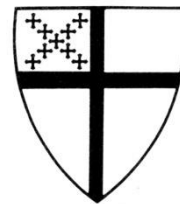




Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings



The Woodlands, Texas

March 2, 2014

Welcome Newcomers!

We are delighted you have joined us to worship the Lord this day! If you are a Visitor to our church community, we open our hearts to you in the love and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Visitors' Table for information about Trinity Episcopal Church. After the 7:30AM and 9:00AM services please join us for coffee and pastries in Butler Fellowship Hall. After the 11:00AM service please join us in the Parlor for coffee. Please see the newcomers' table in the narthex for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Trinity's family is growing, and hundreds of Episcopalians are coming to The Woodlands! Fr. Gerry is signing 3-4 requests to transfer here each week on average. Based on expansion of energy companies like Exxon Mobil and Anadarko, Bishop Doyle and Fr. Gerry have been reaching out to those relocating through videos, their home parishes and realtors to join our parish. Watch out for and welcome all the new faces.

STEWARDSHIP OF TRINITY

As part of our Stewardship of Creation Series, we will be celebrating an Outdoor Eucharist on Sunday morning March 23rd at 7:15 am in Creekwood park. We will use the liturgy for Creation and Redemption from the New Zealand Prayer book. Please come across the street and enjoy an early morning sunrise as we participate in the glory of God's Creation!

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

WALL OF COMPASSION

It's time once again to build our Wall of Compassion, aka, Food Drive donations for Interfaith. Pick up your box and list of suggested items in Butler Hall starting the week of **March 2** and return it FULL to Butler Hall by **April 13th**.

MARDI GRAS PARADE AND SUPPER

March 4, 5:00 PM-6:30 dinner is served. Decorate your bikes, scooters and wagons. Parade begins at 6:30 PM. Pancake dinner provided by the Holy Smokers; love offerings are accepted. If you aren't in the parade, we invite you to park your car along the parade route (in the parking lot) and help toss out beads as the children and youth go by.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 5th at 6:00 AM, Noon*, and 7:00 PM*. All Services in the Nave.

LENTEN RETREAT

March 8, 9 AM – 2:00 PM *Prayer for the Active Lifestyle* Guest Speaker: Fr. Bob Flick (Vicar of LOTS—Lord of the Street homeless Ministry in downtown Houston) Register in the Narthex or the church office. \$25, includes lunch. Contact Alyssa Stebbing in the church office for more information.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

March 30, 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the Nave. A musically reflective journey marking our path through Lent with Micki Balog and Alyssa Stebbing.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, March 7 – April 11. 6:30 AM in the Nave, offered by the SONrise Breakfast Group. The Stations of the Cross is a traditional liturgical devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. The devotion originated with pilgrims in Jerusalem retracing the traditional steps Jesus is believed to have followed on Good Friday. Since not all Christians could make pilgrimages to Jerusalem, however, the custom arose of replicating the devotion in congregational and individual settings, often with images or carvings on the walls of a church to commemorate each of the traditional 14 stations on the Way of the Cross.

LENTEN STUDY WITH FR. GERRY

Fridays, March 7 – April 11 at 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Nave. Rector's Lenten Study: *Last Seven Days in Jerusalem*.

HAL DONNELLY MEMORIAL FISH SUPPER

Fridays, March 7 – April 11 at 5:00 – 7:00 PM in Butler Fellowship Hall. The dinner is sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Cost: \$7 plate. Proceeds from this event are used to sponsor various youth-oriented activities such as Youth Missionary trips, Boy Scouts, Boy's Retreat held at Camp Allen, and the annual trip to the North Dakota Indian Reservation.

CHILDREN'S COMMUNION CLASS

Introduction to Communion Class for children in 3rd -7th grade. March 23, 30 and April 6 with Fr. Sean during the Sunday School hour in the Parlor.

TRINITY WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday-Friday Morning Prayer in the Parlor 10am

Sunday, 3/2	Last Epiphany
7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
8:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks (BFH)
8:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Class (BFH)
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10:15 AM	Christian Formation Hour
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
1:00 PM	Discussion of Plastic Paradise Documentary (BFH)
1:00 PM	Junior Daughters of the King (Millsaugh)
3:00 PM	Christian Meditation Group (Parlor)
3:00 PM	Walking the Mourner's Path (Millsaugh)
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

Monday, 3/3

9:30 AM	Mom's Devotional (Library)
5:00 PM	Zumba (BFH)
7:00 PM	BSA Troop 777 Meeting (BFH)
7:00 PM	Crossways Bible Study (A215)
7:00 PM	Trinity Ringers (Nave)

Tuesday, 3/4

9:00 AM	Jesus and Me (TKC)
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting (OCR)
5:00 PM	Mardi Gras Pancake Supper and Parade
7:00 PM	The Salvation of God Bible Study (Library)

Wednesday, 3/5

6:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
9:00 AM	Jesus and Me (TKC)
10:30 AM	Sit and Be Fit (BFH)
12:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
12:30 PM	Eclectic Eccentrics Meeting (Parlor)
1:00 PM	PTG Bible Study (WR)
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Millsaugh Room)
2:00 PM	Community Life Weekly Meeting (OCR)
4:30 PM	Jr. Choir (MS)
4:30 PM	Youth Coffee Talk at Starbucks
5:00 PM	Contemporary Band Rehearsal (MS)
5:00 PM	Zumba (BFH)
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
7:00 PM	Youth Coffee Talk Starbucks

Thursday, 3/6

9:00 AM	Open Art Room (A GB)
11:00 AM	Purls and Prayers (OCR)
6:30 PM	EFM (Library)
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University (MS)
7:00 PM	Rector's Bible Study (Millsaugh Room)

Friday, 3/7

6:30 AM	Stations of the Cross (SONrise group) (Nave)
9:00 AM	Art As a Spiritual Process (A212)
9:00 AM	Fun Fridays (TKC)
9:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study (WR)
1:00 PM	Rector's Bible Study (WR)
6:00 PM	Hal Donnelley Memorial Fish Dinner (BFH)
6:30 PM	Rector's Lenten Studies (Nave)

Saturday, 3/8

9:00 AM	Lenten Retreat (BFH)
5:30 PM	Church-wide Pot Luck Dinner (BFH)

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3901 S. Panther Creek Drive 281. 367.8113

Office Hours: 8:30AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday

www.trinitywoodlands.org

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle, Bishop
 The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher, Bishop Suffragan
 The Rt. Rev. Dena Harrison, Bishop Suffragan
 The Rev. Dr. Gerald Seveck, Rector
 The Rev. Robert W. Horner, Deacon
 The Rev. Sean Steele, Curate
 Micki Balog, Director of Music Ministry
 Molly Carr, Community Life and Discipleship Minister
 Nick Earl, Newcomers' Ministry
 Sheila Gerth, Pastoral Care Coordinator
 Carol Godell, Day School Director
 Liz Johnson, Kids Corner Coordinator
 Liz Linger, Community Life and Discipleship
 Melanie Sheffield, Admin. Asst. to the Rector
 Alyssa Stebbing, Outreach & Contemporary Music
 Larry Martz, Parish Accountant

SUNDAY PARKING

If you are an established member and are able, would you please consider parking across the street in the McCullough School Lot? The Trinity Taxi is in operation every Sunday shuttling between McCullough and the Church.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS

Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the Altar Rail on the Gospel side (left side as you face the Altar). These wafers and the wine are separate from the wafers made of wheat. Please let the priest know you wish gluten free by placing your palms face down.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

- When you are going in the hospital
- When there is a birth or death in your family
- When you would like to schedule a Lay Eucharistic visitor for Holy Communion

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ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use the assisted listening equipment. Please turn off the receiver and put it back into the basket after the service.

THE FLOWERS OF THE ALTAR

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Peggy Cramer in memory of Anton Kuttin.

ATTENDANCE AT TRINITY

2/02/2014	465	2013	460
2/09/2014	476	2013	515
2/16/2014	469	2013	504
2/23/2014	514	2013	521

TKC-Trinity Kids Corner *childcare provided MR-Millsaugh Room Atrium, BFH-Butler Hall, C-Children's Bldg., K-Kitchen, L-Library, MS-Music Suite, OCR-Office Conf. Rm, P-Parlor, S-Sanctuary, WR-Wesley Rm, YL-Youth Loft

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Practice of the Presence of God

8:45 a.m. (adult) — Wesley Room
Gina Ford

Common Lectionary Bible Study

10:15-10:55 a.m. (adult) — Atrium 214
Lou Barron

New Members and Inquirers Class

10:15 a.m. (adult) — Office Conference Room
Nick Earl

Children and Youth Sunday School

Children age 4 as of September 1, 2013
through 3rd grade meet in the
Children's/TEDS Building
Grades 4-6th meet in the Atrium Room 228
Junior and Senior High meet in the
Butler Fellowship Hall Library

WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Monday:

9:30 a.m.	Mom's Devotional*	Library	Molly Carr
7:00 p.m.	Crossways Bible Study	A 215	Fr. Sean Steele

Tuesday:

7:00 p.m.	Conversations with Scripture	Library	Mtr. Susan Gerding
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Wednesday:

1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study	Library	Nancy Farrell
1:15 p.m.	Prime Time Guys	Wesley/OCR	George Cannon
4:30 p.m.	Coffee Talk (YOUTH)	Starbucks (PC)	Molly Carr
7:00 p.m.	Coffee Talk (YOUTH)	Starbucks (PC)	Molly Carr

Thursday:

7:00 p.m.	Rector's Bible Study	Millspough Room	Fr. Gerry Sevick
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Friday:

6:00 a.m.	Sonrise Bible Study	Wesley Room	Jim Geiger
9:00 a.m.	Art As A Spiritual Process*	Atrium 212	Alyssa Stebbing
9:30 a.m.	"The Lord is my Shepherd"	Wesley Room	San West
1:00 p.m.	Rector's Bible Study	Wesley Room	Fr. Gerry Sevick

*Childcare provided by the Trinity Kids Corner

TRINITY WELLNESS

ZUMBA (TIME AND DAY CHANGE)

NOT MEETING 3/10, 3/12 OR 3/14

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
in Butler Fellowship Hall

5:15-6:15PM

Cost: \$5.00 per class or \$30 for 10 classes
High energy fitness that incorporates dance.
Questions? Contact Molly at 281.367.8113 or
Leah (Certified Zumba Instructor) 832.326.1123.

SIT AND BE FIT

Wednesdays
10:30-11:15AM in Butler Fellowship Hall
Movement and muscle strengthening for those who are
less mobile.
Questions? Contact Molly at 281.367.8113.

TAE KWON DO FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

CHILDREN AGES 3+

NOT MEETING 3/8 OR 3/15

TRINITY WARRIORS TAE KWON DO

Saturdays in Butler Fellowship Hall
10:00-11:00AM

Cost : \$35 for uniform and t-shirt/\$5 per class
(first class free)
Questions? Contact Molly at 281.367.8113 or
Janine at 913.232.0900.

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Buddy Parker	Kay Daigle	Dave Sievers
Kelsey	Amanda Eads	
Joyce Lowry	Ron Anderson	Bob Nawojski
Connie Lippard	Anna Pirir	Lindsey Scruggs
Violet West	Grayson Family	Greyhorn Family
Gordon Pixler	Scott Chickering	John/Pat Homer
George Norris	Kruegers	Carole Ingram
Neil Cunningham	Sara Bliss	Elyse Giles
Dick and Dodie	Mary MacMoritz	William Steele
Mary Kyle	Steve O.	

FOR THE DEPARTED

GUIDANCE

Harriet & Rick G.	Don	Nick
Terri	Randy	Jenny V
Jason S.	Craig Sherlock	

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Lance	Michael Daigle	David Flaherty
Misty	Lee Cain	Travis Bassett
Gilbert	Stephen Jones	Brandon McCord
Marlo Baguyos	Zeb Perciful	Scottie McKenzie
Amanda Brooks	Cameron Brooks	Brandon Cox
Quincy Simpson	John Collins	Jason Green
Tom Babbitt	Christian Imle	Vincent Geiger
Ryan Workman	Michael Corbin	Jessica Watson
Jim Watson	Nicholas Babbitt	William Shumate Jr
Jacob Fernandez	Lynn Irwin	Andrew Thornbury
Brandon Schambach	Matthew Wagner	Dimitri Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 2, 2014

TRINITY WELLNESS

Zumba at Trinity is going great! We are adding another day as a trial and the time is changing as well. Zumba will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday's in March from 5:15-6:15PM. We will not meet the week of Spring Break, March 10-14th. Check the Weekly Tidings for more information on which two days are most popular that we will keep.

TAE KWON DO FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Tae Kwon Do for Children with special needs will not meet during Spring Break. No Classes on March 8th or 15th.

FOYERS

March is the time to sign up for Spring/Summer Foyers. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. The French word "foyer" means "hearth or fireside" and suggests small groups in a relaxed and casual atmosphere. Foyers provide an opportunity for fellowship and focus on hospitality rather than entertainment. Folks get together and enjoy each other's company. Groups of 6--8 (combined at random, rather than by age, zip code, etc.) meet three or four times over a six-month period for a simple meal and relaxed conversation. Couples or individuals take turns hosting. Each Foyers group determines its own meeting date. Please sign up in the Narthex and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Jack and San West at 281.298.8811.

LADIES NIGHT OUT MARCH 6TH

On March 6th at 7:00PM we will be at Guadalajara. Childcare is provided for a fee upon request to Liz at ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 per family from 7-9PM. To R.S.V.P. for this event contact Tracy Atkins at tracy@yespup.com.

NORTH DAKOTA ELDERS

The Elders from St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the Spirit Lake reservation in North Dakota are coming visit. Everyone is invited to a Pot Luck dinner Saturday, March 8th at 5:30PM. We will also host a brief Meet and Greet Sunday, March 9th between 9 and 11 services. Please join us in welcoming these leaders to Southern hospitality!

TRINITY KIDS CORNER KIDS DAY OUT

Kids Day Out *March 11, 12 and 13th from 9:00AM-2:00PM*. For ages 6 weeks to Age 12. The cost is \$25 per child or \$40 per family per day. Its a day filled with activities and outdoor fun! All week we will have bounce house and on Wednesday they can purchase a Shaved Ice Cone from Kona Ice for \$2.00. You just need to pack a kid friendly lunch. For questions or to RSVP contact Liz Johnson at ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org.

FINE ARTS CAMP

Trinity is pleased to announce the first annual *Fine Arts Camp* for children that have completed 1st-5th grades. Fine Arts Camp will take place June 30-July 4 from 9-3PM each day. During Fine Arts Camp the children will learn an entire musical which will be presented on Friday, July 4 at 1:30PM in Butler Hall. While learning the musical, the children will participate in classes for singing, drama and choreography as well as art class. Tuition is \$115 per child and includes all classes, supplies, daily snack and a t-shirt. Registration forms are available on the Trinity website and in the church office. Space is limited so sign up now! For more information, contact Micki Balog at mbalog@trinitywodladns.org or Alyssa Stebbing at astebbing@trinitywoodlands.org.

8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NEW SERIES

The 8:45 AM Sunday School Class will be starting a Lenten series on March 9. We will be studying Brother Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God*. Brother Lawrence is a 17th century French monk who learned to practice the presence of God at all times. This book is a collection of documented conversations and letters that reveal to heart of this humble man. The class meets every Sunday in the Wesley Room for prayer, fellowship, and study.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise has long been a beloved ministry in our community and at Trinity. Three or four times a year, we host families who are working a program to get back to work and in affordable housing. We are in need of 2-3 people to help coordinate this ministry for the next two years. Please contact Alyssa Stebbing (astebbing@trinitywoodlands.org), Bill Carter, or Stu Thompson for details.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Are you interested in helping out once a month with the children of Trinity? Children's Liturgy of the Word is a great way to meet and help teach the liturgy to children on their level. Children's Liturgy of the Word is held at the 9:00AM and 11:00AM services each Sunday. Assistants are needed. Assistants do not plan the lesson, they assist the leader with the children and help pass out materials etc. If you are interested please contact Molly Carr or Liz Linger in the church office (281) 367-8113.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00PM. in Butler Hall. Our program will be: Techniques for Christian Meditation with BJ Ayala. If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Brown 281.296.0921.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Thanks to some generous giving including specific designation to pay down the Line of Credit, Trinity's ministries are on a strong footing to start the year. Here is how our year-to-date financials look through the end of January:

Our giving = \$182,651 (best January in 3 years)

Other income = \$9,480

Ministry expenses = \$181,954

Net operating income = \$10,177

Mortgage - \$2,288,572

Line of Credit - \$90,883(reduction of \$35,517 from prior month)

Outstanding debt - \$2,379,455

Please continue to keep this positive trend going. It is only through your faithful stewardship reflecting God's generosity that our ministries will continue to flourish at Trinity! For those who did not attend the annual meeting, here is a recap for 2013 year-end:

Our 2013 giving = \$1,531,136

Other income = \$297,150

Ministry expenses = \$1,860,517

Net operating deficit = \$32,231

Mortgage - \$2,301,197

Line of Credit - \$126,400

Outstanding debt - \$2,427,597

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