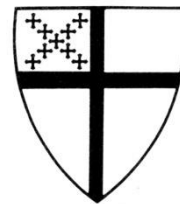




# Trinity Episcopal Church

## The Weekly Tidings



The Woodlands, Texas

December 1, 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..."

To confess your sins to God is not to tell him anything He does not already know. Until you confess them, however, they are the abyss between you. When you confess them. They become the bridge.

Frederick Buechner

### Did You Know?

Did you know that over the past two weeks we have had over 190 families turn in financial commitment cards for 2014! It is not too late. You can turn in your commitment card over the next couple of weeks and have it blessed on the altar as well. When we bless the cards we offer them up to God as thanksgiving for all of the ministries and work that we have been given to do for the Glory of the Kingdom. It is never too late to support the work God is doing through Trinity.

### 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, 12/1

7:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Nave)
8:30 AM	Blood Pressure Checks (BFH)
8:45 AM	Adult Sunday School Class (WR)
9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
10:15 AM	Christian Formation Hour
10:15 AM	Clergy Led Bible Study (WR)
10:15 AM	Common Lectionary Bible Study (A214)
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
3:00 PM	Christian Meditation Group (Parlor)
5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
6:00 PM	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Community (BFH)

Monday, 12/2

9:00 AM	Cooking for AGM (Kitchen)
7:00 PM	BSA Troop 777 Meeting (BFH)
7:00 PM	Crossways Bible Study (A215)
7:00 PM	Trinity Ringers (Nave)

Tuesday, 12/3

9:00 AM	Jesus and Me
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)

Wednesday, 12/4

9:00 AM	Jesus and Me
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
12:30 PM	Eclectic Eccentrics Meeting (Parlor)
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 PM	Parish Life Weekly Meeting (OCR)
4:30 PM	Jr. Choir (Music Suite)
4:30 PM	Youth Coffee Talk at Starbucks
6:00 PM	Contemporary Band Rehearsal (MS)
7:00 PM	BSA Troop 777 Committee Meeting (WR)
7:00 PM	Healing Eucharist (Nave)
7:00 PM	Trinity Choir Practice (MS)
7:00 PM	Youth Coffee Talk Starbucks

Thursday, 12/5

11:00 AM	Purls and Prayers (OCR)
6:30 PM	EFM (Library)
7:00 PM	Rector's Bible Study (Millspaugh Room)

Friday, 12/6

6:00 AM	Men's SonRise Breakfast (WR)
8:00 AM	AGM Set-up (BFH)
9:00 AM	Art As a Spiritual Process (A212)
9:00 AM	Fun Fridays
1:00 PM	Rector's Bible Study (Wesley Room)
6:30 PM	Family Hayride and Caroling

Saturday, 12/7

9:00 AM	Shop and Drop
10:00 AM	6th Annual Angel Gift Market (BFH)

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](http://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

### STAY CONNECTED WITH TRINITY AND DIOCESE

Subscribe to our email lists at [www.trinitywoodlands.org](http://www.trinitywoodlands.org)

Become a fan on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch).

Follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/TrinityTWTexas](http://www.twitter.com/TrinityTWTexas), or

join in our discussion on LinkedIn at

[www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2004125](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2004125)

Dialog E-News [www.epicenter.org/comm](http://www.epicenter.org/comm)

### 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

11/24/2013	453	2012	482
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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  
Class will resume in January  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in the  
Children's/TEDS Building  
Grades 4-6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tedstw.org) and our e-mail address is [office@tedstw.org](mailto: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	Amy
Neil Cunningham	Cathy Wolfe	Steve
Carole Ingram	Arlita McNeil	Sara Bliss
William Steele	Elyse Giles	Carroll W.
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	Alan Whitfield	

### **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 DECEMBER 1, 2013**

**No Sunday School on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in Butler Fellowship Hall for the Angel Gift Market and to celebrate St. Nicholas Day!**

### **COMMIT TO THE ADVENT CONSPIRACY**

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS-BCP "THE CLEAN PAGES"**

Ever wanted to take a guided tour of the Book of Common Prayer? We use less than 2% of the BCP for a typical Sunday Service. There is a wealth of history, prayers and helpful aids located between the covers, if we only know where to look. Join us in the Office Conference Room at 10:15am on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> to find out what's hiding in "The Clean Pages".

### **8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STARTS NEW SERIES**

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 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. 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.

### **ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

The Food Pantry is very low on non-perishable food items. Please bring your donations and place on the stage in Butler Hall during Advent. The Boy Scouts will sort and deliver to Interfaith of The Woodlands.

### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Ladies Night Out for all ladies of Trinity and friends! Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ljohnson@trinitywoodlands.org) for childcare. Contact Jessica Earl to R.S.V.P. for the dinner at [earljesssa@gmail.com](mailto:earljesssa@gmail.com).

### **HAYRIDE AND CAROLING**

Join us on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM-2:00PM, and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> (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.

### **SAINT NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION**

Jolly Saint Nick will join us on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many of you then! Vickie Frnk

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>. You can bring them that weekend to the Angel Gift Market, or put them in the box marked North Dakota in Butler Fellowship Hall.

### **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. There will be Parents' Association representatives available during lunch and dinner times.

### **MANAGING FAMILY STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

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

### **TRINITY YOUTH COFFEE TALK GIFT CARDS**

We are in need of Starbucks and TCBY gift cards in any amount to support our Youth Bible Study that meets at Starbucks. Please turn these into Molly Carr in the church office. Thank you for your support of the Trinity Youth!

### **FOURTH SUNDAY FOR THE VETERANS**

Fourth Sunday For The Vets will not have a formal drop off on December 22. There are many worthy projects that need your help during the holidays. 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.

### **NO REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT VOLUNTEERS**

Our Annual No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant is coming up at our Christmas Eve 5pm Service. Children of all ages are invited to dress up and participate as we tell the Christmas Story. This is a no stress and no rehearsal pageant! We will have costumes available in the hallway by the music suite starting at 4:30PM. We are in need of volunteers to help dress the kids before the service. Please contact Liz Linger at [llinger@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org) if you can help out.

### **COUPLES RETREAT**

Father Gerry will be facilitating a marriage enrichment weekend for married couples at Camp Allen January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$150 per couple and includes hotel accommodations and meals. Please RSVP to Liz Linger at [llinger@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org) or in the office at 281.367.8113 as there is limited space.

## **CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY**

### **SERVICE TIMES**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org) if you can help out starting at 4:15PM on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

*\*Childcare is available for these services:*