



# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## July 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last week, 15 staff members and lay leaders assembled off-site to pray, study, and plan for life and ministry at Holy Trinity for the 2016/2017 program year. It was a productive, prayerful, and enthusiastic meeting. Our theme to reflect on was from Deuteronomy 30:19, "choose life." As we walk through the summer months, I write to update you about some of what we spoke.

1). As most of you know, I have called Beth Jordan as our new *Music Minister and Organist*. The Organist Search Committee and I are very excited about Beth's arrival! Beth's first day in the office will be *Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>* and her first Sunday at Holy Trinity will be *Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>*. Beth will hold her first **Chancel Choir** and **Handbell Choir** rehearsals on *Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>*. Our **Children's Choir** rehearsals will resume on *Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>*. I ask you to join me in welcoming Beth to Holy Trinity!

Donna Davenport will continue as our Interim Organist until her last day with us, *Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>*. I ask you to join me in celebrating Donna on that date after the 10:30am service. Donna's ministry with us has been nothing less than exceptional; she has shared her many music gifts in varied unexpected ways. We have been so blessed by her ministry with us this past year!

2). Mark your calendars for **Rally Sunday** on *Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>*. This year, instead of having booths to communicate details about ministries, we will be having breakfast between the services (9:00am to 10:15am). Ministries are encouraged to be present and recruit new participants. Moreover, we are working to produce written materials in order to better communicate the rich ministries at Holy Trinity before, during, and after Rally Sunday.

3). This year, we are planning to offer alternative formation opportunities for adults during the formation hour (9:30 to 10:15am). One of them is a **Parent Forum**. This parent forum will be an opportunity for parents to share experiences, wisdom, helpful suggestions, and to reflect on challenges. These forums will be led by seasoned parents in the library. Initial Sundays for these forums include *September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>*.

4). A separate alternative to the Adult Forum will be a **Newcomer Forum**, also in the library. These will be opportunities for anyone, newcomers or veterans, to ask questions about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and Holy Trinity. They will be led by the rector. Initial Sundays for these forums include *September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup>*.

5). This fall, we are hoping to offer opportunities for parents to gather and reflect on Sunday evenings. These will be informal gatherings that will also include organically identified theological discussion. We will hold them on the playground, offering our

children a time to play. They will be held on Sunday evenings, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. We are tentatively calling this opportunity **PLAY / GROUND**. Initial dates include *September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>*.

6). On the same dates as PLAY / GROUND, we will be offering some reflective worship that will differ from our regular Sunday morning experience. These opportunities will begin at 5:30pm, and everyone, of all ages, will be invited. Tentatively, we are calling this worship opportunity **FONT**. If you are interested in helping me and others create these worship opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, these services will be on *September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm*.

These are only a few of the opportunities your staff and lay leadership explored and planned for this week. More dates and activities are in the works. One of the many things I love about Holy Trinity is how vibrant and active we are as community. I look forward to seeing you this summer, as well as in the fall!

Faithfully,  
Jeff+

## *MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

**Summer Adult Formation** with Dr. Patrick O'Neil discusses the meaning of marriage as a community at 9:15am in the Johnston Wing. Professor O'Neil's 3 sessions will be mirrored by three sessions designed to enable theological reflection and discussion led by leaders in our community chosen for their ability to listen to and empathize with all sides of a given issues.

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Patrick O'Neil: "Uses and Definitions of Marriage"  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Follow Up: Theology and Discussion  
Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Patrick O'Neil: "Government, the Church, and Marriage"  
Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>: Follow Up: Theology and Discussion  
Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Patrick O'Neil: "Marriage: Covenant vs. Contract"  
Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: Follow Up: Theology and discussion

**Labyrinth Walk – July 7 at 7:00 pm.** The Evening Labyrinth Walk for July will take place on **Thursday, July 7th from 7 - 9 pm**. Please arrive at 7:00pm if you want to watch the optional orientation video. If you just want to walk, please arrive no later than 8:15pm. Joyce Loughlin



**Vacation Bible School:** August 8-12 at St. John's Episcopal Church. More details to follow.

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Office Closed:** Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day and on Fridays throughout the summer. The Food Pantry will be open 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday from 11-3:00.

**NEEDED- Packing/Shipping Boxes.** The Admin Office hardwood floors will be re-finished in July and all the furniture will be moved to the parish hall. We need to pack up everything to get ready for the temporary move. Please bring boxes by the office between now and July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Janice

**NEW:** On-line form to make requests at Holy Trinity: Whether you want to request May Fair funds for your organization or want to use the Parish Hall for an event, please go to Holy Trinity's new on-line form. Here's how and where to go to:

#### Request May Fair/Outreach Funds

All requests for May Fair Outreach Funding should be made in writing via our new electronic Outreach Request form found on our website NO LATER THAN August 1st, 2016. It's really easy to complete:

- Go to [www.holytrinityfay.org](http://www.holytrinityfay.org).
- Click the "Outreach" tab in the tool bar.
- Click the "Outreach Requests" tab in the drop-down menu.
- Complete the appropriate sections of the form, giving a good description of the organization seeking financial support, what the funds will be used for, and how this organization is connected to Holy Trinity.
- Press "Submit".

Each request will be considered on the basis of those criteria and funds will be made available by the first of September.

#### Request Use of Holy Trinity Facilities or Equipment

Follow the same procedures above and complete the appropriate sections of the on-line application for rental/use of Parish buildings, grounds or equipment such as tables, chairs or kitchen implements. Of course Parish events and needs take priority, but all are welcome to use Holy Trinity's many resources. This procedure will simply allow the Outreach Committee to coordinate their use and know their whereabouts.

Please contact the Vestry's Outreach Committee (Julie Lee-Jacobs, Keith St. Peter, Kas Davis, Mike Morketter) with any questions.

#### Request an Announcement During Service

Follow the same procedures on the website, completing the appropriate section.

## *Reports and Updates*



### ***GOING OUT TO SERVE ....PARTNERING WITH MARGARET WILLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

Holy Trinity has maintained a strong outreach ministry with Margaret Willis Elementary School (MWES) for the past several years and plans to continue for the 2016-17 school year. MWES is our neighbor, located in Haymount near Mazarick Park. Enrollment averages 300+ students in grades K through 5 and over 90% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Our outreach serves these students and their families as well as school staff. We coordinate with the school social worker who identifies both the needs and the students/families that can benefit from our partnership.

During the 2015-16 school year, parishioners' support for MWES families and staff included:

- School supplies for students whose families are financially unable to provide them
- Winter coats/ jackets distributed as needed by the school social worker
- Personal hygiene products
- Adopt-a-Family for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Unrestricted \$2500 grant from the Holy Trinity Endowment used at the discretion of the principal to support students/families/faculty. Expenditures included: items for student mentoring groups; incentive awards for 'Paw Print' winners; puppet show; kindergarten books; refreshments for various student/family/faculty meetings.

Be on the lookout for information in the August Newsletter about how you can participate in this ministry. *Barbara Brooks*

## PRESCHOOL NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Trinity Preschool.

We are sad to say goodbye to teachers Suzanne Pinson and Patricia Driscoll. Suzanne taught 2s, 3s and 4s during her long Holy Trinity career. She'll use those early childhood skills with her grandchildren now! Patricia has worked with 3s, both as assistant and as lead teacher. She plans a move to the public schools. Thank you both for your time with Holy

We welcome Anne Bell as lead teacher with 4s and Jeanine Cotton as lead teacher for 4-day 3s. Anne has been a parent in our program and has teaching experience. Jeanine has taught 3s and also directed a preschool program. We are pleased to have them join the Holy Trinity family! *Ruth Gillis, Director*

*News from the Food Pantry:* May at the Food Pantry ended on a good note. We had shoppers go out late May and early June to restock our pantry shelves so the baggers could fill bags. Thank you shoppers! Thank you to everyone who donated personal-sized products for the homeless bags. June Pearce continues to double bag for us saving the baggers time. We greatly appreciate everything that everyone does to help us out and to keep the food pantry thriving.

In May we served 185 households totaling 382 individuals, 43 of these households were first-time clients. That is 1804 pounds of food, not including the "extras" that are added to the homeless bags. We distributed about 10 homeless bags a month and request your help in providing reusable grocery bags for this purpose. This would give our clients a more reliable tote for their items and help to eliminate plastic bags from the environment. We are also in need of can openers to include in these bags.

Finally a thank you to Matthew and John Whiteman who will pack bags this summer from the end of June until August 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give our baggers a summer vacation.

Everyone, thank you for all your support. *Sid Gardner, Pat Stang and Sharon Robertson*

## *June 2016 Vestry Highlights*

The Vestry met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Kasmin Davis opened the meeting with a prayer, we adopted the minutes from the previous meeting, and the financials were presented by Neil Bergman, Treasurer.

We reviewed plans for updates and maintenance on the Church campus, including hardwood floors and office spaces in the Admin Building, updated Preschool lobby furnishings, and HVAC maintenance. Father Jeff and the Campus Committee continue exploring smart and efficient allocation of the church's physical resources.

Senior Warden, Rob Richardson reported on upcoming Deanery activities and meetings, including a Deanery meeting at Holy Trinity on June 25<sup>th</sup>. In the coming months, we will explore new ways that our growing Holy Trinity parish can be a resource for smaller parishes within the diocese. Rob encourages everyone to attend the monthly Cursillo meetings, called *Ultreyas*. The next *Ultreya* is Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity.

Rector's Report – Jeff updated the Vestry on new personnel, including Beth Jordan, who has answered Holy Trinity's call for a new Music Minister. She will start as Music Minister on August 15<sup>th</sup> and her first services will be on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to the Music Ministry Search Committee for all their hard work.

Finally, the Vestry Committees presented their reports.

- Strategic Planning committee – We are in contact with the Episcopal Church Foundation to discuss strategic planning and intentional growth into a program-sized church.
- Outreach committee – Any group wishing to apply for a grant (May Fair funds) from Holy Trinity must submit a form, found online, by August 1<sup>st</sup>. More details will be announced on Facebook, in the newsletter, and in weekly bulletins.
- Parish Life committee – Staff and committee members are determining the 2016-17 annual calendar of services, events, and space usage.
- Preschool Liaison – The newly appointed board and its officers have begun exploring ways to serve families and the community effectively.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with compline. *Wendy Hustwit*

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

- 1) August 13th: Youth Group Beach Trip
- 2) August 28th: Youth Group Pool Party and Parents Meeting, 3-5pm
- 3) September 11th: Paint Ball, 2:30pm-ish
- 4) September 30th - October 2nd: Youth Group Retreat @ Trinity Center
- 5) HalloWIN: TBD
- 7) December 11th Youth Group Christmas Party

## PRAYER LIST:



Baby Louisa, Renate Blanton, Nancy Clyde, Craig, Eli Davis, All families in need, The family of Phyllis Goodwin, The Luce and Pearce Families, The family of Charles Stewart, The Family of Rosemary and David Zimmerman, Steve Hardin, Charleene Heidegger, Linda Karp, Susanne Kohrman\*, Suzanne LaGrange, Lynne, Angie Mays, Anne Mizelle\*, Sandra Moore, Rosario Mauricio, Marie Parker\*, Margaret Peterson\*, Diane Rauch, Paul Reichle Jr.\*, Sheri Richard, Joe Roberson, Ruth Samuelson, The family of Janet Simpson, Debby Sims and her family, Heather and Chris, Pam Smith, Hilda Stamey, Mary and Harold Syms\*, Jimmy Teachey, Della Terrell.

\* Denotes Visitation Welcomed.

## Military Prayer List

Leroy, John, Cedric, Daven, Scott, Daniel, Mike, Jon, Stephanie, Sam, Trey, Ed, Amanda, Robert, Augustus, Roger, Kyle, Brian, Oliver, Thomas, Nicholas, Alex, Matthew, Mitch and Abigail

Contact the church office at 910-484-2134 or [admin@holyltrinityfay.org](mailto:admin@holyltrinityfay.org) with prayer requests or fill out a prayer request form found in the narthex.

**Note about birthdays:** Our database was migrated to the “cloud” and only birthdays with the year you were born converted. If you don’t see your name in the birthday list, please call the office and give us the year you were born. Thank you, Janice



## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Maureen Running 2 Taylor Long, David Samuelson 5 Joshua Barnhill 6 June Lancaster, Mary N. Mercer, Pat Spears 7 Carly Chang 11 Jean Canham, Maureen Middleton, Carol Doshier 12 Donna Morse 13 Carey Downing 14 Richard Bull 15 Kasmin Davis, Jacob Salzberg, Kim Holfelder, Clara Schwamm 16 Grace Salzberg, Karen Goble 17 David Sullivan, Alison Van Nyhuis 18 Zane Jordan 20 R.G. Heckerman, Callie Hercik 22 Roddy Davis 23 Patrick Grimes, Jacob Nadalini 24 Pam Harsant, Kathy Thaman 26 Susanne Kohrman, Chayla Scott, Caroline deBros 27 Stephanie Holliday 28 Amy Davis, Sheryl Jordan, Carol G. Oates, Norman Snellgroves, Camdyn Holliday 29 Scott Hancox 30 Carlon Mercer 31 Mackenzie Davis, Virginia Franks, Ian Jones, Jenavieve Blackburn, Gayle Franks



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**The Rev. Jeffrey D. S. Thornberg, *Rector***

**The Rev. Joe Running, *Assisting Priest for Pastoral Care***

**The Rev. Anne C. S. Thornberg, *Assisting Priest for Children's Education***

**Donna Griffin Davenport, *Interim Organist***

**Jeremy Fiebig and Jon Hecker, *Vergers***

**Janice Luce, *Parish Administrator***

**Jewely Schroeder, *Financial Administrator***

**Ruth Folger Gillis, *Preschool Director***

**Charles Stewart, *Sexton***

**VESTRY:** Senior Warden: Rob Richardson, Junior Warden: Mark Philbrook, Treasurer: Neil Bergman, Clerk: Kasmin Davis

2016: Kasmin Davis, Alison Jones, Mark Philbrook, Rob Richardson

2017: Tom Holt, Fitz Lee, Keith St. Peter, Dane Reid

2018: Scott Hancox, Wendy Hustwit, Julie Lee-Jacobs, Mike Morketter

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