

Titusian



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**OLDER
AMERICANS
MONTH**



COMMUNITIES OF STRENGTH: MAY 2021

Older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. This OAM, we will celebrate the strength of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

There are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important—it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our communities. From finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join us in promoting the ways we are connected and strong.



From Our Rector

I've heard some folks express great optimism in response to the three guilty verdicts against Derek Chauvin handed down last week. Others felt the guilty verdicts were an aberration and the country would soon move back to an environment where the police shooting of unarmed black and brown men and women is simply an accepted fact of life. They said they were not optimistic that things would change.

Hope is different from optimism. You and I live in the hope of the resurrection. We believe that in Jesus God is making all things new. From time to time we need to be reminded that God needs us to help expand God's kingdom where all receive justice and mercy. St. Titus' recently adopted Mission and Vision Statements can do just that. They can and should remind us that we have a part to play in bringing about justice for all the people of God.

Here is the St. Titus' Mission Statement: *St. Titus' is a diverse and growing community committed to walking with Christ by serving others, pursuing justice and welcoming all.*

And here's an excerpt from the St. Titus' Vision Statement: *Our passion for God's justice and peace will compel us to become agents for social, political, and economic transformation. St. Titus' will be Beloved Community.*

In response to the verdict in the murder of George Floyd, our bishops held a Vigil for Justice at St. Titus' on April 21. It is available for viewing here: the diocesan [Facebook page](#) and here: [YouTube channel](#). Bishop Sam Rodman's homily during the Vigil included this statement, "The journey with Jesus is a journey toward justice."

Bishop Sam's statement and our mission and vision statements all remind us that working toward justice is our call as followers of Jesus. Working for justice is part and parcel of our lives as Christians. It is not something apart from our faith lives. Here are some of the ways we can advocate for justice:

- **Pray**
- **Stay vigilant. Watch for instances of injustice and speak out.**
- **Vote for leaders who will create and enforce legislation that ensures justice for all. Encourage others to vote. If necessary, help them get registered or get to the polls.**
- **Write to governmental leaders when we become aware of an injustice. Thank them when they take actions that lead to justice where justice had been denied.**
- **Protest, peacefully.**
- **Participate in dismantling racism workshops within the Diocese and the wider church. I commend to you the work of Episcopalians United Against Racism (EUAR), here in Durham, and the Diocesan Racial Justice and Reconciliation Committee (RJRC).**

Additional resources for dismantling racism are listed on our website. You can find them by scrolling down on the homepage or by clicking on the "Resources" tab and then on "Dismantling Racism."

My friends, COVID may have stopped us from worshiping as we used to, but it cannot stop us from being the church. As the murder of George Floyd, and of so many others before and after him, shows us, there is much work to be done. Every time we renew our baptismal vows we are asked, "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" We will, with God's help.

Faithfully,
Stephanie +

Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights



March 21, 2021 Vestry Meeting at 11:30AM via Zoom

Attendance : Althea Alton, Meisha Davis, Diane Hundley, Lorie-Ann Lee-Carter, Marguerite Peebles, Charles Thompson, The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, The Rev. Sarah Woodard, The Rev. The Rev. Philip Zoutendam
Guest: Lew Myers
Treasurer: Deborah Debourg-Brown

OPENING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Yancy opened the meeting at 11:32 AM and facilitated the Bible study asking all to share a favorite Bible verse.

MINUTES- Approved concept of a Consent Agenda. February 21, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Worship Schedule: All services other than the Sunday morning service are offered through Zoom and streamed to Facebook Live following the schedule:

Sundays

8-am in person
10-am-prerecorded, followed by Coffee Hour

Lent

Tuesday and Thursday 8-am Morning Prayer
Wednesday-6pm Evening Prayer

Christian Formation

The Rev. Philip Zoutendam, Curate, is leading a Bible study on the Ten Commandments on Sundays at 3:00 pm. Attendance has been good, including two participants from out of state. The Bible study is on Zoom and is another opportunity for members of our community to see and speak to each other almost in person. It is another way that we are staying connected as a community.

Diocesan Convention

Diocesan Convention on March 6 (a drive-in convention due to COVID 19) adopted resolution to permit congregations to hold virtual meetings. The Diocese will provide language as an example but cautions congregations to consider all the implications of such a vote (like proxies. Do we want those not actually attending meetings to be permitted to vote?)

Bishop Anne was unable to visit the parish as scheduled due to the illness and death of her mother. She also canceled the scheduled March 18th meeting with the Vestry due to an impending storm. Both will be rescheduled.

Should we increase number of Vestry Members?

Rev. Yancy raised the topic of a past vote to increase the size of the Vestry but reported the difficulty the Nominating committee had finding candidates. Marguerite Peebles

and Charles Thompson, Jr. confirmed that many calls had been made to find even the necessary three (3) candidates much less what would have been necessary to find more. We will make a concerted effort to educate the congregation about the ministry of Vestry service.

DEACON'S REPORT

1000 DAYS OF LOVE

The Diocese of North Carolina has pledged to raise \$198,000 by the end of Easter in the **1000 DAYS OF LOVE** campaign. It is a \$3 million grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding the organization's global programs, improving the lives of children up to age six. The Episcopal Relief & Development invites individuals, congregations, and dioceses to join **1000 DAYS OF LOVE** by engaging in acts of love of their own, especially by asking each parishioner in each parish to give \$15. The Convocation that raises the highest percentage over their goal is eligible to receive \$1250 for the nonprofit agency of choice – it's a healthy competition, as well!

St. Titus' Diaper Ministry

Parishioners continue to show interest in this ministry and in addressing a need for diapers.

NCCU Campus Ministry - Transformation Tuesdays are held on Zoom every Tuesday, 8-9pm. This is a time for students to lead prayers and discussions with community church participation. The traditional Weekend Warrior event will take place March 25-26, 2021. The students have the opportunity to engage with a virtual panel discussion to discern their calling in terms of truth and service; beautifying the community; feeding the hungry; using their voices to talk with officials about community issues; showing love and gratitude to the most vulnerable.

El Buen Pastor Food Ministry

Members of St. Luke's continue to partner with us as we sort and distribute food to over 100 people on the first Saturday of the month.

Good News Garden

Gardening and community building with members from St. Luke's is a relaxing time together on Fridays at noon. We are eager to plant for the spring and summer and to harvest mushrooms! We have had discussions about extending hospitality to the broader community and to our church neighbors when it is safer to congregate.

C.C Spaulding Elementary School

The community meeting is held on the first Tuesday at 3:30 pm. via Zoom. We discuss the needs of faculty, staff, and students and how we might help. St. Titus' will help organize a Teacher Appreciation event in May with Michael Page from Antioch Baptist Church. This is a wonder-

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ful opportunity to engage others as we show thanks to the teachers who have done an amazing job during a difficult year. Volunteers are welcome!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Noted were higher than expected monthly pledges due to late recording of some January pledges as well as a late payment of the January electric bill that resulted in it being paid twice. Deborah reported that we may have under-budgeted for gas expenses for heat but we will look into our needs and usage.

Rev. Yancy reported that her office has been painted thanks to Lew Myers' efforts. That bill will show up in March.

We have also received another \$1000 Innovation Grant from the Diocese for live-streaming equipment and moved \$1000 from the Rector's Discretionary Fund to the Curate's Discretionary Fund.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Althea reported that she has been asked to serve as Co-Chair of the Orange County NAACP chapter's Religious Affairs committee and that she is working on issues related to the Asian American Pacific Islander community in light of recent acts against members. Althea also serves on the NAACP chapter's Executive Council.

Rev. Yancy commented that she hoped that St. Titus' would explore joining the local NAACP chapter and asked if we might issue a statement of support for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Vestry voted on a motion by the Rector, with a second by Sarah, to affirm the Presiding Bishop's recent statement on the matter.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Preston was not in attendance, but Lew Myers gave the Vestry a report. He said that while the painters were working on the Rector's office, a neighbor smelled gas and called the gas company. Lew will follow up to see what he can find out. We are waiting for a quote from Lee AC on installing halos, a state-of-the-art air purifier on the HVAC system. Hopefully this will happen by the end of the month since we will be back in the church. We are also waiting for a proposal re: plants from Agape Landscaping for Delany Park. Two estimates on the value of the easement from the parking lot on Moline have been sent to the developer and we are waiting for a response. The rector asked Lew to look at the storage room used for maintenance supplies as the room is so packed that it is difficult to get to needed items.

CURATE'S REPORT

Philip continues to work on livestreaming tools and processes to allow us to enhance our online services. He expects the cost to be extremely high and will bring quotes to the Vestry when available.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Marguerite reported that Keith Bishop, Gloria Drew and Mark Perrone have all happily agreed to serve on the vestry. Althea seconded the nominations, and they were agreed to unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

David Stanford has asked St. Titus' to consider a donation to Reentry House, a ministry to those recently released from incarceration. Greg Jacobs also serves on their board. The Rector made a motion and Meisha Davis seconded a donation of \$1000. All approved.

As Sarah mentioned the national church's 1000 Days of Love supporting Episcopal Relief and Development. The suggestion for congregation is \$15 per person of average Sunday attendance (St. Titus' is 100). Marguerite Peebles motioned to donate \$500 to 1000 Days of Love; it was seconded by Althea. The motion passed. All were in favor of the \$500 donation along with encouraging personal donations of \$15 each.

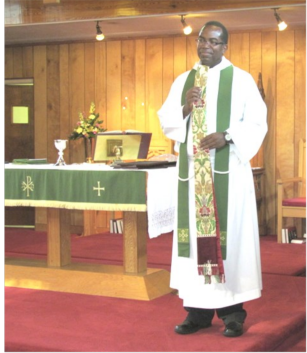
The Rector will contact the new Vestry members; she expressed her deep appreciation to the retiring members. Charles commented that it had been a pleasure to serve this time.

CLOSING PRAYER

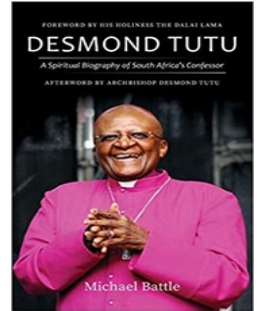
Deacon Sarah provided a closing prayer.

News Bits About Titusians

The Very Reverend Michael Battle, Priest In Charge at St. Titus' 2012-2014 has recently published a book *Desmond Tutu: A Spiritual Biography of South Africa's Confessor*.



The first biography of its kind about Desmond Tutu, the book examines how his Christian mysticism shaped his commitment to restorative justice and reconciliation. Rev. Battle, director of the Desmond Tutu Center at General Theological Seminary, has known Archbishop Tutu for more than 25 years, and has seen up close his deep spirituality, rooted in ancient Christian practice, and in the African concept of Ubuntu, human interdependence. "Tutu's life and work are crucial for both the wellbeing of the world and the survival of the church that seem equally bent toward crisis and culture wars," the Rev. Battle says.



Michael Battle is Herbert Thompson Professor of Church and Society and Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at General Theological Seminary in New York, and President and CEO of the PeaceBattle Institute. The author of 11 books, including *Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu*, he focuses his ministry on nonviolence, Christian reconciliation, human spirituality, and Ubuntu (the African worldview of community). Battle lived in residence with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa for two years and was ordained a priest in South Africa by Tutu in 1993. In 2010, he was given one of the highest Anglican Church distinctions as "Six Preacher."

Being Snatched Away



For the last twelve months or so, the story from Acts 8 — the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, which we heard in church this Sunday — has been playing and re-playing in my mind. That is not just because it features my namesake, Philip the Evangelist, but also (and especially) because the whole story seems to me a kind of parable for my time as curate at St. Titus'. In the generous providence of God, I was plopped down here to serve among you — and now, just as we are getting to know each other, I'm going to be "snatched away."

That may come as a surprise to you. Curates — new clergy like me who are learning the ropes — almost always serve for at least two years in their first parish, and I would certainly love to be with you for another twelve months (or more!). But this has always been the plan: I serve through a program called Reimagining Curacies, and one of the things we're reimagining is a curacy that moves from place to place. So, one June 1, I will move to Chapel of the Cross, and another curate will take my place here, and then we'll do it all again one more time in 2022.



Congratulations to Alice Graham Grant and Mawethu Ncaca who have been approved for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Both ordinations will take place on June 5, 2021, at St. Peter's in Charlotte. The transitional diaconate is the last step before ordination to the priesthood. Alice is a St. Titus' member whom we have sponsored throughout her discernment process. Mawethu, while not a member of St. Titus', did an internship here and will return as our curate on June 1. Please pray for Alice and Mawethu. They have worked long and hard to get to this point. Please pray also for their families, who have supported them throughout the discernment process.





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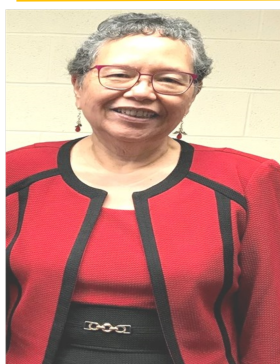
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Dorothy W. Campbell by Cynthia Height

- M - Maternalistic:** Dorothy loves her children and family and has always been a faithful, supportive parent.
- O - Open Arms:** Dorothy's arms are open to her neighbors, friends, colleagues and acquaintances, she NEVER meets a stranger.
- T - Teacher:** Dorothy has been a teacher much of her adult life; though long since retired she continues to be a student of new information and instructor by way of her wisdom.
- H - Homemaker:** Dorothy loves to make her home a sanctuary to all who live in it and all whom she welcomes inside.
- E - Energetic:** Dorothy is known for boundless energy and zeal for life, literature and community involvement.
- R - Reverence:** Dorothy has served as a faithful servant of the Lord both inside and outside the walls of the church; she has accepted Jesus as her Lord and savior.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom

Much love, Your children, Joe, Jr, Kenneth, and Cynthia



MY MOTHER, THELMA B. KINTANAR WAS AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN.

She lovingly raised 5 children but did not let this hinder her professional aspirations. As a young woman she received a Fulbright Scholarship and travelled from her home in the Philippines to Evanston, IL to do her Master's in English Literature at Northwestern University. She returned to the Philippines and spent the next 9 years as an English Professor at the University of the Philippines and raising me and my 4 younger brothers. When my youngest brother was just 9 months old, my mother received a full Ph.D. fellowship to Stanford University.

Althea Alton

My mother made the difficult decision to go to Stanford, leaving my 3 youngest brothers with my father in the Philippines, and taking me and my brother, to Stanford with her. She spent the next 2 1/2 years working on her Ph.D in English and Comparative Literature while raising us. In our last year at Stanford, my father and my 3 youngest brothers joined us, so my mom completed the last year of her Ph.D. while taking care of 5 children! My mother inspired me to pursue my own professional career when I received a full Ph.D. fellowship from Cornell University. With her loving encouragement I was able to get my Ph.D. in Developmental Genetics from Cornell.





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Remembering Momma

Caroline Esters Burwell
(mother of Marjorie Freeman) born 1895 in Henderson, NC. Died 1991, upstate New York. Photo above is from a quilt collection by Marjorie Freeman.

Marjorie Diggs Freeman

Remembering Mamma

Braiding my hair

Coming to every recital and school performance

Teaching me how to sew, knit, embroider.

Remembering every birthday and special event.

Mending her coat yet again so mine could be new

Scrubbing others' floors so that I would not have to

Introducing me proudly as 'my daughter' every time

Sacrificing her needs for my wants

Teaching me life's lessons by example, not word

Sharing her talents by giving away things she made

Giving the valuable gifts of her attention, time and love

Saying few words, but speaking volumes.

Remembering, loving and missing Momma...always.



Carol Willis
with daughter
Rheaya Willis

WISHING THE HAPPIEST MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS, AND ESPECIALLY TO CAROL WILLIS

The mother with the unrelenting positivity and the most generous of spirits. She knows that kindness is a dialect of love.

The woman who is so independent that she had not planned for marriage; at her wedding she joked that, if the cake tasted funny, it was because the guests were eating the fur coat she had been saving for.

The woman who wears bright colors and laughs loud and often; so beautifully unafraid to be herself.

Love you Mom,
Rheaya



Mrs. Shirley Bond

Happy heavenly Mother's Day, Momma. You have been the best mother ever to your 15 children and you taught us how to love, be compassionate and most of all how to forgive others. A zillion words cannot express how much we love and miss you. 1935-2020

Love your son,
King P. Bond, Jr. (aka Kenny)



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Dena Bell Hawkins

FEBRUARY 13, 1999-MY EXPRESSION AT MOM'S FUNERAL, AT ST. TITUS' CHURCH

On behalf of my family, we are thankful for your presence here today. We thank you for every act of kindness and support extended to us. Every act is acknowledged. Some are noted on the service bulletin and we hope all of those are properly noted. Every act has been helpful to us: the telephone calls, e-mails, cards, prayers, hugs, just keeping us in your thoughts; for all of these, we say thank you.

To St. Titus' Church, we say thank you for embracing my mom and accepting her as one of your own. She delighted in coming here. She had difficulty negotiating the prayer book, the two hymn books, the lesson inserts, and other conventions of our service. She did, however, really enjoy the familiar hymns and was able to follow along. The hymns we sing today are some of her favorites.

Mother was a quiet person, who would not readily initiate a conversation but responded with gladness. I shall always recall the joy she expressed at the idea of coming to church. As I pushed her wheelchair down the halls of the nursing home, she would speak to everyone, beaming proudly that "this is my daughter. She is taking me to church" That same feeling of pride and delight continued when we entered the doors of this church, You should know that the simple acts of extending the Peace, speaking to her, etc., acknowledging her presence meant a great deal to her. She often commented, "Mary, I really like your church. I had a good time and I want to go again." My family thanks you, St. Titus' for making a difference in her life.

Now, I want to challenge you to support the thousands of Dena Hawkins' still with us. I speak of that ever-increasing population of the elderly. What can you do? You can spend some time visiting residents in a nursing or group home facility. You do not have to personally know anyone there. So many people need social stimulation. I won't call her name~ but there is someone in this audience who spends about two hours almost every Sunday morning in a nursing home. She also takes her children with her. My mom adored her, even though she could not remember any name for her except "Josephine" which of course, was not her name. Nursing home visits can broaden your perception of what life might be ahead for you as we age.

You can advocate for outreach ministry to the aged in this church and in your own.

You can advocate for Hospice and other agencies that care for those who must be institutionalized to receive specialized care. The workers need higher pay for the services they render; it might also help reduce high turnover rate. You can support Hospice and other agencies that provide comfort care for people who are coping with terminal illness. There is a need for volunteers and financial support.

In short, there is something each of us can do. I challenge you to resolve to do what you can to make a difference. Thank you.

Submitted by Mary E. Hawkins



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Thomas and Juanita Taylor

The blessing of having the love of our "other mother", fondly known as our Aunt Neet, magnifies our gratitude to a loving God that knows the extraordinary power of maternal love. We share a love that is timeless and boundless. Happy Mother's Day,

Forever thankful, forever grateful.

Love always,

Your other children Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond



Annie Bridges

We are blessed to have you in the center of our lives for what has been a life-time. Your beautiful smile brightens up a room. Your laughter erases every sadness, and your amazing life feeds our spirit. Thank you for all that you have given, taught us, and shaped us into becoming. We love you, from here to eternity and back. Happy Mother's Day.

Loving you now, loving you always,

Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond



**Left, Hazel Brown's mother-
Right, Hazel Brown**

Life is a stage, and we are the players. My Mom played on stage beginning in Macon, GA, September 30, 1917 and ended in Tuskegee Institute, AL, April 21, 2013. A special person with a heart of gold which won the heart of her husband of over 40 years. Mom and I were blessed with a special bond. She instilled in me her love of music, English, drama, and counseling. I loved her yeast rolls and ice cream.

Her faith in God, good deeds, spread throughout the community, and to her children, grands and great grands.

Thanks and miss you Mom.

Hazel Brown.



History of Mother's Day

The official Mother's Day holiday arose from the efforts of a woman following the death of her mother, not while her mother was still living. On the one year anniversary of her mother's death, May 9, 1906, Anna Jarvis held a small memorial service at her home with a few friends to pay tribute to her mother. By 1908, Jarvis organized two Mother's Day celebrations: one at her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia and the other at a retail store in Philadelphia. In honor of her deceased mother, Jarvis sent 500 white carnations (her mother's favorite flower and now official symbol of a mother's pure love) to the church. In the years to follow, Jarvis and other supporters lobbied for the official declaration of a Mother's Day holiday and by 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated throughout the United States and in other countries. Finally, on May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



Hallelujah! We closed on this wonderful house in Hillsborough on 4-8-2021. We are anticipating moving in residents by June 1. We will have a Zoom service of dedication, Sunday, May 23 at 7 pm.

If you would like to participate and are not on our mailing list, send your email to: reentryhouseplus@yahoo.com. If you are interested in applying for residency, contact Will Elmore, swill81170@yahoo.com or Tommy Green, anotherchancefoundation18@gmail.com. Titusian members on the Reentry House include The Rev. David Stanford (seated, right) and The Rev. Gregory Jacobs (not pictured).

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Web page: reentryhouseplus.wildapricot.org
"I was in prison and you visited me. Matt. 25

Dear Stephanie and Members of St. Titus:

Thank you for your most gracious and generous donation of \$1,000.00 to the ministry of Reentry House Plus, Inc that we just received. Your gift could not have come at a more important time! We joyfully closed on the new house in Hillsborough last week, but in so doing, pretty well depleted our reserves. Your check came just in the nick of time as we will be facing expenses for the SWIT (Success While In Transition) program that is providing classes and mentoring to justice involved men and women in our community every Tuesday and Thursday evening.

And now, beginning in June, we will be able to provide a residence place for 5 individuals (all men at this point). Tommy Green and Will Elmore, the directors of SWIT, will also be managers of the residential house, with one of the residents serving as On-Site Manager to see after day-to-day operations.

We are so excited to be at this point in the growth of this ministry vision. Many lives of both residents and volunteers will be touched by the healing grace of God's hand. We look forward in eager anticipation of what else God will be doing through this work.

Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry.

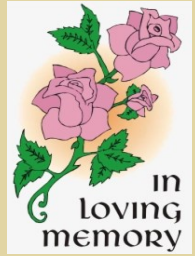
Faithfully yours,


David Stanford, Chair
Fundraising and Development Committee



Funeral for Mozella Lambert McLaughlin

"I am the Resurrection, and I am the Life," says the Lord. We remember this promise and the hope it brings as Mozella McLaughlin — affectionately known as "Miz Mc" — is laid to rest at St. Titus'. April 12. Though COVID precautions limited attendance to family members only, we are able to share a full recording of the funeral on the St. Titus' Facebook Page..



UPDATE

Changes to the Online Service Format

You will notice some changes when you log on to the online service this Sunday. You will still access the service at the normal 10:00 am time through the [St. Titus' Facebook page](#), however the service will be live streamed, not pre-recorded as it has been for most of the last year. A few of us will be inside the church for the service. Canon Greg Jacobs will officiate the Liturgy of the Word; our curate, the Rev. Philip Zoutendam, will be the preacher; and those watching online will be part of the service as it is happening. (A recording of the service will also be available for viewing later on Facebook.)

This will be a trial of new equipment purchased to help move us to a hybrid form of church, where some people worship inside the church building and some worship from home. We expect this hybrid model to offer more flexibility as COVID is brought under control. We want to ensure that those of you who cannot come to the church building, or who do not feel comfortable doing so, will still be able to participate in worship. Thanks in advance for your patience as we learn to use the new equipment.

See you on Sunday at 9:00 am outside or at 10:00 am online.



THINGS TO REMEMBER by Marjorie Freeman (age 84 1/2)

Regardless of your age, be patient, kind and understanding of others; many are not as fortunate as you. Honor and respect people of all ages; encourage them to never cease learning. Be frugal and resourceful. Learn to create and repair things with your hands.

Creativity keeps your mind active and is personally rewarding. Stay in touch with those people you consider to be good friends; communicating with them as you age is extremely rewarding and comforting when you are in need. Whatever you wear, you MUST wear a smile. Spend private time with Jesus daily and thank Him for all your blessings.

Celebration of Lives of Octogenarians for Older Americans Month!

This article originally appeared in the May, 1998 Titusian. Each St. Titus' octogenarian was interviewed. Interviews were published in the newsletter.

Meet My Mom, Edna Coleman by Pamela Howard

I did not have to interview this octogenarian. She is my mother, Edna Coleman. Although she is a fairly new member of St. Titus, she has been an Episcopalian since the late 1960s being most recently affiliated with St. Mark's in Coco, Florida.

My mother was one of 11 children, (11 daughters, and one son) born to James and Eva Venable in Staunton, Virginia. She moved north to New York after high school to join other sisters who had migrated to Philadelphia, New York and New Jersey. Her marriage to my father Wyman Coleman produced two children, my brother Cedric and me. Their marriage lasted over 30 years before his death in 1974,

Mom was a nurse at Creedmoor State Hospital in Queens, New York. Upon retirement, she relocated to Florida to bask in the sun for about 20 years. Realizing that she missed

seeing the seasons change she decided to move to Raleigh to be closer to her family.

Mother was my role to follow when I became a mother. She worked nights to be home for my brother and me when we came home from school in the afternoon. She was scout leader and class mother, always putting her family first, loving unconditionally.

The submission of this profile will probably come as a surprise to her since I did not tell her I was doing it. She says she is not "officially" a member of St. Titus since she has not had her paperwork transferred from St. Mark's yet. That to me however, is just a formality as I am sure it is to the rest of the members at St. Titus'.



	March 2021 Actual	YTD March 2021 Actual	2021 Annual Budget	2021 Remaining Budget
Operating	12,139	43,931	217,000	173,069
Non-Oper.				
Income	1	12,531	15,300	2,769
Total Income	12140.63	56462.03	232300	175837.97
Total Expenses	16420.83	49513.89	232300	182786.11
Net Income	-4280.20	6948.14	\$ -	(6,948.14)
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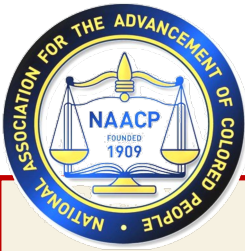
Temporary Restricted Accounts	Ending Balance
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$10,044
Columbarium Fund	\$11,854
St Titus Men's Ministry Fund	\$1,098
ECW Fund	\$5,797
New Construction Fund	\$47,612
Deacon Discretionary Fund	\$4,377
Scholarship Fund	\$629
Benevolent Fund	\$1,400
Altar Guild Fund	\$1,598
Flower Fund	\$1,275
Memorial Fund	\$1,461
Innovation Grant*	\$3,524
Designated Offerings	\$15,388
Total	\$106,057

Special Request

Please be sure to specifically identify in the memo line of your check, whether your check is for the operating/general fund, rector's discretionary fund, ECW, etc., especially if your 2021 pledge includes funds other than the operating/general fund.

Thank you.
Deborah DeBourg-Brown, Treasurer

*Grant provided by the Diocese to assist with the purchase of the equipment needed for online services



An Invitation from the Northern Orange NAACP– from Althea Alton

I currently serve on the Executive Committee of this NAACP branch asking for fair policing policies in Orange County.

I invite Titusians who might be interested in joining in these demonstrations at the Old Courthouse, 104 E. King Street, Hillsborough. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available at the demonstrations and social distancing will be observed.

While I realize that St. Titus' is not in Orange County, I remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly ... Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

All help is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact me via email at althea.alton@yahoo.com, or by phone at (309) 333-1103. Thank you!



We Need Community Prayer Partners.

As many of you know, St. Titus' is frequently called upon to help our neighbors in financial need. Through the generosity of members who donate to church discretionary funds, our rector and deacon- and now our curate- regularly help local residents cover rent, utilities, groceries, and other bills in times of crisis.

The need has only increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in response St. Titus' is expanding this ministry among our neighbors. Most importantly, we aim to deepen our pastoral and spiritual engagement with those who come through our doors - and so we need **Community Prayer Partners (CPP)** who will commit to praying for our neighbors both individually and collectively.

Who? *You* — and 5-10 other Titusians. (Invite your friends!)

What?

- Commitment to personal prayer (5 min/day) for neighbors seeking assistance
- A **CPP Liaison** will receive initials of consenting neighbors weekly from clergy and share with the group
- Weekly or bi-weekly group prayer (20 min/wk.)
- Occasional note-writing for prayer cards to be included with checks
- To learn more or join the group, contact our curate, the Rev. Philip Zoutendam: st.tituscurate@gmail.com / 785-580-6383 (call or text).



LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY DAD, FOR THE JUNE TITUSIAN

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father or father figure has made to your life. You are invited to submit a statement for the June Titusian Newsletter about memories of your father, or celebration of love for your father in your life today. The statement may contain a maximum of 100 words. It should reach pisces0835@gmail.com by **May 20, 2021** to be included in the newsletter. Photographs (labeled) are acceptable

May Birthdays and Anniversaries		
05 Bradlee Armstrong	18 Samon Howard	30 Gregory Furges
05 Williette Dennis	18 Cameron Jones	31 Nicholas Lipscomb
06 Lawrence Campbell	18 Roshunda Roseboro	Anniversary
07 Joyetta Alexander	22 Kenneth Harewood	May 31
08 Pecora Cole	22 Nettie McMiller	Norman & Elizabeth Anderson
08 Charles Thompson	24 Maya Freelon	
12 Christina Arriola	28 Richard Carew	
13 Veronica Quiett	28 Marguerite Peebles	
17 Lorraine London	29 Marshari E. Horton	
17 Ray West	29 Malcolm West	

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PLEASE NOTE: REV. YANCY IS OFF ON FRIDAYS. REV. ZOUTENDAM IS OFF ON MONDAYS.