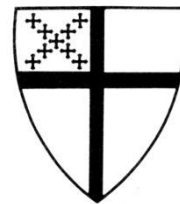




# Trinity Episcopal Church

## The Weekly Tidings



The Woodlands, Texas

December 15, 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..."

I have a dream that my four little children one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

### 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, 12/15

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)  
6:00 PM Baptism Reception (Parlor)  
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Community (BFH)

Monday, 12/16

9:30 AM Mom's Devotional (Library)  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
11:30 AM Prime Time Guys Lunch Meeting (BFH)  
7:00 PM BSA Troop Board of Review (A213)  
7:00 PM Crossways Bible Study (A215)  
7:00 PM Trinity Ringers (Nave)

Tuesday, 12/17

9:00 AM Jesus and Me (TKC)  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (OCR)  
1:30 PM Mtr. Genevieve's Bible Study (OCR)  
7:00 PM Trinity Tricksters (Millspaugh Room)  
7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (WR)

Wednesday, 12/18

9:00 AM Jesus and Me (TKC)  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
12:30 PM Eclectic Eccentrics Meeting (Parlor)  
1:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Millspaugh Room)  
2:00 PM Parish Life Weekly Meeting (OCR)  
4:30 PM Jr. Choir (MS)  
4:30 PM Youth Coffee Talk at Starbucks  
6:00 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal (MS)  
7:00 PM Healing Eucharist (Nave)  
7:00 PM Trinity Choir Practice (MS)  
7:00 PM Youth Coffee Talk Starbucks

Thursday, 12/19

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
11:00 AM Purls and Prayers (OCR)  
6:30 PM EFM (Library)  
7:00 PM Rector's Bible Study (Millspaugh Room)

Friday, 12/20

6:00 AM Men's SonRise Breakfast (WR)  
9:00 AM Art As a Spiritual Process (A212)  
9:00 AM Fun Fridays (TKC)  
9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (WR)  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
1:00 PM Rector's Bible Study (Wesley Room)  
7:30 PM Concert - Cantare Houston

Saturday, 12/21

9:00 AM Shop and Drop (TKC)  
7:00 PM The Longest Night Service\* (Nave)

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 information

## **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)

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

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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
12/1/2013	480	2012	472

## SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### The Anglican Vision

8:45 a.m. (adult) — A215  
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

### 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	Millspaugh 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	Carolyn
Mary Kyle	Christina	Steve O.
Lettica	Erika P.	Jason S.
Susan Rich	Michelle Lowinger	
Melinda McGovern		

### **FOR THE DEPARTED**

William Gibson

### **GUIDANCE**

Harriet & Rick G.	Don	Nick
Terri	Randy	Jenny V
Larry Martin	Alan Whitfield	Egerton
Robert		

### **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 15, 2013**

### **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 TODAY to find out what's hiding in "The Clean Pages".

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

The 8:45AM 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. Class meets every Sunday in the Wesley Room for prayer, fellowship, and study.

### **TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS: CANTARE**

Trinity Episcopal Fine Arts Series presents: CANTARE Houston, Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM. Home Again: Christmas With CANTARE Houston features CANTARE's trademark kaleidoscopic blend of styles in a seamless concert of music designed to bring you home for holidays. CANTARE Houston has set the standard for choral excellence in Houston and beyond. A diverse repertoire of varied styles has distinguished the ensemble as innovators and consummate professionals, presenting concerts of passion and artistic excellence, frequently collaborating with composers, soloists and artists of other artistic disciplines. CANTARE's first two CDs are released this season: "little tree" is a compilation of live recordings from the choir's popular Christmas concerts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Tickets are available at [cantarehouston.org](http://cantarehouston.org). Trinity members may purchase using the MFAH member selection.

### **HELP GREEN (DECORATE) THE CHURCH**

Everyone is invited to help green the church on December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 11am service. Light lunch is provided.

### **JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Junior Daughters of the King: Who are the Junior Daughters of the King? At Trinity, they will be girls, ages 7 thru 11, who want to grow in their relationship to Jesus through Bible study, prayer and service to their church and community. Mark your calendar. There will be an Introductory Meeting for interested young girls, ages 7 thru 11, and their parents on

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, following the 11 o'clock service. You are also welcome if you are already a JDOK member and wish to join Trinity's new chapter of

this group. For more information, contact Judy Isphording at 281.364.1559 or at [bridgenana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bridgenana@sbcglobal.net)

### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY-DAVE RAMSEY**

Financial Peace University classes will begin on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Trinity choir practice room. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Gary Underwood for more information at [underga07@comcast.net](mailto:underga07@comcast.net) or 713.454.9389.

### **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 R.S.V.P. to Liz Linger at [llinger@trinitywoodlands.org](mailto:llinger@trinitywoodlands.org) or in the office at 281.367.8113 as there is limited space.

### **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 Frnka

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

Fourth Sunday For The Vets will not have a formal drop off on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY**

#### **THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

The Longest Night Service is a Eucharistic service held on the evening of the winter solstice, literally the longest night. Everyone is invited, but this service is offered particularly for those who are grieving a loss, whoever or whatever that loss might be. Please join us at our Longest Night Service on Saturday, December 21 at 7:00PM in the Nave. Childcare is provided.

#### **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

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

It is 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:*