

Trinity Episcopal Church The Weekly Tidings



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The Woodlands, Texas

December 13, 2015

Weekly Services at Trinity

Sunday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II*

11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II*

5:00 PM

Holy Eucharist Rite II*

Monday-Friday

10:00 AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Childcare Available

Weekly Outreach at Trinity

12 Step Program Open Meeting

Every Friday at 7:30PM in the Atrium

Call 713.686.6300 for information

Questions? Call the church office at 281.367.8113

TEDS POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE

Poinsettias purchased from Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) are now available for pick-up in Butler Fellowship Hall.

ADVENT MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE

Visit the Narthex or our Formation as a Family website for more ideas on how to bring the season of Advent into your home. www.formationasafamily.com



CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY-SERVICE TIMES

Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

*5:00 PM- No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, Rite II Eucharist (no incense)

*8:00 PM- Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (no incense)

*11:00 PM- Candlelight Rite II Eucharist (incense)

*Childcare provided by Trinity Kids Corner

Friday, December 25th: Christmas Day

10:30 AM- Rite II Eucharist, Blessing of the Toys following the service

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 (LEV) for Holy Communion
- Change in address or contact information

TRINITY WEEKLY CALENDAR Sunday, 12/13: BISHOP FISHER VISITS 7:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave) 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)* **Christian Formation Time** 10:15 AM 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)* 12:30 PM Communications Committee (OCR) TnT Community (BFH) 1:00 PM Christian Meditation Group (P) 3:00 PM 3:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 777Meetings (Atrium) 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)* 6:00 PM Youth Community (BFH) Monday, 12/14 9:30 AM Moms Devotional (Library) * 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P) Prime Time Guys (WR) 11:00 AM Sit and Be Fit (BFH) 1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs (BFH) 6:00 PM Troop 777 Meeting (BFH) 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Crossways (OCR) **Tuesday**, 12/15 9:00 AM Jesus and Me (TKC) Morning Prayer (P) 10:00 AM 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (WR) Wednesday, 12/16 9:00 AM Jesus and Me (TKC) 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P) Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave) 10:00 AM Sit and Be Fit (WR) 10:30 AM 1:00 PM Prime Time Guys Bible Study (WR) Women's Bible Study (MR) 1:00 PM Youth Coffee Talk (Starbucks) 4:00 PM 6:30 PM NAMI Basics (Glass Block-Atrium) Youth Coffee Talk (Starbucks) 7:00 PM Thursday, 12/17 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P) Purls and Prayers (OCR) 11:00 AM 1:00 PM Rector's Study (Atrium 215) 6:00 PM Trinity Ringers (Nave) 7:00 PM Rector's Study (OCR) Friday, 12/18 6:00 AM SonRise Men's Discussion Group (WR) 9:00 AM Fun Fridays (TKC) 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (WR) 9:30 AM Art as a Spiritual Process (Atrium 212)* 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (P) Saturday, 12/19 9:00 AM Shop and Drop (TKC)*

* Contact Liz Johnson in the church office for questions regarding childcare.

10:00 AM

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

Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs (TEDS)

*The Millspaugh Room, Wesley Room, Library, Kitchen and Office Conference Room are all located in BFH.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3901 S. Panther Creek Drive 281.367.8113 Office Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday

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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 Sevick, Rector The Rev. Sean Steele, Parish Missioner The Rev. Robert W. Horner, Deacon The Rev. Vivian Orndorff, Curate

Micki Balog, Director of Music Ministry Molly Carr, Community Life and Discipleship Minister

Ernest Gallegos, Facilities Manager Carol Godell, Day School Director Liz Johnson, Kids Corner Coordinator

Liz Linger, Administrative Assistant to Parish Ministries

Melanie Sheffield, Admin. Asst. to the Rector Alyssa Stebbing, Outreach & Contemporary Music Sara Tate, Membership & Communications Coordinator Larry Martz. Parish Accountant

STAY CONNECTED WITH TRINITY AND DIOCESE

Weekly Email: trinitywoodlands.org/stay-informed Facebook: facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch

Instagram: TrinityTWTexas Twitter: TrinityTWTexas Texas Episcopalian: Diolog:

epicenter.org/texas-episcopalian-diolog-archive

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.

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.

MASTER PLAN ARTICLE AND PICTURES

Trinity, The Woodlands, Announces Plan to Revitalize Campus. Read our article and see pictures about our Master Plan on our website: trinitywoodlands.org/about-us/master-plan

ATTENDANCE

November 29, 2015	438	2014	522
December 6, 2015	505	2014	402

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE (as approved at Nov 17 Vestry Meeting)

Here is how our year-to-date financials look through the end of October

Our giving = \$1,244,970 Other income = \$315,378

Ministry and other expenses = \$1,644,905 Year-to-date under-funded ministries = \$84,557

OTHER INFORMATION

Reserve Fund Balance - \$2,859 LED Project Loan - \$133,860

Mortgage - \$2,014,342

Line of Credit Borrowing - \$150,000 Total Outstanding debt - \$2,298,202

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

8:45 AM (adult) – Wesley Room Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, What happens When God's Spirit Invades the Hearts of His People. Bill Carter

Common Lectionary Bible Study 10:15-10:55 AM (adult) -Atrium 214 Lou Barron

Children and Youth Sundays
10:15-10:55 AM
1st Sundays of the MonthIntergenerational Discussion(BFH)

Children's Liturgy of the Word, Children's worship during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday services, for children ages 3-8.

Children Community Groups

Kids For Christ (KFC)-Grades 1-4: 4th Sunday of the Month 1:00-2:30 PM BFH (NOT MEETING IN DECEMBER)

Teens in Training (TNT)- Grades 5-6: 2nd Sunday of the Month 1:00-2:30 PM

Youth Community Groups (Sunday Night)

Open to all those in grades 7-12 Join us for dinner at 6:00 PM followed by games, activities, and Christian formation.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Monday:

9:30 AM Mom's Group* Library Molly Carr 7:00-8:30 PM Crossways OCR Mtr. Vivian Orndorff **Not Meeting December 21st and 28th. Mom's Group will resume Jan. 11th.

Wednesday:

1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study Library Nancy Farrell

1:15 PM Prime Time Guys Wesley/OCR

Thursday: Not Meeting December 24th and 31st

1:00 PM Rector's Study Atrium 215 The Rev. Gerald Sevick 7:00 PM Rector's Study Wesley The Rev. Gerald Sevick

Friday:

6:00 AM SonRise Bible Study Wesley Room Jim Geiger 9:00 AM Art as A Spiritual Process* Atrium 212 Alyssa Stebbing 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study Wesley Room San West

Formation as a Family our online hybrid formation program that can be found at www.formationasafamily.com. This web-site will be updated each Monday.

*Childcare provided by the Trinity Kids Corner OCR (Office Conference Room)

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING				
George B.	Donna C.	Jane H.	Carole I.	Mary K.
Janet L.	Steve O.	Nancy R.	William S.	Violet W.
Gary W.	Thomas R.	Susan	Alex C.	Mark C.
Wade N.	Martha K.	Carl C.	Chris D.	Pauline
Douglas M.	Woodie Z.	The Taylor Family		Gloria W.
Pacing	Fred	Russ	Joe	Helen
Mason	Joe S.	Phil H.	Ernest	

THANKSGIVINGS

Birth of August Matthew Rogers Birth of Case Michael Carpenter

GUIDANCE

Alex C. Mark C. Craig S. Michael G. Robert D.

The Taylor Family June

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Samantha B. Zeb P. Joshua B.

FOR THE DEPARTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 13, 2015

FLOWER GUILD POINSETTIAS

The Flower Guild will be decorating the church with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to be used in the sanctuary or narthex, please complete a poinsettia form located in the Narthex and place the form with \$15 for each poinsettia in the offering plate or drop it by the church office by Tuesday, December 15, 2015. You may take your poinsettia home after the 11:00 AM service on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUTREACH MINISTRIES

A big thank you to each and every person who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to the 9th Annual Angel Gift Market. With your help we were able to raise over \$16,000 for Outreach Ministries at Trinity. We would also like to thank you for helping to make this holiday special for the 34 families and 20 seniors who benefitted from our annual Giving Tree. This would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers. Thank you to Kaye Sykes, Susan Mayer, and Judy Isphording for coordinating the Angel Gift Market and Kimberly Byrd for coordinating our Giving Tree.

TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES: TRINITY MADRIGALS

The 2015-2016 Fine Arts Series continues Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 PM in the Nave. Join us as we enjoy the Trinity MadriGals Ladies Ensemble, joined by guest harpist Echo Shen, present Britten's Ceremony of Carols. For more information about the series, please visit our website at www.trinitywoodlands.org.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

The Longest Night Service is a Eucharistic service held on the evening of the winter solstice, literally the longest night. This service is offered particularly for those who are grieving a loss, whoever or whatever that loss might be around the holiday season. All are welcome to attend. Please join us **Tuesday**, **December 22**nd at 7:00 PM in the Nave. Childcare is provided.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

The Flower Guild, Petal Pushers, and Jr. Daughters of the King will be doing the "Greening of the Church" after the 11:00 service on December 20th. Please join in the fun with hanging of the wreathes, placement of the poinsettias, and decorating the Christmas tree in the Narthex. All are welcome and snacks will be served. Hope to see you there!

TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The Trinity Office will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, December 28th at 8:30 AM.

NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 PM service on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Costumes are provided starting at 4:30 PM in the hallway by the music suite. Dress up and live out the night Jesus was born. We need helpers to help the kids get creative with the outfits. Contact Liz Linger at linger@trinitywoodlands.org.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS AT TRINITY

The Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas each year on January 6. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing." At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. We will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 10th from 10-11 AM. Stop by the courtyard outside the church to see the Wiseman and join in our camel rides!

TEDS UPDATE

Carol Godell, the Director of the Trinity Episcopal Day School or TEDS, announced her intention to retire at the end of the current school year. Carol is the only director the school has known. The school's Board of Directors is thankful for her service and we wish her well in her upcoming retirement. The Board is in the process of forming a search committee to replace her. Doyle Tunnell will chair the search committee, but members have not been named. It is the board's intention to fill the committee from the entire parish community. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Doyle (d-tunnell@sbcglobal.net) or Paul Cloud (pd84@texasclouds.net).

#ADVENT WORD-A GLOBAL ADVENT CALENDAR

Pray through Advent. Begins November 29th! Trinity will participate again this year in creating a global advent calendar. Each day a new word is posted with a daily mediation. Pictures can be posted via Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the hashtags #adventword and #trinitytwtexas. See http://adventword.org for more information and to sign up.

VESTRY CHANGE FOR INCOMING CLASS

Vestry-Elect member Adam Rinehart has resigned from the Vestry due to his upcoming assignment to ExxonMobil's Corporate Strategic Research Lab in Clinton, New Jersey. The first alternate for election, Bob Bremer, has been notified and confirmed his continued willingness to serve. Please join us as we send best wishes to the Rinehart Family on their upcoming relocation and to Bob for his new position as Vestry-Elect.