Holy Trinity Church in Hampstead

Opportunities to Give Of your Time and Talent



How Can I Contribute?

Christian Stewardship involves giving of ourselves to further God's missions. We are the Lord's hands without which His work cannot be accomplished. At Holy Trinity, there are many ways to participate in God's work.

VESTRY SERVICE

Serving on the Vestry at Holy Trinity requires a larger commitment than most other opportunities. Possibly this is the reason it is difficult to persuade competent, busy people to offer this service. However, if you have ever wished you had the power to influence decisions about the administration, programs, and direction of Holy Trinity, serving on the Vestry is your chance. We can't complain about how things are done if we don't try to fix them. Service on the Vestry is an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the church as well as to influence them.

Service on the Vestry is for a 3-year term. Members are expected to attend monthly Tuesday evening meetings and to volunteer for leadership in a particular area by serving in a Vestry office or as a liaison to a committee.

FINANCE

At Holy Trinity our year-round finances are managed by a Treasurer who works with a Finance Committee to establish an annual budget after the yearly Pledge Campaign is complete and the money available can be estimated. If you have talent in this area, please speak to Howard Brackett or the Treasurer, Bob Muller.

STEWARDSHIP

One way to define stewardship, is "all that we do with all that we have once we say we believe." At Holy Trinity a Stewardship Committee meets year-round with the mission of educating ourselves and the Parish in principles of Christian stewardship. Service on the Stewardship Committee is voluntary and has no time limit or commitment. Members step in and step out as their interests and schedules permit. We believe that if we have done a good job of stewardship education, the membership will support the Parish generously. Since Christian stewardship is a part of the life of every Christian, service on the Stewardship Committee is something every Christian should experience.

DUTREACH

The Dutreach Committee is a very active committee at Holy Trinity. The Committee chooses and supports many activities that reach out to the community at large, sharing our resources with those in need. It also supports national and international efforts through the Diocese of East Carolina and Episcopal Relief and Development. Anyone is welcome to join at any time, and anyone who wants to suggest an appropriate project can do so. The entire church community donates to many of the committee's projects such as providing backpack meals for local schoolchildren who otherwise wouldn't have enough to eat. If your heart is in the support of community outreach projects, this committee is for you.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

All activities at Holy Trinity inform our understanding of who we are as children of God and our responsibility to live daily as examples of the Body of Christ.

During the first part of the Sunday Service, Jane Nie-

derberger leads Godly Play, a program for young children tailored to the age of the children present on a given Sunday. She would be happy for assistance. Certification is necessary to become a Godly Play instructor; if you are interested in learning more about this program please speak to Jane.

Education for youth is incorporated into their Sunday evening program, described below.

Adult book studies are offered during the week on a seasonal basis. If you have ideas or expertise to contribute, please speak to the Rector.

YOUTH

Though small, the Holy Trinity Youth Group is very active, contributing to the life of the parish while they grow as Christians. All parishioners with an interest in working with young people may bring their ideas and volunteer. If you would like to contribute by providing a home-cooked meal for a Sunday night Youth Group meeting, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Junior Warden is in charge of buildings and grounds maintenance. As we have no staff dedicated to this purpose other than a service that does only routine cleaning, anyone who notices that something needs cleaning or fixing can simply clean or fix it. Volunteers for jobs such as lawn mowing or weeding are always welcome. If you are skilled in building maintenance tasks and would like to volunteer your services, please speak to the Junior Warden., Bruce Pennington.

MUSIC

Catherine Charles, our music director, is always looking for singers who are interested in joining the choir and for anyone interested in ringing bells (no experience necessary.) There are also opportunities for any musician who would like to contribute by performing at a special service, and for organists and pianists willing to substitute occasionally when Catherine is not available.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

Parishioners contribute to the services in many ways, from greeting at the door (which includes bringing the elements to the altar,) to ushering, to reading lessons, to serving the chalice. There is also an opportunity to become certified as a lay reader. Our lay readers occasionally lead a service of Morning Prayer and deliver a sermon when our Rector is not available. Some parishioners volunteer to serve in more than one of these capacities.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for services, keeps the silver and brass polished, and cares for the linens. There are four altar guild teams who serve on rotating weeks. In your week, you can expect to spend a little time on Saturday and a little time after church on Sunday.

ECW

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is an organization of all women of the church, whose purpose is to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation, mission and ministry in the community, nation and the world and to take their place in the life, governance and worship of the church. Holy Trinity's ECW meets monthly, raises several thousand dollars a year for outreach activities, and provides support for parish life. Every woman is welcome to attend meetings as she is able. Dolores Phillips would be glad to talk with you about ways to become involved on both the Parish and the Diocesan levels.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women of the Episcopal Church (and churches with the historic Episcopate) organized in 1885. Every Daughter pledges herself to a program of prayer, service and personal evangelism, dedicated to the extension of Christ's kingdom and to the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. The Holy Trinity Chapter regularly prays for the parish and actively supports parish life.

TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

AT HOLY TRINITY

2014 CONTACTS

Vestry Service

Senior Warden, Norm Gopsill

Finance Committee

Howard Brackett

Treasurer, Bob Muller

Stewardship Committee

Chairman, Gary Miller

Dutreach Committee

Chairman, Joy Ball

Youth Group

Dee Wolfe

Christian Education

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Sunday School,

Jane Niederberger

Buildings and Grounds

Junior Warden, Bruce Pennington

Music

Music Director, Catherine Charles

Worship Participation

Rector, Rev. Pam Stringer

Altar Guild

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