and flowers from their yards, or the church yard (or in the months when there is NOTHING growing, get their flowers from Sam's Club) and make the beautiful and unique arrangements you see every Sunday. We could use a few more arrangers. Please speak with Cindi Slappey, Sylvia Saint-Amand, Frances Morketter, Joyce Loughlin, Suzanne Pinson, Lorette Hollinshed, Mary Mac Shields or Mary Lynn Jordan if you would like to come on a Saturday morning to watch what goes on, learn what's involved, and consider joining us. We are on a monthly schedule so you wouldn't have to do it more than once a month, and often it's with someone else. We'd like every Altar Guild group to have at least two!

AA: Mon-Sat: Noon, Fri: 8pm
Meetings are in the Johnston Wing

February 2012		
Wednesday	1	Noon – Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm – Handbells/7:00 pm - Choir
Thursday	2	7:00 am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew 5:30 pm – Holy Eucharist 7:00-9:00 pm – Labyrinth Walk
Friday	3	7:15 am - Morning Prayer Diocesan Convention in New Bern
Saturday	4	Bread Bakers 9:00 am Diocesan Convention in New Bern
Sunday	5	8:00 and 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 am- Sunday School/Adult Formation Altar Guild Training Session after the 10:30 service
Monday	6	7:15 am - Morning Prayer 7:00 pm – Monday Night Book Group
Tuesday	7	7:15 am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8	Noon – Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm – Handbells/7:00 pm - Choir
Thursday	9	7:00 am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew 5:30 pm – Holy Eucharist
Friday	10	7:15 am - Morning Prayer
Saturday	11	5:30 pm - Preschool Lobster Dinner
Sunday	12	8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 am- Sunday School/Adult Formation 10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 pm – ECW Meeting 4:00 pm – Carolina Philharmonic
Monday	13	7:15 am - Morning Prayer 7:00 pm – Monday Night Book Group
Tuesday	14	7:15 am - Morning Prayer 6:30 pm – Parish Potluck
Wednesday	15	Noon – Holy Eucharist Good Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm – Handbells/7:00 pm - Choir
Thursday	16	7:00 am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew 5:30 pm – Holy Eucharist **7:00 pm – Vestry Meeting**
Friday	17	7:15 am – Morning Prayer
Saturday	18	
Sunday	19	8:00 and 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist/Baptism, Rite II 9:30 am- Sunday School/Adult Formation Oysters/Newcomers Gathering
Monday	20	7:15 am - Morning Prayer 7:00 pm – Monday Night Book Group
Tuesday	21	7:15 am - Morning Prayer **5:30 – 7:00 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
Wednesday	22	Noon – Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm – Handbells/7:00 pm - Choir
Thursday	23	7:00 am – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew 5:30 pm – Holy Eucharist
Friday	24	7:15 am – Morning Prayer
Saturday	25	
Sunday	26	8:00 and 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 am- Sunday School/Adult Formation
Monday	27	7:15 am - Morning Prayer 7:00 pm – Monday Night Book Group
Tuesday	28	7:15 am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday	29	Noon – Holy Eucharist Good Newsletter Mailed 6:00 pm – Handbells/7:00 pm - Choir

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Treasurer: Neil Bergman
Clerk: Tom Holt

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Neil Bergman
J. R. Hustwit
Joyce Loughlin
Mark Philbrook

2013

Nancy Broadwell
Jimmy Driscoll
Tom Holt
Fitz Lee

2014

Anne Chisolm
Beth Early
Amy St. Peter
Robert Yoakum

Staff

Rector: *The Rev. Raymond F. Brown*

Financial Secretary: Amy Bartlinski

Admin. Assistants: *Martina Betts, Alexa Haar*

Music Director and Organist: *Dongho Lee*

Preschool Director: *Ruth Folger Gillis*

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Holy Trinity Preschool

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LEARN • GROW

Registration for School Year 2012-2013

9:15 a.m. Tues, Feb. 21 church members (in the school office), Wed., Feb. 22 currently enrolled (in Parish Hall), Thurs., Feb. 23: open to the community (in the Parish Hall)

Registration Fee: $75 for first child in family, **$50** for each other child.

Classes Offered and Tuition Fees: ***(Children must have attained appropriate age by Aug. 31st, 2012)***

Supply Fee - $100 per child, payable August 1.

Each group has a lead teacher and assistant teacher.

Two-Year-Olds, **2 groups,** (8 children per group) -2 days per week - $135/month, 3 days per week - $165/month

Three-Year-Olds, 2 groups (12 children per group), 3 days per week - $165/month, 4 days per week - $210/month

Four-Year-Olds,2 groups (14 to 16 children per group), 4 days per week - $210/month, 5 days per week - $250/month

Lunch Bunch: *(optional)*

Extra hour available for 3s and 4s

$15 per month for 1 day per week, $30 per month for 2 days per week,

Lunch Bunch will be offered for 2s beginning in January.

Holy Trinity Preschool

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Join your Holy Trinity family for our annual lobster dinner fundraiser in support of Holy Trinity's Preschool.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 11th
Time: 5:30 p.m. (Please notice the new time)
Place: Holy Trinity Parish Hall

Use the order form below to order your lobsters (steamed on-site for you). Bring your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Tea, coffee, and lemonade will be provided. Hot dogs are available on request.

Deadline for orders: Monday, Feb. 6th at the church or school office. Make checks payable to **The Preschool** and note "lobster sale" on the memo line. All proceeds directly support the Preschool.

Order:

Name_____ Phone_____

# of lobsters_____ at $20 each =_____ Total attached:_____

# of hot dogs_____

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