

# The TIDINGS

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Dear Trinitarians,

As we enter into the last few weeks of spring and enter into the summer months, I want to thank you all for your commitment and devotion to the mission and ministries of this faithful parish. This has been a full and successful "program year", but this is not the end of our ministries...many are just gearing up. We will have Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, Outreach opportunities, and a variety of fellowship opportunities.

Yes, we have done good work this year and the summer will not be a respite from our call to worship, serve, and share our faith. The summer takes on a different tone, but it is full of opportunities to practice the faith we proclaim. Ministries shift into a different gear, but they do not stop.

With school out we know that it is also vacation time, and I pray it is a time you get a little R & R away from the regular demands of work and school. The word vacation refers to an opportunity to vacate one place for another. It means to be absent for a while. That can sometimes translate into vacating your Sunday worship.

I pray we do not see these months as a vacation from the practice of our faith. As I mentioned above, the Church (that's us) does not take a vacation from the faith and the expectations God has for us. We are Christian all year round and should live our faith all year round.

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter" and we are expected to gather on that day and offer our worship to God, giving thanks for the salvation we have received, and to be present for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Remember that we have four services on Sunday and two services on Wednesday. These are offered to meet the needs of our members, and I pray you take advantage of at least one of them every week.

Know that I will be praying for you all as you travel, as you rest and get some "play-time". Please remember to pray for others and their time away.

When you are in town remember that your home parish needs you and do not vacate worship. When you are out of town, worship in another parish (and bring me their bulletin – I love seeing what other parishes are doing).

Pray for the summer ministries of Trinity. The Church never takes a vacation.

*Peace,  
Father Gerry+*

## HORNER'S CORNER

### More Rohr

I hope the title of this writing dissuades none of you faithful readers from reading on. Yes, there is another Richard Rohr book that I am recommending/reviewing, *Immortal Diamond*.

I have become enamored/impressed/overwhelmed by his writings over the years and want to share them and encourage you to immerse yourself in his scholarship.

Richard Rohr has been reading, teaching, writing and speaking for many years from a Benedictine spiritual perspective. He has written more than 20 books and founded a center for study, discipline, training, and spiritual growth in Albuquerque, NM.

In one of his earlier books, *Falling Upward*, he talked about the **ego** (part of the false self) and how it inhibits spirituality, especially if the **ego** drive continues into the second half of life. This second half can be the time for real growth as the drive for success and fortune perhaps recede and there is time for contemplation and meditation about eternal questions like "Who Am I and Who is God?"

If there is a False Self, is there then a True Self? What is it, how is it found, why does it matter and how does it impact our spiritual journey. There are several well-known spiritual giants/writers such as Thomas Merton and Basil Pennington who wrestle with these issues.

The book title, *Immortal Diamond*, helps define the True Self buried deep within us, formed under the pressure of our lives...it must be searched out and separated from all the remnants of the **ego** that surround it. The True Self then must be resurrected, like Jesus and that's the transformation we seek.

As one who has doubts, and questions the proper interpretation of Scripture (like myself) Richard Rohr reaches me when he tries to clarify tough issues, with many Bible verses, viz, the disciples didn't believe in the Resurrection (*Mark 16:11-15*) and that helps convince me that doubt is a very real important component of faith.

This leads to the challenge of, who will "roll away the rock" and expose the truth and help disbelief, who will help us in digging for the **immortal diamond**?

I hope I have given enough flavor of the book so you might find it appealing as a help in quiet reflection and perhaps discussion in a small group setting.

We all might well be relaxing in a Post Lent quiet time but the truth is elusive and the prize is great...and so we labor on!!!

Robert Horner, Deacon

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<http://tinyurl.com/diologeneews>

It's that simple. The Dialog goes out every Wednesday afternoon.

EDOT Communications

Lord We Pray That We May Live Simply  
So Others May Simply Live.

Author Unknown

## CURATE CONTEMPLATIONS

### A Word of Thanks

When the family and I received our call to serve at Trinity, we had a hunch that this would be a place where we would find love and support. We had no idea at the time how right we were. In our brief time here, 10 months now, we have been shown more kindness and love than we could have ever imagined.

In the past 10 months I have come to a better understanding of my call to the priesthood. During my time as a Deacon, I was able to serve alongside Deacon Bob and Deacon Robert, and witness their heart of service and care. They are two men who exemplify what it means to serve the Church as Deacon. I have also been able to witness and observe Fr. Gerry and Mtr. Genevieve, two of the best priests in the Diocese. I will always honor their guidance. Lastly, in all of you, the members of Trinity, I have been shown what a faithful, loving church can look like. You have walked with me and given me a glimpse of what it means to love and be loved by a community.

Also, I want to extend a special thank you to everyone going out of their way to make my ordination to the priesthood a glorious moment of love and praise. Your prayers, presence, food, and service will not go unnoticed or unfelt. Trinity sure knows how to celebrate! From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

That being said please know that we have work to do. The story of God's love and redemption in Jesus Christ is something that needs to be heard by all. We have people to comfort, mouths to feed, joy to celebrate, and light to shine! I look forward to doing this work with you as your priest. May God continue to grant us the strength and Grace to do it!

*Deacon Sean*



## PASTORAL CARE



### The Fine Art Of Parenting

Louise and I have been blessed with six children, fifteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, with two more on the way. You can empathize with us when we say not all are on the same journey. We have ultra high achievers (West Point grads), Aeronautical engineers, George Bush school of International Relations, High School dropouts, some recovering from drug addiction, and just plain God fearing Joe's and Jane's. Is there any we love more or less for their lack of, or high achievement? There are some whom we are more than a little disappointed in, but we are also frightened for those whose self worth may be too wrapped up in success. Life is a long time for some, so those suffering now have ample time to wake up, and be the person God created them to be, you just don't get too comfortable or give up on any of God's kids.

I have a grandchild who dropped out of high school in the sophomore year, and became highly invested in the local drug market. The child was almost lost until an intervention produced the first rehab clinic. After several hits and misses, that child now has a relationship with God that I'm envious of, and is well on the way to being all God created him/her to be. On the other hand, I have a grandchild who was an all star football player, four year starter at West Point, and now a Captain in the U S Army. He is completely wrapped in self. He's "bullet proof" and 100 percent convinced, he did it all on his own. He has probably said a few "fox hole" prayers while serving in Afghanistan, but I'll bet that's the only prayer he knows. I've got to ask you which person you would rather be.

The gift of parenting, or grandparenting, or great grand parenting is always a gift. The thing we have to remember is God is working in each of their lives, and we need to get out of the way and let him. When we bail them out of money problems, or give them things they don't necessarily need aren't we kind of playing God. I know when I say no to a request for help, usually the problem finds a better solution than we could have provided anyway. God bless you and your heirs.

*Deacon Robert*

## OUTREACH

### Wonderful people of Trinity Episcopal,

Greetings (again) from Grahamstown! With the eighth month mark approaching, I've learned that time is a funny concept; it does not feel like I have been in South Africa for so long. Nevertheless, there is plenty I'd like to share with you:

I've become one of the head teachers for Sr. High Sunday School. Every other week, I meet with them after Eucharist to discuss the sermon and scripture readings. After class, several people stay behind to chat with me and a few monks; they often bring their own 'God questions' which we all discuss for example, a person was once curious about speaking in tongues.

When the school year began in January, I transitioned with my students from grade R (kindergarten) to grade One. In addition to the laptop and English classes mentioned before, this grade also entails quarterly report cards. We filled our first wave of reports two weeks ago, where I was tasked with marking each student's progress on oral, phonetic, reading, and pronunciation competency in English, in addition to providing overall comments. While slightly tedious, these reports also served as reminders of how much work goes into teaching a student.

Holy Week at the Monastery was solemn and inspiring. During the triduum, the typical pre-service bell ringing was replaced with a handheld woodblock, and there was rarely a sound outside of the prayer services, especially on Good Friday when there were no meals, and it was officially a day of silence. Easter Sunday involved a 5 AM vigil taken straight out of the 3rd century, complete with the eight readings, lighting of the fire, renewal of baptismal vows, and procession to the chapel where we heard the melodic church bells once again. Lunch that day was a true delight, regarding both the food and the camaraderie.

We are currently enjoying a break from school, where I've learned yet again the value of rest and relaxation. Our second quarter of school begins on Monday and lasts until mid-June. I will most likely return to the US during the third quarter, meaning the next ten weeks could be the last significant amount of time I spend with students. It is surreal to think about. That being said, we anticipate there being plenty to keep us busy during the school day, so I ought to be plenty focused during my remaining time here.

Thank you all for reading this! As always, please ask questions and offer any feedback you would like. I enjoy hearing the updates from home, and I look forward to seeing you all later this year.

*Servant in Christ - the risen Lord!*  
Cameron



### Angel Reach Open Table

The **Open Table** ministry is now in full swing. Eight ladies from Trinity meet weekly with a young lady from Angel Reach helping her plan for independence and success. Members of the table assist our 'sister' in the areas of higher education, finance, housing, transportation, life skills and spiritual life. We have been entrusted with a gal who is motivated, intelligent, and eager to make necessary changes and modifications. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we take this inspirational and life changing walk with our sister.

*Mary Kay Davis*



# OUTREACH



Grade 1 students in math class.

Me teaching English class, where we discussed family



5 AM Easter Vigil service, at the marking of the Paschal Candle

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL



TEDS has reached the end of another wonderful year – our 11th! May is a month of celebrations and we are enjoying the opportunity to observe each one, from the release of our butterflies at the beginning of May, to celebrating Mother's Day creating gifts and baking Muffins for Moms, to the End of Year Picnic and the Kindergarten Rising Up ceremony. Our good-byes are bittersweet, but we know the next steps will be exciting!

Our staff will undergo some changes for the next school year. We sadly say good-bye to our Kindergarten support teacher, **Jennifer Rister**, as well as **Kim Groves**, the MWF support and one of our parents, off to Singapore and **Robin Wittmann**, who was a parent of mine even before TEDS was established. We'll miss each one and we value the years they spent with TEDS. Luckily we already have several great people ready to step in to continue in these positions, including one teacher, **Alison Granda**, who is already working in the afternoons at TEDS. Lastly, **Carol Black**, who has worn every hat TEDS has to offer – teacher, assistant to the director, Chapel leader, even Mother Goose – is retiring after 44+ years in education. The office won't be the same without "the Carols", but as we know, we are meant to undergo change as part of life, so on we go as a school, a ministry of Trinity, and a place where growth occurs for adults, as well as children.

TEDS enrollment for next year stands at 77. We have openings in most classes, including Monday/Wednesday 18 months, Tuesday/Thursday twos and threes, both three and four day fours and two spots in Kindergarten. If you are unfamiliar with TEDS, please e-mail [cgodell@tedstiv.org](mailto:cgodell@tedstiv.org), call the school office 281.367.5148 or check out our website [www.tedstiv.org](http://www.tedstiv.org). We would love to show you the school and answer any questions you might have about our program.

The Night in Marakesh was a rousing success, with the highest number of guests, the most delightful food, a record in auction sales and, most important of all, a wonderful evening together. **Claudia Grow** and her team from the TEDS Board could not have accomplished any more for the school and their dedication is greatly appreciated. Funds in excess of \$10,000.00, raised from this evening, will be dedicated to the improvement of the school program, with scholarship and tuition assistance as an important focus. As you may have seen on the table top "Fun Facts" cards, our school board, along with the help of other generous Trinity members and TEDS families, has distributed over \$25,000.00 in scholarship during the past few years. What a blessing, to be able to offer our program to many children who otherwise could not have attended TEDS. Our thanks to all of you who volunteered time, purchased tickets, made donations, bought auction items and joined in the fun. It was really rewarding to see Trinity members, TEDS staff and families together for a good cause, as well as a good time!

June begins our summer break, and also the beginning of our work shops, conferences and planning for the next school year. We hope you enjoy a relaxing time over the summer months and find an opportunity to be with family and friends.

*Carol Godell, Director*



TEDS butterflies released at a neighborhood elementary school.

# Parish Life Ministry

## FATHER GERRY SEVICK'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN PRIESTHOOD *POTLUCK DINNER*

Father Gerry is celebrating 25 years in the Priesthood this year. Please join us at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Butler Fellowship Hall to celebrate before the 7 PM Eucharist. Please bring a dish to share.



*May 22<sup>nd</sup> is our last Youth Community for the 2012-2013 school year. A HUGE THANK YOU to our cooks and leaders!!!!!!!!!!*

**Each Wednesday night during the school year, the youth from Trinity meet at Starbucks for The Gospel of John Bible Study and fellowship. Our last meeting for the 2012-2013 school year will be May 29<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of gift cards to support this ministry. TCBY and Starbucks gift cards are needed. Molly Carr will take the gift cards. The Youth thank you in advance!!!**

## TRINITY KIDS CORNER

**Kids Night Out is May 11<sup>th</sup>! Our theme is Summer Fun. Dinner, Kona Ice and a good time provided. The time is 5:30-9:30 PM. The cost is \$ 25.00 per child or \$40.00 per family. *The Next Kids Night Out will be July 20th!!!***

**Trinity Kids Corner is hiring for their summer program. We are looking for staff that are energetic, love kids, have great communication skills, and would like to be a part of a great team!**

**Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.**

### **Volunteers Needed:**

**We have our 6th annual Summer Program starting June 11th and it runs to August 15th, we are looking for volunteers to come help in our large group activities, chapel, and during our lunch hour.**

### **Materials Needed:**

**The summer program needs your recyclables! We are in need of plastic lids with no holes, plastic bags, small plastic containers, and empty 2 liter bottles. Please drop your donations off at the church office or in the Kids Corner.**

**To R.S.V.P for these events or if you need any additional information please contact Liz Johnson at the church office 281-367-8113 ext 107 or [ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org)**

**We are in need of Walmart gift cards to purchase gas on our mission trips. Please give the gift cards to Molly Carr or Liz Linger. THANK YOU!**

## SUMMER 2013

- \*Junior High Mission Trip June 9-13 Canyon Lake, TX (incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-Outgoing 8<sup>th</sup>)
- \*Vacation Bible School June 24-28 Trinity Episcopal Church
- \*Senior High Mission Trip June 29-July 6 Booneville, AK (incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \*Camp Allen Week (session M,N,O) Grades 3-9 campers Grades 10-12 staff
- \*Teens in Training Mission Trip August 5-7 Houston, TX (incoming 4<sup>th</sup>-Outgoing 6<sup>th</sup>)

**\*For information on any of these mission trips or camps contact Molly Carr in the church office or [mcarr@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:mcarr@trinitywoodlands.org). To volunteer for VBS contact Liz Linger in the church office or [llinger@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org).**



# Parish Life Ministry



## Trinity Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School

June 24<sup>th</sup>-June 28<sup>th</sup> 2013  
9AM-12PM

(before care and extended care options available in the Trinity Kids Corner by contacting Liz Johnson in the church office or [ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org))



May 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 is our last Sunday School date for the 2012-2013 school year. Thanks to all of our teachers. We really couldn't do it without you!!!! Children's Sunday School meets in our TEDS building Sunday's from 10:15-10:55. TNT is for our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and they meet upstairs in the Atrium.

VBS Registration Forms Due June 2nd  
Safeguarding God's Children June 22<sup>nd</sup> 9-12pm  
VBS Training June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30-2:30pm  
To VOLUNTEER for VBS contact  
Liz Linger in the church office or  
[llinger@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org).

### CHRISTIANS AS PARENTS (RE-CAPS)

#### PIZZA NIGHT

MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
4:30-7PM

THE BUTLER HALL KITCHEN

MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA!  
BYOT  
(BRING YOUR OWN TOPPINGS)  
BRING DRINKS FOR YOUR FAMILY

## Children's Message



Thanks to the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOTW) Leaders and Assistants. CLOTW teaches the adult liturgy at a child's level. Children ages 3-8 years old come out during the adult lessons and sermon at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. If you are interested in assisting for CLOTW please contact Molly Carr in the church office.

## AROUND THE PARISH



Finally, we ask that you pray for those who serve, and their families;

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

A Prayer Book for The Armed Forces, 2008

Stoney Cox 713-471-7600 - [coxstoney@gmail.com](mailto:coxstoney@gmail.com)

Trinity Veterans Fellowship began sponsoring a drive to support and benefit the VA Hospital in Houston in July 2010. The outpouring of Christ's love by the Trinity Parish has been nothing short of remarkable! Your contributions are received with great appreciation. We ask that you continue to support this mission.

Trinity Veterans will collect your donations the 4th Sunday of each month in front of the church or you may drop them off at any time by putting them in the olive drab footlocker to the left of the stage in Butler Hall. Appropriate items include the following:

- Toiletries and other items used for personal hygiene
- Clean baseball caps
- Hardcover Books
- Books on tape or disc
- Games
- Current Magazines

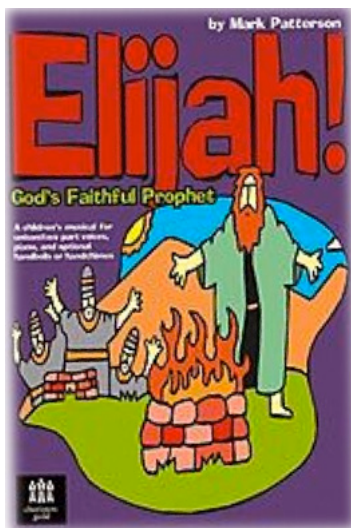
### TEDS Annual Dinner Dance

Thank you to all for helping make TEDS Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction a success! We had a wonderful time spending the evening with you in support of our school. The Board and TEDS offer our sincerest thanks to your families and the community for your contributions in putting together a *Night in Marrakesh*!

*Claudia Grow*



## AROUND THE PARISH



### Send Your Fire Down!

On Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 in Butler Hall, Trinity Junior Choir will present *Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet*, a musical by Mark Patterson. The children have been working hard and are excited to share the story about Elijah. There will be a country line dance, helpful ravens, and finally a fiery showdown between Elijah and the false prophets!

*Micki Balog, Choir Master*



Trinity Junior Choir

### Trinity Summer Choir

Love to sing? Too busy for weekly rehearsals? Summer choir is for you! Beginning Sunday June 2, we will meet at 10:00 to learn the anthem for that day. The music is always easily accessible and the rewards are endless. No commitment is necessary. Join us for one Sunday or for the entire summer!

*Micki Balog, Choir Master*

### Here I Am.....Again

I had the privilege of conducting chapel at LOTS on the Feast Day Of The Annunciation. The gospel reading assigned for the day was Luke 1:26-38. It tells the story of the angel Gabriel announcing to the young and yet unwed Virgin Mary that among other things "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

*Here am I*, the same phrase we used as a stewardship campaign theme two years ago; a phrase of comment to God's call. It was Abraham's response to God's call to sacrifice. It was Moses' response to God's call to save the Hebrews in Egypt. It was Isaiah's response to God's call to save his people from idolatry and sin. It is a response of personal commitment to God.

How do you commit to God's call in your life? How do you respond to the message of salvation through Christ's resurrection? Is your response *Here am I*?

Tom Budde • Stewardship • [buddej1@gmail.com](mailto:buddej1@gmail.com)



## St. Anne's Guild

### May Meeting • Tuesday May 21st

Shirley McCord's home at 14 S. Belfair Place, Alden Bridge, will be the setting for our annual Ice Cream Social. We will meet at 1:00 PM. Please eat your lunch before we meet. Leave plenty of room for the yummy treat. Parking is limited so carpool with another member.

### June, July and August Meetings

These are our "Out to Lunch" months! Meet at 11:30 AM at The Marriot Hotel on the Waterway for our June, July and August get-togethers. They will provide us with a private dining room.

March we had a most interesting talk by a former Muslim woman who converted to Christianity. Her journey was enlightening. April we carpoled to Vintage Garden Team House in Montgomery for lunch. Lunch was followed by a visit to the Assessment and Research Center for youth leaving Foster Care (Angel Reach).

If you have any questions please call our President **Judy Rutledge** at 281.465.4320.

Susan Darby-Tmadam007@aol.com

## Prime Time Guys

The Prime Time Guys is a group of retired men of Trinity who normally meet in the Wesley Room on the third Monday of each month. The meetings include fellowship, noonday prayer, lunch, and a guest speaker. We support the Interfaith Food Pantry by delivering food donations made by church members. Please bring all food donations to church and place them in the food cart in the Narthex.

Our speaker for May 20, will be **Mr. John Cantarella** of The Woodlands Fire Department. He will speak on fire and rescue services

Our speaker for June 17, will be **Mr. Jason Hopper** of the Sheriff's Department. He will speak on keeping our church and home safe.

Verlin Hodges 281.320.9690 or [vchodges@comcast.net](mailto:vchodges@comcast.net)

## Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King met on April 9. We continued our study of *The 21 Most Effective Prayers of the Bible*. In May, we plan on completing our study of this book. Our outreach ministry for April was the Rainbow Room. We contributed clothes and stuffed animals for toddlers.

In May, we plan on honoring the veterans through our outreach ministry. On May 26th, the D.O.K. will host a reception for the Bishop Fisher and our confirmands and newly baptized. At our May meeting we will elect new officers who will start serving in September.

Our outreach ministry for June is the youth TNT mission trip scholarship fund. Also in June, Charlotte Scruggs has graciously offered to host our summer luncheon at her home. After our meeting in June we will not meet again until September.

If you are interested in joining Daughters of the King please contact the church office at 281.367.8113 or **Delores Spafford** at 281.363.9370. The Daughters meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the library at Trinity.

Fran Zachry • [franzachry@comcast.net](mailto:franzachry@comcast.net)

*I command you-be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*  
John 1:9

## Ushers

### Usher Team Members Needed

The Trinity Usher Team is looking for women and men who would like to join this very important and rewarding ministry. Teams are assigned one week per month for the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Sunday services and at one or two Holy Day services during the year. You work with a Team Captain and four to six other team members. The time commitment is very small, about an hour a month; and you get to meet, talk and help serve other Trinity members as they arrive for the service. Besides a thorough Customary, your Team Captain and fellow team members will help you learn the key duties. Contact Mike Thomson, 281.298.1109 or any Usher Team member to join.

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# CONNECTION'S DINNERS

- Would you like to meet our clergy and staff in an informal and relaxed environment?
- Are you new to the area, new to the church, returning after a temporary absence?
- Do you want to learn more about the ministries of Trinity Episcopal Church?

If you answered yes or maybe to any of these questions, then this is

*Your place to belong and grow!*

The dress is casual, the crowd is friendly and the food is always delicious!

If this is your first time to attend one of our dinners as a newcomer,  
We ask that you simply bring yourself!



Trinity Episcopal Church  
extends an open invitation for you to the  
**MAY NEWCOMERS' DINNER**  
Sunday, May 19, 2013, 6:30 pm at the home of

Jerry and Polly Perciful  
82 South Shawnee Ridge Circle  
The Woodlands, TX 77382  
281.363.9087

This month's theme is fiesta. Please, bring your favorite Mexican dish or side. So that we will be sure to have enough food and to coordinate the menu, please R.S.V.P. to Beverly Redd at 610.304.6630 or [bevvredd@gmail.com](mailto:bevvredd@gmail.com) or Randy Redd at 832.494.8321 or [ranredd@gmail.com](mailto:ranredd@gmail.com). Childcare is available at the church upon request. Please call the church at 281-367-8113 to make a reservation for your child/children.

Trinity Episcopal Church  
extends an open invitation for you to the  
**JUNE NEWCOMERS' DINNER**  
Sunday, June 23, 2013, 6:30 pm at the home of

Bill and Kathleen Merchant  
67 South Beech Springs Circle  
Spring, TX 77389  
713.203.8448

This month's theme is summer salads. Please, bring your favorite summer salad or side to share. So that we will be sure to have enough food and to coordinate the menu, please R.S.V.P. to Beverly Redd at 610.304.6630 or [bevvredd@gmail.com](mailto:bevvredd@gmail.com), or contact the church office. Childcare is available at the church upon request. Please call the church at 281.367.8113 to make a reservation for your child/children.



# VESTRY

## Senior Warden Report

In late February, I had an opportunity to tour Trinity's property with Joanne Welker, our Junior Warden. As you may know, the Junior Warden has the responsibility of overseeing Trinity's extensive physical plant operations and maintenance; everything from routine cleaning and landscaping to emergency repairs of our aging air conditioning system, and periodic responses to building flooding/water problems. Not only was I impressed with the complexity of our building operations, but also with Joanne's proactive attitude toward the daunting task of keeping Trinity "up and running."

Each year, as our buildings continue to age, costs of maintenance continue to rise; repair of the glass blocks in the Atrium; what seems like never-ending air conditioning problems; problems with our sanctuary sound system and lighting; building water leaks; aging roofs on the buildings; need I go on?

As we drive onto our newly refurbished parking lot, courtesy of a joint effort between Trinity and The Woodlands Township, we are seeing a glimmer of the first fruits of our labor.

Even bigger things are in store for Trinity in the very near future!

Most everyone has seen the Narthex display regarding long-range plans for renovating the Trinity campus; however, you may not be aware of some behind-the-scenes efforts to bring these plans nearer term.

The Trinity Tomorrow team was formed to take up the work of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) that was headed by Brent Stokes. This "T2" group will manage development of a master plan for the Trinity campus.

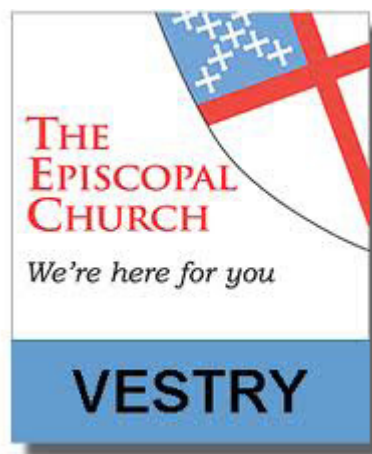
Committee members include representatives of the Vestry (**Mike Thomson** and **Stoney Cox**), former members from the LRPC for transition (**Gary Darby** and **Tamara Salmon**), as well as parish members with young families, and other congregants.

I recently signed a letter of intent to Merriman Holt Architects, indicating our interest in utilizing their services to develop Trinity's Master Plan design. Once we have secured funding for the master plan work, we anticipate the architect, in conjunction with the T2 committee, will have fully developed plans by early fall of this year. Completion of that major milestone will be a significant step toward achieving the critical enhancements of the Trinity campus that are so necessary for our continued growth and service to the community.

I am truly excited to be part of the visioning of Trinity's future, and trust that all of you share my enthusiasm, as we look back fondly at our past accomplishments, but with great anticipation toward the opportunities of the future.

*Peace,*

*John McKinley • Senior Warden*



## Vestry Discernment Opportunity

Do you have questions about the Vestry and how we operate, but were afraid to ask? Are you possibly even considering serving on the Vestry someday?

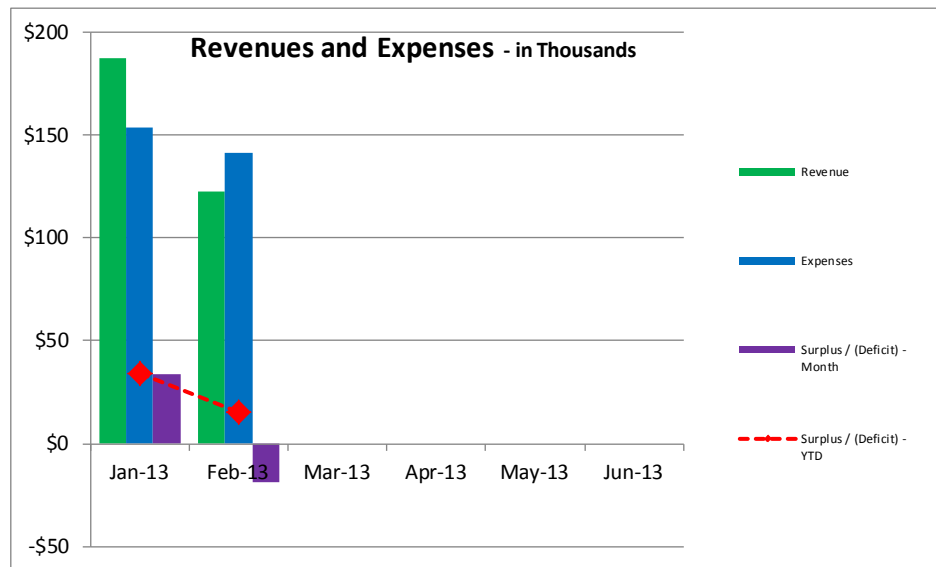
Do we have an opportunity for you! A "no strings attached" overview of what it means to serve on the Trinity Vestry will be held in the Wesley Room on Sunday, May 19th at 1:00 PM. The current Vestry members invite you to come for an overview and discernment as to whether this might be an opportunity for you.

I hope to see you then!

*John McKinley • Senior Warden*

# FINANCIALS

Year to Date	2013 Jan.	2013 Feb.	2013 March	2013 April	2013 May	2013 June
Revenue	\$ 187.5	\$ 122.5				
Expenses	\$ 153.7	\$ 141.2				
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit) - Mth	\$ 33.8	\$ (18.7)				
Revenue Surplus/(Deficit) - YTD	\$ 33.8	\$ 15.1				



Through the first two months of 2013, Trinity has a cash surplus of \$11 thousand. We benefited from the contributions in early January that were applicable to prior year commitments. Current year contributions (both pledge and non-pledge) are running below the budgeted amounts.

Expenses were generally on-target for January and February. Building maintenance and repairs remain a challenge as we address priorities to keep our facility operating safely and efficiently. We continue to look for cost savings opportunities in our operations, with the most recent example being a change to our telephone services that reduces our costs. A special thanks to Jerry Perciful who led a team in this review!!

Should you have specific questions or feedback about the financials, please feel free to contact me by email at [TStavins@comcast.net](mailto:TStavins@comcast.net) or find me in Butler Hall during the Sunday coffee hour.

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## The Vestry

John McKinley, '15 Sr. Warden  
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Bob Atkins, Clerk

Tom Budde '15	David Marshall '16
Doris Cloud '15	Judith Randolph '14
Stoney Cox '16	Michael Thomson '16
Jim Filkowski '14	Jack West '16
Vicki Hamill '15	

## Vergers

Dick Johnson, Head Verger  
Dana Horton                      John McKinley  
Martha Martz                    Aaron Michaelson  
Joanne Welker

## Sunday

Rite I Said Eucharist	7:30 AM
Contemporary Rite II Eucharist	9:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
Sunday School for all ages [3 years to Adults]	10:15 AM
Traditional Rite II Eucharist	11:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
Rite II Eucharist	5:00 PM

## Wednesday

Rite II Eucharist	10:00 AM
Eucharist with Anointing for Healing	7:00 PM

## Monday through Friday

Morning Prayer (in Parlor)	10:00 AM
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## Our Vision

We believe Jesus Christ calls us to be His true disciples. Trinity chooses to use the unique gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to become a shining example of God's love to each other and our community.

## Our Mission

Grounded in Christ's love and surrendered to the Holy Spirit, we provide a safe and positive environment for spiritual growth of all, to welcome and serve others, to reach out to those in need and to share the Gospel.

