

**Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity**

**2018**

# **ANNUAL PARISH REPORT**

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Monique Taylor  
Monique Taylor  
Jennifer Dorn  
Jennifer Dorn  
Paula Wahl



### Our Mission...

To be a beacon drawing others to God and into the life-transforming fellowship of God's people.

### *A Vision for Holy Trinity*

*2 Corinthians 5:17-20a*

*Being Christ's hands and voice reconciling people to God in our corner of God's world*

*Acts 2:42*

*Honoring God by gathering in His name each Lord's Day*

*James 5:16*

*Being a healing place*

*Acts 2:44-46*

*Being a caring, supporting and praying fellowship*

*1 Corinthians 12:27-31*

*Being a place where people find God's purpose for their lives and glorify God by living into it*

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

*Being a place where we all grow in Christ-likeness*

## *Reports*

## ***Rector's Report***

Dear saints of Holy Trinity,

This church family has continued to bless Nancy and me in many ways, and we are thankful to be a part of this wonderful community. What God is doing in and through this congregation far exceeds what one would expect from a small church such as ours. This annual report which all of you have put together attest to that. May Holy Trinity continue to be a Spirit-filled place where lives are co-mingled, ministry is done, and we all continue to grow in holiness and in our relationship with our Lord.

As we look toward the year ahead, I would like to offer the following as a continued vision for my ministry among you:

To foster transformative worship  
Gospel preaching  
transformational teaching  
Spirit-filled pastoring  
To effectively equip God's people for ministry and evangelism  
servant leadership

Additionally, you may have noted it in our Sunday bulletins:

***Our Core Values*** → *Being present with our Lord and with each other every Lord's Day.  
Committed to growing in our knowledge and love of the Lord.  
Serving each other and the world around us in His name.*

This is a simple statement of holistic Christianity that we formulated in our earliest days as a church family. It represents a churchmanship that is complete and transformative; that is, a faith that is making a difference in who we are and how we live our lives. To ignore any one of the three, either as a parish or as individual followers of Christ, is a distortion of the New Testament call of Christ upon His Church. Hopefully each of us will recognize in these three categories where we should strive to be more faithful to Christ.

I would like to both thank you and praise our God for the wonderful year we have just had. Here is a pictorial review of 2018 I hope you will enjoy:

### ***Last Year's Annual Meeting***



### ***Personhood Rally- Statehouse, Columbia***





### *Blessing of the Backpacks*



### *Holy Week*



### *Easter*



### *Women's Retreat*





*New Cut-through*



*Kanuga Renewal Conference*



*Bishop's Visit and Confirmands*



*Blessing of the Animals*



*Teaching Weekend October 26-28*



*Children's Christmas Pageant*



*Children's Christmas Eve Service*



### *Christmas Lessons, Carols and Midnight Mass*



### *2019 and Beyond*

And finally, let me offer some goals for 2019 and beyond:

- That each member of this church family individually living our core values of worship, study and service.
- That we position ourselves financially to be able to call a high energy, Spirit-filled and visionary priest this year to become our new Rector as I step back from leadership of this church family.
- That we start providing a tithe (10%) to the diocese- The diocesan funds are largely used for new church planting and clergy formation. We presently pledge to the diocese about 5% of our operating budget (our operating budget are expenses related to running this church, including its outreach obligations, less special funds such as capital Improvements fund, contingency fund, memorial fund, etc.)
- To eliminate the mortgage on our existing facility. Amazing progress has been made on this. Thanks everyone!
- That we sacrificially grow our outreach budget to 50% of the operating budget (presently it is \$30,000, which is about 20% of our operating budget).
- To establish a reserve fund of half our annual operating budget for unforeseen events and needs.
- Become a community church and community center for the folk living around us, and be a beacon drawing our neighbors to Christ and to the fellowship of the Body of Christ.
- That we continue to grow spiritually, financially and numerically such that our existing facilities become inadequate for our worship and ministries, and we build new worship space on our 2.3 acres on the other side of Merovan Drive, allowing our existing facilities to eventually evolve into a place for youth and community outreach.

Much of this may seem daunting and out of reach, but it reflects the real opportunity we have to become Christ's incarnational presence in the Sweetwater/Walnut Lane Community and beyond, and to grow the Kingdom of God in our little corner of God's world.

I want to thank all of you for the way you are already contributing to this.

To God be the glory!

*Father Rob*

### *The Vestry*

Vestry membership is an important ministry. The forward momentum of this parish depends heavily on the vision, discernment and leadership of this group. The Vestry has the canonical responsibility for directing the temporal affairs of this church family. According to the parish bylaws, the Vestry is composed of six members elected by the congregation, each for a three-year term. Each year, two members of the Vestry rotate off and two new members are elected. From their number, the Vestry selects the parish's Senior and Junior Wardens. The Senior Warden works



closely with the Rector in the administration and leadership of the parish. The Junior Warden oversees the building and grounds. The Vestry also includes as non-voting members the Parish Treasurer/Finance Committee and the Clerk of the Vestry.

We thank those who have offered up their time, talent and spiritual gifts as part of the vestry this past year:

Mike Fekula	Senior Warden	(presently we have no Junior Warden)
Paula Wahl	Vestry person (filling an un-expired term), Clerk of the Vestry, Finance Committee	
Jason Nault	Vestry Person (filling an unexpired term)	
Annabelle Shepherd	Vestry person	
Dianne Havird	Vestry Person	
Jennifer Dorn	Finance Committee	
Virginia Folk	Finance Committee	
Jennifer Chapman	Finance Committee	

**From our bylaws:** The Nominating Committee shall consider for service on the Vestry individuals who:

- a) Are mature in their Faith
- b) Worship God regularly within the Parish.
- c) Lead an active prayer life.
- d) Know and continue studying the Bible.
- e) Are cheerful and consistent givers, not only of money, but also of time.
- f) Have family relationships that reflect strong Christian commitment.
- g) Are already informal leaders within the Church.
- h) Have enough time to serve effectively.
- I) Can make Vestry service high on their list of personal priorities.
- J) Subscribe to the beliefs and practices of the Constitution and Canons of our Diocese and the ACNA
- k) Recognize and respect the Rector as the ecclesiastical and spiritual authority in the Parish.
- L) Make a firm commitment to adhere to all requisites and expectations of Vestry members per our Bylaws.
- M) Have been a communicant in good standing as defined in these Bylaws.

*Father Rob*

### ***Senior Warden's Report- Mike Fekula***

Thank you to those who so faithfully engage in ACHTNA's many activities and ministries. Our church was once again very active in 2018. The various ministries offer their reports throughout this document, so I will limit my comments to two past events and three very important future considerations.

As you look to the west from the Church building, there is a new road called *Welcome Way*. Could any church ask for a better name leading to its doors? We pray that the light of Christ will shine through us in an incredibly welcoming way upon our visitors and potential members, as well as continually upon our current members. When we solicited names for the new road, it was Sue James who submitted *Welcome Way*. Thank you to Sue for submitting this divinely inspired name. A special note of gratitude goes to those whose sacrificial giving made the road possible. As you are aware, construction of this type is very expensive, especially considering city building, zoning, and traffic safety requirements. Furthermore, this project would not have been completed without the tireless efforts of Father Rob, as he rose to the challenges of dealing with the city regulators, engineers, and construction contractors. Finally, the glory goes to God. We recently received information that the road might be more valuable than its cost and the potential exists for ACHTNA to recoup much, if not all, of its investment in this project.

The ACHTNA Clergy and invited speakers conducted another highly professional educational program during our Teaching Weekend, held October 26-28. The title of the program was *Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture*. In 2019 the teaching weekend will be held on October 25-27. Please save this date to ensure that you can attend. The Vestry has looked at the calendar and, to the extent possible, deconflicted this date with other significant events that might preclude your attendance.

*Rector, Responsibility, and Renovation.* Regarding the future, three related "Rs" stand prominent. As Father Rob's retirement approaches, ACHTNA must seek a new rector. While the Diocese will fully support our efforts in this area by identifying prospective candidates and search support, it is our responsibility to provide the compensation for



a full-time rector. In order to do that, the mortgage debt on our building must be paid down. God is blessing us with some possible options that could make that happen in the near term. Please join all ACHTNA members in accepting the responsibility to “Pray off” the mortgage. Finally, you will notice some renovation activity over the next few weeks. Driven by prayers and a strategic perspective, your Vestry thought it vitally important to enhance the appearance of our worship space by making some desperately needed improvements. The Diocese also agreed and made a significant monetary contribution to this effort. Not only will these renovations provide an appealing atmosphere to visitors, prospective members, and current members, we expect that candidates for rector will see ACHTNA as a place where they are both called to serve and would like to bring their family.

In His Service and Yours,

*Mike Fekala, Senior Warden*

### ***Finance Committee***

They are... Jennifer Chapman, Jennifer Dorn, Virginia Folk, and Paula Wahl. This is a committee of the vestry that manages the finances of the parish. Our appreciation goes out to this hard working and conscientious group.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

**I don't have a current report for 2018**

### ***2019 Outreach Budget***

Below are the funds Holy Trinity is committing to outreach projects this year, including diocesan support

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## ***Outreach***



*The Lydia Project, Augusta*



*Johann and Louise Vanderbijl, SAMS- Southern Africa*



*Christ Church, Jerusalem*



*Anglican Mission and St. Frumentus Theological College- Gambella, Ethiopia*



*Trinity Seminary*





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| <b>3. EFFICIENT</b>   | because ARDF work within existing church structures.        |
| <b>4. EMPOWERING</b>  | because it is guided by non-western leaders.                |
| <b>5. COMMITTED</b>   | because it is committed to the <b>GOSPEL</b> .              |
| <b>6. OURs</b>        | because it is our church in action.                         |



### ***Gambella, Ethiopia and St Frumentius' Anglican Theological College***

Gambella is a particularly poor and underdeveloped region of Ethiopia. Being in the White Nile River valley, the weather is extraordinarily hot at certain times of the year. Most of the people are non-literate. Basic resources such as water, electricity, phone service and internet are not easily available. Refugees from war-torn South Sudan make up well over 50% of the Gambella region's population. The Anglican Church is fast growing with approximately 120 churches and 15,000 Anglican Christians. These churches are part of the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa and the Horn of Africa.

Clergy are extremely few. St. Fermentius' College was thus started by the Rev. Dr. Johann Vanderbaijl under the authority of the area bishop, The Rt. Rev. Grant LeMarquand, to address this need and develop indigenous clergy and lay leaders. Holy Trinity's support to Gambella has largely gone to developing this seminary.



***Report from SAMS Missionaries, Father Johann and Louise Vanderbaijl***

## ***Training Disciples to Make Disciples in Southern Africa***



We spent two years helping to develop the St. Frumentius Seminary in Gambella, Ethiopia. At present, we are mostly working in Southern Africa where we are serving in seven southern African countries, although we continue to work with the Diocese of Egypt, North Africa, and the Horn of Africa as well as other southern and northern African countries, through engaging in a disciple making movement in order to grow the body of Christ. We are partnering with J-Life and other like-minded ministries. This ministry is massive and has the ability to reach thousands.



We are sent through the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, a missionary sending community engaging in building relationships with the worldwide church to experience the broken restored, the wounded healed, the hungry fed, and the lost found through the love and power of Jesus Christ.

Many blessings, *Johann and Louise*

## ***Holiday Families Ministry ~ Virginia Folk and Lisa Johnson***



As we do each Christmas, we obtained from the school system the name of any families in need. Lisa and I want to thank every one of you for your generosity in helping the families. It is in giving that we receive. Lisa and I received the joy in presenting these gifts to the families on behalf of you and our church. This year we shopped for two young boys.

Thank you and God Bless, *Virginia and Lisa*

## ***The Lydia Project~ Margaret Williams***

The Lydia Project provides support and services to women undergoing cancer treatment. This support and services includes lodging, assistance with rent/mortgage while out of work for treatment, utilities to keep the lights on, and transportation to and from the Lydia House to treatment.

Members who volunteer at the Lydia Project are Margaret Williams who volunteers in lodging at the Daksha Chudgar / Lydia House. Women who live 30 minutes or more away from Augusta cancer treatment centers are provided lodging, meals, and support in the Lydia House.

Thank you to all who support The Lydia Project.

## ***Community Ministry of North Augusta***

We contribute both financially and materially to this ministry. CMONA offers an opportunity to love our neighbors- especially those in the Area Two school district of North Augusta and Belvedere- in very practical ways. Sadly, about 2,500 North Augusta residents (about 12%) live in poverty. About 14% of our under-65 neighbors don't have any health insurance.



CMONA starts with a comprehensive assessment to discover exactly what the family or individual truly needs. They **listen** to their challenges and develop **action plans** to help them navigate their crisis so they can finally become **self-sufficient**. That assessment allows them to minister to families holistically.



Family Promise has returned to Holy Trinity!

We were honored to serve twice this past year as a host church to Family Promise families for a week at the time. Many hands and hearts were needed to ensure that we made our families feel welcomed and loved during that week. Areas of service included: folks willing to pray before and during the week, workers to set up and break down bedrooms in our Sunday School classrooms, cooks to prepare supper and serve each evening and weekend, couples to spend each night, hosts and hostesses each afternoon, and other hosts for all day Saturday.

Family Promise of Augusta is committed to helping homeless families of the surrounding area to achieve lasting independence by providing safe shelter, meals, cost-free day care, and support services for these families. Family Promise also partners with programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness. God is at work all around us. We are thankful when He calls us to be a part of that work.

*Twyla Tuten*



### ***Megiddo- Our local job-training ministry***

This local ministry strives to create self-sustaining families and individuals through intensive and effective job and personal skill training. The program has 558 graduates in full-time employment since 2013. It has a 97% placement rate and a 95% job retention for 1 year or more.

Student profiles for 2017-18 class include: 78 students, 35 with felony convictions, 19 homeless, 69 out of work for more than 5 years, 47 with Associates Degree or higher, including 18 with Masters, and 22 Veterans.

I have been privileged to teach communication and soft skills in 4 or 5 cycles of training classes. It is a blessing to me to work alongside other dedicated volunteers with such committed and appreciative students.

*Twyla Tuten*

## **Spiritual Formation**

### ***Children's Nursery ~ Kimber Nault***

The nursery, directed by Kimber Nault, is available for children ages 0 – 3 years on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during other special church gatherings.

### ***Children's Church ~ Jennifer Patterson***

Children's Church is a special time of teaching and worship for children ages 4 to 8. In 2018, we began the year with lessons from Jesus' ministry. After a series of lessons, through May, on the story of the Holy Week, we focused on the teachings of Jesus through his parables. This led us through the summer and into the beginning of the school year. Starting in September, we highlighted key stories of the Old Testament, from the creation account in Genesis to the building of the first temple and then the exile of the Jewish people. Finally, we closed out the year with a study of Advent as we retold the Christmas story with each symbol to adorn the Jesse Tree.

During the last worship service song, and right before the "First Lesson," the children gather at the cross at the side door of the sanctuary where we process to the children's church room. At that time, we share in prayer and a biblical lesson. After our lesson, usually based on the curriculums: "Young Children and Worship" and "Godly Play," the children engage in a form of creative expression related to the lesson or story for that day. Many respond with a drawing, with modeling in clay or even with a pantomime of some aspect of the lesson. We then line up, behind the cross, to process back into the sanctuary, usually in time for the "Passing of the Peace."

Children's Church attendees ranged in number from 1 to 12 on any given Sunday. Presenters for 2018 were Tracy Perdue, Doris O'Neill and Jennifer Patterson. A special "Thank You" to Doris for so faithfully organizing and presenting Children's Church lessons and the schedule for so many years, and for her kind help in passing this work on to Tracy and Jennifer this summer.

Thank you for your supportive prayers over the 2018 year. Your children are a delight and it is our privilege to share God's Word and ministry with them! Please continue to join us in prayer for them and for us in this growing relationship with our Lord in 2019!

### ***Children's Sunday School- Dianne Havird, Margaret Williams and Nancy Hartley***

Our children's Sunday school classes have covered a variety of topics since our parish report from last year. The children have learned about the person of Jesus and what knowing Him means to each one of them. They studied about the Day of Pentecost and, in the lessons that followed, they learned that the Holy Spirit lives in them, empowers them, teaches them and walks with them.

The children also studied about Jesus' first miracle and some of the parables He told. The majority of the year was focused on the book of Exodus, the life of Moses and the People of Israel. Just before the holidays, we ended our study of Exodus with the death of Moses and Joshua leading the People of Israel into the Promise Land. For their Thanksgiving lesson, the children read about why Moses and Miriam were thankful. Whenever it was possible, we teachers helped the children make connections with some of the key people they had learned about in their study of Genesis the previous year. The lessons were interspersed with videos that reinforced what the children were studying.

There have been wonderful discussions in the classes as well as many crafts and other fun activities. The most difficult craft was weaving a basket that accompanied the lesson of Moses being placed in a basket, sent down a river and, as the story goes, was rescued and raised by the pharaoh's daughter.

The children learned about Lydia House and its ministry to women cancer patients. They wrapped gifts for a Christmas gift basket that was delivered to the women. Each of the children signed a card wishing the women Christmas blessings.

We have enjoyed being with your children and learning with them about our God. God is truly an awesome God and an amazing Teacher. He delights in our study of Him through His Word.

Your teachers, *Dianne Havird, Margaret Williams and Nancy Hartley*



### ***Sunday Morning Adult Forum***

After worship service on Sunday mornings, the adults gather with coffee and calories for conversation based on the readings. Led by Wayne Lowe, Caleb Mortimer, Mike Holley, Gary Bainton, or Twyla Tuten, the forum provides opportunity to respond to the sermon, and then one or more of the readings may be studied in depth, seeking understanding and application to our daily lives.

Michael Patterson led us on November 4 during forum time as we observed the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church; he will be joining the facilitator team in January. All adults are invited to participate in forum.

### ***Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study ~ JoEllen Barbare***



Our Women's Bible Study has been a tremendous blessing to all the women who attend. We began the year studying the Book of Hebrews taught by Dr. Michael Krueger from RTS Seminary in Charlotte, NC. We covered the first eight chapters and then took a semester break. During the break we studied Covenant using Kay Arthur's workbook and DVD. This study took us through the Abrahamic Covenant, the Old Covenant, and the New Covenant. A study of these covenants ties in beautifully with the Book



of Hebrews. When we complete our study of Covenant, we will return to our study of the Book of Hebrews with Dr. Krueger.

***JoEllen***

### ***First Tuesday Prayer ~ Jackie Fekula***

First Tuesday Prayer takes place the first Tuesday of every month after the Ladies' Bible Study ends, at approximately 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Even if there is no Bible Study that Tuesday, we still meet for prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether you attend the Bible Study or not. Men are surely welcome - this is open to every worshiper in our Church.

We start off with worship and praise, and continue to worship Him in prayer and intercession for all the needs in our Church as Holy Spirit leads. We began this year with a wonderful, dedicated core group of ladies; and we pray that the Lord by His Spirit will add to our numbers in 2019 those who see prayer as a high priority for our church and their own lives.

Jesus said in Matthew 21:13 "It is written, My House shall be called a House of Prayer...." In loving obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, we will continue to worship and draw close to Him in this special ministry of "love on its knees." Please join us!

### ***Wednesday Nights at Holy Trinity ~ Twyla Tuten***

On Wednesday nights, members of the Holy Trinity family gather for fellowship supper, praise and prayer, and an opportunity for spiritual growth.

We started the year with a two-week study of the how the King James version of the Bible came to be translated and published. We often take it for granted, but having a Bible available to read in one's own language was something of a revolutionary idea in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries – not to mention the various factions within the Christian faith that did not agree on how this was to be done. Wayne shared an excellent DVD with us.

Throughout much of the year, we worked our way through an intensive study of the gospel of Mark, coinciding with year B in our liturgy.

Lent 2018 we spent in a series of lessons of renewal and self-examination: be aware, be pliable, be obedient, be assured, and be steadfast.

At the end of May and through June, we took another break from the study of Mark to examine the prayer of Jabez: Bless me indeed, Enlarge my territory, Keep Your hand upon me, and Keep me from evil.

In September we revisited the last portion of the prayer of Jabez ("Keep me from evil"). Wayne led us in considering subtleties of evil and generational sins that may hinder one from living out one's life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We were honored to have Bishop Steve Wood with us on a Wednesday in October.

Also in October, Twyla led us in a lively series of lessons entitled "The Story of Scripture: Hooks to hang your hat on!" We looked at fourteen major "hooks" on which to hang the big stories of the Bible. She promised us that she will soon teach us how to play Prophetable Play – to organize the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament by nation and time frame.



Our Advent study this year was Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" DVD and discussion series. Max challenged us to prepare ourselves for Christmas as we considered: God has a face, worship works wonders, God guides the wise, and every heart has a manger.

All are invited on Wednesday evenings to come and grow with us!

*Twyla Tuten*

### ***Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship and Bible Study***

A men's fellowship gathers at the church on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 10:20 to fellowship, share and study. This year the men have been working their way through the Anglican Catechism that came out a few years ago. This has turned out to be an amazing way to share the faith together. Each question in the Catechism is provided with Scripture references for why that particular doctrine is part of our belief. We are therefore able to explore salient issues of the faith in great detail. We have been working on the Catechism all year and are only about half-way through.

Michael Patterson has recently stepped into being the facilitator for our discussions. He is quite gifted in that role. Thank you, Michael. I make it a priority to be there to offer my insights. All of the male persuasion are invited to join us. You will be blessed to have this group as part of your spiritual formation and discipline.

*Father Rob*



## **Parish Activities and Ministries**

### ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper***

### ***Fundraiser for Community Ministries of North Augusta***

This was a fun way to usher in Lent and raise funds for Community Ministries of North Augusta (CMONA).

Our thanks to Jerry for heading it up, for the men who did the cooking, and the teens who waited tables.



The celebration of Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday) is a centuries-old tradition. The name **Shrove** has its roots in an old English word meaning, "**to confess.**" Shrove Tuesday has been a time to confess sins and to prepare for the penitential season of Lent. It also has been a traditional time to use up food items such as fats, eggs and milk that would be given up as part of a Lenten fast. The tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use up these items. In the French culture, the consumption of all fats on this day became known as "Fat Tuesday" or *Mardi Gras*.

### ***Funeral & Crisis Response Ministry ~ Annette Morris***

Thanks to all the women of the church for all their hard work!



### ***Kitchen Angels***

Our thanks go to all those who work and provide for the Wednesday fellowship supper and coordinate the kitchen at other parish gatherings.



### ***Parish Prayer Chain ~ Myrle Wilson***

Praying for one another and for others in need is one of the most significant callings of our church family. We have a prayer chain for which a call with a prayer request to the first person on the chain (Myrle Wilson) will result in that request being successively passed to others in the parish. Let me or Father Rob know if you would like to be a part of this vital ministry.

The Prayer Chain is...JoEllen Barbare      Brenda Bargeloh      Carolyn Carter  
Jennifer Dorn      Jackie Fekula      Virginia Folk  
Ginger Hackett      Nancy Hartley      Sue James  
Annette Morris      Mary Patterson      Paula Wahl  
**Myrle Wilson (803) 279-3362**



*Myrle*

### ***Sunday Prayer Teams***

Each Sunday prayer intercessors are available to pray with those at Communion who have a need for personal prayer request. They are stationed at the back of the church during the administration of Communion.

Our intercessors are...      Nancy Hartley      Ginger Hackett      Rosemarie Martin  
Wayne Lowe      Monique Taylor      Margaret Williams



### ***The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross*** **Talitha Koum Chapter President ~ Terry Nault**

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is composed of women who have committed our lives to the work and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray daily for our church, its clergy, the Order and others in need. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we reach out to those who do not know Jesus and share His message of salvation through word and deed. We equip ourselves with the powerful sword of truth as contained in the Holy Bible. We wear our cross as a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice and our need for Him to be in our daily lives, and we become encouraged and strengthened in community with our sisters.



The Order provides a community in which members can fulfill a lifetime vow to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Order's four-fold vow consists of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. We expect and assist each member to earnestly develop and practice each of these areas.

We invite the Holy Spirit to guide us and welcome you to be guided by that same Spirit as you determine if you are called to be part of the Order.

**News from the Daughters of the Holy Cross for 2018:** The Daughters continued to support local missions and families, as well as the In Christ Alone Fund, and Johann and Louise Vanderbijl in Africa. In October, the chapter hosted a luncheon for all ladies of the parish to teach about the Order. In December, we sponsored the Stations of the Nativity and covered dish luncheon, spearheaded the greening of the church, and with the help of the parish sent 46 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child.

*Terry*

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

The Daughters of the Holy Cross sponsored this year's *Samaritan's Purse* shoe box drive. For some children, this may be the first and possibly only time they experience the love of Jesus Christ. Our goal was 50 shoe boxes.



### ~~Talitha Koum Chapter Members~~

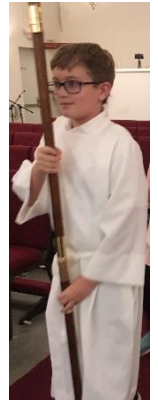
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Virginia Folk	Ginger Hackett	Nancy Hartley	Barbara Howle	Sue James
Patience Iwuji	Deborah Kurilla	Donna Lariscey	Donna LeCount	Annette Morris
Terry Nault	Bonnie Newman	Susan Penberthy	Marguerite Prescott	Carol Reddic
Monique Taylor	Paula Wahl	Margaret Williams	Myrle Wilson	

**Terry Nault**, Daughters Chapter President

### Acolyte Guild

#### *In memory of s acolyte master Mike Sanders*

Our acolytes for this past year were Jackie Fekula, Oke Iwuji, Sandra Sanders, Avery Shapiro, Jada Tullis and Lelan Crewey.



### Altar Guild ~ Annette Morris

*Most gracious Father Who has called me to serve in the preparation of Your Altar, so that it may be a for the offering of Your Body and Blood; Sanctify my life and consecrate my hands so that I may w those Sacred Gifts which are being offered to You. Amen.*

Current members of Altar Guild are:

Annette Morris	Rosemarie Martin	Virginia Folk	Ginger Hackett
Donna Lariscey	JoEllen Barbare	Marguerite Prescott	Monique Taylor
	Deborah Kurilla		Terry Nault

### Ushers and Greeters Guild

This is the current list of ushers / greeters:

Joseph Anson	Bill Bargeloh	Char' Rae Bethke	Judy Chemin	Billy Hane
Dianne Haivard	Sandy Haskell	Deborah Kurilla	Donna Lariscey	Wayne Lowe
Richard Mayson	Jason Nault	Monte Steedley	Margaret Williams	

The ushers assist the congregation before and during the service, greet newcomers, and provide security and safety during worship. We have all become sensitized these days to the need for security measures in churches:

- After the 10 am service begins, the front door to the foyer will be locked to prevent access from the outside. An usher will be present in the foyer to admit any late comers. If you arrive late and the usher has momentarily stepped away, please be patient and wait for the usher's return.
- The doors to the children's church and the nursery will be locked to prevent access from the outside while children are inside these rooms.
- The doors leading into the nave from the kitchen hallway and the choir room hallway will be locked during the 10 AM service. You can exit but not return through these doors. Please use the double doors in the back of the nave when it is necessary to leave and return.
- The ushers have keys to all of these doors.

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers



Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests in the Eucharist by reading, leading the Prayers of the People and administering a chalice at Communion. Presently our Eucharistic ministers are:

Bill Bargeloh      Jerry Nault      Paula Wahl



### ***Lectors***

Lectors read the lessons at worship... they are...currently:

JoEllen Barbare	Brenda Bargeloh	Judy Chemin	Tom Dorn	Jackie Fekula
Ginger Hackett	Billy Hane	Dianne Haivard	Sue James	Wayne Lowe
Richard Mayson	Annette Morris	Jason Nault	Mike Patterson	Jennifer Patterson
Jami Warning	Margaret Williams			



### ***Holy Trinity Music Ministry***

We strive to be leaders in worship and praise through music, all to the glory of God. In addition to the keyboard, we utilize guitar and the occasional drums – and are open to other instruments as well. Call Pastor Rob or Twyla if you have voice or instrument to offer. We were quite excited to add Joyce Haskell to our ranks this year on the organ! How wonderful it is to hear it in worship again. All are welcome to come and “make a joyful noise” with us! We practice on Tuesdays from 6-7:15 PM and on Sunday mornings at 9 AM for Sunday worship service. Practice is held at 5 PM on Wednesdays to prepare for praise and worship on that evening after supper. During the Advent season, we sponsor a church-wide “Caroling and Cookies” afternoon when we visit our homebound



***Twyla Tuten***

### ***Teaching Weekend October 26-28***

#### **Human Relationships through the Lens of Scripture**

The weekend with its meals, fellowship and teachings was well attended. My thanks to all who made it happen. The theme was “Relationships.” We are relational creatures. God created us this way because He is a relational God. But in our lives east of Eden, we struggle to get relationships right, whether it be with God or with one another. This teaching weekend was dedicated to exploring human-to-human relationships and seeking redemption and healing.

Our objectives were to:

understand God’s intention for human relationships

know the Biblical basis for healthy and Godly relationships with others  
analyze the ways we all struggle to find and maintain healthy relationships  
understand the role of prayer in healing wounded relationships and in sustaining healthy relationships.

More information on the weekend and the talks that were given can be found on Holy Trinity's website at:  
<https://www.achtna.org/teaching-weekend-relationships>



### *Stations of the Cross / Stations of the Nativity*



### *Christmas Caroling*



Sunday afternoon, December 16, caroling to the homes of some of our homebound parishioners,  
ending up at Hammond Place Assisted Living

## ***Children's Christmas Pageant***

The Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity held its Annual Children's Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm. What an exciting experience! The story of Jesus' birth was retold through scripture, song, narration, and costume! There were 10 cast members (2 adults, 2 teens, and 6 children). Background stable, animal silhouettes and an overhead star added to the visual enjoyment. Many hours went into costume preparation – stitching, cutting, crown making, what did a prophet wear? And **lots** and **lots** of safety pins!

The production progressed smoothly due to the help of several adult volunteers who sewed, provided and set up props, shared ideas, and managed / corralled cast members! Expert volunteers provided music and audio/visual enhancement. Thank you to one and all!

The cast was hardworking and serious in their effort to portray this Biblical event and make it a wonderful gift to family and friends. To God be the Glory! Great things He hath done!

Respectively submitted, ***Dianne Havird***



### **Our cast and helpers this year**

Chloe Nault, Narrator; Jada Tullis, Mary; Sam Newman, Joseph; Oke Iwuji, Prophet Micah;  
Isaiah Marshall, Prophet Isaiah and Wise Man # 2; Lelan Crewey, Shepherd; Hunter Crewey, Wise Man #1;  
Jason Nault, Angel Gabriel and Wise Man #3; Aliyah Nault; Angel; Margaret Williams, Sheep;  
Amaiya Nault, Angel; Jennifer Dorn, Audio-Visual; Twyla Tuten and Fr. Rob, music;

### **Adult supervisors, coordinators & costume designers**

Dianne Havird Kimber Nault Jennifer Chapman Jason Nault Margaret Williams

## ***Our Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols was glorious and beautiful***

Our Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols followed the pattern of Scripture readings and carol singing that was first used at King's College, Cambridge. The scriptures and carols were a recitation of God's redeeming acts in history, which finds its apex with God coming among us- Emmanuel, the Incarnation of God in Jesus.

We began our lessons with the Genesis account of Creation and The Fall. Then, through a series of Old Testament readings, we plumbed the depths of our need for God to rescue us from our enslavement to sin. The New Testament readings that followed described God literally stepping into history, "The Great Rescue," the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. The singing of hymns, praise songs, and Christmas carols throughout the liturgy punctuated the telling of this *Old, Old Story*. We thank the choir for their hard work and beautiful music.



