



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church March 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We need Lent. More than ever, I believe we individually and collectively need a time of prayer, fasting, and introspection. A season to pause and turn towards God. That season is upon us.

I bid and implore each and every one of us to holy observance of Lent in 2017, beginning Wednesday March 1st. There are many ways to observe this holy season: prayer, spiritual practice, and/or self-denial. In addition to individual practices you may choose to bring into your home, Holy Trinity has several opportunities I would like to tell you about:

- 1) Participating in Ash Wednesday services is a great way to start a season of prayer and spiritual conversion. We will be offering 4 Ash Wednesday services to our community on March 1st, to accommodate varied needs and schedules. I strongly encourage you to be a part of this holy day in our community of faith.
 - 8:00am Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist (spoken)
 - 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist (spoken)
 - 4:00pm Simplified Children's Ash Wednesday Service
(spoken, less than 30 minutes)
 - 7:00pm Primary Ash Wednesday Service with choir and music
- 2) Our Sunday morning worship will look slightly different during Lent. We will be utilizing the "Penitential Order," (BCP page 351). We will have silent processions and recessions into and out of worship. Like last year, our chairs will be arranged such that some (but not all) chairs are facing one another, for those desiring a contemplative experience.
- 3) As is our custom, we will be offering Simple Soup Suppers during the season of Lent (**Tuesday 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, and 4/4**) at **5:30pm**. Following these Simple Soup Suppers, I will be leading a Book Group, a discussion of David Brooks' *The Road to Character* from 6:30pm - 8:00pm). This book group will do more than discuss the book. We will intentionally engage one another and reflect on our experiences in a complex world. If you are interested in this Book Group, please email me at rector@holytrinityfay.org
- 4) On Sunday mornings during the season of Lent (**9:30 - 10:15am**), I will be leading the Adult Forum in the Parish Hall. We will be studying the 1979 Book of Common Prayer following Derek Olson's new book, *Inwardly Digest*. This will be an opportunity to intentionally engage the season of Lent through a uniquely Anglican/Episcopal lens. Please join us!
- 5) **SAVE THE DATE**. Our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving will be visiting Holy Trinity on **Sunday May 21st at 4:30pm** offering Confirmation, Reception or

Reaffirmation. If you would like one of these sacraments, I ask you to attend the Tuesday evening class and/or the Sunday morning classes during Lent. I will also gather the group during the season of Easter before the bishop's visit. Please email me at rector@holytrinityfay.org

- 6) Lastly, one of the great gifts of our Anglican heritage is our worship during Holy Week. In addition to Ash Wednesday, I strongly urge to worship with us during Holy Week:

Sunday, April 9th	Palm Sunday (8am and 10:30am)
Thursday, April 13th	Maundy Thursday (7:00pm)
Friday, April 14th	Good Friday (12:00pm)
Saturday, April 15th	The Great Vigil of Easter (8:00pm)
Sunday, April 16th	Easter Sunday (8:00am and 10:30am)

However you choose and are able to participate this year, I urge you to invite God into your life this Lent. Inviting transformation requires intention, openness, and community. I pray this season finds you able to authentically and whole-heartedly enter into the story of our Christian faith.

Faithfully,
Jeff+

Save the Date!
Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations
Sunday, May 21st at 4:30pm

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving, will make a special visit to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on **Sunday, May 21st at 4:30pm**. It will serve as a time for Bishop Rob to better know our church, support our leadership, and guide our common life (please come!) Furthermore, Bishop Rob's visitation will be an opportunity for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation for individuals in our community.

The sacrament of confirmation is the opportunity for individuals already baptized (in an Episcopal Church or in another Christian denomination) to make a mature public affirmation of their baptismal vows and receive the laying on of hands by our bishop. Any members of Holy Trinity who have not yet been confirmed, and who will turn 16 years of age by the end of 2017 will be eligible for this sacrament.

Reception will be offered for any individuals who have been confirmed in another Christian denomination, but who would like to reaffirm their baptismal vows and be received into the Episcopal Church by the laying on of hands by our bishop. I have spoken to several members of Holy Trinity, new and seasoned, for which this option might apply. This is the manner in which one would officially become "Episcopalian."

Reaffirmation is open to anyone who has previously been confirmed (or received) as an Episcopalian, yet desires to publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows and receive the laying on of hands by our bishop. The opportunity for reaffirmation is open to anyone, and I have personally experienced how helpful it can be for one's journey of faith.

Therefore, if your journey of faith at present is such that you desire this experience, I invite you to be reaffirmed on Sunday, May 21st as well.

The preparation for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation will essentially be the same. I will be offering classes during Lent. One on Tuesday evenings during Lent **3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4) at 6:30pm.** This class will follow and expand on David Brooks' bestselling book *The Road to Character*. Additionally, on Sunday mornings during Lent **(3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 and 4/2) at 9:30am,** I will be teaching the Adult Forums in the Parish Hall following Derek Olsen's book *Inwardly Digest*.

I ask those requesting Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation to attend either the Tuesday evening classes or Sunday morning classes during Lent. I will also gather all receiving these sacraments for 2 sessions sometime during the Easter Season.

In addition to participants in the class, I would like to find others who might pray with and offer hospitality for the individuals in this class. Whatever your current spiritual practice and theological foundation, I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in one of these three opportunities. If you are interested in be a part of these classes, I ask that you email me (rector@holytrinityfay.org) before January 28, 2017.

Faithfully,
Jeff+

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Labyrinth Walk - there is **NO** Labyrinth Walk in March. Mark your calendars for April 6th at 7:00 pm. See you then. *Tara Bartal*



Tuesdays, Lenten Simple Soup Suppers, 5:30 pm followed by a class on David Brook's bestselling book, *The Road to Character* @ 6:30pm in the Johnston Wing.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group Responsible for Supper</u>
March 7 -	Altar Guild
March 14 -	Music Ministry
March 21 -	Cursillo
March 28 -	DOK
April 4 -	Vestry

The Raleigh Ringers

The Raleigh (Handbell) Ringers will be performing on Saturday, April 8 at 7:00pm at The Village Chapel in Pinehurst. Group rate for Fayetteville/HT folks is \$14 per ticket. Children 12 and under are \$10. Please contact Beth Jordan at 817-793-9903 or jordanem8@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Parish Weekend at the Beach! Registration for the Parish Beach Weekend will start on Sunday, March 5. Registration forms will be available in the narthex before and after the 10:30 service AND on the Holy Trinity Website. Rooms are first come, first serve. There is a \$50.00 deposit due to hold your room. Please contact Amy St. Peter (910) 977-6141 or Beth Early (910) 481-0806 if you have any questions. *Amy St. Peter & Beth Early*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPISCOPAL RELIEF and DEVELOPMENT: The Lenten Devotional printed booklets are available on the table in the parish hall. You can also go to erd.org and read them online or sign up to have them sent to you electronically. These are a way to intentionally connect your private devotion with learning about the work done by Episcopal Relief and Development around the world.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS: Lay Eucharistic Visitors are individuals trained and empowered to bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to others who are unable to receive the sacrament in church, yet desire to do so. This can be a very spiritually rich and life giving ministry and we are hoping to expand our current list of visitors. If this is something you feel called to be a part of or find yourself interested in learning more, please join us for an information session on **March 12th after the 10:30am service**. If you have any questions, please contact The Rev Anne Thornberg @ annethornberg@gmail.com.
In faith, The Rev. Anne Thornberg

PARENTS FORUM: Come meet with other parents of children and 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 for these forums this spring are: March 12th, April 9th, and May 7th. We will meet in the Library. Please join us! If you have questions or would like to suggest a topic, please contact The Rev. Anne Thornberg at annethornberg@gmail.com

ACOLYTE Exploration: Everyone interested in starting as a new acolyte or in continuing the acolyte training you already have, please meet after the service on March 5 to help set up training times. We will gather in the EAST TRANSEPT. Parents are encouraged to join us. If you are interested, but not sure, come and ask questions. *Katherine Whaley*

Reports and Updates

February 2017 Vestry Highlights

The vestry met Thursday, February 16 and all members were present. The meeting opened with prayer led by Scott Hancox and was called to order by the Rector.

Financial Statements for January were presented, with comments, by Treasurer, Neil Bergman, and were accepted. No significant issues were found, and operations are within budget. Significant discussion followed regarding the need for the budgeting process to be formalized for specific ministries supported by the parish, and to communicate to ministry leaders procedures for securing payment for budgeted expenses as well as non-budgeted expenses. The Finance/Executive committee is working on developing processes for vestry consideration under the capable leadership of Wendy Hustwit.

Reports were received from the Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and vestry liaisons. The Rector brought the vestry up to speed on his doctoral degree progress as well as our clergy's support of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Massey Hill. Keith St. Peter, along with John Kells, will be investigating what appears to be a potentially significant problem with the Parish Hall floor.

Planning is beginning for "Holy Smokes" (formerly known as "Smoke Fest") to be held the Saturday after Easter (April 22). Holy Smokes will be sponsored by the Stewardship Team.

Outreach to Margaret Willis continues to expand. Members of that ministry team are working with the school's social worker to identify needs of those still suffering from Hurricane Matthew that may be met by Holy Trinity and/or the Diocese. The meeting concluded with Compline. The next vestry meeting will be on March 16. *Tom Holt*

News from the Food Pantry

January was a good month for the Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Thanks to all who remembered us on In-gathering Sunday. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

In January, we served a total of 273 individuals in 133 households. Currently the majority of clients served are under 59 years of age and we are serving more families. During the winter, we are still adding an extra can of soup to each bag.

The congregation of St. Paul's in the Pines blessed us with five boxes of assorted soups, juices and crackers to help us in this ministry. We thank both congregations for seeing our need and helping out! Thank you also to the volunteers who do so much! *Sid Gardner, Pat Stang, Karen and Sharon Robertson*



News from the Preschool!

Thanks so much to all for your support of our lobster fundraiser! We netted more than \$3500. Super!

Registration is continuing in the preschool office for school year 2017-18. Share the word with your friends and neighbors! *Ruth Gillis*

Wonderful Wednesday: The February Wonderful Wednesday was well attended with a presentation of library information by Friends of the Library member, Toy Brown. Ms. Brown showed us how to reserve books using the library site and also how to obtain e-books. With countless books at our fingertips we will all be able to navigate the system and find old favorites as well as new best sellers. Toy gave a gift certificate for Barnes and Nobles that was won by Joyce Lipe. A delicious assortment of Valentine candy was a gift from Carolyn Tosi and enjoyed by all. No calories in Valentine candy!

On March 15th, a team from the Red Cross will demonstrate and teach the latest in CPR. The April 19th meeting will be conducted by the Fayetteville Police Department on personal safety. Our May meeting will find us drifting down the Cape Fear River on a riverboat cruise.

There are endless things to do and learn about in the Fayetteville area. Suggestions for future programs are always welcome. Please call Jane Squires at 910-433-2885. Come join your friends for Wonderful Wednesdays held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We gather for Holy Communion at noon, enjoy a bag lunch, followed by a program or outing. See you there!

Joyce Lipe, Jane Squires

GREETINGS FROM THE LABYRINTH



The next scheduled evening labyrinth walk will be Thursday, April 6th. If you are interested in watching the orientation video please arrive no later than 7pm. For regular walkers, please arrive no later than 8:15pm.

Some of you may be familiar with the labyrinth and some of you may not understand what it is and what purpose it serves. A labyrinth is not a maze that goes in different directions where one could get lost. A labyrinth is one path. An archetype symbol of spiritual journeying and renewal. Many pray while walking the labyrinth. Just as one uses a rosary to pray, some choose to use the labyrinth.

We have a variety of visitors; people who are not members of Holy Trinity and some who aren't Christian. Just recently, a gentleman from another church and denomination came to the labyrinth for healing. His wife had recently passed away and he was walking the labyrinth because she had done it. In some way, this may have helped his grieving process. Another man was in tears walking the labyrinth. He didn't share anything personal with the volunteers, just that God was good!

I just wanted to share with the Holy Trinity Family some of the good things that are happening with the evening walks. *A light is shining from this place and it is reaching outward to the community!*

Thank you to all those who assist in moving chairs and volunteer for the labyrinth walks! If anyone would be interested in volunteering please contact the church office or email me, Tara Bartal at tarabartist@gmail.com. *Tara Bartal*

Daughters of the King Tea
Holy Trinity
February 12, 2017



Birthday Blessings

MARCH BIRTHDAYS 1 Julia Odom 2 Joyce Lipe 3 Barbara Brooks, Mary Erwin Olive, Ann Ashford, Roxolana Wise, Linda Smith, Mark Saracen 4 Justin Thompson 5 Champ Saint-Amand 6 Carmen Kelly, Abby Byrne 7 Jacob Spiegelberg, Eleanor Thornberg 8 Beth Early, Roya Taheri 10 Ming Gardner, Isabel Holt, Lucas Vaughan 11 Garvin Ferguson 12 Annie Chisolm, Nate Middleton, Matt McLean 13 Laura Childs, Harold Syms 14 Patricia Driscoll 16 Connor Harding 17 Madeline Russell, Patricia Brewer, Tom South 19 Heather Albawarid 20 Valerie Connor 21 Heather Harding, Teena Morris 22 Martha Clark, Ron Saracen, Elle Zimmerman, Patrick Carter 24 Tinsley Olive, Benjamin Udoh, Carolyn Tosi 25 Tommie Brown, Connie Koonce, Carl Mitchell, James Mixon 26 David Witty, Greg Hudgens 27 Elliana Wise 28 Luke Saracen, Kealy Carter 29 Martha Owens, Thomas Driscoll, Zachary Lutes 30 Hunter Olive, Amy Whitworth, William Swinford

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

PRAYER LIST



Frank Allison, III, Beene Family, Ryan Boddhammer, Broadwell Family, Florence Campbell, The family of Chase, Patti Dill, Ming Gardner, Louise Hall, Hustwit Family, Jean, Larry Jensen, Melvin and Judy Johnson, Louisa Karp, Louise Kelly, Matthew Kirec, Susanne Kohrman*, Joyce Lipe, Lacey Lou McFadyen, Marti Mansfield, William Maxwell, John Milton-Benoit, Anne Mizelle*, Bruce and Joann Parker, Marie Parker*, Wilbur Peffley, Margaret Peterson*, Diane Rauch, Paul Reichle Jr.*, Morton Rivkind,

Samuelson family, Davin Schmidt, Lonnie Setzer, Art and Rosetta Sheeder, Debby Sims, Leigh Stevens, Doug Stewart, Trey Stidham, Mary and Harold Syms*, Jimmy Teachey, Justin Thompson, Traci, Vallery Family, Adlai Wood, and Anita and Cornell Young.

* 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, Geoff, Mark, Eric, Andrew, Nick 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.

J2A CHILI FUNDRAISER!



“Thanks to everyone who participated in the J2A Chili Fundraiser. We will use the money raised for our Pilgrimage next year.” Judy Philbrook and Garoin Ferguson





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Staff and Clergy

The Rev. Jeffrey D. S. Thornberg, Rector
The Rev. Anne C. S. Thornberg, *Assisting Priest for Children's Education and Pastoral Care*
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Beth Jordan, *Music Minister and Organist*
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: Tom Holt, Junior Warden: Keith St. Peter, Treasurer: Neil Bergman,
Clerk: Wendy Hustwit

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

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

2019: Amy Beene, Jimmy Driscoll, George Harrison, Elaine McKay

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