

TRINITY TIMES

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Living the Baptismal Covenant

from Pamela †

It is not an easy thing to do, living our life daily in accord with our baptismal covenant. On Sunday, 8 January we will remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. It is one of the four times in the church year when we renew our baptismal covenant during the service. We are not expected to do this on our own. We say, "I will, with God's help." In doing so, we acknowledge our dependence on God and our willing to do our best.

A poem I found again recently reminded me of who I am called to be as a child of GOD and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven. It seems appropriate as Christmas turn to Epiphany.

The Mood of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their
flock, the work of Christmas begins:*

- ★ *To find the lost,*
- ★ *To heal the broken,*
- ★ *To feed the hungry,*
- ★ *To release the prisoners,*
- ★ *To rebuild the nations,*
- ★ *To bring peace among people,*
- ★ *To make music in the heart.*

WELCOME NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Please thank the following members who have agreed to serve on Holy Trinity's Vestry for the next three years:

- **Steve Handy**
- **Roger Rick**
- **Jimmy Wolfe**

And a big "Thank You!" to the three coming off the Vestry this year: **Gail Boys, Greg Garriott, and Bruce Pennington.**

The Vestry will hold its **Annual Retreat** on **January 20-21** at the Cornettes.

Looking for a Few Good Men (or Women)

The Stewardship Committee is looking for a "Few Good Men" (or women) to join the Stewardship Committee for 2017.

The committee meets once a month after Sunday service throughout the year, to plan and set forth a Stewardship message and campaign for Holy Trinity Church. If you are so inclined to join the committee, or simply wish to ask a question, please contact one of the committee members:

Dave Mahoney,
Norm Gopsill,
Roger Kersey,
Gary Miller, or
Doris Castellano.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Dave Mahoney, Stewardship Committee

News & Notes from Outreach

A brand new year begins for us and the Outreach Ministry extends a grateful wish for every happiness in 2017, and a respectful thank you for Holy Trinity and the many individuals and groups who heed the call when the Outreach Ministry presents a call for assistance.

As we look back at 2016, Holy Trinity extended kindness in many forms when there was a call for help. Your Outreach Ministry, through our church family, touched the lives of many in local, national, and international locales. May you feel the joy and peace of knowing that you stepped outside yourselves and extended a helping hand to others.



Needs continue and we will strive to use our time, talents, and monetary resources to make the world, our nation, and our community better for all persons.

Look for news regarding 2017 Outreach Ministry projects in future announcements.

We would love for you to join us in 2017 as a member of our ministry. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 am and welcome all.

Blessings to all from your Outreach Ministry!

Christie Hawkins, Outreach Ministry

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

- 5 Gretchen Moore
- 8 Brett Price
- 11 Jennifer Starrett
- 18 Mary Jo Tuplin
- 20 Stephanie Clinch
- 22 Betty Sanders
- 30 Donna Spiers
- 31 Catherine Charles



Anniversaries:

- 1 Mike & Jennifer Starrett
- 7 Jerry & Jendon Johnson
- 17 Donna & Laura Smith

Parish Life

A great time was had by all who attended the Duplin Winery and Christmas Show! Those that did the tour and wine tasting seemed very jolly going into the show and dinner!



Next event will be a **Tailgate Potluck** after church service on **29 January**. Bring your favorite Super Bowl dish to share and plan to root for your favorite team. Also, wear your team's colors/jerseys to get in the spirit.

Upcoming events:

March – Bowling;

April – We will be looking into returning to Duplin Winery for their **Mystery Dinner show**. Please let us know if you are interested. These events sell out FAST!

May – Water Tour on the Cape Fear River.

We're looking for a reasonably priced **River Cruise** (e.g., Mediterranean, Great Lakes, Mississippi, etc.) for late 2017 or 2018. Let us know if you have a suggestion.

Pat Gopsill, Parish Life Ministry

2017 Holiday Bazaar Kickoff Meeting
Sat., January 28, 10:00 am
Holy Trinity Church

Come join us for a kickoff meeting for next year's Bazaar. We'll be establishing committees and responsibilities. Come be a part of this important church fundraiser. Men invited as well.



Stewardship: Making the Most of Every Opportunity

"Be very careful, then, how you live...making the most of time because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15-16

Time is a remarkable gift from God. The pages of our personal planners and dates on our phones represent the moments God has entrusted to our care. But how should we use them? We can fill those moments in an almost limitless variety of ways.

Paul reminds us that the very nature of our world discourages our stewardship of time.

"The days are evil," he writes. And because evil seems so powerful in our world, we are tempted to despair of making a real difference. The author E. B. White once said, "When I get up in the morning I am torn between saving the world and enjoying the world. This makes it very difficult to plan my day."

He's right. Saving the world seems an impossible task. What difference will our little acts of goodness make in the overall scheme of things? No wonder so many people today allow time to run through their fingers like sand on the seashore. We pursue meaningless activities that kill time and the possibilities it presents.



Paul challenges us to be stewards of time, making the most of our opportunities.

Paul understands that because of Christ's victory on the cross,

time is redeemed. Our efforts to use time in ways that make a difference for the kingdom of God will not be wasted. God will establish our work through the power of his grace.

But then, should we go from one extreme to the other? Does seizing every opportunity mean we can never relax, never have a moment for ourselves, never take time to "smell the roses?" Is Paul calling us to become workaholics for the kingdom of God?

No! Here in these verses, Paul sets our use of time against an invitation to worship God. In so doing, he



reminds us that using our time well is set against the backdrop of God's divinely established rhythm for life. Early in Israel's history, God set a pattern for us. "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God" (Ex. 20:9-10). God's "six and one" pattern reminds us that we do not live by work alone. Not even God's kingdom comes about by our work alone. Rather, our times are in God's hand. God's grace working through us makes a difference—not only for today but for eternity.



If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl – sickness, grief, loneliness, new baby – please fill out a form and choose a shawl. We have special cards to go with them. See Joy Ball or Dolores Phillips.

Epiphanies...A Place to Start

Holy Cross and Holy Trinity Church Chapters of the Daughters of the King are pleased to present "Epiphanies" - a day of quiet and music meditation at the start of the new year on **Saturday, January 7, 2017** (Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 5820 Myrtle Grove Rd., Wilmington 28409). The day will be led by noted speaker Lisa Richey, along with the contemplative and therapeutic harp music of Carole Bowman Green. All are welcome - men included!

9:00 am	Registration and light breakfast, coffee and tea served
9:30 am	Welcome - Father Dick Warner
9:45 am	Epiphanies Part I: Lisa Richey and Carole Bowman Greene
12 Noon	Lunch - Soup and Salad
12:45 pm	Epiphanies Part II
1:30 pm	Communion and closing prayers
2:30 pm	Dismissal

Please consider joining us for this reservation-only event to prepare yourself for the new year. A registration fee of \$10 (to be paid at the door) is requested to assist with the cost of preparing meals.

If you're interested, contact Gail Boys.

DOK Classes to Start in February

Women who are interested in exploring membership in the **Daughters of the King** are invited to begin classes Saturday mornings in February.

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are communicants of the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.



Reaffirming the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. She receives support in this commitment from a worldwide

community of like-minded women.

In solidarity with one another, all Daughters everywhere make the same promises upon their admission to the Order:

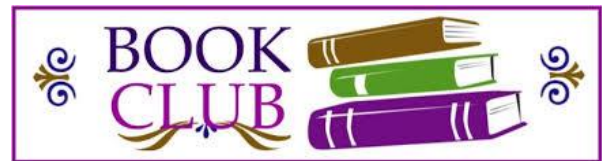
- To obey the two Rules of The Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.
- To offer at all times loyal aid to our clergy and parish to spread Christ's kingdom.
- To wear faithfully the cross of The Order.
- To work for the purposes of The Order as God may give us the opportunity.

No special spiritual attributes are needed to become a Daughter of the King – only a sincere desire to draw nearer to God, and to help others do the same. We are women living a Rule of Prayer and Service to our neighbors. Parishioners can look to us for love and help in time of need or loneliness. We seek to walk with God as our guide and try to draw those with whom we come in contact into the church. We are women who work to spread Christ's Kingdom here on earth. We can never forget that prayer is the foundation from which our service grows.

The National Study Guide is designed to help women prayerfully discern a call to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. It serves as the official preparation for prospective members, introduces the Order's Rules of Prayer and Service, establishes an understanding of the Order, and serves as a review for current members of the Order.

Through the preparation period we hope prospective members prayerfully decide to become Daughters of the King and realize the importance of the commitment they are about to make. Most importantly, we hope it will develop and strengthen their relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in pursuing this life, please see one of the Daughters: Gail Boys, Jeanne Rick, Jackie Redington, Vivian Kersey, Pat Gopsill, Lynn Ruhnke, Carolyn Beddow, Dolores Phillips, or Betty Sanders.



January 12: *Missing Pieces* by Heather Gudenkauf

February 9: *My Grandmother Told Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman

March 9: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

*The Book Club meets the second Thursday of each month at 12 Noon at the church.
Pack a lunch and come join us!*

From the Senior Warden

We're still exploring our options on repairing the duct work in the Sanctuary. We'll keep you informed.

Also, I met with the CEO of the Girls and Boys Brigade and they have agreed to pay for cleaning services every other week. Combined with our regular cleaning, the facility will be cleaned every week!!

The Brigade has also agreed to provide all paint and painting supplies to paint the Narthex and hallways. Labor will be provided by volunteers (many from the Cornette household). Painting is scheduled for Dec. 28-29. If interested in helping, contact me at 270-3724, or jim_arm@bellsouth.net.

Jim Cornette, Senior Warden



LEFT: Parishioners enjoy a glass of wine at the Duplin Winery Dinner and Christmas Show! Everyone had a great time!



BELOW: Lynn Ruhnke hosted the annual Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange for members of the Daughters of the King. A lovely time!



Vivian Kersey and Carolyn Beddow endure the cold temps as they sell Bazaar items at the Poplar Grove Christmas Show recently. ECW made over \$200 that day!



Carolyn Beddow, Lynn Ruhnke, Dolores Phillips, Jeanne Rick, Gail Boys, and Vivian Kersey attended the ECW Diocesan Meeting in Trinity Center, along with Mother Pam.

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Anyone know these wacky women who were cutting up in the photo booth at the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Volunteer Thank You Dinner ???



Each month, we will highlight one of the wild and crazy holidays our nation (and the world) celebrates....just for the fun of it!

January's Wacky Holiday: **January 4th, National Spaghetti Day**



Today is **National Spaghetti Day**. Grab a big bowl, fill it with spaghetti, top it with a generous helping of your favorite sauce, and dig in. And, don't forget the meatballs and parmesan cheese!

Spaghetti is one of over 600 shapes of pasta. It is by far, the most popular shape. Many people think of Italy and Italian cuisine, as the birthplace of spaghetti. In reality, pasta – or macaroni – dates back to ancient times. Ancient cultures were cooking pasta noodles well before they were introduced to Italy and other parts of Europe.

Marco Polo has been erroneously credited with bringing spaghetti and pastas to Europe. But, records show Europeans cooking pasta well before Polo began his travels. In fact, Arab cultures were selling dried spaghetti-like noodles in open markets in the early 1200's. The Chinese were cooking pasta noodles as far back as 5,000 B.C.

While ancient cultures were making and eating spaghetti and other pastas well before it came to Europe, it's the Italians who popularized it in cuisines. It was introduced into the United States through the travels of Thomas Jefferson, who brought it back from Naples, Italy in 1789. Italian immigrants also brought it over with them to the U.S., where its popularity quickly spread.

Spaghetti in Italian means thin string. **Did you Know?** Americans consume about 20 lbs. of pasta per person per year.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your bowl of Spaghetti today. To more completely enjoy this special day, make the spaghetti noodles yourself. It's a cinch. All you need is flour, water and a pasta maker.

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