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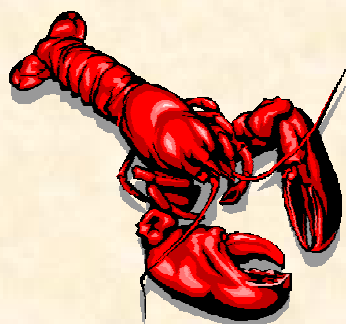
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Before each service, speak only to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, please speak to your neighbor.

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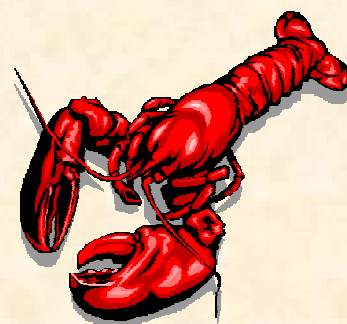


LOBSTERS!!

Mark your calendar

October 14th

Cooked or alive



Get your tickets before October 10th

(See article on page 6)



The Rector's Voice

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

"T is the season" of Stewardship and importantly, Stewardship Education. Your Stewardship Committee has been very intentional all year long in making sure your horizons on giving have been given the opportunity to expand through the gift of the "Stewardship" insert in your Bulletins once each month. Those pieces talk about the use of your time, talent and treasure in serving God. They have been excellent and I thank the committee for making these part of our Christian Education program.

Let's talk for a few minutes about why we give money to the church. For me personally it has been a lifetime habit. My earliest recollections of getting ready for church on Sunday morning, was my mother giving me a dime to put in the plate (and then she made sure that it made it). Do we say that we give to help pay the church's bills? Do we say that we give because of all the good things the church does; teaching, standing for the best things in the community, fostering happiness and human welfare, providing help and friendship, and caring for people in need? Where do you turn in your Bible to find a verse or story to support you in your giving?

If I tell you to give in order to get, you might conclude that God is like a crooked politician whose favor you can purchase. That is what Simon the magician thought in Acts (Acts 8:18-19). If I tell you to give out of obedience to a divine command to tithe, God might become an angry judge who demands and enforces. We can find plenty of verses like this one that tell us to fear the Lord (Deut. 14:22-23). If I tell you to give out of gratitude, you might understand God to be the source of everything you are and all you have, and that God lovingly provides for you. You might truly take what Jesus said to heart: "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear... Look at the birds of the air... Are you not of more value than they? Consider the lilies of



the field (Matt. 6:25-31).

“Why should I give to the church?” I have to be careful to answer in a way that is consistent with who I proclaim God to be. This too often seems to be a self-serving message. I cannot preach that God loves people unconditionally and saves each of you by grace and then imply that you somehow earn God’s love and favor by how much you give. Such a sermon undermines the Gospel.

The work of the priest is first and foremost to proclaim the good news “that God’s love, confirmed in Jesus Christ, is freely, graciously, offered to each and all, and... we are to love God with our whole selves and to love and do justice to our neighbors as ourselves.” To talk to you about stewardship is to proclaim the gospel in such a way that Christians respond by giving their money, spending your time, using your abilities, or however you define stewardship in response and service to Christ, often by supporting the Church, specifically this congregation and our Diocese. Stewardship is truly a response to God and His Gospel. This word is far more different than an appeal from your college or Arts Fund. It goes much deeper than society’s message.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that our giving is an expression of something bigger and more profound than our church. In terms of money and giving, Scripture’s greatest gift is to keep before us the reason we give to God. WE GIVE TO GOD IN RESPONSE TO ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US... PARTICULARLY IN THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS... AND AS A WAY OF SHARING IN GOD’S OWN WILL FOR AND WORK IN THE WORLD. We give in response to the Gospel. According to Holy Scripture, we give to God as an act of worship, as a way of participating in God’s reign, as an act of resistance, as a way of bearing witness, and to grow in grace.

Ask yourself now “What is my reason to give to Holy Trinity and to the world?” All of Scripture’s reasons apply and you and I are to prayerfully choose to be faithful to God’s Word to us this year.

Faithfully, *John Bonner*



Kathie Columbus

Albemarle Chapter of the International Order of St. Luke



Liz Foster

The Order of St. Luke will meet again on Wednesday, October 19th in the Parish House at 10:30am. We will resume our study of "Going Deeper". Members who have not completed the study guide in the workbook received when they joined the Order will have an opportunity to work on that with Kathie and Liz. Our prayer shawl ministry, "Hearts & Hands", will also continue. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting please join us after the meeting or better yet join us for the meeting and Holy Eucharist and the Healing service. A day of fellowship, worship, healing and fun doesn't get much better than that!!



Through New Eyes

Susan McRae

Lately the word “tired” has shown up in my conversations too frequently. Not only was I hearing it from others, I began applying it to myself. In fact, tiredness seemed to be permeating my life ... mind, body, and soul. Tired is not a way I want to describe myself, but there seemed to be no fix for this present circumstance. As I looked at my calendar there seemed to be no respite from busyness, work, and obligations. There was no end in sight of the people needing my attention and my help.

Then Sunday arrived and I served as Lay Eucharistic Minister. During the worship service time slowed down and I gave my attention to the moment. Tiredness began to slip away. When I left our picnic lunch in the Parish House, my schedule was no less full and my body no less exhausted, but I had found rest for my soul. I resolved to pay attention to prayerfully experience this rest, maybe shift my perspective... even to see tiredness through new eyes.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon

you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30) Words for the tired: Jesus says, “Join me. I will help you with your load. We are in this together. I will give you rest.” Jesus is one who knew something about needing rest... for mind, body, and soul. We see in the Gospels that Jesus frequently retreated to a secluded place for prayer and for rest.

Seclusion and rest are also known in scripture as Sabbath. As I served in church on Sunday, I experienced the peace and rest of Sabbath... a time away from the cares of the world to focus on the worship of and service with God. Sabbath brought me rest. And now the “ah ha!” moment. This week I travel to the mountains of North Carolina for an extended weekend retreat with friends... a Sabbath or a sabbatical. We have a destination, but no plans. We have a time frame, but no schedule. In the midst of the busyness, I had started to see even this time away with friends as just another thing to do.

Tiredness is redefined. It is not a state of being, rather a signal for me to slow down. So, dear church, I am leaving the crowd behind and going up to the mountains. I am going to listen to what the Spirit might whisper if I allow myself a time of prayerful and playful rest. I believe that I will return with a fresh perspective. So, I end this with a whimsical, “to be continued.” I believe by next month I will see through new and rested eyes!



Event Reminders

The Rev. John H. Bonner, III

PARISH RETREAT

Last Chance to Sign Up for the Parish Retreat to be held at Trinity Center, October 2nd - 4th. The Topic will be “Are we a Vital and Vibrant Parish?” There will be time for Rest & Relaxation and much good conversation and fellowship. Let Fr. John know.

LOBSTERS!

Don't forget to get your tickets for Lobsters before October 10th!!

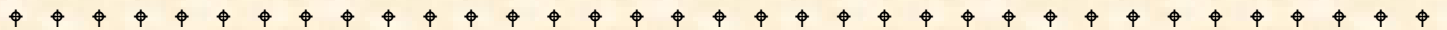


MAGNETIC CHURCH CONFERENCE

Evangelism receives much ‘bad press’ in Church life. St. Andrews by the Sea in Nags Head is hosting an important event called “The Magnetic Church” on Friday, October 21st, and Saturday, October 22nd. It will be led by a well-known lay evangelist and humorist, Andrew D. Weeks. He will invite us into his faith journey; guide us through this spiritually based, fun and practical exploration of evangelism; and challenge us to embrace new, creative ministries, not more tasks. Come and join Fr. Bonner and others who will be attending from Holy Trinity.

CLERGY CONFERENCE

The Diocesan Clergy Conference will be held at Trinity Center from October 19th - 21st.



Thompson House



Pat Smith

Grace Mohler

The Episcopal Church Women has accepted the Thompson House as one of their outreach ministries. Thompson House is a temporary safe haven for children who have been abused and abandoned. Each child is given therapy and education. The stay is not usually longer than 12 months. These children have little or nothing at all. They carry what they have in a black trash bag. All they know is they are not loved, they have nothing and they deserve nothing. They are the leftover ones, the throwaways.

Our ECW will be able to make a difference for these children. With the help of the Parish we plan to collect clothes for 6 children, three boys and three girls, ages 6 to 13 years. A list of what we would like to provide will be posted in the Parish House along with a bin in which to place the clothes. We would also like to provide each of these children a backpack to carry clothes in when they leave Thompson House.

We will be delivering the clothes in February so we have plenty of time to really make a difference for these children. The list and bin will be set up the 2nd week in October. Should you have questions about the Thompson House

please visit their website at www.thompsonccf.org

The ECW thanks you in advance for what we know will be a very successful ministry.

Jesus said, "Suffer the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)



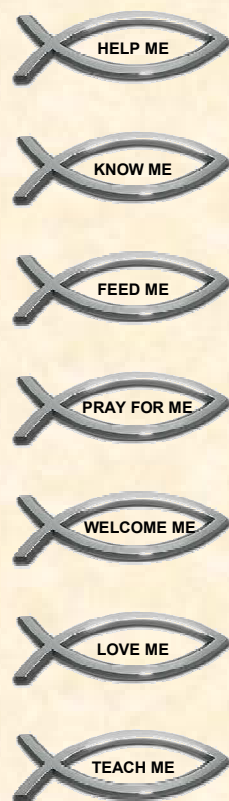
Stewardship

Dick Mohler, Chairman

Those who may not be aware that our Stewardship Committee works with the congregation to enable the congregational members to take the opportunity to give of their time, talents and financial support. This is primarily accomplished during the fall pledge campaign.

Since most of you were not able to accept our invitation to enjoy the fun, fellowship and camaraderie that takes place at our Stewardship Committee meetings, you do not know the background information behind the poster "STEP OUT OF THE BOAT." We think you should know. What about the fish? You need to know that too.

"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.



Our committee looked at our situation here at Holy Trinity, what took place last year and what should we work on this time around. Although the economic climate has been unsettled, our congregation has maintained the pledged support throughout the year, meeting our financial needs, both budgeted and our Facilities Improvement Program, in the third and final year of this program. However, the level of our pledged support for 2011 was not enough to provide budgeted funds for Outreach Programs. The budget only took care of our own needs. We feel that it should not be this way and our congregation should change this. Sometimes we do get emotional at our meetings, but it is the truth. I believe that Pat Smith first said that we have to "**Step out of the Boat**" and make the commitment to change this; and we all agreed. We need to do more.

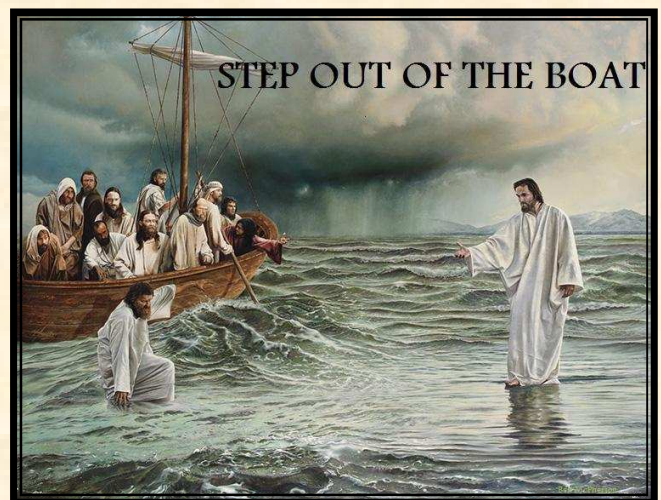
Our committee asked ourselves what is an amount of money that we might spend without too much consideration? We agreed that \$5 is a good number and that we probably spend that \$5 several times a month on food impulses, entertainment, items for the house or car. It is usually not a major decision. If each of our congregational members were to increase their giving by five dollars per week we would provide over \$30,000 for our outreach program. Is this feasible? Yes it is.

How? We **just do it!** As Peter reached out his hand to Jesus, Holy Trinity must reach out and **Step Out Of The Boat** and have faith that God will continue to bless us as he has, and he will.

How can we get the congregation to get with the program? Let's start with a poster, a picture of a boat with the disciples in it and Peter stepping out of the boat reaching for Jesus as he walked on the water. Through our Time and Talent file Chris Umstead, artist, was asked if she could make a poster. She asked if she could have some artistic license, "of course you can". She came up with a great poster. It is on display in the Parish House and you have to look at it closely.

These economic times are still turbulent and you may feel that you are comfortable with your present pledge amount. Look at the sea of humanity that surrounds us. There are many fish that have needs far greater than ours and we can help meet those needs. Please carefully consider how you will support Holy Trinity; make your pledge, and don't forget the five dollars a week extra.

The 2012 Pledge cards and Time and Talent cards and information to help you make your pledge to Holy Trinity to



share some of your gifts for the coming year were mailed out last week. You should have them. If you do not have them, please call any member of the committee and he/she will take care of getting cards to you.

Sunday, October 16th, is Ingathering Sunday and the Pledge Cards and Time and Talent cards will be collected during the service. Our Stewardship committee and our Finance committee need your prompt support to plan for the coming year. Let none of us be of little faith.

Stewardship Committee: Grace Mohler, Pat Smith, Betty Lane Winslow, Ray Furnal, Don Keith, Phil McMullan.



St. Catherine's Guild

Cam Rivard, President

At the September meeting of St. Catherine's Guild, the Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) organization of Holy Trinity, planned the activities for the year. During this meeting, Bill Horton, Senior Warden, presented the Parish's current Strategic Planning process. In addition, Program Co-Chairs Nancy Gruner and Annette Mueller led a discussion to begin our new program theme "Who are We and Why are We Here?" It was a great start for our program year.

You will be receiving information about a couple of our outreach projects soon. We have agreed to outfit 6 children at Thompson's Children Home (3 boys and 3 girls) with new or gently used clothes. Please respond when you get the specific information about ages and sizes. These are children who truly have nothing. Our contributions will make a big difference in their lives.

You will also hear more about our efforts to help Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is building a house on Dobbs Street in Hertford this fall. We will feed lunch to the construction volunteers during the week of October 30th - November 4th. Regan Westra will be coordinating Holy Trinity's assistance to this very productive ministry. There are several ways to help. Contact Regan and sign-up to join this important effort.

There will be NO REGULAR MEETING in October for St. Catherine's Guild. Our regular October meeting date coincides with the parish retreat being held at Trinity Center October 2nd - 4th. In addition, the Albemarle Deanery ECW meeting will be held at St. Thomas in Ahoskie on Friday, October 7th. We will arrange car pools for those attending. The meeting starts at 10:30am and lasts until 2:30pm. Lunch will cost \$10.00. Please contact Cherry Powell or Cam Rivard if you plan to attend.

Our next regular meeting will be November 7th beginning at 9:30am. We will have refreshments and conversation and begin our meeting shortly before 10:00am. Please join us then. **All women of Holy Trinity parish are invited to attend.**



Parish Care

Regan Westra, Chairman

The Parish Care ministry provides care and support to members of our church family as they encounter difficult times. We do this through prayer provided by Father Bonner, the Prayer Chain, the Order of St. Luke, and the Hands and Heart ministry. We also provide meals as needed and run errands (groceries, medicines, Dr. appointments, etc.).

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered and have provided the much-appreciated meals and help in recent months. We are changing our process for providing meals: rather than assigning volunteers based on their location, we will assign each volunteer a week to provide meals as needed. **We need your help!** We hope to have enough volunteers so that each person will only have responsibility for one week. Please volunteer to prepare meals on the sign-up sheets in the Parish House; also indicate if you are willing to serve on the Parish Care committee. If you have any questions or suggestions for Parish Care, please call Regan Westra: 426-1167.



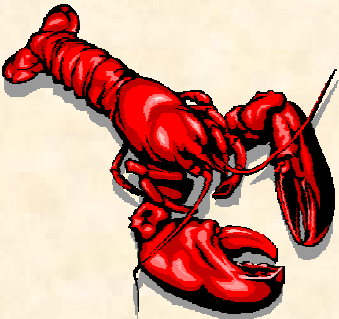


Lobsters-Lobsters-Lobsters!

Dan Westra

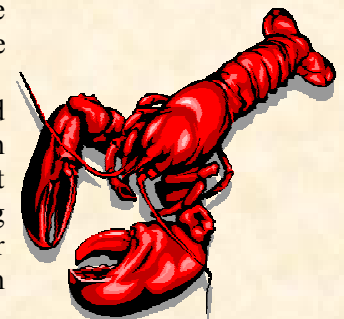
The Men's group is sponsoring the lobster sale for the benefit of many of our local outreach programs on October 14th. **YOU** can help three ways to make this a huge success:

1. **Purchase your tickets** for yourself and your neighbors- go ahead and throw a neighborhood lobster feast for the street!
2. **Help sell tickets** in your neighborhood, to your business associates, and to medical staffs you visit. Last day for sales is October 10th. Turn in ticket sales and ticket stubs to the church office each week.
3. **Men sign up** for various duties on the day of the sale. Sign-up sheet for these duties is also posted in the Parish House. Please be saving newspapers and plastic shopping bags to wrap the lobsters.



The price of lobsters is \$15.00 each, cooked or alive, and the more we sell, the more we help our community. Tickets are available in the church office.

For those who wish to enjoy their meal with live music and fellowship, the Carriage House is having a lobster dinner in conjunction with our sale. Take your lobsters across the street and for \$5.00, they will supply tea, coleslaw, and a potato along with live music and indoor or outdoor dining. Purchase your meal tickets directly from the Carriage House (where you can also buy lobster tickets, if you haven't already).



Habitat for Humanity

Regan Westra, Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity will be constructing a home on Dobbs Street this fall in the town of Hertford, so the area churches want to be sure we support their efforts.

Preparing Lunches: Holy Trinity has committed to supply and serve 10 -12 lunches for the workers each day of the week of October 31st -November 4th. Please sign up, in the Parish House, to prepare and/or serve lunches one day of that week.

Construction Help: While Habitat will welcome help at any time, by far the biggest workday is the day they unload the truck with all the supplies, Sept. 30th. If you and/or friends can help with this, please meet at 319 Dobbs St. on Sept. 30th at 8:45am.

For those who are willing to volunteer to work on the house with Habitat for Humanity the week of October 31st, please sign up in the Parish House. ***This will not necessarily mean hard labor: many tasks include carrying materials from one place to another, holding boards while someone else hammers, installing fixtures, or helping with organization.*** Safety is their first concern. Any tools or materials you may need will be provided by Habitat. Contact Regan Westra at 426-1167 with any questions.



GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Annette Furnal

Just a friendly reminder, grocery gift cards can be purchased every Sunday morning in the Parish House. All parishioners can participate in this ongoing fundraiser. It is simple: everyone buys groceries, therefore, buy a gift card from St. Catherine's Guild and you will be helping fund our projects. The gift card is used like cash, if you buy a \$100.00 card you can buy \$100.00 worth of groceries. It is easy, you need groceries anyway and we earn 5% which would be \$5 on every \$100 card. If you have not been participating, please do consider this fundraiser as a way of contributing to our Outreach Program. I have denominations in \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200 for FOOD LION. I have denominations in \$50, \$100 and

\$200 for FARM FRESH. This is a win/win situation for everyone. Thanks to all who faithfully contribute weekly and monthly.



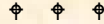
Church Humor

Submitted by Cynthia Brickey

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



The deadline for the November 2011 newsletter is October 23, 2011



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, Susie Montague, Skyler Burden, Barbara & Byron Kehayes and Amanda.

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 and Tommy Morris

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays			
Erie Haste.....	10/01	Debbie Bonner	10/13
Tammy Waid.....	10/01	Jo Ann Morris	10/14
Lisa Gregor.....	10/03	Russell Gregor	10/21
Bob Bartlett	10/05	Norman Young	10/22
David Smith	10/10	Carlton Davenport	10/31
Anniversaries			
Jo & Sandy Easterwood	10/12	George & Anne Lankford ..	10/24
Ed & JoAnne Muzzulin	10/23		

Lay Ministers

October	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Prayer Leader	Usher	Offering Counters	Coffee Host/Hostess	Altar Flowers
2	Robert Earl Lane	Wes Brown	Robert Earl Lane	Barbara Ward	Frank & Connie Jaklic	John Sabo & Billy Rowell	Cam Rivard	Don & Jo Ann Morris
9	Ed Mueller	Vince Gullotta	Jane McCoy	Susan Wingerter	Don Johnson & Carlton Davenport	Ray & Annette Furnal	Martha Borders	Marc & Cam Rivard
16	Ed Muzzulin	Susan McRea	Harry McCoy	Ray Winslow	Harry & Jane McCoy	Wes & Barbara Brown	Amy Denison	John & Nancy Gruner
23	Billy Rowell	Laura Rowell	Dick Mohler	Betty Lane Winslow	John & Nancy Gruner	Dave Foster & Beth Harrington	Trudie Nordmeier	Ed & JoAnne Muzzulin
30	Barbara Ward	Debbie Bonner	Jo Anne Muzzulin	Debbie Bonner	Erie Haste & Russell Gregor	Dick & Carole Medford	Charlee Kohler	

October Altar Guild: Liz Foster and Nancy Gruner

October 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>1 10:00a, CHT Altar Guild</p>
<p>2 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">← Parish Retreat →</p>	<p>4 7:00a, Rotary Club 10:00a, PH "Tuesday Gang" Clean-up</p>	<p>5 4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 10:30a, St. Thomas Ahoskie ECW 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	<p>8 10:00a, CHT Altar Guild</p>
<p>9 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7:00a, Rotary Club 10:00a, PH "Tuesday Gang" Clean-up 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p>12 4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 1:00-6:00p, PH Lobster pick-up 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	<p>15 10:00a, CHT Altar Guild</p>
<p>16 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>17 2:30p, PH Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>18 7:00a, Rotary Club 10:00a, PH "Tuesday Gang" Clean-up 2:30p, PH Bible Study</p>	<p>19 10:30a, PH Order of St. Luke 12:00p, CHT Eucharist/Healing 4:30p, CHT Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Fr. Bonner's Day Off 10:00a, PH Trinity Bells Practice 6:00p, PH Helping Hands</p>	<p>22 10:00a, CHT Altar Guild</p>
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<p>30 9:00a, CHT Adult Choir Practice 9:10a, PH Sunday School 10:00a, CHT Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>31</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>

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