



TRINITY TIMES

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A Letter from our Bishop

from Pamela †

Bishop Skirving has asked that I share this letter with the congregation and the easiest way to do that is by reprinting it in the Trinity Times. Please take a few moments to read his thoughts and take them into your heart.



Easter 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

"No one has greater love than to give up one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:13-14, CEB)

These words are included in John's gospel as part of Jesus' address to those who shared his last evening with him, and this year they captured my attention more fully than in years past. Our celebrations of the Day of Resurrection across East Carolina will have been as wonderful and varied as the congregations and communities that make up our diocese. No matter how glorious our celebrations, however, the good news that God raised Jesus from the grave must be news that motivates us for the journey ahead, through the season of Easter and beyond. Together as one body in Christ, we are called to follow our Lord's commandments, and particularly to love one another as God in Jesus has loved us.

I'm so grateful for all who have worked so hard to lead the worship and formation that has happened in our congregations during Lent and Holy Week and on Easter Day. Clergy, musicians, altar guilds, formation leaders and others, with the support or patience of their families, have given so much for the rest of us. But the hard work, the important work, lies ahead. How will you, and how will we, love one another in the communities where we

live? How will we love our neighbors in concrete and practical ways that make a real difference to them and to the world in which we live?

To offer my support for the work of being Jesus' friends, I will be sharing some tools for personal or group study and reflection during the Easter season. They'll be published online beginning next week and available from our website [www.diocese-eastcarolina.org], Facebook page and News & Notes email. I hope that they'll be helpful to you as we share this journey of faith!

May God's great acts of love for us inspire us to be faithful friends of Jesus!

Yours, in Christ Jesus,

Stewardship: Making a Planned Gift

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts.

Book of Common Prayer, p 259

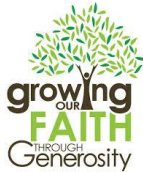
Most people don't have wills. More than half of the population ignore pleas to "write your will." And more than 50% of the adult population with college degrees do not have wills. The gift potential is tremendous. It has been reported that every week about \$100 million is left by people without wills. If more people wrote their wills and were aware that the church welcomed

bequests, churches would receive a share of this important resource.

The simplest way to make a planned gift is by **naming Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in your will**. A bequest is a meaningful way to support our parish without affecting your cash flow during your lifetime. Your attorney can include it when you prepare or revise your will or you can add a codicil at any time.

Life insurance is another way to make a sizeable gift to the church. For example:

- You can purchase a new policy and make the church the owner and beneficiary of the policy. This enables you to “leverage” your gift, ultimately making a much larger gift than otherwise possible. Contributions to your church to pay the ongoing premiums become tax deductible.
- You can make Holy Trinity the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy. The current value of the policy is tax deductible, as are future premium payments.
- You can make Holy Trinity a contingent beneficiary of an existing policy, or name the church to receive the proceeds the policy if the designated beneficiaries predecease the insured.



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Also, the remainder value of many **retirement accounts** can be heavily taxed when left to friends and family, but pass tax-free to your church upon your death. Review with your attorney or financial advisor to learn if this is an appropriate gift for you.

Real estate or securities can be the source of your gift to Holy Trinity. Using a Charitable Life Estate Contract, for example, you can deed your home, vacation home, farm, ranch, or condominium to the church and retain the right to live on the property and/or receive income from the property for as long as you live. You receive an income tax deduction when the property is deeded to the church and normally avoid any capital gains taxes when making the transfer. Your inheritance and estate taxes may be reduced at the time of your death. Gifts of appreciated real estate or securities allow you to avoid capital gains taxes. It is important to transfer

the stock or real estate to the church prior to selling it. However, if the securities or real estate have decreased in value, you should sell the assets before making the gift, thus establishing a capital loss and a potential tax deduction.

Gifts of **tangible personal property**, such as jewelry, coins, works of art, automobiles, etc. may also be given to the church. You are responsible for setting an appraised value on the gift. Any gift over \$5,000 must be independently appraised.

A no-cost way to make a planned gift to Holy Trinity is by designating it the recipient of a **bank account or security**. You can instruct any financial institution in which you have an account or the holder of a security to place your asset in a trust (often called a Totten Trust or a Transfer upon Death Account) which will be transferred, upon your death, directly to Holy Trinity.

This allows you to retain complete control of the asset during your lifetime and to give the remaining asset to Holy Trinity upon your death. Most Totten Trusts can be created easily, using a form obtained from your bank, financial institution or the holder of the security.

A healthy and vibrant Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead will be built upon the legacies we leave today. Many of our Episcopal institutions exist because past generations cared so much about the future of the Episcopal Church and expressed their caring by creating planned gifts.

Please consider Holy Trinity when planning your will.



	Month Ended Mar. 31, 2017	Year to Date Mar. 31, 2017	Annual Budget 2017
Pledged Offerings	\$ 8,917.50	\$31,869.50	\$118,448.00
Total Income	\$12,022.30	\$44,905.17	\$138,058.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,859.12	\$34,867.02	\$144,916.00
Special Offerings (APPEAL)			
	\$ 1,503.00	\$ 6,878.00	\$ 2,000.00
A BIG thank you to all who stepped up to the plate! It's not too late to write a check to Holy Trinity!			

Help Needed at the Ocean City Jazz Festival

Chestnut Chapel is looking for people to help with their popular **Ocean City Jazz Festival, July 1-2**, on North Topsail Island. Volunteers are need to sell drink tickets, sell drinks, work at the Silent Auction, work at the Ticket Desk, put on wrist bands, hand out programs, and help with selling commemorative T-shirts and posters. To learn about volunteering, send an email to info@oceancitync.com. Support our brothers and sisters on the island and the parishioners here who worship summers there.



If you can't volunteer, come to enjoy! Two nights of great jazz music! What do you get when you combine the best in jazz

together with devoted fans, a beautiful white sand beach, and good old "Crystal Coast Charm?" You get the most exciting, most talked about jazz festival in North Carolina! The Ocean City Jazz Festival celebrates its 8th year with a tried and true formula of the top names in jazz and the vacation destination of North Topsail Beach!

The 8th annual Ocean City Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2, 2017. All performances are held under a pavilion tent and begin at 5 PM. Doors open at 4 PM. One-Day Pass \$35, Two-Day Pass \$60

News & Notes from Outreach

The Outreach Ministry will again sponsor our Spring collection of gently-used shoes for the **Soles4Souls** organization. Begin setting aside some of the shoes you no longer need and we will offer them on **June 11** at the altar during our service.



Have you ever thought about the impact of a pair of shoes? Soles4Souls began in 2006 and has since distributed over 30 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and all 50 US states. Every one of those shoes makes a difference in people's lives.

Every day children are prevented from attending school, adults are unable to work. Walking

becomes unbearable. A new pair of shoes provides relief in many developing nations around the globe, in times of disaster, and helps bridge the economic gap in the United States and Canada.

Our shoes are shipped to a collection center in the US. Unfortunately, none of the centers are very close to Hampstead, NC. If you have no shoes to offer, a donation toward the shipping costs is a very important contribution. A check written to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with a memo "Soles4Souls" will help get our shoes on to those in need.

Christie Hawkins, Outreach Ministry

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays:

4 Bud Johnson
5 Jim Vaughn
11 Earline Phillips
Jeanne Rick
13 Bill Crawford
17 Zatha Loewen
19 Lynn Ruhnke
21 Janice Fox
Gloria Kirwin
22 Jim Cornette
25 Elle Graham
29 Michelle Price
21 Bill Spender



Anniversaries:

6 Jimmy & Delores Wolfe
15 Kris & Gloria Kirwin
18 Darrell & Sally Markovitch
22 Greg & Tempe Garriott
23 Brent & Angela Livingood

Parish Life

Here's what's coming up...

Early May (date TBD) – Wilmington Water Tour Sunset Cruise with music

May 25, 6:00 pm – Ascension Day Service and Potluck Picnic (Youth Group to provide games)

June 4, 10:00 am – Service and picnic at Topsail Beach, beach house facilities courtesy The Cornettes (TENTATIVE)

July (date TBD) – Dinner at *The Chef and the Farmer* in Kinston, offering creative farm-to-table American fare in an upscale, urban-rustic spot (featured on a PBS series)

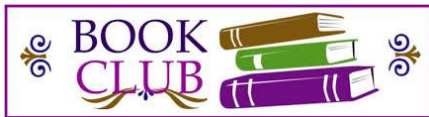
September 8-10 – Parish Weekend at Trinity Center

Pat Gopsill, Parish Life Ministry



Looking forward to the **Ascension Day picnic**, which will be held on **Thursday, May 25th at 6 pm** at our picnic area.

Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The Youth Group is arranging for games. Please contact Pat Gopsill if you have any questions or you would like to help.



- May 11:** *Reckless Creed* by Alex Kava
- June 8:** *Faithful* by Alice Hoffman
- July 13:** *Small, Great Things* by Jody Picoult

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

Help Spread the Word

May is the month the Episcopal Church Women around the nation collect funds for the Church Periodical Club. The purpose of the Church Periodical Club is to spread the written word throughout the world. Part of the money collected locally is for textbook grants to seminarians from our own diocese. Each parish in our diocese is contacted and asked to make a donation. At the February 2016 East Carolina Diocesan Convention, our four seminarians were given \$500 each and two diaconate students were given \$100 each in grant money that had been raised in our diocese. The remainder of the money each year is sent to the National Church Periodical Club for grants around the world.



This ministry with the odd name remains the same as when it was first organized more than 120 years ago, in 1888, by Mary Ann Fargo. Mrs. Fargo was the wife of Mortimer Fargo, a founder of the famed Wells-Fargo stage coach lines and a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City.

She and her friends sent Bibles to the West on Wells-Fargo stage coaches.

Since those early beginnings, CPC has provided educational, spiritual, and liturgical resources to many communities within our nation and around the world. Today this agency also provides funds for audio and video tapes, as well as computer software.

CPC is supported solely through voluntary donations. Gifts from parishes, clergy, individuals, vestries and ECW's keep this important ministry alive.

During the month of May we will have baskets at the back of the church labeled CPC. Please donate freely by cash or check, made payable to Holy Trinity ECW.

*Let's continue to support Christ's command:
"Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations..."*

Daughters Reveal Banner

Thanks to the exceptional seamstress efforts of Ellen Cornette, and the woodworking talents of George Ball, the Holy Trinity Chapter of the Daughters of the King have a banner to proudly carry to DOK assemblies.

The banner will be on display on May 7 as we install two new members – Linda Cavanaugh and Gloria



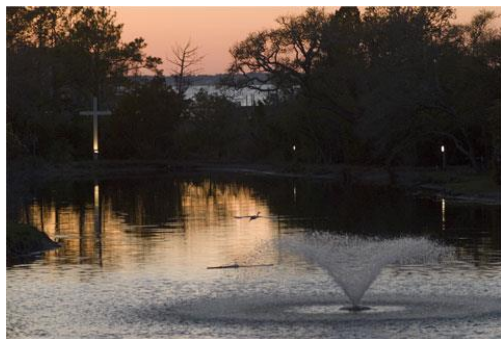
Gail Boys (left) and Jeanne Rick (right) debut the new Daughters of the King banner at the recent Diocesan Spring Assembly at St. Peter's in Swansboro.

Kirwin – into our chapter. Please take a moment to look at the beautiful work done by both Ellen, whose mother was a Daughter and is smiling in heaven, and George, who constructed the standard on which it hangs.

Friends of Trinity Center

From Carolyn Beddow and Bruce Pennington

On April 2, Trinity Center held a kick-off celebration for "Friends of Trinity." It was a program to strengthen support for Trinity Center and its present and future needs.



They wanted us, as Friends, to spread the word of the ministry not only to the congregation, but also to the community, and emphasize the importance of supporting this beautiful treasure financially.

There are three ways to do this:

1. By contributing to the consolidated debt;
2. By contributing to the Trinity and Beyond Endowment Fund (This fund is used for scheduled maintenance. All donations through 2018 will be matched up to \$50,000.); and
3. By supporting contributions to specific projects.

Trinity Center is located on beautiful Bogue Banks in the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. It is a spiritual center with updated amenities that offer varying opportunities for events, such as:

- ✓ Church and youth retreats;
- ✓ Creative workshops;
- ✓ Health & Wellness programs;
- ✓ Family reunions;
- ✓ Training sessions;
- ✓ Business workshops.

Please review all the materials provided on the table in the Narthex for programs, dates and costs. See Carolyn or Bruce for additional info.

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

May's Wacky Holiday: **May 8th, No Socks Day**

It's time to get out your sandals and flip flops. For today is *No Socks Day*. Go ahead..... free your toes of the confines of socks and stockings. Give those toes of yours a breath of fresh air. The creators of this day also profess that *No Socks Day* will reduce your laundry load, and therefore, is healthy for the environment.

It's easy to participate in *No Socks Day*. Just leave your socks and stockings off, and let your toes enjoy a moment in the sun!



Note: While washing your feet prior to participating in No Socks Day is a requirement, painting your toe nails is completely optional

HERE'S
TO STRONG WOMEN.
MAY WE KNOW THEM.
MAY WE BE THEM.
MAY WE RAISE THEM.





◆◆◆◆◆ Holy Eucharist Begins Sunday at 10:00 a.m. ◆◆◆◆◆

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