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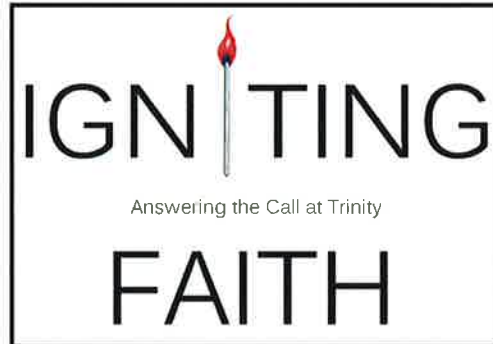
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Yesterday Molly Carnes of Right Hand Resources was with us at our worship services and then joined us for a luncheon hosted by the Men of Trinity. The luncheon offered the opportunity for parishioners to ask questions about the “Igniting Faith” initiative that we have begun in the parish. This initiative authorized by the Vestry is to identify and then articulate the core values, mission and vision of Trinity Episcopal Church. The work began with a meeting of the Vestry, Endowment Board and other parishioners who expressed an interest in this process of discernment. This session described the process that would unfold over the coming months.

In the question and answer session that followed Sunday’s worship two important questions arose. The first question was, “Who is invited to be a part of this discernment process?” More fundamentally, there were questions as to why the church was engaged in this process. Let me address the latter question first. The Vestry has been discussing the “state” of the church during the past few months. The Vestry felt that Trinity had lost momentum in a number of areas. Through our discussions it was felt that the church lacked a concrete vision for the future. In part, that lack of vision comes from an inability to clearly articulate what the core values and mission of Trinity Church are presently. The task of identifying our core values, mission and vision is not

only important to our future but it is also required by the diocese in preparation for our annual visit by our bishops.

Possibly most important is that a clear articulation of our core values, mission and vision is important for attracting new people to our church. In past years, when church membership was an expectation, articulation of a church’s distinctiveness was less important.



Now, in an age when a person often “shops” for a church on a website before they ever set foot in the church building, it is important to be able to articulate our core values, mission and vision on our website. What makes us different from other churches a person might choose to join? What is our purpose for being?

Now to the former question of who is allowed to be a part of this process? The simple answer is *everyone*. The initial gathering was comprised of the Vestry, Endowment Board and other individuals invited by members of those governing bodies as well as general invitations given by

me on Sunday mornings. From a logistics standpoint it is difficult to involve every person in the process. However, we would love to have everyone’s input. More input leads to a better consensus as to what are Trinity’s core values; core values that will then inform our mission and vision. If you have a burning passion to participate in this work we want you there. The next meeting will be an event to ascertain Trinity’s core values and will be held Saturday morning, August 20th. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can participate by sharing your ideas with someone who will be attending the meeting.

I believe I can speak for the entire Vestry when I say that we want as much enthusiastic participation as we can get in this process. We want to clearly articulate the core values that shape our life together. Please pray for this effort. At our first meeting the participants wrote the following prayer which I would encourage you to pray for our church on a daily basis.

Come Holy Spirit; quiet us and speak to us.

Open our hearts and minds to hear your will for Trinity.

Temper our egos and instill patience and a selfless desire

to know and follow you faithfully.

Strengthen us Lord, so all we do will glorify your name. AMEN.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

VESTRY

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
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		Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

THANK YOU!

Dear Trinity Church family,

Heather and I would like to sincerely thank all of you who so generously supported our trip to England with your financial gifts. This was so unexpected and we are beyond humbled by your love, kindness, and generosity! We don't have enough words of gratitude, so "thank you" from the bottom of our hearts will have to suffice. You are an amazing church family and it is a tremendous blessing for us to be able to serve on the staff of Trinity Church and to call you all friends. We will have many pictures and stories to share once we return, and the memories made on this trip will last our whole lives, and you have a big part in that.

With love and thanks,
Bill and Heather Bane

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 21st
During 10:30 AM Service



TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS

Back to School
Cookout

AUGUST 16
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Hosted by the Men of Trinity

Youth Mission Trip 2016



The Mission trip to St. Louis was an amazing experience for the youth. They worked hard and played hard. Our assignment was to help Ms. Shirley, who had been homebound due to an illness, with up-keep on her home. We cut down trees, trimmed over-grown hedges, mowed and raked and had her yard looking great by the end of the week. We also painted a room in her house, cleaned out and painted her basement and added a much needed hand rail. We cleaned and organized her garage, under sinks and in closets. The youth were amazing and hardworking and by the end of the week we had grown attached to Ms. Shirley and left with hugs and tears. God truly blessed not only Ms. Shirley but all of us who were able to be the hands and feet of Christ.



Disciple Summer Missions consisted of 12 churches from 9 states. There were 211 youth with different assignments through the city of St. Louis. We started our day with prayer and breakfast at Washington University as a whole group then loaded up our lunch and supplies and went to our different assignments. After a hard day's work returned to our dorm, quickly showered and met at different churches in the city who would host our dinner and worship service. Each evening after worship the DSM would graciously have fun activities for all of us. One of the favorite activities planned was a visit to City Museum, which wasn't a museum at all. It was five stories of tunnels, caves and an amazing twenty-year collection of things that the city was going to discard but one man had a vision to use it as a means of preserving history. It could have easily been considered the best entertainment if it weren't for watching the St. Louis Cardinals play the Kansas City Royals. This is what our group did on our free night and it was the first professional baseball game for many of the youth.



Our amazing experience is photo-logged on Facebook so please check it out. Many thanks to Trinity members who supported us with money, snacks, and prayers. I know this has left a lasting impression on all of us. What a blessing it is to have a church who is so interested in giving to our youth.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Rae Dickson

Refuge International

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Refuge International, based in Gilmer, Texas has been chosen to be the mission of the month for August. Refuge International is a compassionate 501(c)3 volunteer organization dedicated to the goal of improving the lives of families and individuals through the collaborative development of sustainable programs in areas where healthcare, adequate nutrition, clean water and education are lacking or non-existent. Refuge International also provides opportunities for mentoring of students who wish to become involved in humanitarian efforts.

For more information about Refuge International, please visit their website at: www.refugeinternational.com

Youth Events

Games and Coffee

Friday, August 12th

6:30 PM—?

@ The Bridge 281 Coffee Shop

Basketball and Pizza

Sunday, August 28th

5:30—7:00 PM @ TST Gym

July Vestry Meeting



The July Vestry meeting opened with prayer for the needs of persons on the hearts of Vestry members. This was followed by a opening conversation about the Vestry members experience of the Safeguarding God's People workshop held on Saturday, July 16th. Only half of the Vestry members were able to attend due to either vacations or administrative difficulties encountered during the registration process. All Vestry members and other church leadership positions are required to take the diocesan program. There will be another opportunity in September.

Before the meeting was officially called to order Fr. Kevin discussed with the Vestry the process by which he would be conducting the Vestry meetings. Agenda items are prepared by Fr. Kevin and the Sr. Warden, John Hall. At the

beginning of the meeting Vestry members are asked whether there are any additions to the agenda that they would like to add. If there are additional items to be added they must receive the approval of the Vestry to be added. After the agenda is complete the agenda is approved before proceeding.

After June's Vestry minutes were approved Andrew Snell presented the financials. While there was a deficit once again this month pledge giving almost hit targeted amounts and giving is in line with the seasonal norm. Fr. Kevin reminded the Vestry that 2nd quarter giving statements had been sent to parishioners and hopefully that would increase giving in July and help erase part of our seasonal deficit.

Fr. Kevin reported that the consultant who led our recent Leadership Retreat, Molly Carnes, will be preaching on July 24th at both services. She will be informing the congregation about the work the church is doing in articulating

Trinity's core values and creating both a mission statement and vision statement for the parish. Ms. Carnes will also be conducting a question and answer session at a luncheon immediately following the 10:30 service.

The last item of business the Vestry addressed was the creation of a task force to develop a vision for the use of the Conference Center. After discussion it was the consensus that we should postpone that work until we have completed the work with our consultant in developing a vision for the parish. There was further discussion as to whether the Endowment Board should be directed by the Vestry to maintain both the building and the land at the Conference Center or primarily the land alone. No determination was made but the Vestry will be gathering input from parishioners over the next two months and Fr. Kevin will bring up the subject at the next Endowment Board meeting for their input as well.




Happy Birthday

8/3	Carla Mann	8/14	Jessica Wilkinson
8/3	Joe Mraz	8/14	Sidney (Pliier) Aaron
8/4	Bryan McBride	8/15	Krystle Spates
8/6	Todd Holman	8/16	Charles Davis
8/7	Julie Fowler	8/17	Louise Johnson
8/7	David Wilcox	8/18	Micah Collins
8/9	Joseph Hendrix	8/19	Bill Gignilliat
8/9	Marie Pliier	8/20	Betty Hancock
8/9	Charlotte Wilks	8/20	Keith Clark
8/9	Linda Leath	8/22	John Griffin
8/9	Camp Stevens	8/22	Judy Walters
8/9	Kristin Hoover	8/23	Barbara Wood
8/12	Carson Barbe	8/24	George Pliier
8/13	Tom Gignilliat	8/26	Peggy Rochford
8/14	Marilyn Wilson	8/31	Matthew Maly
8/14	Kevin Wittmayer	8/31	John Sheffield

Happy Anniversary

08/04	Jennifer and Jimmy Calk
8/10	Janet and Stephen Beck
08/11	Marilyn and Mike Lewis
08/13	Pamela and Kevin Wittmayer
08/20	Linda and Charles Thomas
08/21	Micki and Robert Maly
08/26	Pamela and Charles Davis
08/28	Karen and John Hall
08/28	Nancy and Gene McWhorter





Trinity Service Calendar

Month of August – Lectionary Year C

Date	August 7 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	August 14 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 21 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 28 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Altar Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
Verger	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
Coffee Hour				
Flower Delivery	D. Fricks M. Harkrider	L. Leath D. Skeans	C. Prior C. Wilks	M. Arnold J. Walters
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	G. Rushing G. McWhorter	G. Hoover J. Welge	J. Hall G. McWhorter	B. Charles J. Welge
L. E. M.	G. Rushing G. McWhorter	G. Hoover J. Welge	J. Hall G. McWhorter	B. Charles J. Welge
Late Service				
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
Acolytes	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	C. Prior J. Sloan	A. Robertson S. York	Z. Brown H. Barth	S. York G. Rushing
L. E. M.	H. Barth J. Sloan	N. Collins S. York	J. Fowler H. Barth	S. York G. Rushing
L. E. V.		M. Arnold J. Hall K. Hall		B. Charles C. Grotemat

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	4	5	6
7 Regular Sunday Schedule Young Adult party at the Priors.— 3:00 PM	8 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	9 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	10 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	11	12 6:30 PM — Youth Games and Coffee	13
14 Regular Sunday Schedule	15	16 6:00 PM Vestry 6:00 PM — TST Back to School Night	17 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	18	19	20 8:00 AM—1:00 PM Trinity Core Values Meeting with Molly Carnes 
21 Regular Sunday Schedule BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 	22 6:00 PM Endowment Board Meeting	23	24 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	25	26	27
28 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30PM — Youth Basketball and Pizza At TST	29	30	31 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist			
<p>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						

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August Special Events

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| 7th | Young Adult Group meeting @ the Prior's , 3:00 PM |
| 8th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 9th | Senior Adult Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 12th | Youth Games and Coffee at the Bridge 281 Coffee Shop—6:30 PM |
| 16th | TST Back to School Cookout, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Trinity School |
| 20th | Core Values Meeting with Molly Carnes, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 21st | Blessing of the Backpacks, 10:30 AM Service |
| 28th | Youth Basketball, 5:30, TST Gym |

September Special Events

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| 4th | Young Adult Group, 5:30 PM, Coffee Cafe |
| 5th | CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY |
| 12th | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall |
| 13th | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| 24th | Mission Statement Meeting with Molly Carnes |