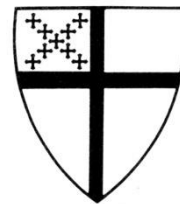




Trinity Episcopal Church

The Weekly Tidings



The Woodlands, Texas

November 24, 2013



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.

"Something to Reflect Upon..."

Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.

Saint Augustine

Did You Know?

The Greek word that we translate in the gospel as "fellowship" essentially means "a partnership that mutually benefits everyone involved." Christian fellowship is about coming together so that we can help and encourage each other in our walk with Christ. In fellowship we gather to celebrate, support, and form disciples. Here at Trinity we have dozens of groups that meet solely for the sake of fellowship. There is definitely one that is just right for you. Contact the office to find where and when each group meets.

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

Monday-Friday Morning Prayer in the Parlor 10am

Sunday, 11/24

7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
8:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Class (WR)
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10:15 AM	Christian Formation Hour
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
3:00 PM	Christian Meditation Group (Parlor)
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

Monday, 11/25

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (Parlor)
7:00 PM	BSA Troop 777 Meeting (BFH)
7:00 PM	Crossways Bible Study (A215)
7:00 PM	Trinity Ringers (Nave)

Tuesday, 11/26

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (Parlor)
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting (OCR)
1:30 PM	Mtr. Genevieve's Bible Study (OCR)
7:00 PM	The Salvation of God Bible Study (Library)
7:00 PM	The Woodlands Chorale (MS)
7:00 PM	Trinity Tricksters (Millspaugh Room)

Wednesday, 11/27

10:00 AM	Morning Prayer (Parlor)
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Millspaugh)
7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service (Nave)

Thursday, 11/28 **Church Office Closed**

Friday, 11/29 **Church Office Closed**

Saturday, 11/30

3:00 PM	Eagle Scout Project - Troup 777 (BFH)
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TKC-Trinity Kids Corner *childcare provided MR-Millspaugh 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

Weekly Outreach at Trinity

- **12 Step Program Open Meeting**
- Every Friday at 7:30PM in the Atrium
Call 713.686.6300 for more information
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)**
- Monday through Friday in the Atrium
Call Robin Booth at 713.248.6474 for more

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Through the end of October 2013, Trinity's financial picture has not improved. Our giving is \$125,207 behind our year-to-date budget with only 2 months to catch up. As a result, church and ministry operations are short \$77,504. A big "thanks" to those who caught-up on their giving following our call last month, others need to do the same. It is only through your faithful stewardship reflecting God's generosity that our ministries will 54 continue to flourish at Trinity!

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. Genevieve Razim, Associate Rector (part time)
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

WORSHIP TIMES AT TRINITY

Sunday	7:30AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:00AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
M-F	10:00AM	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with Anointing

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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www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2004125

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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 ON THE ALTAR

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Peggy Cramer in memory of Charlie Cramer. And by the Knight Family in Thanksgiving for the life of Cooper Knight.

ATTENDANCE AT TRINITY

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SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Anglican Vision

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

The Other Lesson

10:15 a.m (adult) Wesley Room
Clergy Led

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 room228

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:

1:30 p.m.	The Gospel of Luke	OCR	Mtr. Genevieve Razim
7:00 p.m.	The Salvation of God	Library	Mtr. Susan Gerding

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
7:00p.m.	Coffee Talk (YOUTH)	Starbucks (PC)	Molly Carr

(YOUTH Coffee Talk has two time options to accommodate busy schedules.)

Thursday:

7:00 p. m.	Rector's Bible Study	Wesley 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.	Twelve Extraordinary Women	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 Episcopal Day School News

Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS) is a licensed and accredited school with classes for 18 month olds through Kindergarten. Preschool hours are 8:45-12:00 and vary by day depending on age group, with an extended day until 2:00 available by reservation. Kindergarten hours are 8:45-2:00 Monday through Thursday and 8:45-12:00 on Friday. Our preschool and Kindergarten curriculum meets or exceeds the C.I.S.D. standards and best-practice. Our website is www.tedstw.org and our e-mail address is office@tedstw.org. Please be encouraged to contact us with any questions or to schedule a tour. We would love for you and your child to join us here at TEDS. Carol Godell, TEDS Director

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Buddy Parker	Kay Daigle	Dave Sievers
Kelsey	Yancey Holmes	Amanda Eads
Joyce Lowry	Ron Anderson	Bob Nawojski
Connie Lippard	Anna Pirir	Lindsey Scruggs
Kimberly	Violet West	Ginger
Gordon Pixler	Alan Jones	John/Pat Horner
George Norris	Celine Delmas	
Neil Cunningham	Cathy Wolfe	
Carole Ingram	Arlita McNeil	Sara Bliss
William Steele	Elyse Giles	
Dick and Dodie	Mary MacMoritz	
Mary Kyle	Christina	
Lettica		
Melinda McGovern		Carolyn

FOR THE DEPARTED

GUIDANCE

Harriet & Rick G.	Don	Nick
Terri	Randy	Jenny V
Larry Martin		

FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING

Lance	Michael Daigle	David Flaherty
Misty	Lee Cain	Travis Bassett
Gilbert	Stephen Jones	Brandon McCord
Marlo Baguyos	Zeb Perciful	
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	
Jacob Fernandez	Lynn Irwin	
Brandon Schambach	Matthew Wagner	
William Shumate Jr	Andrew Thornbury	

A HEALTHY TIP FROM THE TRINITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE:

5 ways to improve kids' eating habits: 1. eat the rainbow (hang a color wheel on the fridge and ask "did we eat something from nature in each of these color groups today?")

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2013

The church office will be closed November 28th and November 29th.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Trinity will hold its annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7PM. Enjoy the sounds of the Trinity Junior Choir as you give thanks to God. Bring home a blessed loaf of bread for your Thanksgiving meal. Gluten free bread will be available.

COMMIT TO THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Commit to the Advent Conspiracy! Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All! Drop by Butler Fellowship Hall Sunday, December 1 between 8:30AM-11:00AM and see what this about!

FOURTH SUNDAY FOR THE VETERANS

Fourth Sunday For The Vets will not have a formal drop off Today or December 22. There are many worthy projects that need your help during the holidays. TVF encourages you to support as many as you can. The green footlocker is always in Butler Fellowship Hall for any donations you may have for the VA Hospital. Your donations are collected and delivered to the hospital monthly. We will be back Sunday, January 26.

THE TRINITY GIVING TREE

The Trinity Giving Tree, which provides gifts to Interfaith families in need, will be out in Butler Hall through the end of November. Pick up one or two or three ornaments and have your donations back under the tree by Sunday, December 1st.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out for all ladies of Trinity and friends! Thursday, December 5th at Caffè Di Fiore located at 10110 Woodlands Parkway at 6:30PM. Childcare is provided from 6:15-8:30PM for \$15 per child or \$30 per family. Contact Liz Johnson at ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org for childcare. Contact Jessica Earl to R.S.V.P. for the dinner at earljessa@gmail.com.

HAYRIDE AND CAROLING

Join us on Friday, December 6th from 6:30-8:30PM as we sing, play and enjoy a hayride together at The Old Time Christmas Tree Farm. Carpool from the church starting at 6:00PM or meet us at 6:25PM. Come join in the holiday cheer and roast marshmallows with us! Visit www.oldtimechristmastree.com for directions.

ANGEL GIFT MARKET

The 6th Annual Angel Gift Market (which supports Trinity's Outreach Ministries) will be held in Butler Fellowship Hall Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00AM-2:00PM, and Sunday, December 8th, from 8:30AM-1:30PM. This year's Market will feature Christmas centerpieces (created by our talented Trinity members) in our silent auction. Blessed Olive Wood Creations will have their display in the library. There will be a luncheon Saturday at noon, and our regular Second Sunday Breakfast on December 8th (love offerings for both, please). We will have Jesse tree kits available. The needs of the Food Pantry have increased. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Butler Hall during Advent and place on the stage.

ADVENT ELVES

Santa's Elves have asked the little blue Advent Elves to keep watch over the Advent Tree on the stage in Butler Hall. We aren't sure what the Advent Elves intend to tell Santa about boys and girls who crawl up on the stage, but we have been told that St. Nicholas is very concerned about the children's safety on the stage and the safety of the Advent Tree. Let's please remember to keep our children off the stage.

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION

Jolly Saint Nick will join us on Sunday, December 8th from 10:15-10:55AM in Butler Fellowship Hall. The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas. Come learn about him and how he spent his life serving Christ.

TRINITY QUILTERS

Notice to Trinity Quilters: We will not meet in November and December. Our next regular gathering will be the fourth Tuesday of January, the 28th. Hope to see many of you then! Vickie Frnka

COATS FOR NORTH DAKOTA

Clean out your closets and donate your gently used and clean coats to St. Thomas Episcopal Church in North Dakota! We will be accepting new and used coats, for all ages and sizes through December 8th. You can bring them that weekend to the Angel Gift Market, or put them in the box marked North Dakota in Butler Fellowship Hall. Thanks so much for helping to warm up our brothers and sisters in North Dakota!

8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS NEW

The 8:45 AM Sunday School Class will be starting a new series. We will be studying a book titled *The Anglican Vision* by James E. Griffiss. In this first volume to the New Church's Teaching Series James Griffiss provides an introduction to the Anglican tradition. He focuses especially on Anglicanism's ability to hold together theological continuity (especially the emphasis on the Incarnation) with social and cultural change. After discussing the Episcopal Church today and the ways in which it has changed over the past fifty years, Griffiss shows how the distinctive Anglican approach has been lived out in its history, spirituality, mission, worship, and approach to Scripture. Throughout, the book stresses the place of Anglicanism in the late twentieth century and its ability to be both flexible and traditional in rapidly changing cultures.

This class meets every Sunday in the Wesley Room for prayer, fellowship, and study. Please plan on joining us.

CRUST PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR TEDS

Monday, December 9, Crust Pizza in Panther Creek Shopping Center has graciously offered to have a day-long fundraiser to help raise funds for TEDS programs. With every TEDS/Trinity purchase Crust will donate 15% of the sale to the TEDS Parents Association. Watch for flyers. There will be Parents' Association representatives available during lunch and dinner times. Any questions? Please contact Tracy Atkins at 281-825-6404.

MANAGING FAMILY STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Trinity welcomes Dr. Kate Walker on Saturday, December 14th from 10:00AM-11:30AM. Dr. Walker will be speaking on how to manage family relations during the holiday season. Childcare is provided. Please let Liz Johnson in the church office know if you will need childcare.

TRINITY YOUTH COFFEE TALK GIFT CARDS

Every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30PM and from 7:00-8:00PM you can catch a group of Trinity Junior and Senior High Youth at the Starbucks in Panther Creek. The Youth meet there for a Bible Study with a cup of coffee or yogurt from TCBY. This year we have had an extra large turnout for our Bible Study, we think this is fantastic! We are in need of Starbucks and TCBY gift cards in any amount. Please turn these into Molly Carr in the church office. Thank you for your support of the Trinity Youth!

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

SERVICE TIMES

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve

***5:00PM**-No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant,

Rite II Eucharist (no incense)

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

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

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day

10:30AM-Rite II Eucharist, Blessing of the Toys following the service-can leave toys in the Narthex

THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

For those dealing with the grief of loved ones who have passed on please join us at our Longest Night Service on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00PM in the Nave. Childcare is provided.

NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Its time for our No Rehearsal Children's Christmas Pageant! On **December 24th** at the 5:00PM service bring your children to the church dressed in their favorite Nativity character costume. In the hallway by the music suite we will also have costumes available starting at 4:30PM. This is a No Rehearsal pageant; the kids will sit with their parents and come up to the front of the church when their character's part is being read. We need volunteers to help set out the costumes and put together costumes. Please contact Liz Linger in the church office or at llinger@trinitywoodlands.org if you can help out starting at 4:15PM on December 24th.

**Childcare is available for these services:*