

TRINITY'S TRUMPET

The Newsletter from the Church of the Holy Trinity
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Before each service, speak only to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, please speak to your neighbor.

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PARISH RETREAT!!

Mark your calendar
October 2nd - 4th
Trinity Center
"Get Hopping!" Sign-up



The Rector's Voice

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

The Church year has three starting points. Most importantly is the First Sunday of Advent when the Christian Year begins with that season of highest expectation. Every Sunday of the Church year is based on Easter of the Christian year. This year Easter is on April 8, 2012. Our Administrative Year starts in January when the fiscal year and Vestry Year begins. Your Vestry sets goals for the year and we have a list of "Action Items" that we work on for the next twelve months. Our Senior Warden reports on these 'items' throughout the year to keep the Vestry on task and to keep you, the parishioner, well informed. Finally, we have our Program Year which runs in concordance with the School Year, from September through May. This is the year the priest and certain leaders in the parish worry about through the summer and early Fall. Let's take a look at this year's Program for Holy Trinity.

My plans fall into four categories: teaching, fellowship, worship and Pastoral care. First is teaching. Every program of the year is designed to 'teach' about God and His ways for us. Most pointedly is Sunday school which starts at 9:10am each Sunday morning. We focus at this time on the Gospel and lessons for that day. When these lessons are read in the service those who have participated in our Adult Christian Formation work have a heads up on the 'teaching' for that day. There is always a 'teaching' element to Christian worship. Our weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 2:30pm is a most important part of God's plan for us. The "Apostle's Teaching" which we hear of in Acts is all about Holy Scripture and its message from God to us through His Church. In the late Fall we will start an Inquirer's Class (Everything you wanted to know about the Episcopal Church but were afraid to ask) for those 'seekers' in the faith who want to 'bone up' on the Church or learn about the Episcopal Church and be Confirmed or Received or Reaffirmed into this part of God's Vineyard. All of our year is a 'teachable moment' for God.



Fellowship in faith teaches us about getting to know and how to get along with others. As Christians we are to "honor everyone" (1 Peter 2). We start with those in our own Parish Family. What a great "Fellowship Hour" we have each week after our Sunday service! This is where we start with the easy meetings with those we know, those who are most like us. We expand on this work through Foyer Groups, smaller gatherings of parishioners who meet in homes and have dinner together. These 4 times a year gatherings help us get to know each other more fully and in a deeper way. St. Catherine's Guild is for the Women of the Church. Every woman at Holy Trinity is a member of this working/fellowship group. They meet the first Monday of each month for fellowship and planning purposes. The Men's Fellowship meets each month for fellowship and planning. We are very intentional about Fellowship at Holy Trinity. Once we experience fellowship 'within' we are called to take it outside these walls. Fellowship is not just for us but it is for all of God's children. Will you "honor everyone" as God would have you know this?

If you are to know what Episcopalians believe, you will know it best through our Worship. Liturgy means "the work of the people." We work at knowing God more fully through His Son Jesus Christ. Holy Scriptures and sermons, Creed, Confession, Prayers and most importantly, Holy Eucharist all are God's work in teaching us His ways. This practice goes back to the early apostle's teaching us based upon their life with Jesus. We do not just remember this as history but more importantly we 'participate' in this 'work' of God.

Finally, we plan to 'care' for one another and others through prayer and practice. It is God working through each of us to be His eyes, ears, hands and feet in this His world. If God is to be known He will be known through your and my efforts in His behalf. "Prayers" refers to God's initiative through us. Our adoration, petition, confession, thanksgivings and intercessions all begin with His love for us. Our 'program' has forever been His 'program.'

Each year we put different names on His plan for us but it all boils down to "The Apostle's Teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers." (Acts 2:42) I call it our Program Year. God calls it His plan for your life.

Faithfully, *John Bonner*



Choir Notes

Lorraine Saunders, Assistant Director

Where has the summer gone? It is now time to pull on our boots and get back to work. I would like to welcome Joan and John Ernst back from their trip. We have missed them and I'm sure the choir is getting fired up for some good music.



David Flood

Five of our choir members attended the 23rd Annual East Carolina/Carolina Music Conference held at Trinity Center in Salter Path NC. The conference was conducted by David Flood, Organist and Choirmaster at Canterbury Cathedral in England. David has returned to lead our conference every other year, for the past ten years, and will be back in 2013 to help us celebrate at our 25th annual conference. We studied new music, sang, learned new breathing techniques, and just enjoyed being with other church musicians from all over the state. Our Church service on Sunday had a Choir consisting of about 191 singers, counting

the beautiful Children's Choir. I wish you all could have been there to hear us sing.

If any of you like to sing and have been in a choir or chorus in the past maybe you would like to join us. The Choir is a volunteer group that rehearses weekly to prepare for the Sunday service. We meet at Church every Wednesday afternoon at 4:30pm until 6:00pm. Our rehearsals will begin on Sept. 7th, and we are ready to sing!!



St. Frances By-The-Sea



Children's Choir Camp





Albemarle Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke



Kathie Columbus

Liz Foster

The Order of St. Luke will meet again on Wednesday, September 21st, at 10:30am in the Parish House. Our first meeting will be informal with time to "catch up" with folks and share some of our experiences from our Silent Retreat Day in June, prayer experiences during the summer and any other topics of interest or concern. All members present at the retreat, please review the retreat experience and try to answer the question: Has that experience influenced my journey with God during the summer? This will be a good topic for discussion as we decide how we would like to approach this new year of study. Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings. We begin every meeting with prayer and end our time together in the church for the Holy Eucharist and Healing. Father John leads our study sessions from "Going Deeper" which is the title and description of this enlightening study from the Order of St Luke. Please join us on September 21st, and find out for yourself what OSL is all about.



Through New Eyes

Susan McRae

Today I found myself wondering, "Where has the summer gone?" It seemed just yesterday I was thinking about the hot weather of July ahead of us, and now it is nearly September. Summer is a blur of work, church, day-trips, and family. I'm not sure I could tell you what it is that I have done since I last came to the page to share something "new" with you, my church family. So when I read the email with the deadline for articles for the *Trumpet*, I was slightly overwhelmed. Now I needed to consider what it was that I have seen through new eyes. But I was at work and just didn't have time for this. So, I headed down the hall to my office to see the next student and shuffle the endless paperwork of registration to its next destination.

Then I passed by a classroom full of math students. Our first math class of the fall 2011 semester. Eighteen new students, one new instructor, and a plethora of new supplies and books all gathered to do something new. In the middle of this snapshot sat Marcus. A twenty-something African-American man with pencil in hand raptly attending to a math problem. Marcus, who I have worked with for two months to find funding, complete testing, discuss career goals, and register for classes, is sitting in this first new class. And there it was, through new eyes... hope.

That is what I have spent my summer doing... hoping for something new. Picture me smiling as I rewind the tape of the events of my summer. At College of The Albemarle I worked each day to help people of all descriptions find a path for their lives and take the next steps on that journey. We spent a lot of time hoping. Throughout the summer I have worked with twenty-one people from parishes all over the Albemarle Deanery to create a new vision of being the church throughout our region. Mission Cooperative is preparing opportunities for our parishes to get to know each other and expand our ministries. Still more hoping. Weekly I spent time with my son, his wife, and my two grandchildren. They are starting a new business, getting ready for pre-school, and hoping for the joy that each day as family can bring. More hoping. Friends are celebrating a new masters degrees, a wedding next spring, a daughter starting high school, and a new job. They are living newness and spending time hoping. This review of my summer added some energy to the remaining tasks of the day.

While doing some mindless paperwork I looked up to see Marcus at my door. Fresh out of math class he had a question or two about books and a software program he will need for that math class. It took just a minute or two and he was off to his next class. But something stayed with me in my office. I was surrounded by hope.

So, this summer may have been fleeting, but it was wonderfully full and rich. Upon review I knew that I had spent my summer seeing hope through new eyes. I spent the summer receiving and giving hope. What is the hope of newness in your life these days? How are you passing that hope on? I suspect upon review you will discover hope in your summer, too. Please share. My email address is susanmcrae7@gmail.com.





Event Reminders

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of our staples is Sunday morning at 9:10am for Sunday school. We study the lessons for Sunday and it is a great warm up for our Worship together. Come and join us for some lively conversation and preparation.

“APPLAUSE?”

We are the beneficiaries of wonderful music at Holy Trinity. It is a grand ‘impulse’ to ‘applaud’ these wonderful solos, duets and instrumental masterpieces. HOWEVER, please let us praise God for these gifts and not applaud. Worship services are not the place for these expressions of appreciation. Lift a prayer of appreciation to God for His presence in these good works. All that we say and do in worship is a thanksgiving to God. After worship is the time for kudos and thanksgivings.

BIBLE STUDY

We are about to begin a wonderful study of the Book of Revelation through a Study Guide authored by John Stott. Please come and join us on Tuesdays at 2:30pm for a rich and rewarding experience. You may pick up a Guide from Fr. John.

GOLF WITH THE RECTOR

The summer has been stifling but fall bodes well for some fun together. Join me on the first Tee at The Sound Golf Links on Wednesday, September 21st at 2:30pm.

PARISH RETREAT

October 2-4, 2011 is our Annual Parish Retreat. Please sign up in the Parish House. We need 20 people to sign up so let’s get hopping on this. Thanks.



Sr. Warden's Report

Bill Horton, Sr. Warden

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer and those of you who had an opportunity to visit cooler climates were very lucky. Fortunately, fall is on its way, and hopefully it will bring milder weather for us. Since the last Trumpet was published, a lot of work has been in progress, the Stewardship Committee has been working hard in developing our upcoming program, the Evangelism Committee is preparing new welcome kits and preparing for our Church Indian Summer Festival booth, and the Men’s Group is making final plans for the October 14th Lobster Sale. I have attended many of these planning meetings, and I am very grateful for all their hard work and effort.

I have been busy integrating inputs into our Draft Strategic Plan and think we are making great progress. We had a very productive all day planning session on June 20th with 20 participants consisting of the Rector, Vestry and Lay Ministry Committee Chairpersons. In this meeting, we were able to update our current mission statement (who we are and why we exist), and create elements of our vision (where we are headed and where we want to be in 5 years). We spent considerable time in identifying our core values, strengths, weaknesses, outside threats and opportunities. These tools were used in developing our Draft Vision and helped with developing our Strategic Objectives (broad statements on how we are going to achieve our Vision), Goals (action statements on achieving the objectives), and Strategies (details on how we achieve the goals). As inputs have been received, several drafts have been updated and distributed for review and comment. By the time you read this issue of the Trumpet, hopefully we will have completed our scheduled August 29 meeting in which we make final adjustments and fine tune the Draft. Following this milestone, changes will be incorporated, and the document will be proofed and sent to the Vestry for review and approval at our October Vestry meeting.

I have been invited to present a brief overview and status of the Draft Strategic Plan at the ECW’s St. Catherine’s Guild September 12th meeting and I look forward to this opportunity.

If you have not already done so, I encourage all of you to get involved with one or more of the Lay Ministry Committees to help Holy Trinity carry out God’s work. There is so much to do!





Stewardship

Dick Mohler, Chairman

Several weeks ago Father Bonner delivered his sermon based on the Gospel of Matthew reading when Jesus walked on the water. The disciples were in a boat when a terrible storm came up with high winds and crashing waves. Peter looked and saw Jesus walking on the water in calmed seas. Peter got out of the boat to go and meet his master, but he noticed the strong wind and he became frightened. He called "Lord save me". Jesus immediately reached out and caught him, saying, "You of little faith, why do you doubt?"

Today, are we not like the disciples in a boat with a stormy sea of large economic waves rapidly rising and falling with great rapidity, high winds of political uncertainty all around us, and we wonder what is going to happen to us?

"We of little faith"! Now is the time to keep our trust in the Lord. Now is when we need to realize how much we have, even as the storm surrounds us. There are so many who are affected by these difficult times, far worse than we are, and they need our help more than ever before. We must reach for Jesus' hand and have the faith to step out of the boat and do even more to calm the turbulent sea for those who are in need.



St. Catherine's Guild

Cam Rivard, President

The last few years have been active and meaningful for St. Catherine's Guild, the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) organization for Holy Trinity. Last year we enjoyed food for our tummies (lovely and tasty refreshments), food for our minds (stimulating programs with the theme of "Love Thy Neighbor") and food for our souls (inspiring meditations by Betty Lane Winslow and Connie Jaklic as well as great discussions by our members). All who participated took away much.

After our summer "vacation", we are ready to get back together on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 9:30am. We will have refreshments and conversation and begin our meeting shortly before 10:00am. Please join us as we start this new program year.

Our purpose, as stated in our By-Laws is:

"to unite the women of Holy Trinity in a program of worship, study, service and fellowship, which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and lead them into service for the Church in the Parish, Community, Diocese, Nation and the World.

At the September meeting, we will be discussing the activities for the year. Please attend and hear of all that is planned. During this meeting, Bill Horton, Senior Warden, will present the Parish's current Strategic Planning process. In addition, Program Co-Chairs Nancy Gruner and Annette Mueller will lead a discussion to begin our new program theme "Who are We and Why are We Here?" It promises to be great! At this meeting we will also be deciding as a group on which activities we will be conducting this year. Please come and give us your thoughts and ideas. St. Catherine's Guild will be richer and stronger with your participation.

All women of Holy Trinity Parish are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday, September 12th at 9:30am.

I would also like to note several upcoming dates so you can mark your calendars:

- October 3rd - NO REGULAR MEETING of St. Catherine's Guild due to the following:
- October 2nd - 4th - Parish Retreat at Trinity Center
- October 7th - Albemarle ECW Deanery meeting at St. Thomas in Ahoskie, NC
- November 7th - REGULAR MEETING at 9:30am
- December 3rd - Soup Café before the Hertford Christmas Parade
- December 4th - Parish Annual Meeting
- December 5th - NO REGULAR MEETING of St. Catherine's Guild due to the above

And remember: There is no limit to what women working together can do. We have accomplished so much in the past. And together, we make a strong and loving organization.





Financial Review

Ed Mueller, Treasurer

As of the end of July, Holy Trinity is in good shape in regard to the Operating Budget. Pledge and regular giving has been positive and overall expenses are below budget thanks to Vestry management.

We are approaching the end of our three year Holy Trinity Facility Improvement pledge period. Even though the parish has until the end of the year to meet this pledge goal, we ask that parishioners review their contributions to HTFIP. Since these contributions have been slow in arriving, please take a look at your 2nd Quarter Contribution statements to check on the status of your HTFIP contributions. For those who never pledged but would like to contribute, simply make your check out to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and designate HTFIP on the memo area. Thank you.



Outreach

Nancy Baker, Chairman

Since our last meeting in March we have sent \$500.00 to St. Thomas Episcopal Church for tornado relief in Bertie.

We are looking forward to the Men’s Fellowship Group Lobster Fest in October where the proceeds will go to rebuild our funds for Outreach. We hope that everyone will support this most important project.

Our next Outreach Meeting will be after the Lobster Fest when we know just how much money we have to spend. In the meantime, please keep our mission in your prayers as it is so very important that we reach out to those in need.



Introduction Ministry (Evangelism)

Dave Foster, Chairman

Your Introduction Ministry has been busy working on the upcoming fall campaign as we prepare for the year-end and the New Year. On the immediate horizon is the upcoming Hertford *Indian Summer Festival*, where we will again have a Holy Trinity booth to introduce and elevate our presence in the Hertford community. This year we will share our booth with the Men’s Fellowship group, which will be promoting their lobster sale outreach ministry. This promises to be an exciting and interesting way of advancing the Holy Trinity story in our community.

As soon as the Indian Summer Festival is concluded, we begin planning for an upcoming Diocesan Evangelism conference hosted by St. Andrews By-The-Sea Episcopal Church in Nags Head, NC. This *Magnetic Church Conference* is a two day meeting focusing on attracting, welcoming and retaining new members to the Episcopal Church. This looks to be an extremely interesting program through which we can benchmark our progress and learn how others do effective Evangelism.

Be on the lookout for our “new” *New Members Welcome Board* coming soon to Holy Trinity. This communications tool focuses on introducing our new members to the congregation providing some history and background of our new members, and thereby helping to welcome and integrate our newest members into our church family. Nancy Dougherty and Harry McCoy will be heading up this new ministry.

We are in the process of finalizing our new *Welcome Packet* for visitors. This letter size packet will contain a welcome letter from John Bonner, information on the various lay ministries, information about the Episcopal Church, its services, history, terminology, etc., and a card to fill out to request any additional information a visitor may want to know about Holy Trinity and/or the Episcopal Church.

The Introduction Ministry has been actively involved in shaping the *Holy Trinity Strategic Plan*, now in process under the leadership of Sr. Warden Bill Horton. We have met, discussed and provided our input to Bill, which will hopefully help to shape our Introduction Ministry.

Finally, as we begin to look forward to the years ahead at Holy Trinity, I would like to invite anyone interested in this Evangelism Ministry to join our Introduction Ministry. It is an extremely interesting and rewarding ministry, which will need new people and ideas as we kick off the New Year. We have had an extremely productive and fun year due

entirely to our dedicated, hard working committee members. Come and join in the fun next year.



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

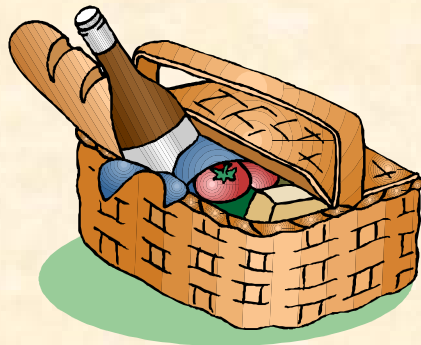


Parish Picnic

September 18, 2011

Following the
Outside Service!!!

Watch for more information on the bulletin board in the Parish House.



Birthdays			
Chris Wyman	09/01	Mary Alice Brinn.....	09/13
Joel Wyman.....	09/07	Ron Wingerter	09/13
Grace Mohler	09/10	Phil McMullan	09/14
Bill Denison	09/11	John Gruner.....	09/15
Byron Kehayes.....	09/11	Ed Mueller	09/17
Jean Griffin.....	09/12	Jean Lahr	09/25
Anniversaries			
Don & Virginia Johnson	09/03	Paul & Jean Lahr	09/10
Bill & Jerre Horton	09/05	Dick & Carole Medford	09/15
Carl & Leah Jonson	09/07	Ray & Annette Furnal	09/30

Remember in your prayers

Pray for Healing and Comfort:

Carolina McDonald, Marion Delar, Joe & Dillie Streuli, Elizabeth Fields, Tara Murano, Paula B., Guerin V. Muzzulin Sr., Millie Henry, Art Rikstad, Zack Kelly, Beth Harrington and Susie Montague.

Pray for our Armed Forces:

The Rev. Ralph Clark, Casey Bouch, Kati Brinn, Jay Johnson, Greg Carroll, Christopher Boyer, Rich Souza, Leanne Bridges, Chris Heughan, Kent Saunders IV, John Titus, Glenn Whelan, Cristi Whelan, Casey Carroll, Ethan Westbrook, Will Ross, Seth Spanner, Billie Cartwright, DeAndre Privott and Justin Harding.

Pray for the Departed:

Joan MacLeod



The deadline for the October 2011 newsletter is September 18, 2011



Lay Ministers

September	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Prayer Leader	Usher	Offering Counters	Coffee Host/Hostess	Altar Flowers
4	Ed Muzzulin	Vince Gullotta	Jerry Gehrig	Jane McCoy	JoAnne Muzzulin & Helen Mae Murray	Dick & Carole Medford	Connie Jaklic	Helen Mae Murray
11	Ed Mueller	Laura Rowell	Bill Horton	Harry McCoy	Ed & Courtney Ritzmann	Carlton Davenport & Carl Jonson	Corrine Johnson	Carl & Leah Jonson
18	Billy Rowell	Susan McRea	Erie Haste	Dick Mohler	Bob & Nancy Dougherty	Norm & Annette Young	Trish Ludwig	Ron & Susan Wingerter
25	Barbara Ward	Debbie Bonner	Carol Gullotta	JoAnne Muzzulin	David Smith & Edison Ward	Barry & Daphney Marshall	Chris Lane	Dave & Alice Smith

September Altar Guild: Susan Wingerter and Alice Smith

September 2011

This Month's Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Please check the Master Calendar on the Office wall in the Parish House for any changes.</i></p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS 8:30a—12:00n Mon–Thu, & Sat</p> <p>24 hours a day, 7 days a week by appointment</p>	<p>Rector: 426-3914 Home 426-5542 Church 619-4124 Cell</p> <p>Do not hesitate to call Fr. Bonner at home when need arises!</p>		<i>1</i>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00a, CHT Altar Guild</p>
<p><i>4</i></p> <p>9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist Church Picnic</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7:00a, Rotary Club 10:00a, PH "Tuesday Gang" Clean-up 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<i>8</i>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 6:00-10:00p, Hertford Indian Summer</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>10:00a, CHT Altar Guild 9:00-5:00p, Hertford Indian Summer</p>
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<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>7:00a, Rotary Club 10:00a, PH "Tuesday Gang" Clean-up 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<i>29</i>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	

CHT = Church of the Holy Trinity ❖ PH = Parish House ❖ APCH = Albemarle Plantation Club House