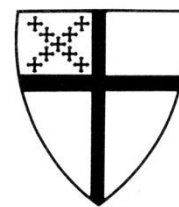




Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings

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The Woodlands, Texas

December 20, 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**



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

TODAY ONLY!

- Holy Smokers Soup for the Soul. \$5.00 pints of Chicken Soup will be available from 9:30-10:45 AM in Butler Fellowship Hall.
- Greening of the Church following the 11:00 AM Service. Snacks provided.
- Fine Arts Series: Trinity Madrigals with harpist Echo Shen will perform Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* at 3:00 PM in the Nave.

NEW PRAYER BOOKS IN HONOR OF JEROME FRNKA

Thank you to the Frnka Family for donating 90 new Books of Common Prayer to Trinity in honor of Jerome Frnka. Jerome was a very active member of our parish and we are blessed to have these new books in memory of him. The prayer books were blessed at our Wednesday 10:00 AM Eucharist. Thank you Frnka Family!

TRINITY WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, 12/20

7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
10:15 AM	Christian Formation Time
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
12:15 PM	Greening of the Church (Narthex)
2:00 PM	Christian Meditation Group (P)
3:00 PM	Fine Arts Series-Trinity MadriGals (Nave)
3:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack 777 Meetings (Atrium)
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*
6:00 PM	Youth Community (BFH)

Monday, 12/21

9:00 AM	Kids Day Out (TKC) *
10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
1:30 PM	Sit and Be Fit (WR)
6:00 PM	Tae Kwon Do for Special Needs (BFH)
7:00 PM	Troop 777 Meeting (BFH)

Tuesday, 12/22

9:00 AM	Kids Day Out (TKC)*
10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
7:00 PM	Longest Night Service (Nave)*
7:00 PM	Trinity Tricksters (MR)

Wednesday, 12/23

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10:30 AM	Sit and Be Fit (WR)
1:00 PM	Prime Time Guys Bible Study (WR)
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (MR)
6:30 PM	NAMI (Atrium 215)

Thursday, 12/24: TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
5:00 PM	No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant (Nave)*
8:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Nave)*
11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service (Nave)*

Friday, 12/25: TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 12/26

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

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

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

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

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 Seveck, 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: Dialog:

epicenter.org/texas-episcopalian-dialog-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

December 6, 2015	505	2014	402
December 13, 2015	448	2014	488

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

(as approved at Dec. 15 Vestry Meeting)

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

Our giving: \$1,355,850 Other income: \$323,398
Ministry and other expenses: \$1,790,323
Year-to-date under-funded ministries: \$111,075

OTHER INFORMATION

Reserve Fund Balance: \$2,901 LED Project Loan: \$131,566
Mortgage: \$2,001,047
Capital Campaign Balance: \$481,526
Line of Credit Borrowing: \$150,000
Total Outstanding debt: \$2,282,612

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

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

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.	Gloria W.	Pacing	Fred
Russ	Joe	Helen	Mason	Joe S.
Phil H.	Ernest	Colleen B.	Jim	Nancy F.

THANKSGIVINGS

GUIDANCE

Alex C.	Mark C.	Craig S.	Michael G.	Robert D.
The Taylor Family		June	Jason S.	Erika S.
Reis Family				

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Samantha B.	Zeb P.	Joshua B.
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FOR THE DEPARTED

Phil Hopkins

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, or a correction is needed
please contact Mother Vivian Orndorff at vorndorff@trinitywoodlands.org or call the church office.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 20, 2015

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.

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 22nd** at 7:00 PM in the Nave. Childcare is provided.

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 re-open 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 llinger@trinitywoodlands.org.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 27th, a special addition to our regular Eucharistic services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM, Lessons and Carols, celebrates the birth of Jesus through a series of Bible readings with traditional carols and hymns of the season.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Our next baptism date is scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2016. The Baptism Class will be held Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 10:00-12:00 PM in the Wesley Room. Please contact Melanie Sheffield at msheffield@trinitywoodlands.org in the church office if you have any questions or you would like to sign up for Baptism. Childcare for the class is available by reservation. If you need childcare, contact Liz Johnson at ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS AT TRINITY

January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas each year. 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!

ST. ISIDORE'S SENDING OUT POTLUCK

Join us on Sunday, January 10th for a potluck celebration in honor of Father Sean and his St. Isidore team. Please bring a dish to share. The potluck will begin after the 11:00 AM service. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Please contact Liz Linger in the church office or at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org to help.

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).

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.