



Season of Pentecost- July 2019

Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity

Christ-centered, biblically grounded, worshipping in the Anglican Tradition



Newsletter

Core Values

**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**

Friendship Evangelism

The Rev. Rob Hartley

Evangelism has a way of pulling us out of our comfortable Christianity that is focused on our own needs, and toward a challenging and often less comfortable Christianity focused on someone else's needs. Chief among everyone's needs is for a saving and healing relationship with God in Christ. A comfortable and very natural way to meet this need is through simply being someone's friend.

Christian friendship is coming alongside someone in mutual love, care and concern, becoming their confidant and soulmate, discovering their needs, and meeting those needs as the Lord leads and equips you to do so. A person's deepest need, however, is not going to be met through friendship with you, but through friendship with God. Friendship Evangelism is therefore making a friend, being a friend, and introducing your friend to Christ. (This should sound familiar to all those who have been involved in a Cursillo Movement in the church.)

What we often settle for in meeting Jesus' mandate to "go into the world and make disciples" (Matthew 28) is Passive Evangelism. Church signs and website are forms of Passive Evangelism. This newsletter is Passive Evangelism. These are, of course, necessary and useful, but personal relationships, personal witness and personal invitations to "Come and See" are how the Lord really grows His Kingdom and the Church.

What this means to us here at Holy Trinity is that there is no substitute for relationships. Even those who come to us on Sunday morning through our Passive Evangelism efforts, like our sign out front, will typically come back only if the relational component is added during their first visit. Our ushers are the first among us with the opportunity to make a new friend, but we should all seek out the stranger who has joined us for worship and make him or her less a stranger in this place- seek to become their friend.

I remember a time Nancy and I were in Virginia Beach on a Sunday morning, and we found an Anglican Church. We were greeted in the parking lot and the door held open for us. A friendly lady took the time to find out all about us and introduce us to others. They all seemed like friends, and we never had the chance to feel like a stranger. It was the relational component of this experience- not the liturgy, not the music, not the sermon- that would have drawn us back if we lived in that area.

Friendship Evangelism involves intentionality in building relationships with people in the community around us. I have a list of un-churched people the Lord has placed in my path. What un-churched person has the Lord placed in your path?



~ UPDATE! ~

We've received word from Roshunder, the case manager, that family #1 is a single mom with six children, aged 12, 10, 9, 6, 5, and 4. Family #2 is a mother with two children, aged 1 and 6. Both mothers are currently employed, hoping to improve their earning potential in order to better provide for their families. I will soon be sending dietary requirements and preferences for our guests to our angelic cooks who will be assisting in feeding during the week we host, July 7-14. There are just a few slots left for volunteers to assist. In His service, *Twyla*



A Vision for Holy Trinity

I am not sure whether we should call this a vision or a plan, but on the evening of January 21, 2009, just a few weeks after the Lord planted this church here in Sweetwater, we all got together to discern God's vision for this new congregation. On 3 sheets of newsprint, one sheet for each of the 3 major categories of things churches do, we came up with what you see below. I transcribed it and added the scripture references to affirm to us that our vision was firmly according to God's Word. *Father Rob*

Honoring God in Worship

Spirit filled, Spirit led.
Scripturally focused.
Eucharistically Centered
Devoted in Fellowship.
Honoring the Sabbath.
Warm, welcoming, inviting worship.
Glad, Sincere, Joyous, Thankful.
Praising God in the beauty
of our liturgy and music.

Acts 2:42, 46, 47
Gen 2:2-3
Ex 20:8-11
Luke 4:16-21
Neh 8:1-6
Ps 29:2
Ps 95:6-7
Ps 100:4-5
Rev 4:8-11

Growing in Christ through Study

Being formed by Apostolic teaching.
Open to the sanctifying work of
The Holy Spirit.
Intentional in spiritual growth, desiring to be
transformed into the image of Christ.
Primacy of Scripture over tradition & reason.
Being a nurturing, maturing fellowship.
Discerning gifts and callings.

Acts 2:42
Rom 12:1-2
1 Peter 2:2
Eph 4:11-16

Serving God through Christian Action

Sharing the Good News.
Being an open and inviting fellowship.
Baptizing all in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Living lives empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Expecting God to act in our midst; open to what God is doing.
Love as God first loved us.
Forgive as God first forgave us.
Speaking Truth in love.
Teaching, Growing, Maturing.
Being present with people, listening, loving people just as they are.
Non-judging, relating to others in kindness and humility.
Seeking justice.
Living in obedience, seeking holiness.
Sacrificially generous.
Good stewards of our lives.
Giving of our time, talent and treasure.
Seeking Christ in everyone.

Acts 2:43-45, 47
Matt 28:18-20
Acts 3:6-9
Matt 10:7-8
1 John 4:19-21
Matthew 25:35-40
Micah 6:8



Lighthouse for Life is a non-profit organization seeking to take steps against sex trafficking and provide grace and restoration to victims being rescued from trafficking. They also seek to teach the people of South Carolina about the realities of the current plague of human trafficking, not just globally and nationally, but right here in our own communities. It strives to educate us in detecting the warning signs of potential human trafficking.



On Wednesday, June 19, we had Jenn, a very committed and caring young lady, come tell us about *Lighthouse for Life* and about the reality of human trafficking in South Carolina. It was an eye-opener for all of us.



Philippian Study Continues

Wednesday nights continue to find us in Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. The short book of Philippians is one of the most quoted in the Bible, yet Paul wrote it not for the popular sound bites, but to paint a picture of a mature Christian faith. While many give their lives to Jesus, few then go on to live a life of truly vibrant faith. Come grow with us as James, Wayne, and Twyla lead us in discussion of Matt Chandler's DVD series.



Byte from the Bible

Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.
Psalm 37:5, NKJV

At times our understanding is limited. We simply have to trust our heavenly Father to know best. In the face of illness, divorce, natural disaster, aging, financial challenge, we have to trust God's silences and respect God's mysteries and wait for God's answers.

July Lay Ministry Chart

2019	July 7 4 Pentecost	July 14 5 Pentecost	July 21 6 Pentecost	July 28 7 Pentecost	August 4 8 Pentecost
Euch. Min.	Paula W	Dan W	Bill B	Joe G	Mike H
Ushers / Greeters	Monte S Margaret W Billy H	Char' Rae B Dianne H Sandy H	Deborah K Wayne L Richard M	Jason N Monte S Margaret W	Char' Rae B Dianne H Billy H
Presenting Bread/Wine	Virginia F Terri F	Joe & Yeraldin G	Ginger H Nancy H	Billy & Amy H	Wayne & Lora L
Prayer Team	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Jackie F Nancy H	Ginger H Monique T	Nancy H Wayne L
Lector-OT	Tom D	Jackie F	Ginger H	Dianne H	Billy H
Lector-NT	Margaret W	JoEllen B	Brenda B	Tom D	Jackie F
Altar Guild [week of]	Ginger H Monique T	Annette M Deborah K	Rosemarie M JoEllen B	Virginia F Marguerite P	Ginger H Monique T
Acolyte Guild	Isaiah M	Lelan C	Jada T	Jackie F	Andrew H

If you are unable to fulfil your ministry duties, please find a replacement and let Fr. Rob know.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study ~ Schedule for July ~

July 2
Women's Bible Study

July 9
Monthly Prayer Meeting
No Women's Bible Study

July 16
No Women's Bible Study

July 23
Women's Bible Study

July 30
Women's Bible Study

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Upcoming Events

July 3 *No Wed Fellowship and Program*
 July 6, (1st Sat) *Daily Office of Morning Prayer, BCP – 9:00 am*
 July 9 *Monthly Prayer Meeting– 10:00 am / No Bible Study*
 July 7-14 *Family Promise returns to Holy Trinity*
 July 24 *Church-wide picnic at the Haskell's, 6-9 pm*



	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	No Fellowship Supper	Independence Day		1 st Sat Daily Office of Morning Prayer 9:00 to 10:20am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
4 th Sun after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		10:00 am Monthly Prayer Meeting No Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "Rejoice?" <i>Nursery available</i>			9:00 to 10:20am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
5 th Sun after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>		No Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "Mature faith" <i>Nursery available</i>			9:00 to 10:20am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
6 th Sun after Pentecost 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed <i>Nursery available</i>	Mary Magdalene	10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 – 9:00 pm Church-wide picnic at the Haskell's No Fellowship Supper at the Church	St James, Apostle		9:00 to 10:20am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
28	29	30	31	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Holy Trinity</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A beacon drawing people to God and into the fellowship of God's People</i></p>		
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The ways we communicate

Parish website	http://www.achtna.org
Monthly newsletters (web + mailed)	http://www.achtna.org/newsletters
Sunday bulletin announcement page	http://www.achtna.org/events
Access to Holy Trinity Mobile App.	http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf
Email distribution – news & messages	To be on the distribution, send email address to robhartley@comcast.net
Prayer List (Sunday bulletin & website)	http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list
Rector's Blog (North Augusta Anglican)	http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com/

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