

MARCH

2014

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Holy Trinity,



There are scarcely enough words to express the deep gratitude David and I feel for all the kindnesses you have shown us! Your warm welcome has made us feel at home from the very first moment we arrived in Fayetteville. And your joyful spirit and energetic devotion to Christ's mission and ministry make me so grateful for the opportunity to be among you and join you in the important work of transition.

And, transition is indeed work. We human beings don't much like change; but, change seems to come right along with our humanity. My grandmother used to say that the only thing constant in life is change. This is true not only in our personal lives, but in our parish life as well. Enter the Interim Rector.

Now, some of you may be asking, "What is an *Interim* Rector?" Good question. An Interim Rector is a priest with special training in the many aspects and challenges of transition in congregations. Many years ago interim priests were simply placeholders until a new rector could be found. But, by the 1980's, those who studied congregational life found that there are crucial developmental tasks that arise in the interim period and when those tasks are accomplished successfully the health of the parish is enhanced and the probability of a successful ministry with a new rector is markedly increased. Those developmental tasks certainly include tending to the pastoral basics - that is, planning worship and preaching, pastoral work, and church administration. But, beyond the basics, interim ministry includes 1) helping the congregation understand the shifts in our culture that influence how we go about being the church and, then, facilitating some of the adaptive change necessary to be the church in today's culture; 2) assessing and evaluating the various aspects of congregational life - that is, determining congregational identity and mission; 3) bringing before the parish various biblical texts and teachings that seem to be calling them into renewal and transformation; and, 4) acting as coach and

encourager in all that we do. The fifth developmental task is oftentimes the most difficult. This task assesses staffing needs and patterns and makes changes, if necessary. While difficult, this is the interim task that usually helps the new rector the most.

So, you can see that we have some work to do! But, from what I've seen and experienced so far, I'm pretty sure that this will be enjoyable and meaningful work. This parish seems to be embracing change joyfully, trusting in God and one another; and that helps the process so very much. So, this time of transition will be a time to dream with God and then set about to make God's dreams a reality.

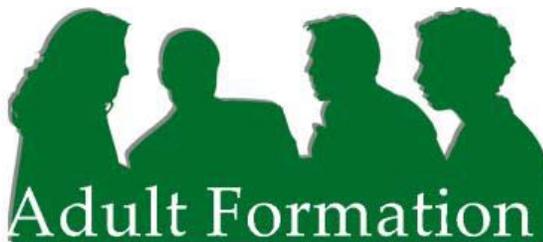
Friends, I am so glad to be here with you at this special time in the life of Holy Trinity. And I am so excited about what God is doing in this place with such very special people! May God bless each one of you and strengthen and sustain all of us for the extraordinary tasks of ministry with which Christ Jesus has entrusted us.

Mother Judith+

Bishop's Visit



If you completed a previous **CONFIRMATION & INQUIRERS Class** and would like to be confirmed or received by the Bishop on Sunday, March 30th, please contact the church office 910-484-2134.



The Adult Formation welcomes you to join us every Sunday morning for fellowship. We meet in the Johnston Wing at 9:30am. Upcoming topics include Adam Hamilton's study, "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White", and Q&A "What is a Bishop"? We look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Preschool Says THANK YOU

Special thanks to all for a great lobster fundraiser. We always appreciate the generous support that the church family gives Holy Trinity Preschool!



BIRTHDAYS

1 Julia Odom-Rzonca 2 Tabitha Durgin, Joyce Lipe * 3 Barbara Brooks, Mary Erwin Olive, Mark Saracen * 5 Emmy Douglas, Champ Saint-Amand* 6 Carmen Kelly * 7 Jacob Spiegelberg *8 Beth Early, Roya Taheri *9 Jon Chase* 10 Ming Gardner, Isabel Holt, Sophia Paz * 11 Mari Dyer, Garvin Ferguson* 12 Anne Chisolm, Nate Middleton, Juan Perez * 13 Laura Childs, Harold Syms, Jr. 14 Patricia Driscoll *15 John Connor *16 Connor Harding *17 Madeline Russell *19 Heather Gridder*20 Valerie Connor, Ainslie Laslie, Griffin Montgomery *21 William Burgdorf, Heather Harding, Teena Morris *22 Martha Clark, Brenda Dixon, Ron Sarcacen *23 John Dixon*24 Mike Avery, Tinsley Olive, Benjamin Udoh *25 Tommie Brown, Connie Koonce, Carl Mitchell, James Mixon*27 Vi Piner *28 Luke Saracen *29 Martha Owens, Thomas Driscoll, Zachary Lutes *30 Hunter Olive, William Swinford*

Rite 13

A HUGE thank you to Holy Trinity for their support of Rite 13 – we raised a little over \$900 with our spaghetti lunch. We set-up tables, prepared salad and spaghetti, served the food along with drinks and dessert and then cleaned up. The youth were organized and efficient – and the spaghetti was good!! (Sorry, we won't be able to duplicate the recipe as we added an unknown amount and type of spaghetti sauce mix to the tomato sauce)!



Money raised will help us with our upcoming trip to Washington DC May 16-18. We plan to have a speaker from the Homeless Coalition on Friday night and will then do an Outreach Run with them on Saturday morning. We plan to tour the National Cathedral, do some sightseeing, enjoy dinner together and then do a walking tour of the monuments on Saturday night. We will attend church on Sunday morning at the National Cathedral and then return home.



Rite 13 helped J2A with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday March 4th. This is a service project, not a fundraiser! Look for pictures in the next newsletter.

We held our Lock-In on Friday March 7th!! We met at the church at 6pm and painted the infant room (all one color – and a color that we did not choose. If you do not understand this, please come visit our room some Sunday morning!) We will include pictures and information about this in next month's newsletter.

We have three Rite 13'ers serving as team members for New Beginnings at Trinity Center on March 21-23. They are Elizabeth Scott, Meghan Kirchen and Douglas Kelly. Amanda Taheri and Cole Kirchen from J2A are also on the Team. Please pray for them and offer support as they become active in this ministry and grow in their faith.

We also continue to meet on Sunday mornings to join together in faith and study. Stewart Harsant is leading a study on prayer – we started with the Lord's Prayer a couple weeks ago. Judy Philbrook

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7-8th: Lock-in and Service project at the church

March 13th: Winterjam at the Crown Coliseum

March 21-23: New Beginnings at Trinity Center

May 16-18: Trip to Washington DC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Knitting Group - Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

Knitting Group is beginning to knit again! That's right, ladies, come to the church library to join our knitting group on Thursday evenings at 7pm. We will continue to knit (or crochet) prayer shawls. Beginners as well as more advanced knitters welcome. We're gathering to learn, enjoy fellowship with one another and to complete prayer shawls as gifts to our shut-ins. Look forward to seeing you on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Jane Squires



March Labyrinth Walk

Our regularly scheduled monthly Evening Labyrinth Walk will take place on **Thursday, March 6th** from 7 pm - 9 pm. Please arrive promptly at 7 pm if you wish to view the optional orientation video. Please arrive no later than 8:15 pm if you just want to walk it. As usual, soft music and candles accompany the walk.
Joyce Loughlin

CROP HUNGER WALK - Sunday Afternoon, April 13, 2014

Registration @ 2:00pm - Step-off @ 3:00 pm

Evans Metropolitan AME Zion Church

Routes: 5K and 1 mile

www.crophungerwalk.org/fayettevillenc

Contact Conchita Harris 931-249-2820



Preschool enrollment for the fall is open. There are openings in 2- and 3-year-old classes. Call the school office for more information - 484-0250.



Parish Beach Weekend

As you sit safely at home watching the sun shine on the melting snow, remember that it's only three months until you can sit on the beach watching the sun shine on the sand and surf. Yes, it's only three months until our Parish Beach Weekend - May 23-25, Memorial Day. Mark it on your calendar and complete the registration form in this newsletter. It's a wonderful time to get away from the hustle bustle of the city and relax with family, meet new and old friends, eat delicious food, practice yoga, play games, experience Sunday service overlooking the ocean, and much, much more. Please see Joyce Loughlin or Louise Hall if you have any questions, suggestions or would like to help with planning. It's always a memorable weekend, no matter what your age there is something fun to do! Hope to see you there! Remember, Friday, May 23 to Sunday, May 25, 2014.

Coupon Ministry Daughters of the King

The Holy Trinity Dorcas Chapter of Daughters of the King, a group dedicated to "prayer, service and evangelism" is beginning a coupon clipping project. We will clip coupons and send them to military families abroad. These coupons enhance the well-being of overseas military families by sending them food, non-food, baby, and pet food coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther.



It's an easy way to make a big difference in someone's life.

Here at home it's easy -- our papers and magazines arrive full of coupons. Overseas, for military families, it doesn't. But -- the stores on overseas military bases accept manufacturer coupons from the United States and even expired ones (but our goal is to get the coupons sent before they expire).

Every dollar we can help them save in their on-base store makes their American dollar worth more to them for things off-base.

Daughters of the King has placed a box in the parish hall where you can leave your unwanted coupons. If you clip them, that's great, but if you don't have time, we have a team of workers who will meet on Wednesday mornings to clip and sort. If you have any questions or have time to help clip, please see any member of Daughters of the King - Louise Hall, Martha Brown, Debbie Holfelder, Brenda Thomas, Rosemary Zimmerman, Anne Chisolm, Alice Bull, Paula Stewart, Eden Suguitan, Mary Mac Shields, or Julia Ann Rzonca Odom.

We will soon be holding an informational meeting about joining Daughters of the King and would love to have you join us. Watch the next Good Newsletter for dates and times.

Below is a prayer we pray daily.

For His Sake ...

I am but one, but I am one,

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do.

HOLY TRINITY REPORTS AND UPDATES

News from the Food Pantry



One hundred sixty seven of our Cumberland County friends received bags of food from Holy Trinity's Food Pantry in January. The fact that the Food Pantry is open every day during the week from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm is a big help for those who have difficulty with transportation. Most of our clients carpool with folks in their neighborhoods, while others walk or ride bicycles to get here. All are most appreciative of our help.

To receive food assistance a person must reside in Cumberland County and have a valid NC driver's license. A household may receive food once a month. Each month 20 to 40 new clients are added to our roster.

While we received some most-welcome outside financial assistance for the Food Pantry in January, our Holy Trinity family continues to be the bed-rock support for this program. Your gifts of non-perishable food and your monetary donations enable the Food Pantry to serve our needy neighbors throughout the year. Thank you. Alexa Haar.

The Food Pantry stocks the following items

- Canned meats: Chicken, beef, Spam, tuna, salmon, chicken and dumplings, beef stew, chili, hearty soups
- Canned vegetables and fruit
- Peanut butter and saltines
- Rice and boxed mac 'n cheese
- Cookies

FEBRUARY 2014 VESTRY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

The Holy Trinity Vestry had their first monthly meeting with our new Interim Rector Judith Reese on February 20, 2014. Junior Warden Mark Philbrook updated the Vestry on the completed repairs from the church break-in as well as planned drywall repairs and painting for the church steeple and one of the church bathrooms. Plans are also underway to repaint the nursery. Cheers to the Holy Trinity Youth for offering to take on the painting of the nursery as a service project!

Senior Warden Jane Horrocks emphasized the need for written standards for many church functions and equipment operating procedures. Examples include weddings, funerals, receptions, building usage and key access. Please offer to lend a hand to Jane and the Vestry if you have experience or expertise in some of these areas! Rector candidates will expect that a church of our size will have these written standards in place upon their arrival.

Mother Reese shared an interesting handout with the Vestry that differentiated Mission-Focused Congregations from Clergy-Focused Congregations. In Mission-Focused Congregations there is a clear focus on church identity and destiny. Stewardship is emphasized and responsibility is distributed. Needs are met without promoting dependency and clergy are expected to organize people toward mission. Mission-Focused churches allow resilience in functioning, clergy are allowed to be "private" citizens and conflict is managed through openness and mutual respect and feedback. It is clear from our motto "Come in to Worship, Go Out to Serve" that we should strive to be a Mission-Focused Congregation. If you wish to know more about how the Clergy-Focused Congregation differs, please ask a Vestry member to share or discuss this information with you!

Plans are in progress about how to organize Lenten and Easter services. If there are changes that you would like to see in this year's Lenten or Easter activities now is the time for your input, as the Lenten and Easter seasons are quickly approaching. Submitted by Kasmin M. Davis, Vestry Clerk

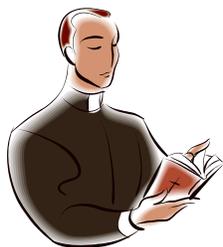


Bishop Search Update

The excitement around the Bishop Search continues to grow! Please use these websites and email addresses below to receive current information on the search. The Transition Committee will utilize Diocesan House's current email list to communicate information about the nominees, WalkAbouts, the election, and consecration. If people would like to be on the email list, they can visit the Diocesan website (<http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org>) and click on the link that says "Sign up for our weekly newsletter".

The official Bishop Search website is www.eastcarolinabishopsearch.com. There is a Twitter feed available at www.twitter.com/ECBishopSearch, and information will be available on the Diocesan Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/dioec>). Video conversations with the nominees will be available in early May and will be on both the bishop search website and on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ECBishopSearch/>.

Holy Spirit, guide our discernment as we seek the next bishop for our diocese. Be with us as we gather and discuss our life together. Help us remember, celebrate, and dream. Nurture in us the vision you have for our future. Through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep. Amen.



Rector Search Committee Update

Your Rector Search Committee has been meeting regularly – rescheduling around the winter storms. On February 18th we met with our Interim Rector, the Rev. Judith Reese. Judith has served as a consultant to Rector Search Committees in Tennessee. Her advice to us was very helpful.

We are currently working on gathering information for our electronic parish profile – an important but not a very exciting task. Of much more interest to our Committee is the planning for several types of congregational meetings

and surveys. It is our hope that all parishioners will participate in one or more of these activities. Widespread participation will allow all to be heard as we define who we are as a church now and develop our vision for the future of Holy Trinity. Only then can we determine the qualities needed by our next Rector to enable us to progress toward this vision.



Please watch for announcements to be made SOON about the specific opportunities for YOU to participate in this crucial aspect of our search process. Thank you. Howard Loughlin, Chair

Committee members: Jordan Capps, Jimmy Driscoll, Beth Early, Garvin Ferguson, Nan Fiebig, Conchita Harris, Jean Harrison, Jeff Jones, Fitz Lee, Julie Lee-Jacobs, Elizabeth Scott, David Sullivan, Rosemary Zimmerman



Prayer List

Jones P. Agustin, Vilmar Agustin, Brian Banks, Joyce Braswell, Jean Canham, Torrey Carrington, Debbie Chase, Gary Copeland, Oscar Davis, George Franks, Desiree Hobbs, Victor Murray Hottel, Cindy Humphrey, Pam Jenkins, Steve Jones, Gerald Karp, the Family of Winston Matthews, Megan McFadyen, Sam McKenzie, Cindy Mink, Hudson Moore, Peter Niccum, Gloria A. Pandongan, Marie Parker, Margaret Peterson, Vi Piner, Paul Reichle, Jr., Lee Robertson, Kevin Smith, Mimi Spears, Elaine Suguitan, Harold Syms, Deb Hughes Tyler, Louise Walters



Military Prayer List

David Alecca, Jacob Allen, Tom Boyle, Bill Burgdorf, Christopher Casey, Daryl Casey, Kyle Chase, Michael Chase, Geoff Childs, John Chisolm, Leroy Chisolm, Lychelle Chisolm, John Connor, John Franklin, Scott Harris, Brian Hoffman, Oliver Karp, Ryan Kenny, Brent Miller, Zach Miller, Ivey Paige, Tony Paz, Juan Perez, Daniel Robert, Tim Ripley, Alex Ruggiero, Cedric Scott, Jeffrey Sinclair, David Witty, and Thomas Witty

A Reminder of Adjustments to the Continuing Prayer List

To simplify the administration of the Continuing Prayer List, we have made some changes that went into effect in January 2014. Names will be kept on the list for 3 months. After the three month period, the name will be removed from the list unless it is renewed. This 3-month limit does not affect the Military Prayer List or the Visitation List.

When you renew or add a person to the Prayer List, please provide the name, the reason (optional), and your name and phone number. Also tell us whether or not you would like the name published in the Sunday bulletin. Prayers may be requested for someone who does not wish to be listed in the bulletin. Be sure you have the person's permission to add them to any of our Prayer Lists. Please contact the church office with prayer requests by phone: 910-484-2134 or email: admin@holytrinityfay.org.

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