

Agenda

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Closing Prayer	The Rev. Sarah Woodard

Rector's Report

About a year ago, at the 2018 annual Diocesan Convention, when I was telling St. Titus' story to the convention-goers, I said, "at St. Titus' we can't stop counting our blessings." Apparently God was listening and decided to give us even more blessings to count. For example:

- Our average Sunday attendance (ASA) was 61 in 2017. That number increased to 66 in 2018 and to 72 in 2019. Four people transferred their membership from other parishes to St. Titus' in 2019. Three people were confirmed, including two who had not been Episcopalians prior to confirmation. Our common life has been blessed by those newcomers who have chosen to join us on the way.
- The number of children and youth participating in Christian formation programs has increased. Our thanks go to Donna Smith and her assistants for their Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry and to Robyn Furges who has worked to make our young people aware of diocesan youth events. Robyn is stepping down after several years as the Youth Ministry coordinator. Thank you, Robyn. We also thank Vincent Quiett and Lionell Parker who continue to work with our acolytes.
- The number of participants in our adult formation programs is growing. Those programs include the lectionary Bible study between the two Sunday services as well as special services in Lent and at other times of the year.
- Our involvement in outreach continues to grow. Our thanks go to Deacon Sarah Woodard and to the many parishioners who participate in our outreach ministries.

- You will hear from the treasurer that our financial position is sound. Thank you to all who have supported St. Titus' financially over the years. Special thanks to Syrena Williams and to Deborah DeBourg-Brown who both served as parish treasurer in 2019, with Deborah succeeding Syrena.
- We were one of only three parishes in the Diocese chosen to participate in the Re-imagining Curacies Project. This will allow us to have the services of an assistant priest for each of the next three years with that person's salary paid by a grant from the Lilly Foundation.
- At the 2019 Diocesan Convention St. Titus' was restored to parish status. What a great year!!

This is not a comprehensive list of all that we have to be thankful for. Let me just say that I'm grateful for all of you who keep St. Titus' not only running smoothly but continuing to grow in service to God. It is my honor to serve as your priest.

Several times throughout the year I've heard St. Titus' described as a vibrant community. One person tried another church and then came back. The other church did not have that "St. Titus' vibe," he said. Definitions for vibrant include lively, spirited, and full of life. The Holy Spirit is surely in this place. It's true, we have been richly blessed, but you, St. Titus' members and friends, are the ones who have allowed those blessings to take hold. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.

Stephanie+



Deacon's Report

St. Titus' has a vision for serving others and the heart to work together. Together, we have accomplished much as we hear the needs of others and respond to them. We loved and served the Lord in so many ways during this past year - 2019 was a very good year!

We have embraced opportunities and resources for ministry, outreach, encouragement, education, training, and support for those in need. The collaboration that we have with CC Spaulding Elementary School as well as NCCU allows us to meet some of the needs. I'll highlight some of our initiatives. Please know that we are willing to discuss others.

There are even opportunities for St. Titus' to work with other churches in outreach ministry.

CC Spaulding Elementary School – Needs at the school range from tutoring to mentoring young men and women and even to working in the garden. We've collected school supplies for the staff to have on hand. We adopted several families at Christmas and provided clothing and

other items under our Angel tree at the church. The school is most appreciative of our outpouring of generosity, love and support that we have for the students, faculty and staff.

NCCU – we participate weekly in Transformation Tuesday providing a place where music, prayers and community come together as safe space for sharing testimonials and issues that the students face. There is much peer pressure today for good grades, funding, relationships with friends and family. We are there with the students and each other to share their joys and burdens.

We've provided prayers and snacks, a longtime tradition of ours, to students during exam breaks. The students look for us to come to the Shepard Memorial Library to be with them as their stress mounts with exams and papers. And, we will be there for them during this and during other times throughout the year to build relationships and trust and to share the journey with them.

For the past two years, I have participated in the Ladies Soaring to Eagle Promise, a mentoring program designed by the Chancellor's wife. As a team, we provide workshops and hands on training and experiences for these students who are family first timers in college. Thymeshia Eley, my protege, graduated in December with high honors. She has applied to social work graduate programs at NCSU and ECU. She had good experiences at NCCU and in the Durham Community where she volunteered with us at CC Spaulding, MLK day and El Buen Pastor. Being there for Thymeshia was quite the humbling experience as she matriculated, became more confident in her abilities to soar and advocate for herself.

El Buen Pastor – This is the place where we partner with El Buen Pastor as well as community volunteers to sort and distribute food from the NC Food Bank on the first Saturday each month.

Alongside Duke and NCCU students, we work together and serve a true need to fight hunger here in our community. I encourage you to come and help as you are able. The more hands, the lighter the load and the fellowship we have with each other is tremendous as is the need to feed others.

There will be more needs in 2020 and in the years to come. And, St. Titus' will be there to help. Each and every one of us has something to share – time, talent, treasure. And, as I ask for help with these ministries, all of you listen and help in various ways. You listen to the need; you come to the event; you write a check to shoulder the costs associated with the project and together, we do something to ensure that the needs are at least heard and met.

At the start of 2020, we have the opportunity to serve in the following ways:

- Meeting the needs of the residents of McDougald Terrace who were misplaced due to the carbon dioxide scare and being misplaced from their homes
- Serving others at Martin Luther King service opportunities on Jan. 20th include welcoming volunteers at Duke School for Children; packing meals at NCCU
- Exploring ways to serve with Chapel of the Cross (beginning with gathering supplies for CC Spaulding with more to come)
- Welcoming new neighbors on our street (4 new houses are being built across the street)

- Mentoring male students at CC Spaulding Elementary School by the men of St. Titus’
- Hosting a Valentine’s party for NCCU students at the Shepard Memorial Library on Feb. 13th!
- Partnering more with the Shepard Memorial Library and students at NCCU

It is humbling and indeed my pleasure to serve others with you. If you hear of a need, please let me know. St. Titus’ takes heart and serves many; together, we can respond to these needs and serve the Lord with gladness.

And, thanks be to God for your willingness to help others through our outreach in the broader community and for caring about each other. Let me know if you have questions about activities listed here or to talk about future endeavors for outreach in our community.

The Rev. Sarah Woodard, Deacon, St. Titus’
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 Cell: 919-599-5227



Senior Warden’s Report

Dear St. Titus’ family,

My heart is full of gratitude as I reflect on 2019 and anticipate the year ahead of us. In particular, I am grateful for the ways we embody the love of God by supporting one another through all the seasons of life. We’ve had baby showers, baptisms and birthday parties. We’ve sat with one another through health issues and mourned the loss of loved ones. We have heeded the words of Romans 12:15, “rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” This is truly the way of love.

As an affirmation of our growth in love, the Diocese of North Carolina reclassified St. Titus’ as a parish this fall and many of you came to celebrate at Diocesan Convention. It was a momentous occasion and a reminder that God’s grace abounds.

I believe that God’s gifts bring cheer to us so that we may likewise be cheerful givers. During the 2020 Every Member Canvass stewardship campaign, we received 43 pledges for a total of \$147,540. This is the second year in a row pledges have been in the 40s, which provides stability and flexibility as we carry out the work of the church. Through your generosity, we will sustain Rev. Yancy as our full-time rector and will even be able to participate in the preparation of new priests through the diocese’s Reimagining Curacies initiative.

Reshaping our imaginations for discipleship and ministry is an ongoing process. Last summer, the vestry began to develop a new vision and mission statement to guide and contextualize what it means to follow Jesus in this place at this time. However, we realized that our collective calling should not be determined by a select few. Over the next few months, we plan to engage the entire congregation in a process of spiritual discernment that—by God’s grace—will yield a shared vision and mission for our life together. We pray that the Spirit will reveal to us what it means to follow Jesus here in Durham, North Carolina, at the dawn of the third decade in the 21st century.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve God and our congregation as Senior Warden.

Peace,

Brandon J. Williams



Junior Warden's 2019 Annual Report of Activities

Submitted by Lionell Parker

This Annual report is being submitted to bring the parishioners up -to-date on status of the building and grounds and property of St. Titus Episcopal Church.

Landscaping: Was maintained by private contractor, with the enhanced flower and plant additions and shrubbery maintenance by four parishioners in the development of attractive entrances and outdoor seating.

Plumbing: Evaluated to assess increased usage due to aging structure.

Communications: Security system was evaluated to determine video coverage.

Energy Enhancements: LED Lights for Parking Lots and general security Conversion and additional poles (5) completed.

HVAC: Preventative maintenance on HVAC. New thermostat installed.

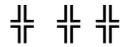
Delany Building: Light fixtures repaired, Repurpose of Space and addition of wall shelf.

Parking Lots repaired, Sealed, coated and re-stripped.

Signage repaired (Brighter lights and enhanced lettering)

Electrical Switches evaluated and changed where needed.

Parking Lot negotiation ongoing with NCCU- Chuck Hennessee- Project Coordinator.



Treasurer's Report

Temporary Restricted Fund Balances as of November 30, 2019

November 30, 2019

Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$1,203
Columbarium Fund	\$11,821
Titus Men's Ministry Fund	\$1,339
ECW Fund	\$4,290
New Construction Fund	\$47,612
Deacon Discretionary Fund	\$1,000
Scholarship Fund	\$2,137
Benevolent Fund \$600 Altar Guild Fund	\$1,598
Flower Fund	\$1,245
Memorial Fund	\$1,461
Designated Offerings	\$3,502

YTD November 2019 Actual:

- Checking Account Balance - \$168,959
- Common Trust Fund Investment - \$55,064
- Total Income - \$232,044 (includes \$209,825 of Operating Income)
- Total Expenses - \$186,129
- Income less Expenses = \$45,915

2020 Budget:

- \$1,000 in NCCU Campus Ministry funds from the Diocese of NC
- Diocesan Asking increased by \$6,600 to \$21,767

- Increase in Rector's funding by \$4,960 due to Diocese-directed increases in insurance and compensation
- Funding of \$3,00 for new 2020 Curacy Program.



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is the volunteer ministry of teams responsible for preparing and maintaining the altar, vessels and vestments for worship services. Monthly teams care for the linen, liturgical hangings and candles. The team also works closely with the priest complementing the ministry of the word, sacraments and the parish decorations.

Altar Guild Members who volunteer time and talent:

Williette Adorkor, Co-Chair

Danita Parker

Annette Bailey

Lionell Parker

Lisa Barnes

Marguerite Peebles

Hazel Brown, Co-Chair

Margaret Quiett

Willette Crews

Kaye Sullivan

Robin Furgess

Patricia Valentine

Carrie Matthews

Kendall Vanderslice

Cheryl Meyers

Special appreciation and thanks to the members for their years of dedicated service.

Submitted by Hazel Brown, co-chair



Benevolence Committee

The Benevolence Committee worked to provide support to parishioners and families who lost family members, who were ill or suffered other adversity. Though the Committee lost some members, parishioners joined team members to provide care and concern a number of times in 2019. Team members cared for gardens, ran errands and visited with parishioners who were homebound. We continue to pray for all of those affected members and stand ready to provide support and encouragement where we can.

2020 Activities

We are recruiting new members to our teams and welcome all hands. We are looking for parishioners who can help some members who may need assistance. We are looking for people who will help:

- Prepare meals
- Deliver meals
- Run errands
- Walk dog or feed pets
- Gardening
- Lawn maintenance
- Visit
- Make phone calls to say hello
- Transport to appointment

Contact Willette Crews at 919-672-0264 by text or willettec@legalaiddnc.org if you would like to serve.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The 2019 calendar year began with the liturgical season of **Epiphany**. We celebrated Jesus' coming for the whole world and listened to the **Visitation of the Magi** narrative. During the first part of the year, the children's work consisted of Baptism, Kingdom of God parables, a Mardi Gras celebration, **Lenten activities** (Hiding our "Alleluias", Psalm 23, the Mystery of Life & Death- Grain of Wheat Parable; the City of Jerusalem, the **Re-enactment of the Lord's Supper**

in the Cenacle). A highlight of Easter was celebrating our “Liturgy of the Light” with the congregation during the 10:00 am worship service.

After hearing the Easter narrative and reviving our “Alleluias”, we celebrated **Rogation Sunday** with individual flower planting and listened to the Parable of the Sower. The children also revisited our Eucharistic gestures work before ending our time together with the celebration of Pentecost in June. Our summer break began after Pentecost until September 8.

Continuing in September, we filled the time with new ventures and work, which included T-shirt painting, presentations of the Good Shepherd, Found Sheep , and Found Coin parables; **the Enthronement of the Bible and Books of the Bible**; Altar work; **La Fettuccia** (the Ribbon) presentation of the Vastness and Unity of the History of the Kingdom of God; the **Blue Unity Strip** presentation of the three big moments of God’s salvific history in **Creation, Redemption, and the Parousia**. In November we celebrated All Saints, as the children played musical instruments and talked about their chosen saint during our closing communal prayer time. We lighted candles to remember those saints who have died and to acknowledge our communion with them.

It is important to note that our **closing communal prayer** times are essential to our morning time together. The children began taking the lead in planning these moments, hopefully recognizing the essentialness of prayer. We sang many **new songs** and some were accompanied by our **lap harp**, which the children really enjoyed playing.

Advent preparations began with a revisit of the Liturgical Calendar. During Advent we had our **Advent wreath celebration and Messianic Prophecy readings**. The **Infancy Narratives diorama presentations** took us through December.

Happy Notes: Our numbers increased to **eight children and five assistants**. And our lovely **atrium expanded** with additional new materials. Many thanks to **All** those folks who made Year 2019 such a joyful, productive one!

Donna Smith, Catechist

Atrium Assistants: Gloria Drew, Tyler Lester, Danita Parker, Kendall Vanderslice, Janice Williams



Communications Ministry

Purpose/Mission or Goal

The Communications Ministry reaches the congregation and our community through various media in order to inspire, inform, and invite participation in the life, mission, and purposes of St. Titus’ Church through use of available resources

Chair/Representative Contact Information

Mary E. Hawkins, Coordinator
pisces0835@gmail.com
919-682-4647 or 919-452-7635

Committee Members and contact information (if applicable)

Seeking volunteer committee members

Accomplishments/Activities in 2019

A partial list of activities includes the following:

- Produced monthly “TITUSIAN” newsletter (101-Titusians) (25-Non-Titusians) (23-Titusians & other subscribers-via US Mail)
- Produced Parishioners’ Achievement Bulletin
- Produced pictorial displays of St. Titus’ special activities such as **Feast of Pauli Murray Celebration, Acolytes’ Reunion, Campus Ministry-Transformation Tuesdays-Super Seniors, etc.**
- Decorated outdoor planters with symbols of Christmas
- Provided photos for inclusion in **The Disciple**, Diocesan Publication
- Provided description of “**Meet St. Titus**” for Diocesan Website
- Updated St. Titus’ display ad in the Carolina Times newspaper

Objectives/Activities Expected for January-December 2020

Social Networking:

Review and manage the Church's social networking presence (**e.g. Facebook and Website**) by ensuring that pertinent and prominent information about ministry events are routinely shared and updated.

Church e-News

Begin sending out weekly news -including upcoming Sunday church bulletin via online subscription

Updating Online Church Directory

Provide print and online opportunities for members to update their information in the directory

Subscribe to an email platform

To provide analytics for evaluating newsletter costs and effectiveness in reaching specified audience.

Propose enhanced church signage

Review ways that outdoor signage might be improved from all approaches to the church

Specific activities and costs needed to accomplish objectives noted above

\$114.00 Annual Subscription to on-line directory
\$2500-LED Outdoor Sign-Repeating announcements, etc.

Ways parishioners can become involved-Volunteer

If you would like to help the Church communicate her message, contact us to volunteer today! We are always looking for new and innovative ideas. **See the 61+ Ideas for Newsletter News**

Income and Expenses statement for the year

Financial statement awaiting final documentation from church treasurer.

Free expressions or comments, For the Good of the Church

I propose that the congregation receive monthly reports of vestry activities including financial reports in a manner that is available to all.

Posting outdated reports on the bulletin board which is not in an area not frequently visited does not seem to be an effective means of communicating with the congregation, or the public.



St. David's Usher Guild

Receiving the offering is much more than "taking the collection." It is a time when the worshippers make a tangible acknowledgement of their conviction that God is the sovereign Owner of all things; that man is a steward, and that God's ownership and man's stewardship ought to be acknowledged through regular and systematic giving to Christ's Church!"

This being, therefore, an act of worship, those who perform the role of servants at this time are actually serving in that priestly office held by those who were in the Temple as they presented "sacrifices" to the altar. The Church Usher is performing a very sacred office as he/she receives the offering and carries it to the minister who will lift it before the altar of the Most High. Therefore, the usher conducts himself/herself in an orderly and efficient manner. We believe Doorkeepers in the Temple in Jerusalem were a class of the priesthood, holding their office by virtue of lineage to the house of Aaron. To this day, we consider the church usher to be a very select person because he/she helps, in a most essential way, to make the service of worship an experience of great spiritual significance.

Members of the St. David's Usher Guild include: Lewis Myers, Carrie Mathews, Marguerite Peebles, James Barnes, Brian Wilks, Lisa Barnes, Vivian Patterson, Lisa Wilks, Yvette McMiller, Kenneth Valentine, Annette Bailey, Robyn Ferges, Danita Parker, Valerie Quiett, Kendall Vanderslice, Carol Willis, and Dwight Peebles.

In 2019 Members of the St. David's Usher Guild served at all ten o'clock services and all services where ushers were required including funerals, special church

services, and other services. Youth of the Church are scheduled to serve every fifth Sunday under our leadership and tutelage. Ushers are responsible for straightening up the church following a service, ensuring sets of books and hymnals are available to worshipers in preparation for the next service, ensuring visitors are comfortable and feel welcome. Teams of four ushers have been established to serve together on designated Sundays. A schedule is published in advance indicating which teams of individuals are to serve and when.

In addition, The St. David's Usher Guild supported Transformation Tuesday held at North Carolina Central University by providing refreshments and by participating in the worship activities. Also, members contributed to other community outreach ministries.

Members of the St. David's Usher Guild appreciate the opportunity to be of service, the cooperation and support of Communicants, and look forward to helping make the worship service at Saint Titus' an experience of great spiritual significance in the coming year. Parishioners interested in becoming involved should contact Dwight Peebles, Coordinator at (919) 724-1117.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight Peebles,

St. David's Usher Guild Coordinator



The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Titus' had a very active 2019. The ECW focused its efforts in four main areas: Outreach and fellowship, Fundraising/donations, Youth activities/support, and ECW Conference support.

Outreach/Fellowship

The ECW coordinated, sponsored, and/or participated in several events and functions in 2019. We provided food and refreshments for Duke students, provided food for NCCU students and participated in Transformation Tuesday at the student union, and sponsored Fellowship hour after church services throughout the year. Additionally, the ECW sponsored a luncheon for several super seniors in August. This event included food, recognition, and fellowship. The ECW continued to support opportunities and efforts to connect church members and provide a welcoming environment for visitors and the community at large.

Fundraising/Donations

In 2019, the ECW helped to raise funds and donations for church initiatives and to support community organizations. First, funds were raised for the United Thank Offering (UTO) 2019 cycle. UTO funds are used by the Diocese to provide grants for various ministries throughout the Episcopal Church. Second, the ECW assisted the Choir with the Annual Pancake Supper. Third, the ECW held its annual craft and bake sale. As a result, \$506.00 was raised.

Youth Activities

The ECW supported various youth activities in 2019 to include the Easter Egg Hunt. Also, the ECW sponsored lunch and gift cards for youth participating in the Christmas Pageant.

ECW Conference Planning

The ECW participated in meetings of the Durham ECW Convocation to plan the annual conference. The ECW also provided donations and prepared gift bags for conference participants.

2020 Goals

The ECW will discuss goals for 2020 at the February monthly meeting.

ECW Information

Co-Chairs: Valerie Quiett quiettv@msn.com Vickie Miller vickiemiller746@yahoo.com

Mission: To empower women of St. Titus' to carry out Christ's work throughout the community.

Meetings: ECW meets the second Sunday after the 10:00 am service.



Memorial Garden



Music Ministry

Mission: The mission of the Music Ministry is to provide ways in which parishioners can encounter God through the gift of music. The Music Ministry includes the St. Titus' Choir, instrumental voluntaries, and congregational singing.

The goals of the St. Titus' Choir include supporting congregational singing by leading hymns in worship, teaching new hymns to the congregation and offering special music to enhance worship. The choir is open to everyone, regardless of age or experience, and meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 in Delany House, and the second Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 in the Church. Soloists and instrumentalists are invited to participate in worship and appropriate music and opportunities will be sought for anyone wishing to offer their time and talent.

Music Director Contact Information: Susan Stedman, 919-260-9248, sfstedman@gmail.com, 2001 Larkspur Lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Members of the Choir: Preston Edwards, Marjorie Freeman, Chuck Hennessee, Pam Howard, Diane Hundley, Veronica Quiett, Pat Valentine, Janice Williams, Spike Yancy

Activities in 2019:

- March: Survey of favorite hymns of congregation followed by programming as many as possible within worship services
- June: Botswana Song Swap-St. Titus members and Botswana pilgrims learned songs from each other
- July: Pauli Murray Service-Area church choir members created a joint choir for festival service
- September: Yokefellows Prison Ministry Sunday-Special music provided to honor Prison Ministry
- October: Hymn sing after Sunday worship
- December: Special music provided by choir, soloists, instrumentalists for Pageant and Christmas Eve services

Objectives for 2020:

- Create opportunities for education/enlightenment about church music
- Offer fellowship opportunities through music (ex. hymn sings)
- Offer special programs/concerts
- Expand opportunities for choir leadership in worship

Ways parishioners can get involved:

- Become a musical “spy”—tell us where there is musical ability/interest within the congregation
- Talk with Susan or a choir member about the music ministry and how it might enrich your life and worship



Outreach Committee

Outreach activities give us opportunity help us to lead our church's mission to be good shepherds of men and women to bring us all closer to Christ.

2019 CROP Hunger Walk

St. Titus participated in the 2019 CROP Walk to raise funds to combat hunger in Durham and throughout the world. The walking course was challenging but hearts were warm as members did their part to combat hunger of body and spirit. Donations of over \$700.00 tied the 2017 goal but fell short of the 2018 CROP walk goal. We plan to set a goal of \$1200.00 for the 2020 CROP Walk.

We were pleased to have Jordan (granddaughter of Catherine Barnes & a student from NCCU) work with us to recruit NCCU student/athletes to participate on the St. Titus' team. A schedule change for the students prevented their attendance at the Walk but we look forward to including them again this year.

Food Insecurity Outreach and Service

NCCU Campus Ministry "Transformation Tuesdays" and Johnson Service Corporation

We continue to follow and do outreach at NCCU Campus Ministry on Tuesdays along with Deacon Sarah Woodard. We also do outreach at Johnson Service Corp at least once a month. Along with other parishioners, we assist with food distribution on the first Saturday of each month.

Duke Episcopal Center Meals

Along with other Durham Episcopal parishes, we provided family meals to students at the Duke Episcopal Center on several Sundays during 2019. Meals from St. Titus' are student favorites as we provide Southern Comfort food and introduce regional specialties on occasion. We strive to provide a touch of home for students who are far from their own homes. St. Titus' members joined the students in worship at 5:00p on the Sundays when we were scheduled to provide the meals and shared conversation as we ate together. Several parishioners assisted by preparing delicious dishes to share with students and their families. Attendance at the Episcopal Center has increased to an average of between 40-45 persons.

2020 Activities

Listed below are outreach activities proposed for 2020.

Neighborhood Invitation Events

Join us in inviting our neighbors both new and old to worship with us and know that we are a community with them. We want to invite our neighbors by communicating with them door-to-door and face-to-face. We would also use electronic and physical mail (postcards or door hangers) to reach all of the adjoining blocks. We could do this before Shrove Tuesday, Easter Sunday, Newcomers Day, Homecoming the Christmas Pageant and/or a Community Day Service and hospitality. In a community that is changing, we want to continue to build community around the love of Christ for all.

Duke Episcopal Center

Spring 2020 semester meals are scheduled on January 26, February 23, March 15, and April 19. Services begin at 5:30p at the Episcopal Center at Duke on Alexander across from the Ronald McDonald House and the Friends Meeting House.

2020 CROP Hunger Walk

The 46th **Durham CROP Hunger Walk** will be Sunday, April 5, **2020**. Step off is at 2:30 pm at Duke Chapel.

2020 McDougald Neighbors

We will be working to help meet the needs of neighbors displaced from McDougald Terrace (and potentially other Durham Housing Authority residents who may have similar issues).

Spaghetti Night Real Life Series

Speakers will provide and information and guidance for families regarding challenging issues.

Welcoming Means More Than “Hello”: First impressions determine whether a person wants to come back.

Emotional Health for Parents and Caregivers: Taking Care of Yourself As You Care for Others

Helping Children See A Future: A Guide for Parents and Mentors. No matter what their abilities, young people need you to value them and help them vision their futures.

Stories: A Documentary Project: A Project to Tell The Stories of Our Community (as inspired by the Stories Project of the Episcopal Church)

We invite parishioners to join us in 2020 as members of a monthly team as we use our hearts and hands to glorify God and to show love to each other.

Listen to your heart and follow the spirit to find your place in this journey. If you are interested in these or other outreach activities, please contact Chuck Hennessee at 919-620-8722 or wllmhennessee@aol.com or Willette Crews at 919-672-0264 by text or willettec@legalaidnc.org.



2019 Annual Report of the Acolyte Ministry

Name of Parish Ministry: Patterson Acolyte Ministry

Purpose/Mission: To provide assistance during services of worship.

Representatives: Acolyte Wardens: Vincent Quiett - quiettv@msn.com
(919) 618-3649
Lionell Parker – lparker3141@gmail.com
(919) 630-5174

Members: Youth and adult members of St. Titus' Episcopal Church who wish to participate in the Acolyte ministry. We currently have a total of four acolytes regularly serving.

Accomplishments/Activities for 2019:

Acolytes served in various facets of service during regular morning worship and on other occasions, as needed. Several acolytes returned to assist with morning worship service as their schedules allowed.

We had new acolytes to join the ministry.

Objectives for 2020:

- Provide additional acolyte practice/training, as needed.
- Continue to be of service in the acolyte ministry and continue to seek new acolytes to assist in this ministry.

Ways parishioners can be involved:

The Parish can assist by:

- Continuing to pray for the Acolyte ministry and **encourage other youth or adults to participate** in this ministry as well.

Submitted by:

Vincent Quiett, Acolyte Warden



Prison Ministry

Prison Ministry Contact David Stanford at dstanford4900@yahoo.com, or 773-671-6887

There are several ways to become involved in prison ministry through St. Titus'.

1. Bringing inmates to Sunday services. The Orange Prison Facility in Hillsborough is a state minimum security prison, in which many prisoners are beginning the process of reentry into the community. They are allowed 1 community pass per week for up to 6 hours, accompanied by their sponsor. One level 2 inmate, or up to 3 level 3 inmates can accompany a sponsor on a pass. Approval for sponsorship comes through an application process with the facility (c/o Chaplain Louis Threatt, aoprisonministry@gmail.com). Applicants are normally participants with the Yokefellows Prison ministry which meets with inmates from 7-8 on Tuesday evenings (except for the last Tuesday each month). You are welcome to attend one meeting to see what it is like without an approved application. Otherwise, an application with a background check is required for being a part of the regular Yokefellows meetings, or for being a sponsor.
2. Reentry House Plus, Inc.
An offshoot of the Yokefellows Prison Ministry was founded in Oct., 2019 as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of assisting post-incarcerated individuals with housing, mentoring, and assistance with job placement. This new facility in Hillsborough

anticipates opening in March or April, 2020. Board membership and assistance with subcommittee work (program, development, house renovation, etc.) would be a great opportunity for service.

3. Yokefellows NC – Yokefellows is the prison ministry established by Dr. Elton Trueblood, a Quaker, some 40 years ago. Today it has fellowship groups and prison ministries in 75% of NC state prisons. Bp. Sam Rodman and Bp. Anne Hodges-Copple are working to encourage parishes throughout the Diocese to become involved in prison ministry. Website: www.yokefellowprisonministry.org
4. Durham County Prison Ministry – St. Phillips Episcopal Church has a Saturday morning ministry to the Durham County Jail from 8:30-10:30. Volunteers need to get clearances from the Sheriff's department to participate. Most inmates here are those who have not been able to make bail and are awaiting court dates. The ministry provides prayer and cards for the inmates.

Contact Mike Siström: msistrom@gmail.com for more information.



Youth Ministry

Goal

Plan, organize and implement programs for the children and youth of St. Titus Episcopal Church.

2019 Accomplishments

CCY representative attended the planning meeting for the Bishop Ball in Highpoint NC

ST Titus representation at the Bishops Ball in Denton NC

Easter Egg Hunt

2 Youth attended including one as the Co Chair of Genesis weekend retreat

1 attended the High School Happening Retreat

1 youth Baptized/Confirmed

Achievement Sunday

Acolyte Reunion

CCY appointment for the 2019-20 planning year

Annual Christmas Pageant

Objectives 2020

Representation at the annual Bishops Ball

Ongoing Diocesan participation in the Chartered Committee on Youth

Easter Celebration

Achievement Sunday

Acolyte's reunion

Halloween celebration

Christmas Pageant

Ways Parishioners can become involved

Prayer and encouragement of the children in St. Titus

Support the youth programs

Financial support for the scholarship fund- three (3) graduates in the Spring of 2020

Robyn Furges, Youth coordinator





Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.