

March —2026

Titusian



Rooted in Faith, Rising in Hope Since 1885



Lent offers us the opportunity for self examination, prayer, fasting, and reading the Bible.

Key Dates

Ash Wednesday: February 18, 2026

Holy Thursday: April 2, 2026

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026

Ash Wednesday – Returning to God Scripture: Joel 2:12–13

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Reflection question: What might it mean for you to return to God with your whole heart this season?

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



10 Unhealthy Things to Give Up for Lent

- 1. Resentments.** Is there anyone in your life that you harbor resentment toward? Now is a good time to let those feelings go and pursue forgiveness.
- 2. Snacks.** Do you have something sugary or starchy you regularly eat between meals? Is it helping or hindering your health?
- 3. Arguments with your spouse.** Make a deliberate choice to use calm discussion tactics (like each person writing down their concerns) when you disagree on something.
- 4. Nagging your children.** Do you only really talk to your kids when they forget something? Lent is a great time to try something new, like chatting over hobbies.
- 5. Conflict avoidance.** It's never fun having a hard conversation with a coworker or family member, but avoidance only delays the pain.
- 6. Not sending thank-you cards.** You know you need to say "thank you."
- 7. Forgetting to talk with loved ones.** You don't have to answer every text from your third cousin, but you can find time to answer more messages and send thank-you cards.
- 8. Not wearing sunscreen.** Don't forget to take care of your skin when you go outside.
- 9. Soft office chairs.** Do something good for your back and try standing at your office.
- 10. Ignoring chores.** Remember that car oil change or garage cleaning you've been putting off? This month is a good time to face that.



March Is Women's History Month

Each March, we observe **Women's History Month**, a time set aside in the United States to honor and recognize the contributions of women throughout history. From community leaders and educators to artists, caregivers, advocates, and people of faith, women have shaped families, congregations, and society—often without full recognition.

Women's History Month grew out of local efforts in the late 1970s to make women's stories more visible in schools and public life. In 1987, Congress designated March as Women's History Month, aligning it with **International Women's Day on March 8**, which is observed around the world.

A faith reflection:

Scripture reminds us that all people are created in the image of God and called into God's work in the world. Throughout the Bible, women serve as leaders, prophets, teachers, witnesses, and bearers of faith—from Miriam and Deborah to Mary Magdalene and Lydia. As we observe Women's History Month, we give thanks for the women who have answered God's call with courage and faithfulness, and we renew our commitment to honoring the gifts, voices, and leadership of women in the life of the Church and the wider world.

During this month, we are invited to remember those who came before us, celebrate the women among us now, and encourage future generations to live into God's call with confidence and hope.

During **Women's History Month**, we invite everyone to participate in the **St. Titus' Gratitude Wall**.

Take a moment to write a note of thanks for a woman whose faith, service, or leadership has shaped your life or our parish. Your words help tell the living story of St. Titus'. As we honor Women's History Month, we give thanks for the women of St. Titus'—past and present—whose faith, labor, and love have sustained this parish for generations. May we honor them not only with words, but by how we care for one another and carry forward their legacy.

Add a note of gratitude. You may write:

- During Women's History Month, we invite everyone to participate in the **St. Titus' Gratitude Wall**. Take a moment to write a note of thanks for a **St. Titus' Woman** whose faith, service, or leadership has shaped your life or our parish. Your words help tell the living story of St. Titus'.
- *"Faithful servants. Courageous leaders. Beloved sisters. "With Gratitude for the Women of St. Titus'"*
- You may turn in your card via the collection plate, submit to Rev. Mayo, the Parish Administrator, leave in the narthex collection box or slide through the church mail slot.
- Thank you for your participation.

Hayti District Churches Placemaking Lab



St Titus' Eligible for \$25,000 Grant

The Hayti District Churches Placemaking Lab refers to a **faith-based church placemaking and community development training initiative** focused on **churches located in Durham's historic Hayti District**. It is described publicly as a **7-month group training / cohort program** designed to help churches **repurpose underused land and buildings for community benefit and economic good**. [haytipromisecdc.org], [happeningnext.com]

We submitted an application to participate in the New Chapter Ventures Placemaking Lab, making us **eligible to** receive \$25K to cover the program cost for our participation, sponsored by a federal grant received by the City of Durham back in 2020.

- At present, five churches within our district are participating in the Placemaking Lab as part of our shared commitment to strengthening ecumenical partnerships:
- Covenant Presbyterian
- St. Joseph AME
- St. Titus' Episcopal Church
- Kyles Temple AME Zion
- Monument of Faith

As of Friday, March 6, we were notified that our application had been approved for participation.

Purpose and Focus (from published descriptions)

According to event and program descriptions, the Placemaking Lab is intended to help Hayti-area churches:

- **Leverage underused church land and buildings** for social and economic good
- **Design community-informed projects** that generate sustainable impact
- **Create a comprehensive business plan, pitch deck, and professional video** for funders
- **Set 6, 9, and 12month goals** with professional coaching and peer support
- **Collaborate alongside other Hayti District churches** committed to neighborhood thriving
- Participate in an **Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) workshop**

These elements are explicitly listed in program announcements and event pages. [haytipromisecdc.org], b

Titusians Out and About in the Community

Black Family Wellness Expo

JOIN US! FREE EVENT!

Sat, March 21st
10-1pm

Hillside High School
3727 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27707

KIDS ZONE
HEALTHY COOKING DEMOS
BLACK FARMERS
MOVEMENT ACTIVITY
ANTI STRESS MASSAGE
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
GLUCOSE SCREENING
ORGAN DONATION
VOTER REGISTRATION
DENTAL ED & SCREENINGS

Register
for the
FREE
EVENT



PLUS.....
Food & Giveaways

5K @ 8:30AM



**BLACK
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From the Producers of Durham’s Black Nativity...

TRIANGLE PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

Wendell Tabb’s **THE THIRD DAY**

A Powerful Play About Love, Redemption, and Forgiveness
Written by Emmanuel Tabb, Tiffany Agerston, and Daniella Ochman



John H. Gattis-Wendell Tabb Theater
(On the Campus of Hillside High School)
3727 Fayetteville Street
Durham, NC 27707

Friday April 17, 2026 7:30 pm
Saturday April 18, 2026 3:00 pm
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Sunday April 19, 2026 3:00 pm

General Admission \$20
Senior/Student/Child \$17
Groups (10 or more ppl)... \$15

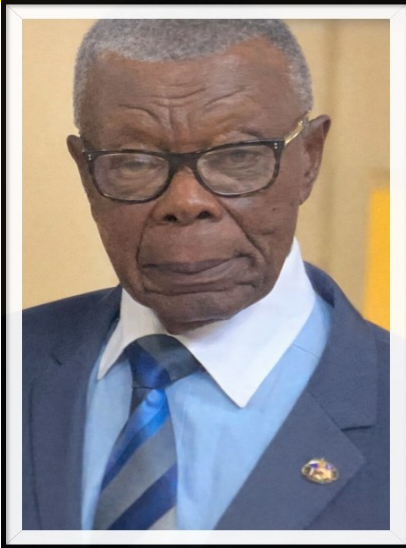


For Group Sales and Fundraising Opportunities call (919) 213-1908

www.thethirddayplay.com



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K. Jeffries Adorkor
Saturday March 14, 2026
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
82 Kimberly Dr, Durham, NC 27707
Viewing: 10:30AM
Service: 11:30AM

Join Author Marriele Myers for
STORYTIME
Saturday, March 7, 2026
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Durham County Public Library
300 N Roxboro St
Durham, NC 27701

Join us for a storytime and meet-and-greet with Dr. Marriele Myers, a Durham native and best-selling children's book author. Children will have the opportunity to listen as she reads her second book, *The Birthday Countdown*, and engage in a hands-on math activity, ALL in a festive party setting!

Visit our Website
www.marleelovesmath.com

DURHAM COUNTY Library

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[@marleelovesmath](https://www.instagram.com/marleelovesmath)



Dr Marielle Myers held a Storytime reading for her second book *Marlee the Mathematician-The Birthday Countdown* at the Durham County Library. Above, she is joined with her parents Lew and Cheryl Myers and brother, Lewis, III.



Dr. Myers autographs copies of her book at St. Titus' Episcopal Church, where she worshipped as a child.

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Congratulations

Veronica Quiett, congratulated by **Soror Robyn Farges**, was one of 29 outstanding young women initiated into the Kappa Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The South Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Pamela Murphy Lewis, also attended the Initiation Ceremony.

Veronica is a junior at UNC–Chapel Hill and is a product of St. Titus' Church. She served faithfully in several ministries such as Acolyte, Usher, Music Ministry, and participant in the annual Christmas Pageant. We are proud of her service, leadership, and commitment to both the St. Titus community and the UNC campus.

11th Annual Shades of Green Fashion Show

Saturday, March 28, 2026—Durham Convention Center—10am to 2pm

Join us for the 2026 Shades of Green Fashion Show, the Triangle's most anticipated runway event, where style meets purpose. Presented by The Durham (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in collaboration with The Links Foundation, Incorporated.

Started in 2014, the show has become the signature charity fashion event of the Triangle – capturing more than 600 loyal supporters. The event raises fund to support the Chapter's community outreach and scholarship programs – which advance education, empowerment, and service within the Triangle. For more info, Contact: Valerie Quiett at val.moore.q@gmail.com



Rev. Valerie Mayo joined with other Diocesan clergy for the 2026 Clergy Quiet Day and Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows. The quiet day, held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point, was for the renewal of ordination vows to "tend, feed and care for Jesus' body in the church and each human being." We give thanks for the ministries of all of the clergy in the Diocese. May God bless them in their lives and work as they have blessed, and continue to bless, all of us.