

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

## November 2015

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For the past several years, Holy Trinity's youth group has used "Journey to Adulthood," also known as J2A for its curriculum. J2A is an excellent program that I have used in more than one context in my career. One of the unique aspects of the curriculum is that it seeks to provide rites of passage that are often lacking in our culture. It is helpful to define points along the path to adulthood that tell our young they are making progress; they are growing; they are becoming adults.

On **Sunday, November 22nd, during the 10:30am service**, we will celebrate one of these rites of passage for the very first time: The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood (also known as Rite 13). The Rite 13 liturgy is a liturgical cornerstone that lays the foundation for the entire congregation of Holy Trinity to rise up and in one voice tell our young people, "You matter to us. Your lives are of estimable value. The journey you are now embarking on is significant."

The Rite 13 liturgy is a rite of passage that recognizes the gift that God bestows upon each one of us: the gift of womanhood or manhood. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. The same energy that pushes us through adolescence gives us the power to change the world. As these young people grow and mature, their knowledge and skills will increase, but the core of who they are remains the same. Here is a priceless opportunity for us to affirm all that is good in our young people who live and grow around us and to recognize them as young men and women in our midst.

For clarity, the Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood (or Rite 13 Ceremony) is not a sacrament of the church: it is a rite of passage. Though deeply significant and meaningful, it is not equivalent or analogous to baptism or confirmation. These young people will have the opportunity to be confirmed after age 16. Too many of us had the experience of being confirmed at age 13 and afterwards feeling as if we "graduated from Sunday School." One of the benefits of this ceremony is that it underscores that Confirmation is truly an adult affirmation of our baptismal promises, not a mandate or a rite of passage.

As I stated, we have used the J2A curriculum for some time at Holy Trinity, but not celebrated this great aspect of it. As such, I have invited all of our youth over the age of 13 to participate on November 22nd. At present, we have 13 young people to celebrate on November 22nd at 10:30am. The night before (11/21), we will hold a "rehearsal dinner" for these young people and their parents, where we will review the order of service, as well as celebrate their individual gifts.

I strongly encourage you to participate in this celebration of our young people by joining us on November 22nd. Additionally, beginning Sunday, November 1st, there will be a Bible for each young person in the Parish Hall. Whether or not you personally know any of the individual teenagers being presented, I invite you to sign and/or write words of wisdom in each Bible. They will be presented to these young people on November 22nd, as we symbolically commit to walking with them on their journey to adulthood.

Faithfully, Jeff+

## *MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

**Labyrinth Walk - November 5th at 7:00 pm.** The November evening labyrinth walk will take place on Thursday, **November 5th, between 7 and 9 pm.** Please come promptly at 7 pm if you wish to view the optional orientation video; otherwise, please arrive no later than 8:15 pm if you just want to walk it. Candles and soft music accompany the walk. Joyce Loughlin



### **Women's Connection: Share: Relate: Grow:**

A holy village for moms of every kind @ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Meets Wednesdays, November 4 and 18, December 2 from 9:30-11:30. If interested, contact Annie Thornberg at: [annethornberg@gmail.com](mailto:annethornberg@gmail.com)

**ThankFULLness Day** at St. John's Episcopal Church on November 7, 2015 from 9am-3pm. Contact Jean Moore for registration details.  
[Jean.moore@activatepromos.com](mailto:Jean.moore@activatepromos.com)

**EVENSONG:** A sung service of EVENING PRAYER on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Holy Trinity. Sung by Schola Cantorum of the Diocese of East Carolina. Everyone Welcome.

**A Celebration of Homecoming and Healing:** A service to support our returning Veterans officiated by Father Jim Brission, Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church. Following the 5:30 service is a dinner (\$8.00 per person). Please call St. John's to reserve a seat for dinner. 910-483-7405

**Annual Meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup>** - There will be a combined service at 9:30am followed by the Annual Meeting. Bios for vestry nominees are included in this newsletter. Reports for ministries/committees and activities at Holy Trinity are due by **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Your reports can be sent to [admin@holytrinityfay.org](mailto:admin@holytrinityfay.org) or you can bring them by the church office.

### **November 14<sup>th</sup> Oyster Roast @ Holy Trinity 5 – 9 PM - Everyone Welcome No Charge- Childcare available**

The 2015 Stewardship Committee would like to invite all to an oyster roast celebration of our pledge ingathering here at Holy Trinity Saturday, November, 14 from 5pm until 9pm. Lots of oysters, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings will be provided as well as all the music your heart desires. Adult beverages BYOB/W. Nursery will be available for parents who want a little break, but all children are welcome. We'll have a tent in case it's wet and fire barrels if it's cold. There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated. Please let us know how many in your family to expect by completing the sign-up sheets in Narthex or by calling the church office 910-484-2134. Please join us!

**Thanksgiving Day Service at Holy Trinity,** Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,** Sunday, November 22 at 6:00pm. Location to be determined.



A folk Christmas cantata with artists from Sweet Tea Shakespeare

**December 10th and 11th at 7pm at Holy Trinity**

Join us for the story of Advent and Christmas told in song and story. Featuring Andrew Peterson's *Behold the Lamb of God* and music and readings by the artists of Sweet Tea Shakespeare, this hour-long-or-so piece is an ideal way to center oneself in the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Join us for warm and warming beverages and a night of music and fellowship. No admission charge. Donations accepted will benefit both STS and Holy Trinity. For more information visit [sweetteashakespeare.com](http://sweetteashakespeare.com) or email [artistic@sweetteashakespeare.com](mailto:artistic@sweetteashakespeare.com) Jeremy Fiebig

## ATTENTION YOUTH GROUPS SAVE THESE DATES

**Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Rite 13 Ceremony with rehearsal dinner on November 21st

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – J2A/Rite 13 Christmas Party with Ugly Sweater Contest and Yankee Swap

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, The Feast of All Saints**, the Holy Trinity family remembered those who passed away since last All Saints Day: Gene Hoskinson, Ann Hoskinson, Martha Giltinan, Lee Mancoe Robertson, Audrey Greene, Debbie Aaiken Chase, Joseph Hampton Hollinshed, Helen Persons Russell Robbins, Louise Pittman Walters, William A. Waller, Josefina Bayaca, Alston Horrocks, Jane Gardiner, Riddick Revelle, Margaret McLean, Elizabeth Nimocks, Jeremy Kim Holt, Denise Fox, Ronald John Saracen, Sr., Mary Keller, Eleanor David Leachman Barrett, Elizabeth Abernathy and Sharon Buck.

We also honored and remembered the following: Ernest A. Suguitan, Calixto G. Suguitan, Ponciana M. Suguitan, Vicente A. Agustin, Felicisima P. Agustin, Jesus Agustin, Samuel Agustin, Presentation Agustin, Norberta Agustin, Lourdes Agustin, Eulogio Pandongan, Ildefonso Remigio, Leocadia Pascual, Argel Allegrid.

**Important! Building Security:** When leaving the building, please make sure the door is closed firmly behind you. Thank you.

**THE CELEBRATION OF MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD** During the 10:30 am service on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate an important rite of passage for youth who are 13 and older with a special ceremony called “THE CELEBRATION OF MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD.”

We have purchased a Bible for each youth to commemorate the occasion. The Bibles will be in the Narthex beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like you to write a message to each youth – to tell them how proud you are of them, to let them know that they matter to us and to the church, and to provide encouragement for their future. Don't miss this incredible chance to be a part of this celebration!

**GOING OUT TO SERVE --**

**PARTNERING WITH MARGARET WILLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**Adopt –a-Family:** Once again Holy Trinity is partnering with Margaret Willis Elementary School to “Adopt” families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will adopt seven families from Margaret Willis and provide them with a Thanksgiving meal and grocery gift card and we will also provide those same seven families with Christmas gifts and another grocery gift card for their Christmas dinner.

Beginning on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> you will see a “Turkey Tree” in the Narthex. We ask that members of Holy Trinity help with this ministry by taking a turkey from the tree and purchasing the food item that is printed on the turkey and returning it to the church by Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are not able to purchase food items, we also welcome cash donations (checks can be made out to Holy Trinity with Margaret Willis in the memo line) that will be used to purchase the grocery gift cards to supplement their Thanksgiving dinner.

When all the food items are collected on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the meal will be delivered to the family before Thanksgiving day and for that we need parishioners to sign up to deliver the food. In the Narthex near the Turkey Tree, there will be a sign-up sheet for those who want to help deliver to the families. You may sign-up to deliver for Thanksgiving or Christmas or you may do both if you wish.

Look for more information about Christmas Adopt A Family plans in the December newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Bette Scott at [jste@embarqmail.com](mailto:jste@embarqmail.com)

**Warm Coats for Cold Children:** Last fall the people of Holy Trinity provided about 40 coats for children at Margaret Willis School who have light weight jackets but need really warm ones in sizes from kindergarten to 5th grade. These are children who have outgrown their coats or who have moved into the school district and need coats for cold weather. We can use gently used, not worn out, coats, new coats or money that we can use to buy them. There is a tub in the narthex for the coats. Let’s prove that we can respond to this need again this year. Checks should be made to Holy Trinity marked Margaret Willis coats. Thank you, Nancy Broadwell

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**The Campus Committee** has responded to the need for an additional display table for church communications with an **Activities and Outreach Table** set up in the Parish Hall. Thanks to Martha Brown for the wonderful table covering! Please contact Janice Luce in the office to discuss any materials to be displayed and the length of time they will need to remain on the table. [admin@holytrinityfay.org](mailto:admin@holytrinityfay.org) 910-484-2134

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**Labyrinth Walk opened during the week:** The Labyrinth Walk at Holy Trinity is open from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday - Thursday or by appointment. Please contact the office for access at 910-484-2134 or [admin@holytrinityfay.org](mailto:admin@holytrinityfay.org)

**Cards of Encouragement for College Students:** Please stop by the table in the Parish Hall and sign a card of encouragement for our college students. They will be available for signing **until November 22**. There will be a basket on the table if you'd like to donate a dollar or two to a coffee gift card. I'm sure they'd appreciate it.

Our current list of college students: Madeline Russell, Jacob Connor, Molly Mae Pinson, Kathryn Owens, Martha Owens, Cullen Beene, John Whiteman, Zack Saint Peter, Taylor Whitworth, Victoria Hall, Zack Lutes, Hanna Davis, Maddie Lee, and Nate Middleton. If you know of others please email or call the church office at [admin@holytrinityfay.org](mailto:admin@holytrinityfay.org)/ 910-484-0250 or [earlybergs@aol.com](mailto:earlybergs@aol.com), or [Alison.jones98@gmail.com](mailto:Alison.jones98@gmail.com)

## *Reports and Updates*

### **October 2015 Vestry Highlights**

The Vestry meeting was held at the church on October 15, 2015 at 7:00pm. The saying, "Many hands make light work", could not be truer as the fruits of household meetings and hard committee work were evident at this meeting.

The finance committee, along with church Treasurer, Neil Bergman, presented the findings from the church audit. This audit report will now be sent to the Diocese in compliance with Diocesan regulations. The church thanks Carey Downing, CPA, for his assistance with the audit and the discount he provided for his services. Also in the financial arena, Vestry member Keith St. Peter made recommendations for upgrading the computer software system used at Holy Trinity. Discernment is also taking place on the best ways to address the building mortgage balance. Rob Richardson presented a draft of the "Narrative Budget" to be used for this year's stewardship campaign.

Father Jeff reported that preschool director, Ruth Gillis, was undergoing rehabilitation following an accident that resulted in a broken femur. Conchita Harris, the Preschool Board and the Preschool teachers and volunteers have been hard at work making up for her absence even as they prepare for "Hallowin". In addition, a revision of the Preschool Bylaws was presented to the Vestry by Mark Philbrook. Several church members assisted in this work to include Rob Richardson, Libby Demmon, Alison Jones and Conchita Harris.

Our very hard working Rector is already months ahead of us as he announced new plans for Vestry retreat (the mortgage!) and soup suppers in the Lenten season. While God may have rested on the seventh day, he did not hibernate for the winter. Let's keep the fire stoking at Holy Trinity as we share in the excitement of enacting God's word! Kasmin Davis, Clerk

# News from the Food Pantry



Now that the weather has cooled off and the rains from the first of the month have stopped we are hoping that things will pick up in the Food Pantry. In September, we gave out 169 bags of food that serviced 351 individuals. We are still using the soups that were donated to us from

Campbell Soup Company, which has helped our families and provided a bit "extra" to the bags. Some of the soups were very high in proteins which also served as a meat substitute.

We thank everyone who has taken the time to bring in food, made donations of money and brought in the trial or travel sized items for the "homeless" bags. All that you do to help this ministry is so greatly appreciated!

Sid Gardner has asked to see if there is anyone interested in shopping for the food pantry to help keep it supplied. You may contact Sid Gardner at 867-9741 for further information. From Sid, Pat Stang, and myself; we thank everyone who has helped with September's shopping, packing and distribution. Thank you so much for all that you do!! Sharon Robertson

## November



**BIRTHDAYS** \*2 Neil Bergman, Barbara Lowinger, Jose Nevarez \*3 George Franks\*7 Tim Lancaster \*9 Joy Van Hout \*10 Phil Caldwell \*11 Toy Brown \*12 Magdalena Brown, Leonora Hall, Emma Long \*13 Matthias Brown \*14 Amy Lancaster \*15 Ella Dixon, Sarah Middleton, Sidney Spiegelberg \*16 Lauren Alecca, Eddie Burkett \*17 Courtney Rudy \*19 Joyce Loughlin, Jayme McNeill, Mark Waller\*20 Winnie Daws \*22 Hastings Holt \*24 Matt Karrenbauer, Nate Bartlett\*26 Lukas Tate \*27 Katie Byrne, Alexander Paz\*28 Libby Demmon \*29 Ed Fields, Lucas Holliday\*30 Hannah Davis, Laurel Hustwit, Qin Rich



### **PRAYER LIST:**

Ted Autry, Baby Louisa, Diane Browne, Jean Canham\*, The Honorable Jimmy Carter, Steve Chiles, Pebo Collier, Clifford Dillon, The Family of Dudley Buck, The Family of Tom and Nancy Holt, The Family of Robert Yoakum, The Family of Karen Saracen, Louise Hall, Joe Harrison, Sandra Hawke, David Holt, Floyd Jenkins, Shonda Johnson, Susanne Kohrman\*, Doris Leggett, Anne Mizelle\*, Marie Parker\*, Penn Perry, Margaret Peterson\*, David Pless, Jeanne Pless, Edward Podusiak, Paul Reichle Jr.\*, Isolene Robertson, Alivia Ruggiero, Joe Running Sr., Chuck Seidel, Bill Singleton, Chris Smith, Scott Surrent, Mary and Harold Syms\*, Eddie Thomas, John and Carol Watkins, Wesley, Frank and Katherine Whaley Anna Wilson, Melissa Yoakum, John and Carol Watkins, Josh Williams, Our Friends at St. Joseph's \*Visitation and Prayers

### **MILITARY PRAYER LIST:**

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

## **Nominees for Vestry 2016 through 2018**

**Scott Hancox:** Ellen and I have been members of Holy Trinity since 1989 and I served on the vestry, stewardship committees and diocesan delegations in the early years, followed by concentrating on youth ministries such as Rite 13, Sign of the Fish, diocesan youth events when my children, Sarah, Laura and Luke were participants. Lately I have served as an 8:00 a.m. Lay Reader and Eucharistic Visitor, but still enjoy assisting with our Children's Sunday School program. As a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew I have cooked hotdogs at every Mayfair since its inception. I am also the 8:00a.m. backup acolyte for Brett Sutton! I love our church but most of all, the people and am excited, willing and able to serve on the Vestry.

**Wendy Hustwit:** My family, J.R., Laurel (8), Henry (5), and I have been members of Holy Trinity since 2010 and I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Vestry. I have many trivial talents like identifying voice-over actors and learning new sports quickly, but I hope to apply my more useful abilities to ensuring our amazing parish continues with important worship and community programs in this time of transition and growth.

I am the Grant Writer/Sponsored Research Officer at Methodist University and have been involved in non-profit grantwriting and administration for more than a decade. I get excited about planning, organizational charts, grammar, and even meetings. At Holy Trinity I have coordinated Supper Club for the past three years and am currently serving as the Nursery liaison to the Vestry. I have previously coordinated Coffee Hour, taught children's Sunday School, and helped plan the fundraiser for the Trinity Center's capital campaign.

Our family regularly attends the 10:30 Sunday service, Sunday School and Adult Formation, the Parish Beach Weekend, and holiday services when we're not visiting family out of town in Southern California or Tampa.

**Fitz Lee:** Fitz and his wife, Anne have been members of Holy Trinity for nine years. Fitz retired from the Army in 2010 and now teaches at Fayetteville State University. He is a member of the Adult and Handbell Choirs, and has served as vestry member and Senior Warden. He has also served on several committees, including the most recent rector search, the last two music director searches and a discernment committee for a candidate to the diaconate. He has also served twice as a delegate to the annual Diocesan Convention. Fitz also sings in various community musical groups.

**Julie Lee-Jacobs:** For the past four years, I have joyfully considered Holy Trinity my spiritual home. My husband, Jake, and I feel an incredible sense of belonging at Holy Trinity and have attended since shortly after we were married.

I first experienced the Episcopal Church while in graduate school. My closest mentors, the women and men who most influenced my spiritual and professional formation, were Episcopalian. They embodied an advocate's spirit that I wanted for myself and introduced me to a way of practicing faith that valued both tradition and new growth, worship through

liturgy, and radical welcoming. I was hooked! In Holy Trinity, I have found a community that nurtures both my introspective nature AND my enjoyment of authentic relationships! I am so grateful.

During my time at Holy Trinity, I have served as an Eucharistic/Lay Minister, a participant in the Handbell Choir, a participant on our most recent Pastoral Search Committee, and most recently, a participant on the Stewardship Committee. And I do love participating in several of our outreach ministries at Holy Trinity.

By trade, I am a clinical psychologist, and I love my work. I find balance in life through vegetable gardening, Carolina Shag dancing with my husband, being still, and cooking.

**Mike Morketter:** Mike Morketter and his wife Ann have been members of Holy Trinity since 1990. Their two children Timmons and Megan were raised here and are now occasional visitors from Charlotte. Over the past 25 years Mike has served in a variety of capacities including two terms on the Vestry, Sunday School teacher, Episcopal Young Church Members co-leader, Building and Grounds committee, Stewardship committee, Holiday Families chair, and a member of the former Pastoral Care group.

**Dane Reid:** I am a lifelong Episcopalian: baptized and confirmed. I have been a member of Holy Trinity since January 2010. While being a member of this church family I have been afforded the opportunity to be an Usher, a Eucharistic Minister, to serve on the Stewardship Committee in 2014, and am now serving on the Newcomers Committee. I am employed as a Laboratory Analyst at the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville. I am flattered and honored to be considered to serve on the Holy Trinity Vestry

**Sharon Robertson:** I was born at Ft Bragg, NC, in the early 1950s and did extensive traveling as an "Army Brat" before my parents returned to Fayetteville, where my father retired. I now consider Fayetteville to be my hometown. I have worked in textiles and moved on to Child Protective Services, where I retired in early 2014 after 28 years at the Department of Social Services. I have had a few volunteer jobs from working at VA Hospital; FAPS (known then as Animal Haven) and Social Services before being hired there.

I attended Holy Trinity for a while as a teenager and returned in 2007, joining the church in 2011. I am active as the Food Pantry Chairperson, Cursillo, the Martha Guild, Altar Guild, and Bible Study at St Paul's in the Pines. I am in my second year in Education for Ministry, studying under Father John Frazier. I also help out at the Fayetteville Transportation and History Museum, transcribing old records. Currently, I am helping to work on the history of Holy Trinity.

This nomination is an honor for me and I look forward to continuing to learn while serving on the Holy Trinity Vestry.