

Worship, Community, Service

SEPTEMBER 2023 - JUNE 2024

# Get Engaged At Holy Trinity

Whether you're a long-time member of Holy Trinity or a newcomer, you're invited to get engaged in the life of the church through worship, community, and service. As the Rector says, "There's no secret handshake." Just jump right in.

Worship with us on Sundays or Wednesdays, join us for a meal and fellowship, find an outreach ministry or support group that speaks to you, sing with the choir, be a part of our ministry to young families. There are so many ways to find your place, and they're all in this book.

So, join us in our mission: We seek to know Christ and make him known through an inward journey of faith and an outward journey of service, giving thanks to God in all things.

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# SUNDAY MORNING

Everyone is invited to worship with us, and all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Eucharist. Those not baptized or who choose not to receive communion may come to the altar rail for a blessing.

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I in All Saints Chapel9 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Nave with choir

10:15 a.m. Christian Formation classes

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Nave with choir

## Wednesday Night

5:30 p.m., All Saints Chapel, Sept. 13, 2023 - May 22, 2024

On Wednesday evenings we offer *Stillpoint* in All Saints Chapel. A service for all ages, this is an opportunity to find that "still point" in the middle of one's busy week. The format includes a 30-minute Eucharist with contemplative music in the Taizé tradition led by Riley Walker and band with Dr. Ben Brafford. There also is contemporary music with familiar songs and hymns. A host family serve as greeters and lectors each week. The first Wednesday of the month has a healing emphasis. The Children's Choir sings on the second Wednesday of the month.

# HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

#### Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2023

Rite I, 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Chapel

Children's Christmas Pageant, 10:30 a.m. (no Eucharist), prelude begins at 10 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharists, 2, 5, and 11 p.m. Prelude begins a half-hour before service. *Nursery care at 2 p.m. only.* 

#### Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m., Nave

#### Epiphany, Jan. 6, 2024

Service of Light, 5:30 p.m. and Epiphany Feast, 6 p.m.

#### Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:15 and 5:30 p.m., Nave

#### Holy Week and Easter, March 24-31, 2024

Palm Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11:15 a.m.

Monday, Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel

Tuesday, Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel

Wednesday, Stillpoint, 5:30 p.m., Chapel

Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m., Nave

The Solemnities of Good Friday, noon, Nave

Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m., Nave

Holy Saturday, The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m., Nave

Easter Day, Holy Eucharist, 8, 9 (Flowering of the Cross), and 11:15 a.m., Nave

# MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choir: The Children's Choir is open to children kindergarten and up and provides an introduction to basic musicianship through fun songs and games. They rehearse on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 13, 4:30-5:15 p.m., in the choir room (in the undercroft near the church offices). There is no rehearsal the week of Thanksgiving; the final rehearsal for 2023 is Dec. 20. The children will sing the second Wednesday of the month at Stillpoint and are invited to sing with Mr. Riley on Dec. 24, at the 10:30 a.m. service. For information contact Dr. Ben Brafford at ben-htms@triad.rr.com.

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir features both professional and volunteer singers and welcomes all interested adults and teens who have strong musical skills. The choir provides musical leadership at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Rehearsals are 10:15 – 11 a.m. in the choir room on Sundays. For more information contact Dr. Ben Brafford at ben-htms@triad.rr.com.

Holy Trinity Music School: Holy Trinity Music School offers music instruction in guitar and piano. For more information contact Dr. Ben Brafford at ben-htms@triad.rr.com.

# Labyrinth Walks

Holy Trinity's eleven-circuit paved labyrinth, a replica of the 12th-century Notre Dame de Chartres labyrinth, is centered in the Columbarium garden on Greene Street. In modern times, the labyrinth is used as a contemplative practice: walking its unique path is a form of walking meditation, a "body prayer." The labyrinth is open at all times. Join us for the following scheduled walks, weather permitting:



All-Parish Picnic Labyrinth Walk: Gather before the parish picnic to celebrate our Holy Trinity community. Sunday, Sept. 10, 4:30 p.m.

**Autumnal Equinox:** Join us to observe and give thanks for the blessing of a new season. We will open with an invocation followed by uninterrupted time for the walk. Saturday, Sept. 23, noon

All Saints' Sunday: On this important day in our liturgical year we pause to celebrate the lives of the saints who have gone before us. Walk accompanied by music. We will begin with a brief prayer. Nov. 5, time TBA

Memorial Commemoration Walk: Holy Trinity's annual service to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have joined the glorious company of the saints in 2023 will be held in All Saints Chapel at 2 p.m. Immediately following the service, we will host a labyrinth walk for private reflection. Dec. 17 following the 2 p.m. service

# Newcomers and New Members

#### FALL 2023

Welcome to Holy Trinity. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, no matter where you've been or where you're going, you are welcome at Holy Trinity. Listed below are opportunities for the Holy Trinity community to get to know you and introduce you to the church's life and ministry. For additional information, please contact Mark Lile-King, mark@ holy-trinity.com.

First Sunday Name Tags: All worshipers on the first Sunday of each month are invited to wear a name tag. This is a great way to get to know your pew neighbor, make new friends, and welcome everyone to Holy Trinity. Name tags are available as you enter worship services.

Newcomer and New Member Stillpoint and Welcome Dinner: On Oct. 4, join us for Holy Trinity's Wednesday evening meditative Stillpoint service at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel followed by a welcome dinner in Roe Library hosted by Holy Trinity's Gateway Hospitality Ministry, clergy, Vestry, and faith leaders. Please RSVP by using the *ePistle*, Holy Trinity's weekly electronic newsletter, or by calling the church office, 336-272-6149.

Beer and Hymns: Enjoy a Sunday afternoon with new Holy Trinity friends singing (or listening to others sing) favorite church hymns while enjoying a cool beverage (non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages available). Bring your favorite appetizer to share. Sunday, Oct. 29, time TBA, Oden Brewery, 802 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, N.C. 27403

Holy Trinity Tour: Join us for a tour of Holy Trinity's buildings and gardens. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Holy Trinity and to get connected to the Holy Trinity community. Tour begins on the Labyrinth at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

New Member Liturgy of Belonging: Joining a new faith community is a significant step in your spiritual journey. The Holy Trinity community invites you to join us as we commit to grow spiritually, care for one another, and serve Christ. Sunday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. service

#### **SPRING 2024**

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Holy Trinity Tour: Join us for a tour of the Holy Trinity buildings and gardens. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Holy Trinity and to get connected to the Holy Trinity community. Tour begins on the Labyrinth at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, March 10.

Adult Confirmation Classes: Confirmation classes are for those seeking confirmation into The Episcopal Church. "Confirmation is the sacramental rite in which the baptized Christian expresses a mature commitment to Christ, and receives strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." (Book of Common Prayer, p. 860). Adult confirmation classes are also for those being received into The Episcopal Church from a sister confirming tradition and for those who want to recommit themselves to Christian life and faith by reaffirming their baptismal vows. The class is taught by Fr. David Umphlett. Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6-8 p.m., Roe Library

Confirmation Sunday: The Bishop's visit on Confirmation Sunday is an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to be received into The Episcopal Church, or to reaffirm one's Baptismal vows. June date TBA, 10:30 a.m. service

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

Holy Trinity offers a full range of Christian Formation opportunities for families. For more information, contact:

- Marjorie Donnelly, Director of Children's and Family Ministries, marjorie@holy-trinity.com or 336-272-6149 ext. 221
- Jenny Campbell, Director of Youth Ministry, jenny@holy-trinity.com or 336-272-6149, ext. 226

Children's and Family Ministries seek to nurture your child's relationship with God through opportunities that introduce the life, love, and example of Jesus. Our aim is to partner with families in the parent/child journey of discovery towards a life of discipleship and faith. Children bring gifts of joy and wonder to the church. As they begin their walk with God, we endeavor to nurture this vital relationship with encouragement and guidance. We also understand the significance of fostering meaningful friendships among children and creating faith-filled bonds between parents, leaders, and children. Children's values and beliefs are first formed within the context of their family and part of our mission is to support parents as they develop and strengthen their own relationship with God.

Children's Chapel and Sunday School for Children, Youth, and Adults resumes Sunday, Sept. 10, and nursery care returns to 8:45 – 11:15 a.m.

#### SUNDAY MORNING FAMILY WORSHIP OPTIONS

Children are always welcome in worship at Holy Trinity. Green worship bags in the Narthex contain a variety of quiet ways to occupy small hands. Please return the bags and their reusable contents to the baskets after the service.

Nursery Care: The nursery for birth through four-year Pre-K is located on the first floor of the Parish House in Room 105 and is open on Sundays 8:45 – 11:15 a.m. (during the 9 a.m. service and the Sunday school hour). During Sunday school, children will sing and listen to a Bible story from the Gospel lesson for that Sunday. Our paid childcare providers, who work as Holy Trinity Day School teachers during the week, are supplemented as needed by volunteers. No pre-registration is required. Enter from the back parking lot by the door under the breezeway, and the nursery is to your left.

Children's Chapel: Offered Sundays at the 9 a.m. service during the program year for children four-year Pre-K through 3rd grade. Parents may drop their children off 8:45 - 9 a.m. in Room 211 of the Parish House. Children hear a story, sing songs, and pray. They take turns serving as acolytes, crucifer, and ushers. Please have your children bring money for the offering, which is added to the offering in the church. Children attending Children's Chapel join their parents in the church at the Peace for Eucharist.

Children's Sunday School Classes: Sunday school classes for kindergarten – fifth grade meet 10:15 - 11 a.m. on the second floor of the Parish House. Both classes will gather to sing with Mr. Riley in Room 211 before moving to their individual classes: kindergarten – 2nd grade in Room 209, and 3rd-5th grade in Room 211. Each of the classes is led by two adult volunteers and use a combination of "Feasting on the Word," a lectionary-based curriculum, and Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum.

Communion Milestone for K, 1st, and 2nd Graders: On Sunday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 8, at 10:15 a.m., the children will have special lessons on the Eucharist during their regular Sunday school class. On Sunday, Oct. 15, at 10:15 a.m., in All Saints Chapel, Fr. David Umphlett and Marjorie Donnelly will lead a family-friendly conversation with the children and their parents about the Eucharist and its symbols. The preparation culminates on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the 9 a.m. service with a Celebration of Communion for the children and their parents followed by a children's Sunday School party.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS FALL 2023

You Matter – Blessing of Backpacks: We will bless the backpacks or briefcases of students and teachers returning to school, adults returning to the office, and anyone who needs a boost. Sunday, Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m. service

Blessing of the Animals: In commemoration of the Feast of St. Francis, join us to give thanks for the animals in our lives and ask God's blessing. We will collect pet food and supplies for Red Dog Farm, a local animal rescue. Sunday, Oct. 1, 4 - 5:30 p.m., Labyrinth

Trunk or Treat: All superheroes, magical animals, and scary faces are welcome at our annual Trunk or Treat celebration Wednesday, Oct. 25. Dinner will be served in Haywood Duke 5-7 p.m., and Trunk or Treat will begin in the back parking lot at 6 p.m. Parishioners are needed to decorate their trunks and provide treats for children. DJ Randy will entertain and there are prizes for best trunks and costumes. Wednesday, Oct. 25, back parking lot

All Saints Day Celebration: We will celebrate with special music, prayers, and a reading of the necrology at all services. At 9 a.m. following the Peace, children will process in carrying special shields that they have made bearing the name of a parishioner who has died in the last year. After the service, shields will be displayed in Broome Hall. Sunday, Nov. 5, Nave

Advent Wreath Making: The tradition of lighting the candles of the Advent wreath brings new meaning to the waiting and hoping that fills the long December days before Christmas. Young and old, families and singles are welcome to gather in community for dinner and Advent wreath making. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 5-7 p.m., Haywood Duke Room

Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections: The annual parish meeting to elect new Vestry will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, after an abbreviated 9 a.m. service. While the adults meet, children and youth will gather in Haywood Duke (at 9 a.m.) to make crafts for a Christmas outreach project. Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:45 a.m., Nave (adults); 9 a.m., Haywood Duke (children and youth)

Birthday Party for Jesus: Wear your favorite pajamas to our Birthday Party for Jesus during Wednesday Night Supper, Dec. 13. Breakfast for Dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. in Haywood Duke with crafts, games, and birthday cake for the children. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5-7 p.m., Haywood Duke Room

Parenting Sunday School Class: This engaging class meets in Broome Hall at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday of the program year. It is an opportunity to learn and discuss topics relevant to parents while also building a supportive parenting community. There are a variety of speakers, book studies, and video series to spark conversations. We will kick off the fall with a study of "Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home" by Traci Smith.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS SPRING 2024

Parenting Sunday School Class: The spring term will feature a study of "Parent Wellness Compass: Outfitting for the Journey" by Holly and Scott Stoner. You do not have to read the books to participate. Broome Hall

He, She, We, and God is a sexuality program for 5th and 6th graders. This is a unique opportunity to place the gift of sexuality within our Christian faith. The program is only offered every other year. It is facilitated by Jenny Beaumont, Missioner for Adult and Life-long Formation in our diocese. Registration will open in November. Class is Feb. 2-3, 2024.

Learning God's Law: The Ten Commandments Milestone: On Sunday, Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 at 10:15 a.m., 3rd-5th graders will have special lessons on the Ten Commandments during their regular Sunday school class. On Sunday, Feb. 18, Fr. David Umphlett and Marjorie Donnelly will lead a family-friendly conversation in the Chapel with the children and their parents about God's laws. On Sunday, Feb. 25 at the 9 a.m. service, the children will lead the congregation in reading the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) followed by a party for the children during Sunday school.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Burying the Alleluias, & Mardi Gras Carnival: Gather at 5 p.m. and process to the Columbarium to bury Alleluias for the season of Lent. A pancake supper and Mardi Gras carnival with games and crafts for the younger children and a gaming truck for the older youth follows. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m., Haywood Duke

Price Scholarship 2024: Seniors in high school who are confirmed members of Holy Trinity are eligible to apply for the Price scholarship, which provides \$16,000 if they attend an accredited four-year college or university as a full-time student for four years. Candidates must demonstrate commitment to achieving success during high school and in future collegiate studies and have financial need. Applications will be available online Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, with a due date of Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Parent-Child/Youth Stations of the Cross: On Sunday, March 17, parents will join their children and youth for Stations of the Cross for families. Parents and children ages four through 5th grade will meet on the Labyrinth immediately following the 9 a.m. service (Broome Hall in case of rain). Parents and youth 6th-12th grade will meet in the Youth House.

Easter Day Nursery and Flowering of the Cross: We will have nursery care during both March 31 services. During the 9 a.m. service: birth to two in Room 105 and three and four in Room 102. During the 11:15 a.m. service one nursery: all children birth to four in Room 105.

Flowering of the Cross is at the 9 a.m. service. All children come to the church at the beginning of the service and sit with their families. Bring flowers to flower the cross. (Do not go to Room 211 for Children's Chapel). Children will be dismissed for a special Children's Chapel in Broome Hall.

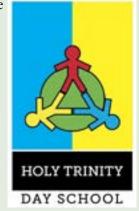
Vacation Bible School registration opens in January. Open to rising four-year-old Pre-K through rising 5th graders. Rising 6th graders and older can serve as Junior Shepherds. With a theme of Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs, participants will explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air, and community – and how they can have compassion for all of God's creation. June 17- 20, 2024

# Holy Trinity Day School

Holy Trinity Day School is a half-day preschool serving children ages 3 months through 5 years. Founded in 1954, Holy Trinity Day School provides quality early education in an enriching, nurturing, spiritually-grounded learning environment that educates the whole child; supports the individual gifts of each child; builds on the child's natural inquisitiveness; fosters a sense of caring and compassion; and teachers children respect for themselves and others. The program provides individualized, play-based learning, where children can develop to their

optimum. As a ministry of Holy Trinity, one of the school's chief objectives is to help each child understand and appreciate God's love. HTDS equips young students for success at school and beyond.

For more information, please visit the website (http://www.holy-trinity.com/learn/holy-trinity-day-school) or call the school office. Registration for the 2023-24 school year is open. Registration for the 2024-25 school year begins in January. Contact Julie Buie, Director, 336-275-7726 or julie@holy-trinity.com.



# EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY: EYC

Mission Statement: "To know Christ and to make him known, through an inward journey of faith and an outward journey of service, giving thanks to God in all things."

EYC is for youth in 6th through 12th grade. All event information, registration, etc. is updated on www.holy-trinity.com and included in Jenny Campbell's EYC newsletter. Please contact her at jenny@holy-trinity.com to sign up for emails and Discord Chat for Youth. Follow on social media: Instagram: @holytrinity\_gso\_eyc; Facebook: Holy Trinity EYC Greensboro

#### DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

**Sunday School:** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Robert Payne Youth House for hands-on scripture learning, skits, activities, donuts, and fellowship in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. 10:15-11 a.m.

Sunday Night EYC Meetings: Note the time change! Middle school meets in the Robert Payne Youth House 4:30-6 p.m. High school meets 5:30-7 p.m. The two groups overlap for dinner 5:30-6p.m., and have an hour with just their age group for programming.

Lock-ins: middle schoolers kick off the year with a lock-in Aug. 25-26.

#### Diocesan Activities With Other Episcopal Youth:

- A Race to be Human: the Diocese is piloting a new overnight event for high school students led by youth and based on racial reconciliation and our baptismal promises. It will be fun and a low-pressure way to start the conversation. Nov 3-4 2023
- Bishop's Ball: Games, workshops, worship, and a dance for 6th-12th graders. Jan. 19-21 at Camp Walter Johnson
- Happening: A high school retreat, Feb. 23-25, at Haw River State Park

Off-site activities like Celebration Station, coffee days, movie nights, hikes, and weekend retreats. Dates TBA

#### WORSHIP MILESTONES

All worship milestones have suggested ages for participation, but you can reach out to Jenny Campbell if you want your young person to participate.

Rite 13 is a class to explore and celebrate the passage from child to teenager for anyone turning 13 or who just turned 13 (7th is grade suggested). There are three classes with the youth, one youth and parent combined class, and then presentation in worship service. October 2023

Confirmation: A sacrament for anyone who wants to deepen and recommit to their faith. Recommended for 9th grade or higher. There are four classes and one weekend retreat. Confirmation candidates will work closely with an adult mentor and attend Holy Week worship services together. January-March 2024

**Youth Sunday:** Youth Sunday is when EYC takes over worship. They write the prayers of the people, read the lessons, acolyte, usher, and celebrate

graduating seniors, who are invited to write a homily to preach at all three services. Followed by a reception during Sunday School hour. May 5, 2024

#### DURING THE SUMMER

Glory Ridge Mission Trip serves the people of Madison County through community outreach construction projects. Glory Ridge is for youth who have completed 9th through 12th grade. Held in July

Pilgrimage: for spiritual growth and self discovery for youth in 11th and 12th grades, held in June. We walked the Camino de Santiago in 2023, and will do it next in 2025.

#### VOLUNTEER WORK

- Home repair with Community Housing Solutions
- Vacation Bible School
- Glory Ridge mission work
- Community clean ups (trash pick-up days)
- We're always looking for more. Know a great organization in Greensboro that could use young helpers? Contact Jenny Campbell to get connected!

# ADULT FORMATION

#### Wednesday Evenings

After worshiping at Stillpoint at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, pick up your dinner in Haywood Duke and take it downstairs to Broome Hall for a new adult formation series. These gatherings will be more conversational and participatory in nature, offering subject matter related to topics such as the End of Life and What Comes Next, the Mourning Mother Mary in Linda Brown's poetry, Enneagram Insights, and Becoming Beloved Community. We hope these discussions will be gathering places for a wide variety of people, so invite your friends and neighbors who aren't Episcopalians or even Christians. Wednesday evenings, throughout the program year, 6:15-7:15 p.m. in Broome Hall

#### ALL YEAR

Education for Ministry helps participants answer the question, "What does life mean in relationship to God and my neighbor?" The course, which meets weekly, September to May, on a weekday morning, requires a yearlong commitment. Designed by the University of the South School of Theology at Sewanee, Tenn., EFM includes Bible study, church history, and discussion of views of theologians. It also helps participants define their personal theological view and exercise their call to minister to the world. For more information, contact Libby Haile at 336-314-1022.

#### FALL 2023

All classes are Sundays, 10:15-11 a.m., in Haywood Duke Room, on the dates listed.

Key Ingredients to Growing a Healthy Parish: This series led by Holy Trinity's pastoral staff will focus on successful strategies for building our parish

in a post COVID era. The series will begin with a seminar-based discussion on discovering our specific spiritual gifts by inventory and experience and how they can be used to build the parish via its members' gifts given by the Holy Spirit. Facilitator: Dr. Louis Gallien; Speakers: Fr. David Umphlett, Mtr. Sarah Carver, Rev. Mark Lile-King, Canon Catherine Massey; Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1

Resident Aliens Re-visited: In the late 1980s, two Duke University seminary professors, Bishop William Willimon and Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, both retired deans and professors at Duke Divinity School, wrote the book "Resident Aliens," a modern follow-up to the classic tome by Reinhold Niebuhr titled "Christ and Culture." This timely update will utilize insights from their book as we consider its relevancy given our current culture wars. Both men will be invited to offer insights they have gained since the release of the book. Though this is a Sunday morning class, both authors will be present on Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, for an in-person discussion. Facilitator, Dr. Louis Gallien; Oct 8, 15, 22, 29

The Church as Spiritual Art and Architecture: This series will focus on church art and architecture via key literature and field trips to three architecturally significant churches in the South: the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.; Christ Church, Alexandria; and the new chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary. The field trip is Friday-Saturday, Nov. 10-11. Facilitator, Fr. David Umphlett; Nov. 5, 12, 19

Advent Programming: The Rev. Dr. Jerry Beavers, who brought us Advent & Christmas in Scripture and Art last year, will return to help us prepare for Christmas. On Dec. 10, he will share the history, theology, and use of crèches (Nativity sets) and how different cultures have appropriated those images. On Dec. 17, his topic will be Saint Nicholas, the Real Santa Claus. We will explore the legend of Santa Claus, which can be traced back to a monk named St. Nicholas who was born around A.D. 280 in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Dec. 10 and 17

#### WINTER/SPRING 2024

Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation: Made in the Image of God: A series of professionals will offer definitions and insights into the wider issues that are either misinforming or informing the popular understanding of these two prevalent and often controversial issues. We will work to see through the sensationalized coverage in the popular press and the heated political debates to understand the real, spiritual humans working out their self-understanding. Facilitator, Dr. Jane Perrin; Jan. 7, 21, 28

Intergenerational Service Day: Details TBA, Jan. 14

Dante and the Good Life: Parishioner and UNCG Professor Tony Cuda will lead a series on the epic tale of Dante's journey to the afterlife. This journey still excites new readers and offers resonant insights into why we suffer and how we learn. The class will focus on how Dante uses tales of sin, loyalty, longing, and sacrifice to convey what it means, within and without the Christian tradition, to live the good life. Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

Into the Field of Suffering: Dr. David Schenck is a Greensboro native and medical ethicist whose book of the same title has been recently released. His book focuses on his research and experience on professional burnout among caregivers along with the moral distress and dilemmas they face. These

sessions will be helpful for people who are in the position of caretaker for family and other friends. This series will lead us into the next series on the Afterlife. Facilitator, Dr. Louis Gallien; March 3, 10, 17, 24

The Psalms as Literature: An expert on the literary study of the Bible, UNCG professor Dr. Christopher Hodgkins will offer reflections on the psalms as poetry, hymnody, and imprecatory literature. April 7, 14, 21, 28

The Solomonic Trilogy: Proverbs, Song of Songs, and Ecclesiastes: Facilitated by UNCG Professor Chris Hodgkins, April 2024 dates TBD

Adult Education Series: topic TBA, Dr. Sandie Gravett; May 5, 12, 19

Thanks to the Adult Education Committee Members: Dr. Louis Gallien, Dr. Margaret Salinger, Dr. Tony Cuda, Dr. Linda Brown, Mrs. Melody Young, and the Rev. Russ Ingersoll.

### FELLOWSHIP

Advent Covenant Groups: Holy Trinity marks the beginning of the new church year by gathering in covenant groups of 8-12 people to prepare for new experiences of the Christ coming into our own lives, into the Holy Trinity community, and into the world. A selected Advent book guides the group's reflections. Groups begin forming in November and meet once a week for about an hour during the four weeks of Advent. Look for registration information in the weekly *ePistle* newsletter.

Choirs are available for singers of every age. Details on page 2.

Coffee and Connect: Stop by for a cup of coffee with Holy Trinity clergy, Vestry, and faith leaders at Green Bean, 341 S. Elm St. Two dates are scheduled: Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7-8 a.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9-10 a.m.

Compline and Healing Meditation is offered the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Dr. Bev Vaughn opens the evening with a short healing service incorporating various types of meditative practices such as mindfulness and Reiki followed by Spiritual Director Gale Robins leading Compline. Contact Gale at galerobins1946@gmail.com or Bev at bjsvaughn@gmail.com.

Easter Coffee & Lemonade and Egg Hunt: After the 9 a.m. Easter Day service, parishioners and guests are invited to the Patterson Terrace for fellowship and the start of the Easter Egg hunts.

First Sunday Name Tags: All worshipers on the first Sunday of each month are invited to wear a name tag to introduce themselves to the Holy Trinity community. This is a great way to get to know your pew neighbor, make new friends, and welcome everyone to Holy Trinity. Name tags are available as you enter worship services.

Foyer Groups (from the French word for hearth or home) are a fun way to get to know other parishioners in a social, supper club setting. Individuals and couples who register are randomly assigned to a group of 8 to 10 people who will meet about once a month, October through May, for a potluck meal, rotating among participant's homes. Signups will be in the ePistle. The deadline is Sept. 15. Questions? Contact Joe Weatherly at joe.weatherlyingreensboro@gmail.com or Mitzie Weatherly at Mitzieweatherly@gmail.com.

Labyrinth Keepers are committed to fostering the experience of walking meditation on the Holy Trinity labyrinth. We are an ecumenical group and welcome new members. We host a variety of events, including walks and education for the parish and the larger community. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 11. For further information or questions, contact Vicki Longhofer at v.longhofer@gmail.com.

Lenten Covenant Groups: Covenant groups of 8-12 people meet weekly for one hour during the season of Lent to support and to encourage their personal and collective Lenten spiritual journeys. Using a selected book to guide conversation, covenant group members engage in prayer, self-examination, and thoughtful reflection. Groups begin organizing in January and will meet for five consecutive weeks beginning the week of Feb. 18. Look for sign-up information in the *ePistle* newsletter.

Men's Fellowship offers scheduled events on the first Monday of the month, September - May, in the Haywood Duke Room. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with fellowship, followed by dinner and a speaker at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Look for sign-up information in the *ePistle* newsletter.

Mystery and Theology Book Club is for mystery lovers and meets on the second Monday of the month, September - May, at 4 p.m., in Worth Parlor, to discuss mystery novels that include references to religion. The group is very informal; most books are available from the Greensboro Public Library; and participants can attend any or all meetings. For more information, contact Libby Haile at 336-314-1022.

**TWIGS** (Those With Infinitely Greater Sense) is a community of older adults (though everyone is welcome) who get together for fellowship and learning. During the regular church year, they meet most Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in Roe Library for Bible study and discussion of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. After the study period, the group enjoys Wednesday Night Supper together in the Haywood Duke Room.

Wednesday Night Suppers are family-friendly fellowship events offered during the program year (September - May) for a reasonable fee with a family cap. There is a sign-up link in the *ePistle* newsletter or you can call the church at 336-272-6149 to reserve your spot.

Women's Fellowship meets on the third Monday of the month, September - May, in the Haywood Duke Room at 6 p.m. for fellowship, followed by dinner and a speaker at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Trude McCarty at trudemccarty@gmail.com for more information.

# PASTORAL CARE

Whether you are encountering challenging situations, such as times of grief and loss, illness, and major life changes, or finding yourself needing to celebrate recovery, new life, or new opportunities, you are surrounded by a caring faith community at Holy Trinity. Through prayer and presence, the clergy and parishioners at Holy Trinity support one another by offering listening ears, loving hearts, and the willingness simply to be present to one another at times of joy and sorrow. However you find yourself, if you are in need of spiritual care and companionship and want to reach out to clergy or a member of the pastoral staff, please call 336-365-0750.

Community of Hope: This ministry serves to create a community of lay pastoral caregivers united in prayer, shaped by Benedictine spirituality, and equipped in pastoral care ministries. COH's training helps to awaken trainees to God's call by helping individuals better understand their spiritual gifts for ministry. Contact Bill Furlow billfurlownc@gmail.com or Mtr. Sarah Carver sarah@holy-trinity.com.

Condolence Note Writers: This faithful group of volunteers writes notes to those who are bereaved. If you'd like to be a part of this or would like more information, please reach out to Libby Haile at hailemartin@aol.com.

Eucharistic Visitors: Eucharistic Visitors share the Eucharist with those who are unable to attend church. Visitors are caring and compassionate persons sensitive to the needs of others who connect members to the larger Holy Trinity community. All Eucharistic Visitors are required to receive training and be licensed. Contact Mtr. Sarah Carver, sarah@holy-trinity.com.

Faith and Grief: The pain of grief is intense and lingering, calling for ongoing support. Join us noon - 1 p.m. the second Thursday of the month in Haywood Duke to share fellowship and personal stories which possess the power to inspire and encourage. Visit FaithandGrief.org for additional information or to register. Bring, or order, a lunch (\$10 suggested donation). Contact Linda Snow at lindavsnow@gmail.com for more information.

Labor of Love Support Group: Labor of Love is a support and networking group for those in our parish who are caring for aging or chronically ill family members or friends. Labor of Love meets on the third Thursday of the month, noon - 1:30 p.m. Contact: Maureen Flak, 336-908-2123 or maureen@holy-trinity.com.

Monday Healing Meditation and Compline Service On-Line Zoom: Dr. Bev Vaughn opens the evening with a short healing service incorporating various types of meditative practices such as mindfulness and Reiki followed by Spiritual Director Gale Robins leading Compline, a service of evening prayers. Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The Zoom link will be in the *ePistle* or contact Gale at galerobins1946@ gmail.com or Bev at bjsvaughn@gmail.com.

New Child Ministry: The New Child Ministry is one of welcome, connection, and support to infants and young children (through birth or adoption), and their families. If you are expecting a child, let us know so that we may rejoice in the news as well as provide a meal and small gift. Volunteers are always welcome to join our New Child Ministry to either prepare a meal, deliver a meal, or both. To join or to share the news that your family is growing, please contact Mtr. Sarah Carver at sarah@holy-trinity.com, Julie Buie at julie@holy-trinity.com, or the church office at 336-272-6149.

Parish Nurse: The Parish Nurse is a volunteer registered nurse who assists with access to care; navigating the health care system; and understanding medications, surgical procedures, treatments, and test results. Our nursing position is associated with the Cone Health Congregational Nurse Program to help us get appropriate connections to health care in our community. Contact: Maureen Flak at mflak@danflak.com or 336-908-2123.

Prayer Opportunities: Intercessory prayer is prayer on another's behalf. Public prayer requests are printed in the weekly bulletin and included in Sunday Prayers of the People. Mtr. Sarah Carver maintains the public prayer list.

However, prayer requests can be given to any staff member and they will be passed on to Sarah at sarah@holy-trinity.com.

For those requesting **private prayer**, a group of nearly 30 intercessors regularly prays. Confidentiality is important to many and is observed and maintained by the intercessors. Gale Robins monitors the private prayer requests, communicating by email with the group. Private prayer requests can be given to any staff member and/or emailed to Gale at galerobins1946@ gmail.com. Additional intercessors are always welcome. Contact Gale if you would like to join this loving group.

## **PILGRIMAGES**

The Holy Trinity Pilgrimage community welcomes everyone to join us whether for local walks, stay-at-home experiences, bus touring, walking, or backpacking journeys near or far. It is a wonderful way to meet and connect with others of faith while exploring and deepening your own spiritual commitment. There is more information at www.holy-trinity.com.

#### YEAR-ROUND

Come walk with us on Thursdays at 6 p.m. We meet in the Holy Trinity parking lot and enjoy an evening of community as we walk and talk through nearby neighborhoods. We cover about three miles and finish with dinner at Corner Slice. Everyone is welcome.

#### 2023 PILGRIMAGES

Appalachian Trail Reunion – The Virginia Triple Crown: Prior AT pilgrims can reconnect at our inaugural AT Reunion Weekend. Come for one, two, or all three days. We will hike Tinker's Cliff Friday, Dragon's Tooth Saturday, and iconic McAfee Knob Sunday. All hikes will be day-pack weight only. Base camp will be at a nearby mountain property and we will carpool to the trailheads. Day hikes and car camping, 1-3 days, Oct. 13-15, 2023

The Old Way to Canterbury: There are still a few open spots. Contact David Horth at 336-254-4541 for more information. The HT website has detailed info. Touring, 9 days, Dec. 1-9, 2023

#### 2024 PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage Reunion: All past and want-to-be pilgrims gather for a massive potluck meal. Date TBA in January 2024

Art and Spirituality: Explore the connections between making art and spirituality with Holy Trinity artists and facilitators. January/February 2024 dates TBA, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., four Saturdays at the church

Spring Appalachian Trail: Our popular wilderness backpacking pilgrimage began in 2018 and continues to welcome newcomers and returning pilgrims alike. We will hike a section of the longest footpath in the world where wildflowers and trail magic await. Backpacking, May 16-19, 2024

**St. Cuthbert's Way:** England & Scotland. Seventh Century Celtic Christianity revisited: Lindisfarne Gospel in London, Cuthbert's Shrine in Durham, 62-mile border country trek from Melrose Abbey to Holy Island. Planes, trains, and lots of walking! 14 days, May 16-29, 2024

New Mexico: Join our small group of 16 pilgrims as we experience the sacred, historic sites in New Mexico. 8 days, Sept. 20-27, 2024

Mountains to Sea Trail: three-day trip with two days of hiking. Section of trail TBD based on construction and lodging availability. Luggage ported from town to town. 3 days, September/October 2024 dates TBA

In the Footsteps of Jesus: Walk in the footsteps of Jesus, exploring sites associated with his life and ministry. This pilgrimage will transform your reading of scripture, giving. Our guide, Canon Iyad Qumri, is the gold standard for Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world and has been a friend of Fr. Umphlett's since 2010. 13 days, Oct. 13-15, 2024

**Fall Appalachian Trail:** Join us for a backpacking pilgrimage along a section of the longest hiking footpath in the world where fall colors and trail magic await. Backpacking, 3-4 days, October 2024 dates TBA

#### 2025 PILGRIMAGES

**Iconography:** This pilgrimage invites participants to explore the icon as a window into the divine. Local field trips to Orthodox and other churches will help us learn from iconography practitioners in their regular setting. A nationally known iconographer will guide us daily in the process of creating our own icons. 1 week, at home, January/February 2025 dates TBA

Social Justice Peace Pilgrimage: After exploring Greensboro's relationship with racism, group travels to Montgomery, Selma, and Atlanta. Collaboration with Beloved Community. Touring, 4 days, April 2025 dates TBA

Mountains to Sea Trail: three-day trip with two days of hiking. Section of trail TBD based on construction and lodging availability. Luggage ported from town to town. 3 days, April/May 2025 dates TBA

Appalachian Trail Reunion: Come and reconnect with prior AT pilgrims. We will set up a "trail magic" station where we will serve AT thru hikers warm food and lots of hospitality. We will have a group camping site. Day hikes, camping, and service opportunity, 1-3 days, May 2025 dates TBA

Following Paul's Pathway in Turkey: Explore the locations of the ancient churches featured in Paul's letters. Experience the layering of ancient Christianity, Byzantine Christianity, medieval Islam, and modern-day expressions of the Abrahamic faiths. May 2025 dates TBA

Adult & Youth Camino: Hiking the Camino de Santiago separately, adults and youth will meet up in Santiago, Spain. 7 days, June 2025 dates TBA

Journey Through the Soul of Ireland: From Dublin to Galway with a focus on Celtic spirituality and the religious history of Ireland. Touring, 9 days, September 2025 dates TBA

Fall Appalachian Trail: Join us for a backpacking pilgrimage along a section of the longest hiking footpath in the world where fall colors and trail magic await. Backpacking, 3-4 days, October 2025 dates TBA

#### 2026 PILGRIMAGES

**Egypt:** An epic journey by plane, boat, camel, horse cart, and foot to explore the roots of Christianity in Egypt, the birthplace of Christian monasticism. Ponder what it might mean, as the Desert Father Abba Lot says, "To be-

come wholly fire." Visit sites important to ancient Egyptian religion, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Sleep under the stars in the Sinai Desert and experience the famous hospitality of Bedouin people. Cruise down the Nile and visit many of the major ancient Egyptian tombs and temples. 16 days, April/May 2026 dates TBA

Greenbriar Bike Trail: Bicycle along the Greenbriar River in West Virginia. The serene country lends itself to contemplation while in motion, quiet conversation, and riverside Eucharist. 3 days, May 2026 dates TBA

Spring Appalachian Trail: Come walk with spring along a section of the longest hiking footpath in the world where wildflowers and trail magic await. Backpacking, 3-4 days, May 2026 dates TBA

Greece: Follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and explore the rich heritage of Orthodox Christianity and monasticism. Soak in the glory of the Mediterranean and wonder at the legacy of the ancient Greeks. Details in development. October 2026 dates TBA

Fall Appalachian Trail: Join us for a backpacking pilgrimage along a section of the longest hiking footpath in the world where fall colors and trail magic await. Backpacking, 3-4 days, October 2026 dates TBA

Mountains to Sea Trail: Three-day trip with two days of hiking. Section of trail TBD based on construction and lodging each night. Luggage ported from town to town. 3 days, April/May 2026 dates TBA



vant Leadership School) is re-opening the doors of

Fisher House for in-person classes with a full roster of programming. The Second Breath community is eager for this season of togetherness. If you're seeking a space for spiritual reflection grounded in contemplative wisdom of Christian mystics and the latest in peer-reviewed research; a practice space for digging deep while held by the loving presence of community – the Center hopes to see you in class this fall. Visit the following link to learn more about classes and register: https://secondbreathcenter.com/school/programs/. Spring classes will be listed there.

Foundations 101: Faith Reimagined - Christian Wisdom, Science, and You: 8-week program, Tuesdays, Sept. 12 - Oct. 31, 2-4 p.m.

You Are Not Alone: Loving Someone Who Struggles with Addiction: 7-week program, Wednesdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 25, 7-8:30 p.m.

Creativity And Spiritual Practice: 6-week program, Thursdays, Sept. 14 - Oct. 19, 10 a.m.- noon

The Gift of Food: Exploring Our Personal & Cultural Relationship With Food: 6-week program, Tuesdays, Sept. 19 - Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - noon

Getting To Know Your Three Centers Of Intelligence: half-day workshop, Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. – noon

Entering The New Creation: Practices of Wholeness (The First Steps): half-day workshop, Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. - noon

# BELOVED COMMUNITY

Holy Trinity's Beloved Community Commission puts into action our Baptismal Covenant "to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being." To this end, we oppose racism and bigotry in all forms. Through education and self-reflection, we work to raise awareness of the sin of racism. We ally ourselves with others in the wider community to combat racism, and to honor and grow a rich and varied diversity within our parish.

Everyone who is interested in this work is invited to join the Commission, which meets the first Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., in Roe Library. There is more information on our website and meeting dates are listed in the calendar in this brochure.

Why form a Beloved Community Commission? The Christian mandate is the directive we received from Jesus to "love neighbors as ourselves." The term "Beloved Community" comes from work of Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." We strive to re-examine our moral obligations and relationship to the body politic, remembering that our Christian responsibility to the creation of a just and fair society is work we are called to do by our Lord. Public policy, the economy, the environment, and equal access to participation in all activities support the authentic Christian message in our democratic nation.

Where do we begin? We start by being clear about our own beliefs and values by becoming aware of and learning from our historic privileges and hidden biases. We can only authentically move towards a Beloved Community by speaking the truth to each other and to those in power about what we believe about The Way of Jesus. This includes acknowledging how our own beloved Episcopal Church has historically violated what Jesus taught us and for which it has more recently sought redemption.

What will the Commission do? As Christians, we are called to speak and live in a way that refutes the culture of materialism, untruth, self-centeredness, greed, and domination by an historically privileged class. We ask ourselves how we can change ourselves and help create change within and beyond Holy Trinity that contradicts the old mindset. We start with education, reading, awareness, reflection, open dialogue, and action, including reaching out to disadvantaged people and engaging in courageous conversations with those who have not yet joined the anti-racism journey with us.

Who is on the Beloved Community Commission? A variety of parishioners and clergy meet with us regularly. Co-Chairs are David Horth and Marilyn Wolf. The invitation to join is open to every member of our parish, regardless of where you are on your respective antiracism journey.

For more information or if you have questions, contact co-chairs Marilyn Wolf at marilynwolf1953@gmail.com or David Horth at david.m.horth@ gmail.com.

# SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree ministry provides Christmas gifts to children who might not otherwise experience the joy of Christmas morning. Gifts from children's wish lists are hung on a Christmas tree in the Parish House for parishioners to choose and purchase. Gifts are collected at Holy Trinity and distributed through partner organizations.

CAN DO Sundays: The third Sunday of every month is CAN DO Sunday, when parishioners bring needed grocery items to church to be distributed by One Step Further to the Community Support and Nutrition Program. We also work with One Step Further to distribute Thanksgiving meals. More information on that program is available in November.

Casserole Ministry: Holy Trinity has partnered with Church of the Holy Spirit, an Episcopal mission on Yanceyville Street, to provide meals for neighbors in need on the third Tuesday of the month. To volunteer, please contact Robin Farber at robinfarber339@gmail.com.

Hot Dish & Hope: Hot Dish & Hope offers a free meal and a measure of hope to more than 200 people each Tuesday and Thursday evening in the Mullin Life Center at First Presbyterian Church. Volunteers help plate meals and assist guests. Sign up at fpcgreensboro.org/outreach/hunger/. We also participate in a Hot Dish & Hope toiletry drive twice a year. Details will be available in the weekly *ePistle* newsletter.

#### **Housing Ministry:**

Hands-On: Holy Trinity partners with Community Housing Solutions on projects throughout the year to make our neighbor's homes warmer, drier, and safer. Projects include exterior painting and interior repairs to walls, floors, kitchen, and bathroom, and outside debris removal. Through this ministry, we assist our neighbors in preserving their home value, building wealth for future generations, and we get to know our neighbors.

Advocacy: The Housing Working Group works with local faith communities and nonprofit agencies to advocate for maintaining and constructing affordable housing in Greensboro. Being the voice of Christ in our community, we advocate with the government, agencies, and developers on behalf of our neighbor's housing requirements. We recognize the immediate need for temporary and permanent housing. Our primary focuses are on families with infants and school-age children so that they go to school with a good night's sleep, ready to learn, and on the elderly so that they may age gracefully within their own homes.

Meals on Wheels: Hundreds of local seniors are homebound and struggle to get healthy meals and maintain human connection. On the third Monday of the month, Holy Trinity covers 10 routes for delivery of prepared meals and to lovingly connect with local seniors. Meals are picked up at 9 a.m. and deliveries take about two hours. If you'd like to help, contact parishioners C. P. Eldred at c.p.eldred46@gmail.com or Russ Dunn at mrdunn17@gmail.com.

**School Supply Drive:** Every fall we hold a collection for school supplies to benefit a local school. Details will be in the weekly *ePistle* newsletter.

## SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Acolytes: All youth in 5th-12th grade are invited to become acolytes. Please let Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, know if you would like to join the acolyte program. There is a required training session for acolytes every fall. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@holy-trinity. com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

Altar Guild provides an opportunity to learn more about the rich traditions of our Episcopal heritage. The Altar Guild makes the church and Chapel ready for worship by putting out liturgical items, linens, and special hangings as the season requires. The time commitment is about three hours per month on Saturday mornings and before or after one of the Sunday services with occasional time during the week for special services. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@holy-trinity.com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

Chalicists: Chalice Bearers, also known as Chalicists, are men and women of the parish who assist the priests by serving the chalice of wine at communion. They vest in cassock and surplice and sit in the sanctuary during the service. Chalice Bearers require appointment by the Rector and licensing by the Bishop for a two-year term. They serve once or twice a month. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@holy-trinity.com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

Choir: The Adult Choir features both professional and volunteer singers and welcomes all interested adults and teens who have strong musical skills. The choir provides musical leadership at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Rehearsals are 10:15 – 11 a.m. in the choir room on Sundays. Contact Dr. Ben Brafford at ben-htms@triad.rr.com.

Condolence Note Writers: This faithful group of volunteers writes notes to those who are bereaved. If you'd like to be a part of this or would like more information, please reach out to Libby Haile at hailemartin@aol.com.

Greens Guild: The Holy Trinity Greens Guild beautifies the church with fresh green arrangements, gathered from nature, for the altars and the Baptistry. We are organized into teams and work in two-week shifts throughout the year with training provided for new members. Contact Peggy Follin at pfollin@triad.rr.com or Ann Vaughn at alv11950@bellsouth.net.

Lay Readers: Lectors come forward from the congregation during worship and read scripture lessons at the lectern. Intercessors read the Prayers of the People. Lay Readers serve at the Sunday morning services and other services throughout the church year. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@holy-trinity.com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

Ushers: "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7 Ushers are often the first face someone

sees when arriving at church, so this ministry is vital to welcoming people to Holy Trinity. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@ holy-trinity.com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

Wedding Guild: The Wedding Guild works with the clergy and engaged couples to choreograph wedding ceremonies and ensure they unfold in a smooth and beautiful way. Contact Annie Slaughter, Liturgical Coordinator, annie@holy-trinity.com; 336-272-6149 ext. 239.

#### **GIVING**

#### **Annual Giving**

Every fall, we ask parishioners to make a pledge for the next fiscal year. The Vestry then bases the operating budget on those pledges, which make up 95 percent of income. The remaining five percent of estimated income is from a distribution from the Holy Trinity Foundation, offering plate, unexpected gifts, and facility rental income. The \$1.7 million 2023 operating budget is apportioned this way: 13% repairs and maintenance; 16% clergy; 26% general and administration; 32% programs; and 13% outside the parish.

Many people give by making donations during the year or by faithfully putting money in the offering plate on Sunday, which is wonderful. However, written pledges are what we know we can expect and are the number on which the Vestry bases the budget. If you have never pledged or are wondering whether your pledge is appropriate, know that a pledge of any amount is important. Sacrificial giving is the discipline of remembering that all that is, is God's anyway, no matter how hard we might work for it.

#### **Capital Giving**

In June 2022, the Vestry approved a two-month Second Century capital campaign which raised \$3.3 million to be spent in this way: \$2 million for water remediation and plaster repair; \$1.2 million for a maintenance endowment; and any remaining money for interior restoration. The water remediation phase and interior plaster work are complete. Once the contractor is paid, subsequent pledge payments will fund the endowment. Only then will interior renovation be considered. If you are interested in making a pledge or payment to the campaign, contact Dot Binkley, Finance Administrator, at dot@holy-trinity.com or 336-272-6149.

Previous capital campaigns built the original 1922 building (now All Saints Chapel), the 1949 Sanctuary, and the 1963 Parish House. A 1990 campaign funded stone facing on the Parish House, addressed water problems in the undercroft, and added an elevator and the Columbarium; a 2017 campaign helped renovate the Parish House interior, and added the terrace, covered walkway and parking.

#### **Holy Trinity Foundation**

Holy Trinity's foundation is a separate financial entity with its own board of directors and is charged with investing funds to benefit the church. The board's vision is to increase funds to supplement or completely underwrite church operating budget line items. Foundation by-laws and a spending policy are intended to protect the corpus of funds so that they support the donor's intended purpose while continuing to grow. For more information or how to include the Foundation in your estate planning, contact the Rector, Fr. David Umphlett, david@holy-trinity.com or 336-272-6149.

#### **C**LERGY

# The Rev. David A. Umphlett, Rector, david@holy-trinity.com

David has been Rector of Holy Trinity since October 1, 2020. Previously, he served as Rector of St. Mary's in High Point, N.C., for 11 years. Before that, he served as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Plymouth, N.C., and St. Luke's/St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Roper, N,C. He and his wife, Lorinda, have three school-aged sons: James, Parker, and Thomas. Lorinda is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and has a private practice in High Point. A native of Wilmington, N.C., David has a bachelor's degree in music performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. He has been active on several diocesan committees as well as with local and regional nonprofits. David is particularly passionate about worship and stewardship.

# The Rev. Sarah Carver, Associate Rector, sarah@holy-trinity.com

Sarah, born and raised in northern Michigan, is a North Carolina transplant. It was after graduating from Alma College with a degree in biology that Sarah began discerning a call to ordained ministry. She graduated from the General Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity and began her work in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan as Missioner to Young Adults. When parish ministry became Sarah's vocational focus, she led a small parish in Midland, Mich., and began studying clinical social work at Michigan State University. In 2013, Sarah graduated with a master's degree in social work and worked bi-vocationally between her parish and the local cancer center as an oncology social worker. Since joining the Holy Trinity ministry team in 2015, she has enjoyed working to serve the needs of the community. Sarah is married to Peter, a polymer scientist, and together they are raising their daughter, Elora, and a greyhound, Zena.

#### VESTRY

#### Class of 2023

Tom Duncan, Kassie Guran, Brett Hacker (Junior Warden) Harriette Knox (Senior Warden)

#### Class of 2024

Katherine Skinner Cuda, Dodson Schenck (Secretary), Daphne Shaw, Joe Weatherly

#### Class of 2025

Will Creekmuir, Tom Stukes, Freya Thomas, Connie Wojtek

Treasurer Will DuBose WHO WE AR

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# CALENDAR, SEPTEMBER 2023 - MAY 2024

Regular Sunday and Wednesday worship services are not listed in this calendar but are on page 2.

HD = Haywood Duke WP = Worth Parlor

#### September 2023

- 1 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 2 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 3 First Sunday nametags
- 4 Parish Offices Closed
- 6 Cursillo, 5 p.m., WPBeloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., RoeWed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD
- 8 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 10 Sunday services go to regular schedule: 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m.Christian formation classes begin Parish Picnic, 5 p.m., Terrace
- 11 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth
- 13 Children's Choir practices begin, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., Cursillo, 5 p.m., Chapel Parlor Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD

- 14 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 15 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 16 All day, Paint the Town service Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 17 CAN DO Sunday
- 18 Women's Fellowship Dinner, HD, 6 p.m.
- 20 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 21 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 22 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 23 All day, Paint the Town service
- 25 6 p.m., Vestry meeting, Smyth Library
- 27 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 29 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe

#### October 2023

- 1 First Sunday nametags
  Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m.,
  Labyrinth
- 2 Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 4 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD

- Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Beloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe
- 6 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
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- 15 CAN DO Sunday
- 16 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 18 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 19 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 20 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 21 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 23 Vestry meeting, 6 p.m., Smyth Library
- 25 Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Trunk or Treat after supper, back parking lot
- 27 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe

#### November 2023

- 1 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HDCursillo, 5 p.m., WPBeloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe
- 3 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 4 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 5 First Sunday nametags All Saints Parade, 9 a.m. service
- 6 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 8 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 9 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 10 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 13 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 15 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 16 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 17 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 18 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel

- 19 CAN DO Sunday
- 20 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 22 Parish Office Closes at 1 p.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving, Parish Office Closed, all day
- 24 Parish Office Closed, all day
- 27 Vestry meeting, 6 p.m., Smyth Library
- 29 Wed. Night Supper and Advent Wreath making, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP

#### December 2023

- 1 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 2 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 3 First Sunday nametags Abbreviated 9 a.m. service Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., Nave
- 4 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 6 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Beloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe
- 8 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 11 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 13 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 14 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 15 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 16 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 17 CAN DO Sunday Memorial Service, 2 p.m., Chapel
- 18 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 20 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 21 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 22 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Parish Office Closes at 1 p.m. through Jan. 1
- 24 Christmas pageant, 10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Service, 2 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, 11 p.m.

- 25 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.
  - Office closed through Jan. 1

#### January 2024

- 1 Parish Office closed
- 3 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Beloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe
- 5 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 6 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel Service of Light, 5:30 p.m. Epiphany Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 7 First Sunday nametags
- 8 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 10 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 11 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 12 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 17 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 18 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 19 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 20 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 21 CAN DO Sunday
- 22 Vestry Meeting, 6 p.m., Smyth Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 24 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 26 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe 3
- 31 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP

#### February 2024

- 2 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 3 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 4 First Sunday nametags
- 5 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD
   Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
   Beloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe

- 8 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 9 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 12 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 13 Shrove Tuesday, 5 p.m., HD
- 14 Holy Eucharist and ashes, 7:30 a.m.
  - Holy Eucharist and ashes, 12:15 p.m.
  - Holy Eucharist and ashes, 5:30 p.m.
  - Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 15 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 16 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 17 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 18 CAN DO Sunday
- 19 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 20 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 21 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 22 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 23 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Stations of the Cross, noon
- 27 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 28 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 29 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel

#### March 2024

- 1 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Stations of the Cross, noon
- 2 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 3 First Sunday nametags
- 4 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 6 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Beloved Community Commission, 6 p.m., Roe
- 7 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 8 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Stations of the Cross, noon
- 11 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 12 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 13 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD

- Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 14 Faith and Grief, noon, HD Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 15 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Stations of the Cross, noon
- 16 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 17 CAN DO Sunday
- 18 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 19 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 20 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 21 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 22 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Stations of the Cross, noon
- 25 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 26 Holy Eucharist, noon, Chapel
- 27 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 28 Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m., Nave
- 29 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe Solemnities of Good Friday, noon Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.
- 30 Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m.

#### April 2024

- 1 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- Beloved Community Commission,6 p.m., Roe
- 3 Office closed through April 5 Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 5 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 6 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 7 First Sunday nametags
- 8 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 10 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 11 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 12 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 15 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 17 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP

- 18 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 19 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 20 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 21 CAN DO Sunday
- 24 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
- 26 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe

#### May 2024

- Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD
   Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP
   Adult Confirmation class, 6 p.m.,
   Roe
   Beloved Community Commission,
   6 p.m., Roe
- Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 4 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 5 First Sunday nametags
- 6 Labyrinth Keepers, 5 p.m., Smyth Men's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 8 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., WP Adult Confirmation class, 6 p.m., Roe
- 9 Faith and Grief, noon, HD
- 10 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 13 Mystery and Theology, 4 p.m., WP
- 15 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., Worth Parlor Adult Confirmation class 6 p.m.,
- 16 Labor of Love, noon, Roe
- 17 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 18 Rosary Gp., 10 a.m., Chapel
- 19 CAN DO Sunday
- 20 Women's Fellowship Dinner, 6 p.m., HD
- 22 Wed. Night Supper, 5 p.m., HD Cursillo, 5 p.m., Worth Parlor
- 24 Fri. Covenant Gp., 10:30 a.m., Roe
- 26 Summer Worship hours begin, Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Nave
- 29 Cursillo, 5 p.m., Worth Parlor Adult Confirmation class, 6 p.m., Roe



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