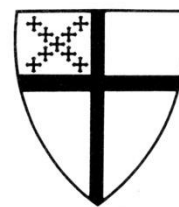




Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings

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The Woodlands, Texas

December 27, 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**



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. Please contact Sara Tate in the church office or by email state@trinitywoodlands.org with any questions.

Join Us for Fellowship and Coffee!

After the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM services please join us for coffee in Butler Fellowship Hall. After the 11:00 AM service, please join us in the Parlor for coffee.



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's 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.

Trinity's 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.

TRINITY WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, 12/27

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)*
3:00 PM	Christian Meditation Group (P)
3:30 PM	Cub Scout Pack 777 Meetings (Atrium)
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)*

Monday, 12/28

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

Tuesday, 12/29

9:00 AM	Kids Day Out (TKC)*
10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)

Wednesday, 12/30

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
1:00 PM	Prime Time Guys Bible Study (WR)
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (MR)

Thursday, 12/31

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (P)
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Friday, 1/1: TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, 1/2

*** 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

TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL (TEDS)

TEDS is a developmental preschool program serving children ages 18 months-4 years. Our classes meet for the morning preschool program from 8:45 AM-12:00 PM and we offer an optional extended day until 2:00. TEDS is a state licensed facility accredited by The Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools. Each day of attendance, children in the three and four year old classes attend Chapel with Trinity Clergy and Staff. If you are interested in more information about the preschool program of your church, please call the school office at 281.367.5148, email us at office@tedstw.org or check out our website, www.tedstw.org.

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 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 13, 2015	448	2014	488
December 20, 2015	478	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
**Resumes January 8th.			

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.	Mark C.	Wade N.	Chris D.	Douglas M.
Woodie Z.	Gloria W.	Joe	Helen	Mason
Ernest	Colleen B.	Jim	Nancy F.	

THANKSGIVINGS

GUIDANCE

Mark C.	June	Jason S.	Erika S.
Reis Family	Russell		

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

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

*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 27, 2015

TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY

The Trinity Office will be closed Friday, December 31st for the New Year's Holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4th at 8:30 AM.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us in Butler Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 17th for the Parish Annual Meeting. The meeting will begin at 10:15 AM.

CONNECTIONS DINNER

Are you new to Trinity or looking for ways to connect to our parish? We invite you to join us for our next Connections Dinner on Sunday, January 17th at 6:30 PM. This is a great way to meet our clergy and ministry leaders, and learn more about our community. This is a relaxed and casual meal, and the best part is you get to enjoy a great meal with no clean up! If you would like to join us for dinner, please contact Beverly Redd at bevvredd@gmail.com. If you require childcare, please indicate that in your response.

ALL PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

All the men of our parish are enthusiastically invited to the annual Trinity Men's retreat on Saturday, January 23rd! This is a half-day workshop in Butler Hall that is designed to be engaging and informative, and foster spiritual growth. Trinity will be providing quality child care – and two excellent meals - to make this truly a "mom's day off"! Our workshop leader this year will be Father Jimmy Abbott, Rector of Holy Comforter in Spring. The topic he has chosen is "Why the Church matters in the 21st century." Our format will be similar to our 2014 retreat, with presentations by the leader followed by breakout sessions and group discussions. This will be a stimulating, "hands on" event. I have heard Jimmy present twice and he will definitely fire up and inspire the attendees. There is no registration fee for this event, but we request an RSVP by January 7 so the meals, child care and workshop materials can be arranged. We also encourage a timely RSVP as we anticipate a limit of 30 participants. Breakfast by our own Holy Smokers served at 8:00 AM. The retreat is from 9:00-3:00 PM, with a catered lunch break. To learn more or register, please contact Warren Winters at wwinters1080@gmail.com, or look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex! Sponsored by the Trinity chapter, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

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).

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - DON'T FORGET THE GUMBO

Once again the Holy Smokers will be selling their famous Gumbo made right here at Trinity for Super Bowl Sunday. Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. The deadline to order is January 31, 2016. Gumbo orders can be picked up on Sunday, February 7th in Butler Fellowship Hall from 8:30-12:30 PM. Gluten Free Available. Regular Gumbo is \$10.00 per quart and Shrimp Gumbo is \$15.00 per quart.