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Restoration Update

We are making progress! There are people at the church everyday now who are involved with the planning for the restoration to begin. Mr. Mike Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of Preservation South Carolina has stated that he is pleased with the overall developments and hopes the actual work on the bell tower will begin soon. There was also considerable water intrusion in the very rainy month of January. Mike also announced that they would like to include in the phase one restoration process the restoration of the historic John Baker tracker organ which may be one of only two or three left in this country. This extremely unique instrument, which was originally built in London, and sent from there to Charleston to be reworked in the John Baker organ studio and then to Abbeville, was never the appropriate size for our large sanctuary but served the church reasonably well for more than a hundred years. With its nearly perfect acoustics, Trinity is a major concert venue, but most of these programs are presented on the large organ which is a concert instrument. Some of the most popular organ programs in the past have included musical selections in which both instruments spoke back and forth to each other. Now that we are underway, please support the restoration process in any way that you can. Advise your friends to see the Preservation South Carolina website and all the interesting information there about Trinity and to make their contributions through that website. We will have another update for you in March.

Getting Ready For Lent

It is about time to be thinking about Lent and the Episcopal Church's expectations for the observance of these important forty days. Lent is the most somber time of the Church year, when worship in the worldwide Anglican Communion is devoid of some of its usual practices and accoutrements. No flowers

are allowed on the altars during Lent except on the fourth Sunday (*Laetare*), and in many of our churches all crosses and images are veiled for the entire season. Remember, all Sundays in the Episcopal Church are feast days, even the Sundays of Lent; so they are not numbered among the forty days of Lent. All lesser saints' days are optional, the weekdays of Lent being Greater Ferias. If these days are observed, the season is always commemorated. The Gloria is neither sung nor said during Lent. Alleluia is also not said or sung during Mass or the Holy Offices. Organ music is limited during the entire season. At Trinity altar servers and choir will wear cassocks (black only) at Mass without surplice. Weddings are not typically solemnized during Lent. *The Book of Common Prayer* lists *Ash Wednesday* and other weekdays as fasts "observed by special acts of discipline and self denial." The Church suggests that the faithful should receive the Blessed Sacrament at every opportunity and to take up additional spiritual practice in tribute to the time that Jesus was tempted and fasted in the wilderness. The color of Lent is violet (purple) and the Holy Offices assume a more serious character. The entrance hymn is omitted during Lent and the priests and altar party process in silence. In large parishes, the *Great Litany* is often sung or said in procession before the principal Mass (BCP, p. 148). *The Stations of the Cross* is a most appropriate devotion for Lent, especially when recited on Fridays (always at noon on Good Friday at Trinity). Many visitors to Trinity during Lent comment on the stark nature of the church upon seeing the crosses under dark veils and even the magnificent stained glass seeming to take on a darker ambience.

The Bishop is Coming!

On February 17th, Trinity will enjoy the particular honor and pleasure of welcoming our own Bishop and Rector, the Right

Reverend Andrew Waldo as our Celebrant and Preacher. The Bishop will also confirm Hank and Mike to the Episcopal Church as our newest members. You are invited to a lovely luncheon with the Bishop at the Belmont Inn which will immediately follow the Eucharist. We cordially welcome Hank and Mike to our Trinity family. Our former Vicar, the Reverend Rilla Holmes will be our Preacher and Celebrant for the other three Sundays in February. Please make your plans to be with us for all these inspirational services.

Matthew 25 Initiative

The diocese is especially proud of its Matthew 25 program which has brought smiles and a sense of accomplishment into the lives of many children and adults. In many cases, the important work of this program is not understood by parish members. The Matthew 25 committee draws its name and vision from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew (25:40) ...*Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.* The vision of Matthew 25 is to see every congregation in the diocese to develop and initiate ministries of justice and compassion, seeking God's transformation for the poor and those persons at risk; and every congregation to achieve renewal as it reaches with the love of Jesus to the "least" of his family. Past awards have gone to fund ministries such as a music lessons for poor children, food pantries, various educational programs for children and adults, school supplies and even community gardens. This committee is chaired by Trinity's good friend, the Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers of Grace Church. If you have any ideas about a program that would be beneficial to enhance the lives of children or adults in this community, see further details on the section on mission and outreach, under Ministries on the diocesan website. (www.edusc.org).

Feast Days in February:

The Presentation

The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple is observed on February 2nd. Other traditional names for the feast are *The Purification of the Blessed Virgin, The Meeting of the Lord* and *Candlemas*. In some of the liturgical Churches, *Compline* on this feast marks the end of the season of the Epiphany. In the Church of England the Presentation of Christ in the Temple is a principal feast and is celebrated on February 2nd, or on the Sunday between January 28th and February 3rd. The event is described in the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40). According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple forty days after his birth to complete the ritual purification of the Holy Mother after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn in obedience to the Law of Moses (Leviticus 12 and Exodus 13:12-25). Luke explicitly states that Mary and Joseph took the option provided for poor people (those who could not afford a lamb) in Leviticus (12:8) by sacrificing “a pair of turtle doves and two young pigeons.” As they entered the temple they came upon Simeon the Righteous. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised by God that “he should not see death before he has seen the Lord’s Christ” (Luke 2:26). At this encounter, Simeon offered the now famous prayer that has become well known as the *Nunc Dimittis*. This prayer, which we repeat in our daily office of Evening Prayer, prophesies the redemption of the world by Jesus. *Candlemas*, another name for this feast, arises from the ancient custom of blessing candles at this time in memory of Simeon’s declaration in the *Nunc Dimittis* that the infant Christ is the “light to enlighten the nations.”

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2:29-32 (BCP, p. 120).

Saint Matthias

We celebrate the **Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle** on February 25th. Matthias, according to the *Acts of the Apostles*, was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas’s suicide. His calling as an apostle is unique in that his appointment was not made by Jesus who had already returned to his Father, and it was made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. There is no mention of Matthias as a

disciple or follower of Jesus in the three Synoptic Gospels. According to Acts 1, in the days following the Ascension, the assembled disciples who were about 120, nominated two men to replace Judas: Joseph Barabbas, who was surnamed Justus and Matthias. Then they prayed: *Thou, O Lord, who knoweth the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take the part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots: and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles* (Acts 1:23-26, KJV) No additional information is to be found about Matthias in the Canon of the *New Testament*. In the writings of the ancient historian, Nicephorus, Matthias began his preaching career in Judea, then in Aethiopia (modern day Georgia) and was stoned to death in Colchis.

Farewells

Many Trinity friends and members were saddened to hear of the recent death of the Right Reverend Donald Hultstrand, 9th Bishop of Springfield (Illinois) who passed away peacefully into the eternal presence of his Savior on December 21st in Greenville at the age of 91 years. Ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in 1953, the Bishop was elected to the Episcopate in 1982. His Grace spent many of his retirement years at Christ Church as Bishop-in-Residence and was much loved and admired in Greenville. The Bishop and his lovely wife, Ann, were enormously popular at Trinity where he celebrated a beautiful high Mass on the anniversary of Trinity’s 150th year in the presence of 300 guests from all over the US. One high church lady from Charleston delighted listeners when she said “he looks exactly like a Bishop is supposed to look.” While serving as an Assisting Bishop to Bishop Waldo, Bishop Hultstrand visited Trinity on several occasions to confirm new members to the Episcopal Church. We extend our love and condolences to Ann.



Requiescat in Pace

His Grace

The Right Reverend Donald Hultstrand

9th Bishop of Springfield

His Lord said unto him, well done thou good and faithful servant—Matthew 25:21

Email Addresses Please!

The Senior Warden has requested that all members and friends of Trinity who use email please send her your email address. We are updating all our mailing lists in an

effort to make our communication ability with our members and friends as efficient as possible. Some of the recent communication conferences offered by the national church have determined that social media and email are the quickest and most efficient means for good communication flow in the parish. We will also be updating our lists for address and phone information for those persons not using email. This information will be useful in our efforts to keep you informed on the progress in the restoration and other important matters concerning the parish. Some of our readers have requested to receive their newsletters via email and we will attempt to accommodate that request and mailed copies will remain available for those who prefer them. In the past two years we have also been gratified to learn that for several years we had many people reading our newsletter on our website until it was removed by the last vicar. We are now exploring the return of the newsletter to the website as we believe that it might facilitate the funding for the restoration. Please assist us by sending an email to the Senior Warden at cynthiaj@wctel.net to contain your email and mailing address and your phone number. You may also indicate in this same communication if you wish to receive your newsletter via email. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated. Thank you!

Did You Know? Episcopal Trivia

54% of the founding fathers were Episcopalian. 57% of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence were Episcopalian. The following presidents were Episcopalian: James Madison, George Washington, James Monroe, John Tyler, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Franklin Pierce, Chester Arthur, Franklin Roosevelt, Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush.

The popular musical *Godspell* was created by lifelong Episcopalian John Michael Tebelak and several of the songs came from the 1940 hymnal. Ever wonder about Irish rock band U2’s quest for God and social justice in their music? Lead singer Bono was raised in the Anglican tradition. Anglican priest Jack Heaslip was U2’s chaplain and he traveled with them to minister to the band and their 500 person road crew as they toured the world. Father Heaslip was their chaplain until his death in 2015. The Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul (otherwise known as the National Cathedral) is Episcopal and is the official seat of the Presiding Bishop. The Episcopal Church is the only main stream denomination in the US in which a majority of its members are college educated. The Episcopal Church is often jokingly referred to as “the country club at prayer.”

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2019

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalms 118:24)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year C Office Lectionary Year 1	BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts	All Lessons and Readings are from The Revised Common Lectionary.		Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1	1	2 The Presentation Of Our Lord Jesus Christ In The Temple (Altar: White)
3 4 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	4	5	6 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	7	8	9
10 5 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Vestry Meeting	11	12	13 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	14 <i>Make Someone Smile Today on This Feast of Saint Valentine</i>	15	16
17 6 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist Bishop's Luncheon 12:00 noon at the Belmont Inn.	18 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19	20 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	21	22	23
24 7 th Epiphany 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	25 Saint Matthias The Apostle (Altar: Red) Transferred	26	27 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	28		Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 King James

February 3, 2019 (4th Epiphany)
 Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Jennie
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Myra
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm: 71:1-6 *In te, Domine, speravi*
 The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 The Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

February 10, 2019 (5th Epiphany)
 Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister: Dick
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Lewis
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-18, 9-13
 Psalm: 138 *Confitebor tibi*
 The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
 The Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily. Psalm 86:3

February 17, 2019 (6th Epiphany)
 Celebrant: Bishop Waldo
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Dick
 Acolyte: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm : 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*
 The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

February 24th 2019 (7th Epiphany)
 Celebrant: The Rev. Rilla Holmes
 Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
 Lector: Ruth
 Acolytes: Andrew
 Altar Guild: Michele
 Altar Colors: Green
 1st Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
 Psalm: 37:1-12, 41-42 *Noli amulari*
 The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38
 The Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine. Saint Dominic.

Happy Birthday

02/13—*Audrey*

02/22—*Ruth*

Convocation
 The Foothills Convocation met at the Church of the Redeemer on January 20th at 2:00 pm. The delegations discussed the development of the timeline for the 2020 diocesan budget, the application process for the Matthew 25 grants, new developing programs in the diocese and updates on activities in the member parishes. The meeting was conducted by Father Mike Flanagan, Dean of the Convocation and Rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church. The Diocese was represented by the Reverend Deacon d'Rue Hazel, Canon for Congregational Development and Administration. You were represented by Cynthia, Jennie and Lewis.

The February Meeting of the Vestry will be on February 10th following the Eucharist.

Trinity Episcopal Church

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Our Mission Statement:

To do the work that Christ has given us

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend W. Andrew Waldo

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden
Andrew Hartsfield
Myra Keith
Betty Tucker
Mary Anne Campbell
Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley

Parish Administrator

Dick Haldeman

Treasurer:

Lewis Ashley

Musicians:

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist
Joy Bolen, Choir
Mary Anne Campbell, Choir
Ruth Freeman, Choir
Audrey Ashley Guy, Choir
Eddie Barber, Choir

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Ruth Freeman
Joy Bolen
Eddie Barber

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Joy Bolen
Lewis Ashley
John Pullin

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Lewis Ashley
Joy Bolen
Myoung McDowell

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Joy Bolen
Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Betty Tucker

Acolytes:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield
Eddie Barber

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
John Pullin

Greeters/Ushers

Charles Freeman
Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin
Jennie Leverich

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Jennie Leverich (Voting)
Lewis Ashley (Voting)
Cynthia Jefferies (Alternate)
Jan Haldeman (Alternate)

Newsletters:

Lewis Ashley
Jennie Leverich

Sunday School/Bible Study:

Hank Baggett

For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise.

Intercessory Prayer List

Beginning with this issue of our newsletter we will include a list for intercessory prayer to include all our members and friends of this parish. Some are sick and some are well. We simply request that in your personal prayers and special intentions that you will lift these friends up unto the Lord who will know specifically what their needs are. When we have been through our entire list of members and friends, we will begin over again. Please feel free to advise us of any person not a member of this parish who you might wish to be on this list. Thank you!

Intercessory Prayer List

Please remember the following persons in your prayers during the month of February.

Joy
May
Freda
Richard
Charles Cann
Jennie
Betty
Father Tucker



Farewells

Members and friends of Trinity are deeply saddened at the passing on January 10th of Charles Freeman. Long time friend and patron of our church, Charlie gave so much of his love, passion and energy over many years to make Trinity the special place that it is. Charlie served many terms on the vestry, terms as Senior and Junior Warden and was a long-time treasurer. His extensive experience in the business world made him a great asset to the parish on many occasions when Trinity was involved in previous restorations.

Charlie will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences and love to Ruth and other family members.

Requiescat in Pace

+ *Charles Freeman*
A Soldier of the Cross

I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25

Same Sex Unions

Considerable tension lingers after marriage equity Resolution BO12 went into effect on December 2nd (First Advent). The General Convention passed the often-rewritten and often-amended resolution in an effort to standardize the blessing of same-sex unions in the Episcopal Church. All bishops of the 101 domestic dioceses needed to give permission for the marriage rites to be used in their dioceses. Eight bishops in the American Church refused to authorize the use of B012 mostly on the grounds that same-sex unions are non-scriptural and constitute a sinful lifestyle. These eight bishops required couples waiting to use the rites to be married outside their dioceses and away from their home parishes. Most of these bishops have since modified their positions with the exception of Bishop Love of the Diocese of Albany who has punished his priests who have accommodated same-sex unions. Bishop Love is currently under censure by the Presiding Bishop and may be disciplined for possible "canonical offence;" and his Episcopal authority has been partially restricted for refusing to obey the dictates of the General Convention. The Presiding Bishop stated that he is certain that Resolution BO12 was intended by the General Convention to be mandatory and binding upon all our domestic dioceses. It is not binding, however, on any diocese of the Episcopal Church outside the US where same-sex marriage is not legal. Fortunately our diocese has shown an increase in new members, but unfortunately, that is not the case in the Episcopal Church overall which shows a continuing and rapid decline in membership. Many commentators both inside and outside of the Episcopal Church consider this decline to be principally due to the Church's very liberal views on sexual behavior which they believe to be clearly contrary to the teachings of Holy Writ.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.