

Titusian



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, neighborhood associations and police community partnerships. Free food and drinks, kids' games, fun and fellowship
St. Titus' Episcopal Church | 400 Moline Street | Durham NC
st.titusepiscopal@gmail.com 919-682-5504

Join the Celebration—Tuesday, August 3, 2021 5:30pm - 7:30 pm



ANNUAL YOUTH EXPLOSION 2021

Friday, August 13-14, 2021
West Durham Baptist Church
1901 Athens Avenue
Durham, NC 27707

St. Titus' is a sponsoring organization. See schedule of activities, page 5.



August 7, 2021 7:30am-12-N
El Buen Pastor Church
1852 Liberty Street
Durham NC

Help sort food

Sarah Woodard
919-599-5227

August 18, 2021
Durham Rescue Mission
2425 S Alston Ave
Durham NC

Back to school project
Distribute backpacks, clothes,
games, meals.

Gloria Drew 919-303-8636
Shifts available 5am-3:00pm



From Our Rector

Dear Friends,

It's so good to be back at St. Titus' after a month-long sabbath. Thanks to all who made it possible for me to take the month of July as a time of rest and relaxation and even a little adventure!

Sadly, COVID did not go away during my time off. Unfortunately, it is still with us, and the Delta variant is even more dangerous than the original COVID-19 that we've been dealing with for a year and a half. Because the situation is fluid, our plans at St. Titus' need to remain fluid as well. We are currently holding an in-person service on Sundays at 9:00 and an online only service at 10:30. I hope to make the 10:30 service a hybrid service by the end of August. A hybrid service is one where people can choose to either attend in person or online. Please be on the lookout for an announcement when that service opens up for in-person attendance. Keeping our congregation safe is among my primary concerns as we plan for the days ahead. That means that when you attend a service in person you will still need to wear a mask that covers both your nose and your mouth. We ask you to do this even if you have been vaccinated. There are some among us who cannot be vaccinated. That number includes our children under 12. We want to protect them. We also ask that you self-monitor, that is, that you stay home if you feel unwell. We are dealing with a deadly virus. I beg you to take it seriously.

Let me close with a word of thanks to all of you. Since COVID forced us to close our doors in March of 2020, you have truly shown what it means to be the church. You have been understanding about all the changes and uncertainty and issues with technology. You've kept in touch with each other and with me so that we know we're not alone. You continue to give generously, supporting both St. Titus' and the wider community. You continue to show the world what the love of God looks like. I could not be prouder or more grateful to be your priest.

Faithfully,
Stephanie +



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 5



**BISHOP ANNE WILL
VISIT ST. TITUS'**

The [Green Grants](#) sponsored by the Committee on Environmental Ministry supports congregations' creation care initiatives.

There are several Green Grants available through The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of North Carolina:

[Creation Care Grants](#)

(The Episcopal Church): \$15,000-40,000

[Green Grants](#)

(the NC Episcopal Church Foundation): \$5,000

[Green Grant Program](#)

(the Committee on Environmental Ministry): \$250-500

St. Titus' Church was awarded a \$500 grant in 2012 to establish 4 raised bed gardens in Delany Park as a project of the church school program. Later, the church received a grant to perform an energy audit.

Highlights of Vestry Zoom Meeting

Highlights from the June 21, 2021 Vestry Meeting

- ❶ **Return to In-Person Worship:** St. Titus' plans to put safety precautions in-place in order to return to in-person worship for both the 9 am and 10:30 am Sunday services. Ushers will be needed for both services to ensure social distancing. The 10:30 service will continue to be livestreamed.
- ❷ **A Visit from Bishop Anne:** Bishop Ann Hodges-Copple will be visiting St. Titus' on September 5. Plans for a reception are in the works.
- ❸ **Supporting NCCU and CC Spaulding Students:** needs a bush hog to remove roots and stumps before planting can begin.
- ❹ **Church Campus Improvements:** Jr. Warden Keith Bishop will continue to lead campus clean-up events to aid in the maintenance and beautification of St. Titus' property. Recent improvements include the installation of an HVAC system in the Delany House and improvements related to pest control. Improvements related to electrical cables and wiring are in-process.
- ❺ **Diocesan Convention Delegates:** Two delegates will represent St. Titus' at the annual Diocesan Convention from November 19 - 20 in Winston-Salem. Names of the delegates are forthcoming.
- ❻ **Good News Garden Event with CC Spaulding:** Rev. Sarah shared that the Good News Garden group had joined in the Teacher Appreciation event at C.C. Spaulding and that there are opportunities there to plant some garden boxes, hopefully with help from some students.

Meet More Vestry Members



Marguerite D. Peebles

is the mother of two adult children (Dwight and Dana) who grew up in St. Titus'. She is the grandmother of three wonderful children (Haile, Davis, Makenna). Marguerite retired from the Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) after serving thirty years with the State, ten years as Section Chief at NCDPI and twenty years working in various school-related leadership positions. After retiring from the State, she accepted a position as Project Manager for the US Department of Education. In addition, her post-retirement employments included serving as a consultant with NCCU's Juvenile Justice Department, NC State University's Executive Leadership Academy and with RichCare Development Consulting and Coaching.

She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, The Triangle Park Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and the Wake County North Carolina Central University Alumni Association. Marguerite is married to Dwight A. Peebles and enjoys traveling, playing golf, taking art classes and spending time at the beach with her family. She attended North Carolina Central University, Syracuse University, Vanderbilt University and the University of North Carolina. She has often been recognized for her community-based work and is extremely proud of receiving "The Order of The Long Leaf Pine."



Gloria Drew

was confirmed at St. Titus' Church in May 1963. She moved from Durham for ten years and returned in June 1973.

At St. Titus' she has served as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, Eucharistic Minister and several other positions.

At the Diocesan level, she served in several capacities: Stewardship Commission, Missionary Resource Support Team Grants, and General Ordination Examination Reader.

In May 2021, she celebrated 50 years as a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She is a proud parent of three children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Reading and listening to music are her hobbies.



Walking with Christ @ St Titus'

Dear St. Titus',

I am delighted to be part of the Reimaging Curacy Program Diocese of North Carolina. This program is helping me learn from three different church contexts. I am loving the opportunity to learn about how St. Titus' parish navigates and contextualizes the good news of Our Lord Jesus. As I have said on numerous occasions, I am so glad to be back here at St Titus'! Truly, it feels like coming back home. In this homecoming, I want to dedicate a significant amount of my time partnering with St Titus' parishioners in connecting with its neighbors. Our Mission

statement clearly states: *St. Titus' is a diverse and growing community committed to walking with Christ by serving others, pursuing justice, and welcoming all.*

My hope is to make our Mission statement doable. The initiative I invite you to, "**Walking with Christ at St Titus**," is an attempt to connect to our community, making it visible and accessible. Please partner with me in Discerning the Community Around St. Titus' every Wednesday, for the next six weeks. I will be facilitating A **Prayer Walk** around the Neighborhood --- Just walking and praying.



Then, on Thursdays, we will be playing yard games, socializing, and having a drumming circle, bringing in some music to this area. These will be attempts to connect this community with 'Heaven'. Remember Jesus took a break and gave thanks. What does that look like for us to take what GOD has given and give thanks? God has given us this growing and diverse community in a changing landscape in Durham. How do we become visible and connected with our neighbors? How do we bring the Mission statement into life? What does this idea of

Walking with Christ look like? Come discern while participating!

We want to tell people in this neighborhood we are grateful for them; and also that we, as St. Titus', are here to celebrate their existence. We would love for them to experience that St Titus' is a place where we take the INCARNATION seriously, that GOD dwells in this place and he is busy connecting HEAVEN and EARTH. **Two feet and Ten Fingers**...Let us walk justly in this neighborhood and use our fingers to bring some rhythm between Earth and Heaven!



The two offerings, on six Wednesdays and Thursdays, from July 28th to September 2nd.

Beginning with evening prayer at St. Titus' at 6 pm (live stream on Facebook, 15 minutes), we will follow that by walking around the neighborhood observing and praying for the changing landscape. Hopefully after each walk, we can debrief with participants for 5 minutes. We'll have games, drums and hanging out in the St Titus' parking lot. On the line up I have St. Titus' neighbor, Elisha Harris as the featured drummer. Please bring your camp chair and if you have a djembe (African drum), bring it along!

**Just Walking,
Mawethu**



St. Titus' is Busy in the Community

As always, St. Titus' is blessed with opportunities to reach out in the community as we network, collaborate and hopefully spread good cheer and community spirit for and with our neighbors.

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 5:30-7:30 pm. an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Further, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



We'll welcome you outside St. Titus' Episcopal Church, 400 Moline St. Durham, NC 27707 with lots of warm hospitality, popsicles, with music provided by Pat Murray and much more as we disseminate information from our church and community with others. Let's get to know each other and love our neighbors and ourselves.



We'll take part in the **Youth Explosion** again this year in collaboration with other churches close in proximity to St. Titus' including West Durham Baptist, Fully Committed Baptist, Mt. Vernon Baptist and Friendship Chapel.

On August 13, we'll have a virtual worship service. During this time, **Genevieve Furges** will deliver a sermon on "Healing" via Facebook and U-Tube. Trust me when I say that she represents St. Titus' well.

On August 14, 2021, from 2-4 pm., book bags will be distributed (registration required) followed by an 8 p.m. movie also in the parking lot of West Durham Baptist. Plan to arrive at 7 pm. when the gates open. You'll turn to a radio dial and relax in your car or bring lawn chairs and sit outside – wherever you are more comfortable. Food (individually packaged) will be served and precautions taken to keep

each other socially distanced and safe.

The **Good News Garden** continues to thrive. We are blessed with cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers and sunflowers. Pumpkin and Brussel sprout seeds have been planted as we plan ahead for fall! Join us in Delany Park (next to St. Titus') as we garden on Fridays at 8:30 am. communing with nature and enjoying fellowship with one another. This project is in collaboration with St. Luke's Episcopal Church. No experience is necessary!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
Matthew 22:37-39

Rev. Sarah Woodard, Deacon

News Bits About Titusians

Living a New Chapter - Yvette Matthews, 67, Durham, North Carolina



BY [DEL MOON](#) / SATURDAY, 10 APRIL 2021 / PUBLISHED IN
[2021 PB PERSONAL BEST FEATURED ATHLETES](#)

For most of her life Yvette Matthews enjoyed good health to the point that she didn't know what feeling very sick was like. Genetics can contribute to such good fortune, but we suspect her regular involvement in a variety of sports since youth, including playing semi-pro volleyball as an adult, was a major factor.

That all changed in 1998 when a regular medical exam revealed elevated liver enzyme levels. Yvette felt fine and assumed it would go away, but after more tests in 2001 her doctors confirmed she would need a liver transplant within the next ten years to save her life. Being the eternal optimist, she persisted to believe she was not that sick until fatigue set in and fluid gathered in her abdomen in 2011.

Knowing her body had to be strong enough to accept the organ, she preemptively started working out with a trainer. Yvette is convinced this helped sustain her as a transplant candidate beyond the first prognosis.

A donor was finally found and she received a new liver in 2013. The now-retired computer technician was apprehensive at first about returning to normal activity, which is common among transplant recipients. But she was determined to get past fear and start a new chapter in her active life. The day she came home from the hospital she took a short walk, and then added to her distance each day. After a few months she gained the confidence to step up her activity level.

Yvette knew the next move when her doctor suggested she compete in the 2014 Transplant Games of America in Houston. In the following interview, she says she "trained like a fiend" for Cycling, track and field and the 5K Road Race with hopes to win at least one medal. She went home with nine! She has since competed and added to her medal count in two more Transplant Games, and she was thrilled to travel to two World Transplant Games where she has collected seven medals and set two records. She then qualified at the North Carolina Senior Games to earn a trip in 2019 to the National Senior Games in Albuquerque to compete in Power Walk and Long Jump. After experiencing the positive atmosphere and camaraderie, this survivor is now considering whether to dust off her ball skills and add Beach Volleyball to the sport list for the 2022 National Senior Games presented by Humana coming to Greater Fort Lauderdale.

Yvette Matthews is yet another example of how Senior Games athletes persevere through life's challenges and fears to pursue active lifestyles. They do it by setting goals, training and competing in a positive social environment that feeds their souls. Whether you play sports or not, Yvette and others still advise you to be more active and engaged in life to really reap the benefits of aging well. That is what we call your Personal Best. They are achieving theirs, and you can too!

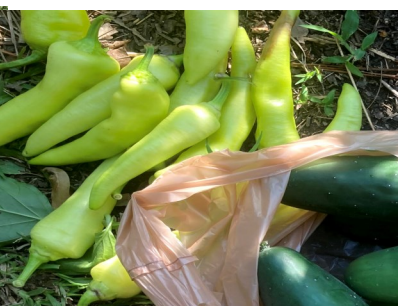
News Bits About Titusians



Genevieve Farges a rising sophomore at Hollins University, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2021 Spring Semester. To attain this distinction, students must earn at least a 3.5 average on a 4.0 grading scale. Hollins is an independent liberal arts university offering undergraduate education to women, selected graduate programs for men and women, and community outreach initiatives. Its distinctions include a nationally ranked creative writing program, one of the oldest study abroad programs in the country, and extensive internship opportunities.



Jenifer Brown is making good progress on her Continental Divide Trail (CDT) hike. She started at the border of Canada and the US in Montana, and made her way from there. She left Lincoln, Montana on 7/17/21 on her way to Helena, Montana. She is posting videos of her progress of her trip on her video channel. Here is the link: [Jen Brown YouTube Channel](#).



THE ST. PHOCAS GARDEN

is in full bloom with sun flowers and all manner of vegetables. Our two summer beds have been ripe with tomatoes, cucumbers, and banana peppers. Over the past month, we have made weekly food donations to the communities at St. Luke's, St. Titus', and a camper park in Efland. If you know of anyone who might be interested in some fresh vegetables, please reach out to us at the garden!

The south bed has had cover crop for the past several months to help replenish the soil, but last week we tilled it for a fall harvest. We sowed seed for pumpkins, patty pan squash, and Brussels sprouts. We are eager to see how the seedlings are doing this week. Please feel free to join us this Friday at 8:30 am for our weekly work day. All are welcome!

By Daniel LaVenture

	June 2021 Ac- tual	YTD June 2021 Actual	2021 Annual Budget	2021 Remain- ing Budget
Contributions		103,855	217,000	113,145
Non-Operating	1	13,545	15,300	1,755
Total Income	20,595	117,399	232,300.00	114,901
Total Expenses	17,872	103,251	232,300	129,049
Net Income	2,722	14,149	-	(14,149)

Temporary Restricted Accounts	Ending Balance
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$11,647
Columbarium Fund	\$12,079
St Titus Men's Ministry ECW Fund	\$1,098 \$5,354
New Construction Fund	\$47,612
Deacon Discretionary Scholarship Fund	\$4,377 \$629
Benevolent Fund	\$1,400
Altar Guild Fund	\$1,598
Flower Fund	\$959
Memorial Fund	\$1,561
Innovation Grant*	\$1,037
Designated Offerings	\$10,223
Total	\$100,574

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

Special Note:

Dear Parishioners, you should have received your June 30, 2021 contribution statement by now. If you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer at St.TitusTreasurer@gmail.com. Please note that if you sent your contributions via the Diocese of NC, there is usually a 1-2 months delay in our receipt of those funds. For example, if the donations were sent to the Diocese in March, we may receive it in May. Thank you for your continued support of St. Titus'.

August Birthdays	15 Jacky Davis Pecora	25 Paul Miller
01 Gertrude Gaisie	18 Derrick Davis	25 Larry Partee
02 Chidi Akwari	20 Lafayette Lipscomb	26 Korbin Pecora
04 Maya Finoh	20 Patricia Valentine	27 Joseph Campbell, Jr.
12 Brian Wilks	20 Lauriette West-Hoff	28 Makala Gaddy
13 Benjamin Armstrong	20 Shane Williams Davis	29 April Browne
13 Sabrina Walton	21 Annette Belton	29 Peter Pecora
14 Justin Porter	21 Howard Williams	29 Dawn Davis
14 Alani L. Rouse	22 K. Jefferies Adorkor	30 Scherrye Williams
15 David West, III	23 Kali Dalton-Graves	31 Janet Lynch

The Titusian News Digest

St. Titus' Episcopal Church—400 Moline Street-Durham NC 27707

Phone: 919-682-5504 Email st.titusepiscopal@gmail.com-Website sttitusdurham.org

The Rev. Stephanie Yancy, Rector—cell: 410-971-8111-st.titusrector@gmail.com

The Rev. Sarah Woodard, Deacon—cell: 919-599-5227 -sarah.woodard@duke.edu

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Curate –cell—919-717-8144 st.tituscurate@gmail.com

Jack Peterson, Parish Administrator— 919-682-5504 -st.titussecretary@gmail.com

Mary Hawkins, Newsletter Editor - cell: 919-452-7635- pisces0835@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: REV. YANCY AND REV. MAWETHU ARE OFF ON FRIDAYS.