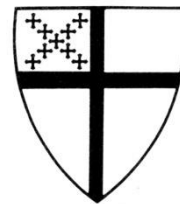




# Trinity Episcopal Church

## The Weekly Tidings



The Woodlands, Texas

Christmas 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..."

Since we fulfill none of God's commands, why do we complain about God, who has more reason to complain about all of us? What is our reason for saying in sorrow that God does not heed us, when we ourselves do not heed Him? What is our reason for muttering that God does not look down towards earth, when we ourselves do not look up towards Heaven?

Salvianus, *The Governance of God*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Trinity's campus is alive at night and on weekdays. Twice as many people come here during the week as worship here on Sundays. Each week 17 different recovery groups gather @ Trinity - the largest being 175 on First Fridays. This summer, 117 youth attended our Vacation Bible School, many who were coming to Trinity for the first time! Our campus supports over 70 ministries and is full of people each day, any hour. Come check it out.

### 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

TKC-Trinity Kids Corner \*childcare provided MR-Millsbaugh 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

Sunday, 12/22

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, 12/23

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

Tuesday, 12/24

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)  
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service: Nave  
8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service\*(Nave)  
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service (Incense)\*(Nave)

Wednesday, 12/25

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

Thursday, 12/26

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)

Friday, 12/27

6:00 AM Men's SonRise Breakfast (Wesley Room)  
9:00 AM Art As a Spiritual Process (A212)  
9:00 AM Kids Day Out (TKC)  
10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Parlor)

### 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

## CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

### SERVICE TIMES

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

- \*5:00PM**-No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant,  
Rite II Eucharist (no incense)  
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following the service-can leave toys in the Narthex

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*\*Childcare is available for these services:*

## 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

12/15/2013	488	2012	470
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## 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.

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(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

### **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

Kelsey

Joyce Lowry

Connie Lippard

Kimberly

Gordon Pixler

George Norris

Neil Cunningham

Carole Ingram

William Steele

Dick and Dodie

Mary Kyle

Lettica

Susan Rich

Melinda McGovern

Barbara Donovan

Kay Daigle

Yancey Holmes

Ron Anderson

Anna Pirir

Violet West

Alan Jones

Celine Delmas

Cathy Wolfe

Arlita McNeil

Elyse Giles

Mary MacMoritz

Christina

Erika P.

Michelle Lowinger

Dave Sievers

Amanda Eads

Bob Nawojski

Lindsey Scruggs

Ginger

John/Pat Horner

Amy

Steve

Sara Bliss

Carroll W.

Carolyn

Steve O.

Jason S.

Paul Cloud

Betty Moritz

### **GUIDANCE**

Harriet & Rick G.

Terri

Larry Martin

Robert

Don

Randy

Alan Whitfield

Nick

Jenny V

Egerton

### **FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIANS SERVING**

Lance

Misty

Gilbert

Marlo Baguyos

Amanda Brooks

Quincy Simpson

Tom Babbitt

Ryan Workman

Jim Watson

Jacob Fernandez

Brandon Schambach

William Shumate Jr

Michael Daigle

Lee Cain

Stephen Jones

Zeb Perciful

Cameron Brooks

John Collins

Christian Imle

Michael Corbin

Nicholas Babbitt

Lynn Irwin

Matthew Wagner

Andrew Thornbury

David Flaherty

Travis Bassett

Brandon McCord

Brandon Cox

Jason Green

Vincent Geiger

Jessica Watson

### **FOR THE DEPARTED**

## **A HEALTHY TIP FROM THE TRINITY WELLNESS COMMITTEE:**

Get a good pair of sneakers!! - - Is your energy lagging? Though it may be the last thing you feel like doing when you're tired, exercise - even a brisk walk - can be more effective than a nap or cup of coffee at fighting fatigue.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 22, 2013**

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

Everyone is invited to help green the church TODAY after the 11:00AM service. A light lunch is provided.

### **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>.

### **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.

### **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**

The camels are coming!! Join us in the courtyard here at Trinity to see the Wise Men and Camels coming to celebrate Epiphany! Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-10:55AM.

### **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.

### **NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN**

New Bible Study to begin- *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Matthew* by John Yieh (book available on Amazon or Church Publishing). January 14 at 7:00PM in the church library  
Led by The Reverend Susan Gerding  
[susangerding@comcast.net](mailto:susangerding@comcast.net)  
936-203-1903

### **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)

### **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

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