



# THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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## WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT "THE GOOD OLE DAYS"

Cherry Sikes, Senior Warden

There is a natural flow of change that begins with the departure of the current Rector and ends with the arrival and onboarding of the new Rector. "Onboarding" is a term used by human resources folks to mean "orientation" – another HR term for meeting and greeting the "newly hired" and assisting them in becoming familiar with the duties and new surroundings of his or her new position.

Recalling my first opportunity to be a manager, I learned quickly, that the "new guy" just hired, upon arrival, may be a big relief – new ideas, new energy, new talents, new personality, maybe even a new hairstyle – all those attributes that the former incumbent did not have or was perceived to lack! Then, reality sets in and we begin to learn more about this individual we have so carefully selected. Is this person the right choice? Herein lies the danger of second guessing decisions made in the change!

No person living today is perfect – we learned that in Sunday Church School! And here at Trinity, as we move through the phases of transition that our Diocese has so carefully laid out before us, we must do our best to avoid the pitfalls:

- Being unrealistic about our present situation and needs
- Creating a parish profile based upon "we wish we were where we were" – or believe we were - ten or fifteen or even twenty years ago
- Selecting a new Rector, who more than anything, is as different from the past Rector as possible, placing undue emphasis on skills or personality traits not offered by the former Rector
- Expecting the new Rector to be the solution for all our congregational problems without recognizing that needed changes will come without being open to those – whatever they are!

The message here is that "the good ole days", whether perceived as good or not so good, are gone and as an early mentor of mine used as a toast, "don't look back"! Do your part to participate when asked. Be honest, be open, be hopeful, be supportive, be patient. And, please continue to pray!

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### CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR YOUTH BEGINNING AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>!

*Who will help me know what it means to be an Episcopalian?*

Young people, age 10 or older and entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to participate in an exciting adventure in to what it means to be and Episcopalian! Beginning, Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, this series of classes will be interactive with videos, workbooks, and tours of the Sanctuary led by Elaine Campbell and Gary Whitwell. The classes will be scheduled from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday through September 13<sup>th</sup> with Confirmation by The Bishop of Texas, Andrew Doyle. Bishop Doyle will not be returning to Trinity until 2022! This is essential education and considered highly recommended for confirmation in the Episcopal Church. Many will be recruited later as Acolytes and Servers!

At this time, we have 22 young people in this age range eligible to participate! The breakout discussion sessions will be divided by age group – Middle School and High School. An email invitation has been sent to parents. Advanced registration is encouraged so that materials may be prepared.

PLEASE PRAY ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD AND REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Call Elaine Campbell (903) 452-7794, if you have questions.



# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

## STAFF

TBA	Interim Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Rae Dickson	Director of Student Ministries
Jacqui Baker	Director of Children's Ministries
Tim Baker	Parish Administrator
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

## VESTRY

<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Christy Collins	Spencer Alford	Brenda Alexander
Karen Frith	Kathy Gray	Linda Leath
Robert Maly	Christine Prior	Cherry Sikes
Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing	Jack Welge
	Senior Warden, Cherry Sikes	
	Junior Warden, Robert Maly	
	Treasurer, Andrew Snell	
	Clerk of the Vestry, Tricha Wilcox	

**Refuge International**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

**August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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](http://www.refugeinternational.com)

**Carla Mann - 8/3**

**Alyce Monsour - 8/3**

**Joe Mraz - 8/3**

**Todd Holman - 8/6**

**Julie Fowler - 8/7**

**Camp Stevens - 8/7**

**David Wilcox - 8/7**

**Joseph Hendrix - 8/9**

**Linda Leath - 8/9**

**Marie Pliler - 8/9**

**Charlotte Wilks - 8/9**

**Carson Barbe - 8/12**

**Tom Gignilliat - 8/13**

**Sidney (Pliler) Aaron - 8/14**

**Jessica Wilkinson - 8-14**

**Marilyn Wilson - 8/14**

**Louise Johnson - 8/17**

**Micah Collins - 8/18**

**Bill Gignilliat - 8/19**

**Keith Clark - 8/20**

**John Griffin - 8/22**

**Judy Walters - 8/22**

**Barbara Wood - 8/23**

**George Pliler - 8/24**

**Peggy Rochford - 8/26**

**John Sheffield - 8/31**

**Mike and Marilyn Lewis - 8/11**

**Charles and Linda Thomas - 8/20**

**David and Susan Brown - 8/21**

**Robert and Micki Maly - 8/21**

**Robert and Kim Montgomery - 8/22**

**John and Karen Hall - 8/28**

**Gene and Nancy McWhorter - 8/28**



## FALL-IN MINISTRY, SERVICE AND EDUCATION TIME!

Trinity Church offers many exciting and fulfilling opportunities for education, ministry and mission and service! And, fall is the traditional time for all of us to "re-up" and return to the Church we love! But, do you know every opportunity

afforded here? Do you know classes we have for Christian Formation of adults and children? Are you familiar with our parish "house" or where the Senior High meets? How long has it been since you visited our Library or Wright Hall? Have you ever considered singing in the Choir but don't know if you will enjoy it as much as you think you would and you are no quitter? What about teaching Sunday Church School – are you afraid to make that weekly commitment and investment in preparation time? The "maybes" and "why nots" are many!

We have a solution! Visit the FALL-IN FAIR on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and sign up for a NO STRINGS ATTACHED experience in ANY mission, class or service that interests you! Each ministry will invite you to attend or participate for as little as one visit or up to three months with NO OBLIGATION to continue! What better way to make a decision than to experience first-hand what is offered. Watch the September Trumpet for more information! Prepare to participate and be amazed!

# Trinity Service Calendar

## Month of August – Lectionary Year A

Date	August 6 The 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	August 13 The 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	August 20 The 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	August 27 The 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Gospel	Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1:13-21 Luke 9:28-36	Gen. 37:1-4,12-28 Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b Romans 10:5-15 Matt. 14:22-33	Gen. 45:1-15 Ps. 133 Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 Matt. 15:9:10-20),21-28	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matt. 16:13-20
Altar Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team
Verger	M. Wilks	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins
Coffee Hour	S. French	B. Todd	M. Maly	J. Thomas
Flower Delivery	J. Barth B. Crittenden	D. Fricks C. Wilks	L. Leath D. Skeans	C. Wilks C. Prior
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler	E. Campbell M. Piiler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	N. Collins	T. Gignilliat	B. Charles	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	  G. Rushing N. Collins	  J. Hall G. McWhorter	  J. Hall B. Charles	  J. Welge G. Rushing
L. E. M.	  G. Rushing N. Collins	  J. Hall G. McWhorter	  J. Hall B. Charles	  J. Welge G. Rushing
Late Service				
Ushers	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Jones Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	  Z. Brown H. Barth	  L. Sticher S. York	  J. Sawyer D. Conrad	  H. Barth V. Boaz
L. E. M.	  J. Fowler H. Barth V. Boaz	  A. Robertson S. York J. Sloan	  J. Sawyer D. Conrad J. Fowler	  H. Barth V. Boaz A. Robertson
L. E. V.	  J. Mraz N. Collins		  L. Leath C. Collins	

## TRINITY VETERANS OUTREACH MEETINGS

JUNE 2017

The June meeting was very special. We had a great turn out for our cleaning of the Vietnam Wall in Teague Park, in preparation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. KLTN Channel 7 news came and interviewed several of our veterans and spouses to explain just why they would take time to clean the Vietnam Wall. One explanation was not to honor the Vietnam War but to honor the warriors names on the wall, all 58,307 of them who did not get to come home. We must not let their memories fade; they deserve to live on in eternity. Another reason was there are high school classmates and a relative on the wall. It is such an honor to remember them all. Patti and Dee Shappel made a sizeable donation to the Veterans Recognition Program (these folks are the reason these memorials even exist in Longview) to help finance and promote the park. If you have not visited Teague Park recently, we encourage doing so as soon as possible.

JULY 2017

Trinity Veterans Outreach programs are really interesting. The July meeting was open to the public as well as veterans. We had another good turn out to enjoy the company and stories of two WWII pilots, Colonel Gid Terry and Lieutenant Bill English, both veterans, now in their nineties, both living in Longview. Bill English shared how he flew fifteen P51 Mustang fighter plane missions in fifteen months, between Iwo Jima and Japan, his mission was escorting (defending) B17 bombers. His last mission was the day before Hiroshima was bombed. He related how much flight technology advanced so that planes of the near future were beyond imagination. That's when Gid Terry shared the history of the SR-71 Blackbird, the plane that replaced the U2 spy plane. It could fly three times the speed of sound (Mach 3), had to be refueled every 60 minutes by aerial tankers and flew at 85,000 feet (about 16 miles high). The skin temperature outside the cockpit was 600 degrees Fahrenheit while the skin above the engines was 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit. Reconnaissance was the only mission of this aircraft as it had zero weapons on board; it photographed landscapes for intelligence. This aircraft was replaced by satellites. We truly had two national treasures sitting among us, telling stories that made it all come alive. We were blessed again and again.

**Remember - Freedom is not free and never has been.  
God Bless America and keep her strong.**

Gayland Rushing  
Trinity Veteran's Outreach Coordinator



The July Vestry meeting included reports and discussion regarding the following:

- \$20,000 draw from Endowment Fund; cash position remains virtually unchanged.  
Harry Barth joined the Finance Committee;
- Myra Smith has been recommended for membership on the Endowment Board to replace Stan Hayes.
- Vote to enhance the collection counting and to provide chain of custody. The collection will be placed in locked deposit bags before being placed in the Sacristy vault safe and counting will include a member of the Vestry to assist the Parish Administrator or in his absence, the Music Ministries Director or the Interim Rector.
- The 2017 Stewardship Drive will focus on developing Stewards. "God's Bountiful Grace, Growing Stewards" will be the theme of the drive that will kick off October 1.
- Other items discussed: supply clergy, Orthodox Christians meeting once monthly in Coffee Café (approved), the Fall In Ministry and Education Fair and the CAT (Congregational Assessment) survey distribution.
- Meg Freeman has been appointed to the TST Board of Trustees
- The Senior Warden is working with parish staff to cut unnecessary expenditures in office supplies namely, paper and reproduction expense by redesigning the Sunday bulletins, elimination of duplicate name tags, etc.

## CONFIRMATION AND DISCOVERY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

The Episcopal Church is a fascinating "organism!" No matter how long you have attended the Episcopal Church, there is always something more to learn about our history, worship, intelligence and mission. Becoming an Episcopalian is an awesome experience and a commitment!

While Baptism is the chief rite of initiation into Christian faith and the church, and since the Episcopal Church is now administering Communion to all baptized persons, the stringent requirement for Confirmation is not what it once was. But who would want to miss the indescribable feeling of the laying on of hands by the Bishop or being introduced to the beauty of the liturgy and history of our church?

An Adult Confirmation class – including lectures, an introduction to the Book of Common Prayers, docent tours of the sanctuary, the history of the Church international and more is being organized. Our plan is for these six classes to be led by "team teachers" who we are currently "recruiting". If you have not been confirmed (or baptized) but believe you might want to be, or if you simply desire a "review" of what it means to be an Episcopalian, please call Cherry Sikes, (903) 746-7677. The 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Texas will visit Trinity on September 17<sup>th</sup> to baptize and confirm.

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## AUGUST 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 2nd  | Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM, Tower Room   |
| 7th  | Daughters of the King, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall  |
| 8th  | Senior Men's Dinner, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall  |
| 9th  | Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM, Tower Room   |
| 15th | Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall<br>TST Back to School Fair and Cookout, 4:00 PM, Trinity School of Texas                                |
| 16th | Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM, Tower Room   |
| 18th | Orthodox Christian Fellowship Inquirer's Class, 6:00 PM, Coffee Café<br>Orthodox Christian Fellowship Vesper's Service, 7:00 PM, Coffee Café |
| 19th | Orthodox Christian Fellowship Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM, Coffee Café   |
| 20th | Blessing of the Backpacks, 10:30 AM Service  |
| 23rd | Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM, Tower Room   |
| 30th | Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM, Tower Room   |

