

# Life in the Trinity

Sharing in the love of God. Sharing our lives with each other.  
Sharing God's love with the world.

## 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

In our life together at Holy Trinity, a review of 2020 could be quite simple: Covid-19. The pandemic altered everything here at Holy Trinity as well as our everyday lives. And yet, we did not “shut down” as a church. We worshipped outside for eight months and through the summer heat. Our cove area was made for a time such as this as we worshipped under the Cross.

Much of our ministries within the parish continued throughout the pandemic. Many of you have visited our shut-ins and elderly as able. Many of you contributed to a new van for Father Theo's family after his accident. Meals were provided for those who were sick or recovering from surgery. On a more somber note, we buried two of our beloved members in Sonja Means and Mitch Carter. And yet, we rejoiced with the Montgomery family as we baptized Thea Ann in the midst of a pandemic! The Men's Group met outside while the Women's Bible

Study met indoor, socially distanced, and with masks. The Gospel and the God's word was proclaimed each Sunday in our worship service and on FacebookLive. The Eucharist was offered in person and for those who attended online, we offered a “Drive-by Eucharist”.

As we moved back inside in November, many of you came and deep-cleaned the building for our regathering inside for worship. We reorganized both our Acolytes and the Altar Guild to serve in two services. This helped keep our attendance at each service at a safe number due to the ongoing pandemic. Despite the chaos of 2020 with the pandemic, racial protests and riots in most of our cities, and a bitter Presidential election, we have much for which we can be thankful. God has been faithful to help and provide for us through this season.



## Our Vestry

Vestry membership is an important ministry. 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. 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, especially Annabelle Shepherd, Dianne Havird, and Bill Bargeloh who are rotating off of the vestry.

James Camak, Senior Warden

Tom Roberts, Junior Warden

Paula Wahl

Jason Nault

Jamie Riedy

Oke Iwuji

Sandy Haskell, Treasurer

Virginia Folk, Finance Committee

Paula Wahl, Finance Committee



## EACH WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Sunday

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

### Monday - Friday

9:00am - Morning Prayer

### Tuesday

10:00am Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday

6:00pm Fellowship Dinner and Bible Study.

### Saturday

9:00am Men's Group

# 2020

Goodbye 2020. You were a year of sickness in more ways than one. The Covid virus was unleashed and has sickened and killed many. Political opponents spewed venom at one another and “fake news” is a real thing. To cope, I have focused inwardly. Reading more of my Bible and other good books, turning off the news and t.v., checking on others by way of telephone. And finally, spending time with family.

Don't be afraid! Remember, the Lord does not give us a spirit of fear! He is in control! Be smart! Wear a mask and social distance but do not forget to get out into nature for sunshine and fresh air! Also, don't forget to wash your hands. Even a trip to the grocery store can uplift spirits to break the cycle of boredom and isolation.

We need each other. Our cul-de-sac at the Church has been a real blessing. How wonderful it was to come together to worship outside for several months. It is still difficult to not be able to hug but I thank God for Father Ross and other church leaders and their ability to adapt and lead our Church in new ways. The Facebook format of worship was and continues to keep us together spiritually.

Some changes and improvements were being planned for our children at Holy Trinity when the pandemic broke out. Those plans had to be placed on hold. Not being with our children in Sunday School has been difficult as they grow and change so fast. Each child has remained in my prayers during this time and I look forward to see how they have grown and changed since we last gathered.

We know that things are not like they used to be but, in many ways, things have improved. I guess I have adapted.

We cannot and should not live in the past. The past is over and done with, the past is gone. As God's children, we should love and trust Him. Additionally, we should develop and utilize our talents and abilities to grow and move forward. We must remember to not be afraid. That's what Satan wants. Be smart and keep your eyes and heart focused on Christ.

Blessings and Love,  
Dianne H.



# Ministries at Holy Trinity

## Children's Church – Jennifer Patterson

Children's Church is a special time of teaching and worship for children ages 4 to 8. In 2020, we began the year with lessons from Epiphany, through the parables of Jesus, and had just begun a series of lessons on Easter when the pandemic closed the church doors. In response, we emailed a series of "Resurrection Egg" video lessons with worship response options for families.

After realizing the inaccessibility of online lessons for many of our families, and the extensive nature of the pandemic, our Children's Church was put on hold, along with the plans for growth that were to begin over the summer, plans to create a rotation of 3 teachers and 3 teacher assistants and to recreate the Children's Church room into a more worshipful space.

We concluded the 2020 year with a new plan to equip families with physical resources to use at home with their children, beginning with sets of Jesse Tree devotionals for use during the season of advent and we continue that line of ministry with various age and interest appropriate devotionals for families to select from.

Thank you for your supportive prayers over the 2020 year. Your children are a delight and it is our privilege to share God's Word and ministry with them whether it is in person or at a distance! Please continue to join us in prayer for them and for us in this growing relationship with our Lord, and for creative inspiration to serve our children in 2021!





## The Altar Guild

Thanks so much to the Altar Guild who work so hard behind the scenes at Holy Trinity. This has been a challenging year and they have responded to help make our worship each week safe and beautiful while minding so many details. It is an honor to serve the Lord with you and especially through all the difficulties of 2020. - Ross+



## Audio and Visual Team

A huge thanks goes out to Emmanuel Ndim for leading our audio and visual team. We couldn't have navigated the pandemic without him. All of our services are now available on FacebookLive for those joining us for worship at home. Victor Ndim and Oke Iwuji assisted Emmanuel in his ministry to us at Holy Trinity.

## Acolytes

As we can all see from our Sunday services, our acolytes are doing a superb job. I want to thank them for their dedication to our Lord and to us in providing this ministry.

Our acolytes at present are: Ok Iwuji, Ben Guthrie, Alaynah Guthrie, Isaiah Marshall, Jada Tullis, Lelan Crewey, Hunter Crewey. There are other young people in the parish who I am hoping will join us this year.

We are planning Sunday afternoon meetings throughout this coming year. These meetings are great opportunities for our young people to refine their acolyting skills and ask their questions. I want to thank Ok for being our primary acolyte trainer. We are also using these meetings to learn about such things as: The traditional church building layouts and why churches are arranged the way they are; what each of the items in the sanctuary are and why we do what we do at the Lord's Table; the seasons of the Church Year and the significance in our worship; and the Eucharistic service itself, its history, and why we worship the way we do. I am sure we will explore other areas of our faith and worship as our young people express their interests.

I am delighted to be serving our young people as their Acolytes Master.

Faithfully submitted,

Father Rob Hartley

## Saturday Morning Men's Group



The Men's Group is a time of prayer, fellowship, and Bible study, meeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, on Saturday mornings. We typically begin our time together at 8:30 am with fellowship over breakfast, followed by prayer and bible study at 9:15 am, and finish by 10:20 am. This past year we have focused our Bible study on the passages of Scripture from the past week's readings in the Book of Common Prayer. Throughout the year each of our Clergy, Ross, Rob, Theophilus, Rick, and Dan all participated in turn each week in facilitating discussion, or bringing a message, or teaching based on that past week's scripture. The Rev Gary Bainton, Friar Frank, James

Camak, and myself also participated, on some Saturday's, in either facilitating discussion or bringing a teaching. We have full morning prayer together on the first Saturday of each month usually led by one of our Clergy. We have family prayer throughout the rest of the month which is beautifully led by Monte Steedley.

During 2020 we especially enjoyed meeting poolside at the Hartley home during the Spring, Summer, and early Autumn Months. In the late Autumn, and during this winter, we have also enjoyed meeting in our Parish Fellowship Hall. Memorable times from this past year include meeting as a group via Zoom (Patrick Schmidt of Wycliffe Bible Translators joined us for one of those Zoom Meetings!), All of the Pastors sharing testimonies of either their Fathers, being a Father, or of our Heavenly Father, in a special Father's Day Fellowship in June, lots of wonderful prayer time, bible study, discussion, many pancake breakfasts, and a special "End Of Summer Hummer" BBQ in September at the Hartley's where we enjoyed great Fellowship and some of our Rector's outstanding home crafted beer together. We plan on carrying on likewise, as a group of men in Christ, in fellowship, and in His Word, God willing, throughout 2021.

## Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study continues to be a tremendous blessing to all the women who attend. We began the year by finishing our study of Hebrews, taught by Dr. Michael Krueger. He is an excellent teacher who makes theological truths simple and shows us how to apply them to our lives. Our Bible Study has set aside the first Tuesday of each month as our prayer meeting and we wanted to learn how to pray in such a way that our prayers would be more effective. In order to do this, we studied "The Daniel Prayer" by Ann Graham Lotz. In this study, she showed us how to pray as Daniel prayed. We learned how to pray God's Word back to Him and to commit ourselves to pray until God hears and answers. What a difference this study has made in our prayer life.



## The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross



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.

### ~~Talitha Koum Chapter Members~~

JoEllen Barbare  
Brenda Bargeloh  
Carolyn Carter  
Jennifer Dorn  
Jackie Fekula  
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

# Anglican Ministries



**ARDF** builds powerful partnerships with Anglicans in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to relieve extreme suffering and transform lives through sustainable, high-impact development projects. Their projects focus on education, clean water, accessible healthcare, economic opportunities, food security, and agriculture.



Trinity School for Ministry is an evangelical seminary in the Anglican tradition. In this fractured world, we desire to be a global center for Christian formation, producing outstanding leaders who can plant, renew, and grow churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ. To this end we are forming Christian leaders for mission.

## Our Leadership

ADOC has a collaborative group of leaders who desire the Holy Spirit to lead the Church. Our bishops believe Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and the church plays an integral part in reaching the world.





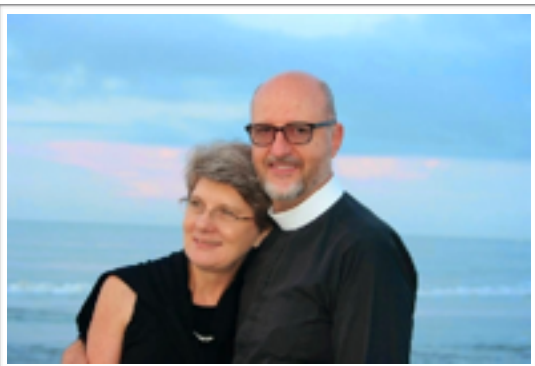
# Outreach Ministries

## St. Frumentius Theological College Gambella Region, Ethiopia



## Christ Church Jerusalem

Christ Church is the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East. It was completed in Jerusalem in 1849 and soon after became known as the "Jewish Protestant Church." It was built for numerous reasons, but the foremost was that the founders of CMJ had a great love and concern for the Jewish people and wanted to share with them the Good News of Messiah Jesus.



Holy Trinity is the sending church for the Vanderbilj's. Johann's missionary roots trace back to his Great-Grandfather - an Anglican missionary in Southern Africa. Louise and Johann serve according to the Lord's commands in Genesis 1:28; Matthew 28:18-20, and John 15:8. By His divine guidance and supernatural aid, they are to bring the lost to the Lord, and then to lead them on to maturity.

# Outreach Ministries

## 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.

Monte Steedley oversees this local ministry, informing us of its needs and collecting our contributions to transport to the pantry and thrift store.



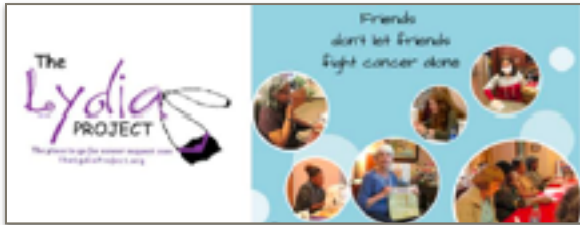
Family Promise of Augusta is committed to helping homeless families of the surrounding area to achieve lasting independence by providing safe shelter, meals, cost-free day care, and support services for these families. Family Promise also partners with programs designed

to redress the underlying causes of homelessness.

Due to the pandemic, Family Promise hosted homeless families in a central location rather than at designated churches in the CSRA area. Like all other churches who help to support Family Promise, we gave a financial gift to help with the costs of hosting a homeless family in a central location as we could not host them in our building.

Twyla and Monte head up this service project. Thanks to Twyla for keeping us informed of the needs of Family Promise and how we can serve Christ through this needed ministry.

# Outreach Ministries



The Lydia Project provides free outreach to men and women coping with any type of cancer. Lydia's services include lodging; transportation to cancer treatment; on-going emotional support every month for at least twelve months; and rent, utilities, and prescription assistance to individuals fighting cancer physically and financially. Margaret Williams is our coordinator here at Holy Trinity.



## 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.

Current student profiles include: average age is 36, ranging from 18-63; 96% receive government assistance; 90% have been out of work for 2+ years; 81% have little or no computer skills.

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

## From our Senior Warden

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." — James 4: 13-14*

So writes St. James in his Epistle, reminding his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ how tentative are our plans, how fragile are our lives, and how our lives are subject to the Lord's will.

As we were making our plans this time last year, with a new Rector and his family in place and having just finished his first Christmas with us, we were beginning to prepare for Lent, Easter and a full church calendar for the year. We were already in a schedule of having two services on Sunday morning followed by both Adult Forum and children classes. The weekly and year's schedule continued with Wednesday evening fellowship meals and Bible Study, Women's Bible Study Group, and Men's Fellowship and Study, as well as plans for retreats, weeks with Family Promise and other missions and outreach.

No one could have predicted, much less imagined, a virus that would infect our country, our community, our lives. Nor did we know the nature of this virus, its strength, its means and rate of infection, and its mortality rate. To compound the problem, this infection came in the midst of some deep political turmoil, so that it seemed that everything became political or partisan and thereby unclear. We moved into a time where neither the authorities, the leaders, the experts, or our friends, family and neighbors, were sure what to do or how to act. With a priority to protect the vulnerable, we as a church were directed to stop our services, to keep people from congregating, to ask people to follow safety measures, and to encourage our people to shelter in place and to do church from home. We heard debates about who were essential workers, worried about who was able to work, and who would lose employment, and had relatives become ill that we were not allowed to visit. It was perhaps a time when the "real world" had changed and everyone was trying to see if and where they might fit in. At times we were at a loss of what to do.

For many of us, it became a time when we believers tried to become more aware of those who were vulnerable and needy, and of our limitations for being able to help them; for perhaps each of us there were times of anxiety, worry and self-doubt. For perhaps some of those outside of the church there was the question of whether the church had anything of value to offer to the world, other than "prayers and thoughts". For those of us in the church there were questions of what could we be doing and whether we were doing enough.

During this time, we pivoted to see how we could continue to do ministry and worship. We were one of the first churches in our Diocese to resume worship services, but did so outside and trying to remind loving people to keep social distance. (We braved ants a few times, the clouds threatened but we did not miss a Sunday once that started.) We shared those services online in Facebook, pulling in people into our "broader worship" who have never been able to worship with us before. We started up Daily Office, also on-line, and together we have learned how to do Daily Office—as Father Ross and others have helped us enter together every day in scripture and prayer to seek God's Word and do God's Will. We have had those who have reached out to the needy. We have been blessed with Father Rob who has continued his ministry of pastoral care to the needy. We had people reach out to others in ministry, had volunteers come to help clean our church for worship, have had quiet members still busy ministering to one another.

Yes, we all want to get back to our usual schedules. I certainly do! But I also wonder what the Lord has been teaching us through this. "Trying times" may change us some, but most often they reveal what is inside us. Or perhaps they help reveal to us what is inside and help us choose to be someone different: to be less busy, to be more humble and understanding, to be more patient and charitable, to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit, to be more willing to be Christlike and less willfully ourselves.

Our plans are still "up in the air", but that is not where our God is. He is here with us. We simply need to keep our eyes on Him and hear His word and be led by His Spirit. As we continue ministry this year, each and every day, let us remember: "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." If the Lord wills, we will live and let our light shine, brighter and more helpful than ever before.

James Camak, Senior Warden



## Treasurers Report - Sandy Haskell

2020 has been a different year not only for the Church of the Holy Trinity but also for all of us with the pandemic, closed businesses and churches, social distancing, masks, and the list goes on. Hopefully 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic and life can return to some of the activities that we enjoyed in years before 2020. It certainly would be wonderful to have Sunday school, youth and children's ministries, Wednesday night suppers and bible study, and other church celebrations returning with a full sanctuary of folks.

The proposed 2021 budget has been increased in anticipation of growth in church attendance and giving. The 2020 operating expenses have been reviewed and cut in many areas although the overall savings are small when compared to the entire budget.

Operating income, tithes and offerings were projected to increase \$20,675.00 or 10.8%. Designated donations were held at \$30,000.00.

Total Operating expenses have been reduced only \$469.00 or .05%. Building maintenance is projected to decrease by \$900.00 by reducing supplies and building materials. Dues and subscriptions are being reduced by less newspaper advertising while concentrating on website design and internet apps for a reduction of \$469.00. The flower budget will increase by over \$1,167.00 as projections are for weekly church services all year where there were no in-person services for six weeks in 2020. Staff compensation is up \$3,200.00 with anticipated increases in nursery and visiting priests costs.

The monthly mortgage payment is \$4,000.00. Many of our members have designated, in their tithes and offerings, additional monies for the mortgage. This has allowed a monthly payment of \$5,000.00 each month reducing the principle an additional \$12,000.00 for the year. As of 11/23/20, the principle balance is \$312,596.30 while the current interest rate is 4%.

Outreach ministries and parish ministries along with spiritual education and development are the primary reasons for the Church of the Holy Trinity to exist. Outreach budgets have been increased 104% or \$16,770.00. The normal \$10,000.00 Diocesan Pledge was not paid in 2020. The Vestry decided in the January 2021 meeting that the last year pledge should be paid in addition to the 2021 pledge, thus the budget item for \$20,000.00 for the Diocese. \$12,730.00 is being added to the global, regional, and local outreach ministries and \$5,150.00 is added to parish ministries. This outreach ministries budget of almost 14% of the total budget is aggressive for a small parish. With that in mind we should always remember "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

**The Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity  
2021 Projected Operating Budget**

**Total Operating Income**

Tithes & Offerings	\$ 192,000.00
Total Designated Offerings	\$ 35,000.00

**Transfers Into Checking Account**

Transfer from other South State Accounts	\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total Transfers Into Checking Account</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>

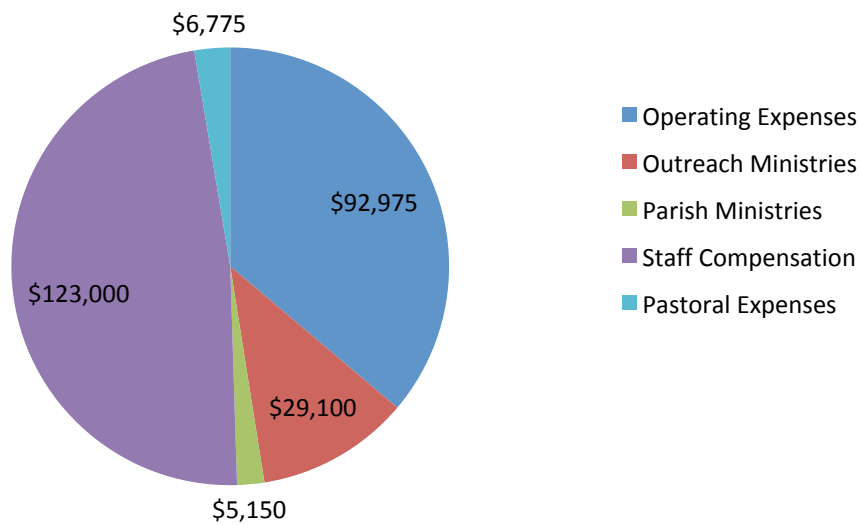
**Total Operating Income** **\$ 257,000.00**

**Operating Expenses****Operating Expenses**

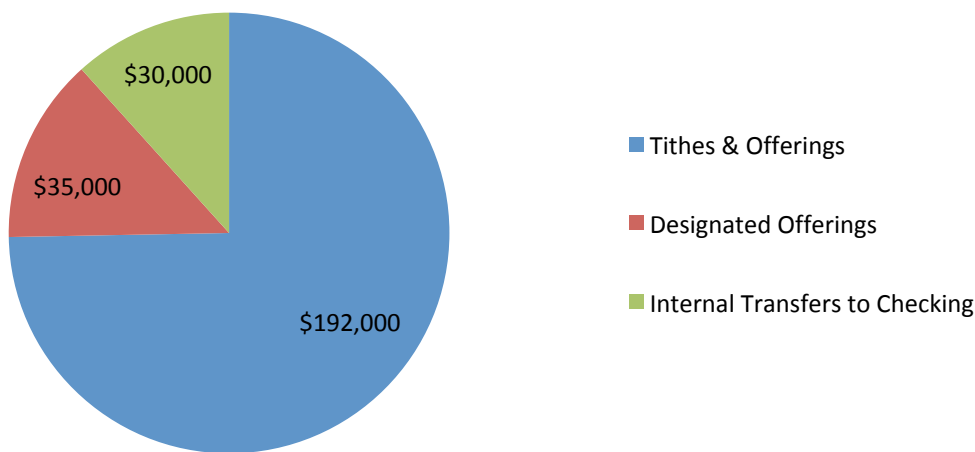
Alter Guild Sacristy Supplies	\$ 1,585.00
Building Maintenance	
Security	\$ 270.00
HVAC	\$ 700.00
Pest Control	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,200.00
Building Materials	\$ 700.00
Total Building Maintenance	\$ 3,370.00
Copy Machine Lease	\$ 3,611.00
Copy Machine Supplies	\$ 2,223.00
Dues & Subscriptions	
Cavans.Com (Graphic)	\$ 160.00
CCLI (Music License)	\$ 200.00
Custom Church Apps	\$ 360.00
Quicken	\$ 45.00
Total Dues & Subscription	\$ 765.00
South State Bank Fees	\$ 456.00
Flowers	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance Prop & Lia (Brotherhood)	\$ 2,700.00
Merovan POA	\$ 1,400.00
Mortgage South State Bank	\$ 60,000.00
Office Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Office Supplies (Checks)	\$ 50.00
Tax (Property - NA & Aiken Co.	\$ 15.00
Travel (Bishops Visit)	\$ 500.00
Utilities	
Electricity - Dominion	\$ 7,000.00
Internet/Phone Comcast	\$ 2,500.00
Water/Sewer City of NA	\$ 1,300.00
Total Utilities	\$ 10,800.00

**Total Operating Expenses** **\$ 92,975.00**

### 2021 Projected Expenses



### 2021 Projected Income



## Father Ross Installed as Rector

On February 29, 2020, Father Ross Guthrie was installed as the Rector of the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity. Bishop Terrell Glenn presided over the installation.





# Confirmation and Reception

Bishop Terrell Glenn visited Holy Trinity on Wednesday, January 29. Emmanuel and Victor Ndim participated in the rite of confirmation. Cheryl Camak, James Camak, Frank Lawler, Debra Montgomery, Lin Montgomery, and Jamie Lynn Riedy were received into the Anglican communion.





NO MASKS!

## Personhood Day 2020

On Tuesday, February 28, a group from Church of the Holy Trinity attended Personhood 2020 at the Capital Building in Columbia, SC. Monte Steedley, Twyla Tuten, Father Ross and Kathy, Ben, Lydia, and Monique Taylor attended the event. The purpose of Personhood South Carolina is to work to restore legal protection for all God's image bearers, born and preborn.

## ACHTNA FALL CONFERENCE: The Celtic Way of Evangelism

It was a blessing to have Brian Denker teach on the conversion of the Irish people to Christ in the 4th century and to hear how God used them greatly from 500-1000AD to plant churches and monasteries as they spread the Gospel of Jesus. May God bless our efforts and use what we learned.



Cheryl Camak and Guy and Dea Baldwin visit with missionaries to Ethiopia, Brian and Cindy Denker.



## The Baptism of Thea Ann Montgomery

Thea Ann Montgomery, daughter of Zack and Hannah Montgomery (and sister of Sadie and Juliette Montgomery) was baptized on August 30, 2020. This baptism reminded me that even during difficult days like we've had in the Coronavirus pandemic, life in the Church continues on. We don't shut down. I was reminded that at the time of Noah, they were marrying and being given in marriage. So, it will be when our Lord returns. And even during a pandemic, Zack and Hannah brought their little one by faith to be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to strengthen his Church and be glorified through the life of Thea Ann.



In early February, Father Theo was in a car accident and his car was totaled. As we began to pray for this need, we gave all at Holy Trinity an opportunity to give towards a van for Father Theo and his family. Your generosity and the generosity of friends of this parish was overwhelming. Glory be to God!



Oke graduates from high school!



A lonely Easter 2020



ADOC Synod 2020



Christmas Caroling 2020



Feast of St. Francis *Blessing of the Animals* 2020 with our very own Franciscan monk, Friar Frank.

