

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

November 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each year at this time, an interesting thing happens in and through our lectionary (the schedule of Biblical selections appointed for Sunday liturgy). As we look toward Advent and Christmas, we hear and read promises by God about how the world might one-day end. This trend ends on the Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday. One reason we will change our sanctuary chair arrangement between All Saints (11/6) and Christ the King (11/20) is to remind us of these promises by God, and our expectation of God's deliverance as a people.

All the while, an historic and unprecedented storm has blown through our country. Houses, roads, bridges and whole communities desperately need repair and rebuilding. While the immediate threat of water has (mostly) receded, the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Matthew is far from over. Moreover, as national attention predictably shifts its gaze elsewhere, we as the church must not. Together we must fill in the gaps and share awareness of those who have been victimized by this unexpected and unprecedented climatological event.

All the while, a different storm continues to blow through our nation. We are thankfully nearing the end of a bitterly polarizing campaign season. We would be naïve not to recognize that, like Hurricane Matthew, this presidential election has left communities and individuals in need of repair. As the tone and quality of political rhetoric continues to descend (on both sides), we are left with a country that needs rebuilding. Just as with Hurricane Matthew, the church needs to remain true to its mission and fill in the gaps when national attention predictably shifts its gaze.

A number of us will be grateful at the outcome of the election on November 9th and a number of us will be disappointed. Many of us will be disheartened either way. Regardless, we already have a messiah, and his name is Jesus. We already know who ultimately wins, and that is God. It is to the Holy One of Israel, a loving and redemptive Creator to which we point and set our hopes. That foundational truth is more than life giving. It changes everything.

As the church, we must continue to rebuild our communities and assist individuals victimized by Hurricane Matthew, especially after attention to their plight has waned. We must strive to do the same for our collective identities as Americans. We are better as a church when we pull together individuals in prayer from a diversity of backgrounds.

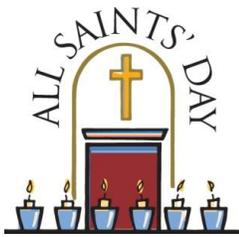
More than that, we as a country are so much better than the standards to which we have held ourselves in this election. We as the church must point towards a loving God who is King, yet reigns through humble, loving service to all of God's people, regardless of who they are and what they believe.

Faithfully, Jeff+

A *BIG THANK YOU* to R-Burgers for providing burgers for Play/Ground and taking a collection for Hurricane Matthew. We collected over \$500.00.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Labyrinth Walk - November 3rd at 7:00 pm. The Evening Labyrinth Walk for November will take place on **Thursday, November 3rd 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



Sunday, November 6th is a busy day at Holy Trinity. The Feast of All Saints will be observed and we will remember those who have died in the last year. There will be an **All Saints Procession** where children will process as a "saint" during the 10:30 service. Each child will dress as a different Saint from throughout history and then they will join the procession as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints! It's a fun and hilarious event that you will not want to miss! Additionally, there will be baptisms during the 10:30 service. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Women's Connection - Wednesday November 9 @ 9:30-11 am in the Parish Hall.

Wonderful Wednesday Fellowship - A new opportunity for fun and fellowship at Holy Trinity. Our meetings have been huge successes and if you have missed them, plan to attend the next Wonderful Wednesday on November 16th. We attend the noon-day service then gather in the parish hall to enjoy a brown bag lunch prepared for you by you. Afterwards there will be a program for all to enjoy. Come and bring a friend. Questions? Contact Jane Squires at 433-2885 or Joyce Lipe at 322-2743.

Stewardship Oyster Roast- Save the date! Saturday November 12th 5p-8p on the back lawn at Holy Trinity. Please join the Stewardship team to celebrate our 2016 Ingathering on Sunday Nov 13th. Oysters, slaw, baked beans, hot dogs and hamburgers. Lots of music, fun and fellowship. Nursery provided. Let us know if you would like someone to pick you up at home.

Please RSVP once on either Facebook, sign-up sheets in Narthex or call the church office at 484-2134. Please see Mike Morketter if you can help set up at 10 Saturday morning or help clean up afterwards.



A folk Christmas Cantata

December 8 & 9, 2016

7 p.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1601

Raeford Road, Fayetteville

Pay What You Will. Proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Sweet Tea Shakespeare. Church members: we are seeking holiday treats and beverages for sharing at this festive event. If you'd like to contribute cookies or holiday snacks, beer, wine, cider, or sweet tea, please email verger@holytrinityfay.org

Repairing Homes, Transforming Lives -Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian ministry that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia (NC, TN, KY, VA and WV). ASP offers transformational volunteer opportunities for adults **and** youth (must be 14 years of age). More than 17,000 volunteers from around the country served with ASP in rural Central Appalachia last year.

ASP is more than just a building program. Yes, Appalachia's poorest families urgently need your help, but they can help change your life, too. You'll return home with a passion for service, a renewed compassion for other people, and a fresh appreciation for your place and purpose in this world.

Join us on Sunday, November 20th at 12:30 PM to hear more about this extraordinary opportunity for the summer of 2017. This informational meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in participating, please contact Sarah Moorman at 484-0118.

Schola Cantorum of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina will be singing Evensong at The Village Chapel 10 Azalea Road, Pinehurst on Sunday **November 20 at 5:00pm**. This sung service of prayer and praise will feature a grand anthem, "I Was Glad" by Sir Hubert Parry. Royal Family followers will recall this anthem from the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton as the Processional. All are invited to attend the Evensong.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing Services: Holy Trinity will offer Healing Services on Sunday, November 13 and December 11 during the 10:30 service. We are looking for people who feel called to join this ministry and learn more about the laying on of hands for healing. Please contact The Rev. Anne Thornberg (annethornberg@gmail.com) if you would like to learn more or join this team.

Children's Church (10:30 service)- Children **ages 4 to 5th grade** are invited to follow the Bell Cross out of the sanctuary for Children's Church. They will go down the hall to the Godly Play room in the Johnston Wing to sing, hear a sacred story, and join together in prayer. Please join us!

We need your help! Holy Trinity is planning an Auction Event for Friday, February 24th. Proceeds will be used to pay off some of Holy Trinity's building debt. Please help us to make the auction a success by filling out this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8C9WCST>

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Ray at 910-391-0118 / gizzieray@gmail.com

Parents Forum: Come meet with other parents of children & youth. This series is not a parenting class or a lecture on discipline. It is a moderated, casual conversation among parents, providing time and space to share thoughts, questions and concerns, and to build community among parents. A team of 2-3 parent moderators will keep conversation going, impart a bit of their parenting experience and wisdom, and share both their best parenting moments and their mistakes. The Sundays this Fall for these forums are November 13th, and December 11th.

If you have questions or would like to suggest a topic, please contact The Rev. Anne Thornberg at annethornberg@gmail.com

Women's Connection is a place for moms of every kind to gather, share their lives, and grow in faith. We will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Parish Hall (there will be childcare provided for these events), on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm in the sanctuary for Yoga on the Labyrinth, and one Friday a month for a more social and informal gathering. While the nature of the group lends itself to mothers of small children, we hope that wherever you are on your journey through motherhood, you will consider joining us. We are all enriched by the stories and experiences of one another, especially ones who have gone before. Please pick up a flier with our fall dates in the Narthex, join our Facebook group and come whenever you are available.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact The Rev. Anne Thornberg at annethornberg@gmail.com

Election Day Volunteers Needed: On Tuesday, November 8th, Holy Trinity is a polling location. Volunteers are needed to direct voters to the entrance door and parking. Please let Janice know if you can help (910-484-2134) . Thank you, *Janice*

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 6th

Don't forgot to set your clocks back on Saturday night, November 5th.

Reports and Updates

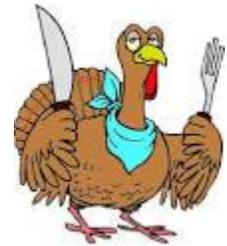


GOING OUT TO SERVE ... PARTNERING WITH MARGARET WILLIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Warm Coats for Cold Children: We are once again collecting coats for students at Margaret Willis who may be without. Gently used coats are accepted as well as new coats or money with which to buy them. Beginning Sunday, October 2 a tub will be in the Narthex to receive the coats. Sizes can range from kindergarten age to 5th graders, some of whom can use adult sizes. If you prefer we buy the coat, please make a check to Holy Trinity and designate MW coats. Thank you, *Nancy Broadwell*

ADOPT -A -FAMILY

It is time to start thinking about the holidays and what we can do to help others in our community have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Beginning Sunday, October 30th, look for the "Turkey Tree" in the Narthex filled with Thanksgiving meal items. Please consider helping with our Adopt A Family effort by taking "Leaves" from the tree, shopping for the food, and bringing the items back to Holy Trinity to be delivered to our adopted families from Margaret Willis. Bulletin announcements will give more specific dates and details closer to the time. If you prefer to donate to help us shop, just write "Adopt A Family" in the memo line of your check and put it in the collection plate or take it to the church office.



In addition to shopping for the Thanksgiving meal, we need 7 Holy Trinity families, individuals, or groups to deliver the food to the Margaret Willis families before Thanksgiving. There will be a sign-up sheet for those willing to deliver in the Narthex also. Thank you, *Bette Scott*



PRESCHOOL NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are moving from spooky things to thankfulness in the preschool. Once again, the preschoolers will collect canned goods for the Food Pantry and deliver their collections in person. We've planted broccoli and pumpkins and are watching their progress.

Thank you for your support of our fall fundraiser - wreaths and garland from Alleghany County, NC, and bows made by our own hands! If you missed ordering for this year, we will be back next fall! *Ruth Gillis, Director*

News from the Food Pantry

Because the Food pantry continues to be closed on Fridays, food was distributed on 16 days in September. Also, there were heavy rains in September that affected our numbers, making them lower than normal. We served 134 households; 37 were new households representing 277 total individuals served.

June Lancaster retired from bagging after serving the Food Pantry faithfully for many years. Thank you, June! Welcome to Elaine McKay and Karen Corey for filling June's shoes.

Mary Mac Shields proposed an idea that Holy Trinity host a "love lunch" for our food pantry clients. We've invited our clients to lunch on December 8th. Many of our patrons are older people living alone. This will give them a chance to share a meal of soup, bread and fruit. Please talk to Mary Mac if you would like to contribute something and share a meal with these some of these delightful people.

Every month, the food pantry has many people to thank. A BIG thank you to:

- everyone who has contributed supplies and toiletries for our homeless bags, which are now reusable and brightly colored bags.
- the people who donate the plastic bags and those that double bag them.
- Sid Gardner and Pat Stang, Toy Brown and Karen and Sharon Robertson for all they do to make this a meaningful and viable ministry at Holy Trinity.

Youth: Mark your calendars for these upcoming events.....

- November 13, Youth Event
- November 18-20, Rite 13 Fall Conference (6-8 grades) @ Trinity Center
- December 11, Christmas Party

REQUEST: Please keep the sanctuary doors closed to better control the temperature in the sanctuary. Thank you.

PRAYER LIST:



Frank Allison, III, John Ashford, Michael Ashford, George Atkinson Family, Baby Louisa, Baucom Family, Bobby, Taylor and John Dawsey, Carter Davis Family, Amelia Doran, Matthew Ernest, Luce Family, Vicci Fix, Steve Hardin, Hall and Seidel Families, Kai Harris, Ming Gardner, Louise Hall, Diana Harvey, Glen Himmaugh, Vivian Hollinshed, Ephram Hood, Bridget Irwin, Larry Jensen, Jessica, Felicia Kaminski, Linda Karp, Barbara Kelley, Matthew Kirec, Susanne Kohrman*, Koonce Family, Lolita Lao, Pat Leal, Lynne, Margie Maxwell Family, Janice McFadyen, Lenora Maestas, Anne Mizelle*, Sandra Moore, Kalia Mullins and grandmother, Doris Mumford, Eve Nichols Family, Julia Ann Odom-Rzonca Family, Carol Orr, Marie Parker*, Barbara Paul, Pearce Family, Wilbur Peffley, Margaret Peterson*, Diane Rauch, Paul Reichle Jr.*, Alice Reid, Isolene Robertson, Robin, Angela Rowley, Alicia Russell, Betty Smith, Delia Stark, Staus Family, Natalie Sutton, Mary and Harold Syms*, Jimmy Teachey, Justin Thompson, Carolyn and Bill Wagoner, Francis Winter, Jeanette Zabala and everyone affected by Hurricane Matthew.

* 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, Abigail, Patrick and all their families.

Contact the church office at 910-484-2134 or admin@holytrinityfay.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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 William Emmons **2** Neil Bergman, Barbara Lowinger, Dan Thoma **3** George Franks **6** Tara Bartal **7** Tim Lancaster **9** Joy Van Hout **10** Phil Caldwell **11** Toy Brown, Bill Smith **12** Magdalena Brown, Leonora Hall **13** Matthias Brown **14** Amy Lancaster **15** Sarah Middleton, Sidney Spiegelberg **16** Lauren Alecca, Eddie Burkett, Jonathan Bailey **17** Nick Ashford **18** Kaitlin Zuravel, Peter Fleming **19** Joyce Loughlin, Jayme McNeill, Mark Waller, Catherine Moorman **20** Winnie Daws **22** Hastings Holt, Sarah Carter, Nelson Grimes **24** Matt Karrenbauer, Nate Bartlett **27** Katie Byrne **28** Libby Demmon **29** Ed Fields, Lucas Holliday **30** Hannah Davis, Laurel Hustwit, Qin Rich



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Tara Bartal, Jeremy Fiebig and Jon Hecker, Vergers

Janice Luce, Parish Administrator

Jewely Schroeder, Financial Administrator

Ruth Folger Gillis, Preschool Director

Melissa Hickman, Nursery Coordinator

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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