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STEWARDSHIP: MORE THAN MONEY...A WAY OF LIFE

As we enter into the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we leave behind the thoughts of our Annual Stewardship Campaign. We are still in need of additional pledges in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Compared to past stewardship campaigns, we are right on track for another successful campaign. As in years past, your faithfulness will help us reach our goal. Thank you for your financial commitment to the ministry and mission of this church. Thank you to the wonderful team of volunteers who offered their time and talents to making this a successful campaign.

Before I leave this topic of stewardship, however, I want to share with you some thoughts about the stewardship of resources *other* than just money. God has not only blessed each of us with financial resources, he has also given us the gifts of time and talent. There is no way for a church to be effective in ministry without the gift of people's time and talents. To be the kind of church God has called us to be takes the active involvement of all its members. Church is not just a place to which we go, rather, it is who we are. The Church is the people, not the building.

The type of involvement I'm suggesting is an involvement that goes beyond our worship on Sunday morning. It is involvement that supports the ongoing work of ministry and mission of Trinity Episcopal Church. It is participation in ministries like Martha's Kitchen, Meals on Wheels, Vestry, Endowment Board, Choir, Altar Guild and many more ministry



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opportunities.

With the personnel transition occurring in the main office we are also in need of additional volunteers to answer phones and do light clerical duties. Our membership data base could greatly benefit from a volunteer who would ensure that we had up to date information.

The Nomination Committee is

seeking qualified candidates for next year's Vestry and members for the Trinity School of Texas Board of Trustees. Our new Director of Children's Ministry will be looking for volunteers to help with our weekly Sunday School and Children's Chapel ministries. While he or she will anchor this important ministry, the diocesan Safeguarding God's Children program mandates that all children's ministries be conducted within the presence of two adults. Last year we had close to one hundred children in attendance at our Vacation Bible School; there is obviously a continued need for extra people during VBS.

Ministry is the work of the entire church. It takes all three gifts; time, talent and treasure to do the important work of ministry. I encourage you this month to consider what your commitment of time and talent will be in the coming year. Where is God calling you to join with others in building up of the Body of Christ at Trinity? It is my experience that the greatest satisfaction in life comes to us when we serve others. What better place to do that than in the church that you love.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
Leno Mancilla	Sexton
George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>
David Balliett	Harry Barth	Christy Collins
Scott Jones	John Hall	Karen Frith
Elise McClure	Kim Howard	Robert Maly
Ted Skeans	Ava Welge	Bryan Wilks
Senior Warden, John Hall		
Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Treasurer, Sammy York		
Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Mission of the Month for December is Martha's Kitchen. Started in 1996 as an outreach ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Martha's Kitchen now operates out of the facilities of Newgate Mission, and provides hot meals at noon on weekends for about 250 hungry families and individuals. The success of Martha's Kitchen depends on collective volunteer and financial efforts from churches and organizations throughout the community, of which Trinity Church has two teams that volunteer. In this season of plenty for most of us, we hope that you will contribute generously to the ministry and mission of Martha's Kitchen.

TRINITY SCHOOL OF TEXAS



La Posada Service
December 10
6:00 PM

Pine Tree
 High School Choir
 and Brass Ensemble
 Presents
JOHN RUTTER'S
Gloria

December 8th • 7:00 PM
 Admission is Free of Charge



Service of Compline

Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir in the beautiful, acoustic and darkened nave.

Afterward, please stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Guild Hall.

Sunday, December 13th
 8:30 PM



Eucharistic Service of Praise

With contemporary worship music

Fr. Kevin Wittmayer, *Celebrant*

Wednesday, December 2nd
 Dinner at 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM • Worship at 6:00 PM

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 909 Reel Road • Longview

Children's Christmas Pageant



We would love to have your children participate in the annual Christmas Eve Children's pageant at the Family Christmas Eve worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday December 24th. We are so blessed each year with the participation of infants through middle school in our pageant. We will be practicing after the 10:30 AM worship service on December 20th. Please contact Tisha Grotemat at 903-617-7899 or bbane@trinityparish.org if you know that your child will be participating this year. Thank you so much for your participation.

Jesus In Hollywood

Did you know that God is present in some fashion in every movie? Well, he is! Come and join us on the 2nd Wednesday of this month at 6:00 PM. We meet to discuss the theology of popular movies, current and past. You watch the movie then meet up for good food and lively conversation.



The movie for December 9th is *Simon Birch*.

Come and be part of this unique and enjoyable time of fellowship.

Location: Bootlegger Grill • 1217 McCann Road
Group will meet in the back room.



EMPTY COFFEE CANS
NEEDED
For Flower Delivery.

If you have any empty coffee cans, either metal or plastic, please bring them to the church office so that we can use them to deliver flower arrangements after Sunday services.

NOVEMBER VESTRY REPORT

After opening with prayer and approval of the minutes the Vestry was given an update on our parochial school, Trinity School of Texas. Julie Bernard, Director of Development, thanked the Vestry for the church's continued support of the school. She reported that there are currently 299 students enrolled at TST. There has been a significant increase in enrollment from the previous year. Much of the growth can be attributed to the new indexed tuition offered this year. Approximately twenty percent of the students receive some form of financial assistance. This new program has allowed Trinity to enroll more diverse, yet mission appropriate students to TST.

Our treasurer Sammy York reported that giving was extremely good in the month of October. The giving helped to erase a substantial portion of our year to date deficit. Pledge giving continues to be under budget at this point. Junior Warden, Robert Maly, reported that there are a number of pews that are in need of repair. The recent rains have also created a small leak near the columbarium room which is being investigated. The same rains have delayed

a planned restriping of parking spots in the back parking lot. Other items discussed under Robert's report were the removal of a hackberry tree and drain repairs.

John Hall, Senior Warden reported that he continues his efforts toward establishing a protocol for hospital and nursing home visitations by laypersons in the church. John will be looking for interested parishioners to be a part of this important and meaningful ministry. John concluded by reporting the volunteer security detail on Sunday mornings will be disbanded now that the church has contracted for security services by off-duty policeman. Harry Barth asked about the posting of signs in lieu of changes in Texas law regarding "open carry." Fr. Kevin informed the Vestry that at a recent Clergy Conference, Bishop Doyle indicated that according to diocesan policy hand guns will not be permitted on church property. This policy does not preclude a church from having off-duty policeman on the church campus.

Fr. Kevin gave the Vestry an update on the Stewardship Campaign and the process of preparing the 2016 Budget. A request from Bill Bane for funding of the Trinity Concert Series, to be funded by the

Endowment Board, was also presented to the Vestry and approved.

Lastly, Fr. Kevin announced Tisha Grotemat's intention to resign her duties as Director of Children's ministry and Office Receptionist. Tisha will continue her duties as Director of Children's ministry through the end of the year and complete her office responsibilities at the end of the month.

Two final items were presented under the category of Old Business. The first was the election of 2016 Council Delegates. The suggestion was that at least one of the delegates be appointed by the Vestry to allow consistency in representation from year to year, the other delegates being elected at the Parish Annual Meeting. The change would not apply to this year as any election change would have to be approved by an Annual Meeting of the parish.

The last item of business was a second review of a proposed Gift Acceptance Policy to be adopted by the Vestry. After discussion Fr. Kevin invited selected Vestry members to confer with the drafters of the policy for small revisions to the draft. It is hoped that a final draft could be voted on at the Vestry's December meeting.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Hanging of the Greens - 12:00 PM (Following 10:30 AM Service)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Christmas Eve Family Service and Pageant - 6:00 PM

Pre-service Music and Carol Singing - 5:30 PM

Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 PM

Pre-service Music and Carol Singing - 10:30 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day "Said" Service - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Rite I Service of Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Service of Lessons and Carols - 10:30 AM



HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Please place flowers in the church at Christmas

In memory of

In honor of

In thanksgiving for

Other: _____

(Circle one or more)

Name of person (s) flowers are given for

Given by: (Your name)

I will contribute the following amount to the flower fund: _____

You may request flowers by completing this form and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. We can also take flower requests at the church office in person or by email at trinity@trinityparish.org. The suggested donation is \$25 but no gift is too small or too large. The deadline for submission is **Thursday, December 17th**. Your gift will glorify God and add to the beauty of our Christmas worship.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/01	Jean Hill	12/12	Ella Stevens	12/23	Delfina Whitwell
12/01	Donna Irwin	12/14	Doradel Wylie	12/27	Nika Sloan
12/01	Dana Walters	12/15	Ava Welge	12/27	Bobbie Michaels
12/02	Robert Maly	12/18	Dorothy Skeans	12/28	Tovah Robertson
12/05	Joe Weatherford	12/19	Ethel Branch	12/28	Lori Weatherford
12/06	Sam Clark	12/21	Art Machin	12/30	Cherry Sikes
12/09	Debra McLemore	12/22	Lisa McPhee		
12/11	Sue Clark	12/23	Dot Fricks		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/16	John & Keely Barbe	12/22	Spencer & Claire Alford
12/16	Drew & Jennifer Jackson	12/23	Jack & Ava Welge
12/17	Charles & Dot Fricks	12/23	Vernon & Anne Moore
12/19	Tom & Kirsten Phillips	12/24	Jerry & Risa Harris
12/19	Keith & Sue Clark	12/26	Tommy & Loretta Lloyd
12/20	Edwin & Aurora Buckner	12/29	Steve & Lisa Baker
12/22	Dana & Judy Walters		



Trinity Service Calendar

Month of December – Lectionary Year C

Date	December 6 The Second Sunday of Advent	December 13 The third Sunday of Advent	December 20 The fourth Sunday of Advent	December 27 The First Sunday after Christmas
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Baruch 5:1-9 Canticle 4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 3 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45,(46-55)	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147:13-21 Gal. 3:23-25, 4:4-7 John 1:1-18
Altar Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team
Verger	S. Alford	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks
Coffee Hour	K. Hall	L. Lloyd	J. Barth	L. Leath
Flower Delivery	J. Barth C. Wilks	D. Skeans M. Arnold	Z. Brown D. Fricks	C. Wilks B. Crittenden
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler	E. Campbell M. Pliler
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	T. Gignilliat	G. McWhorter	T. Gignilliat	B. Charles
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	 G. Rushing J. Welge	 B. Charles G. McWhorter	 L. Snider J. Welge	 G. Rushing B. Charles
L. E. M.	G. Rushing J. Welge	B. Charles G. McWhorter	L. Snider J. Welge	G. Rushing B. Charles
Late Service				
Ushers	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team
Greeters	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	 A. Robertson G. Hoover	 J. Fowler N. Collins	 C. Thorson J. Sloan	 TBD
L. E. M.	A. Robertson G. Hoover	J. Fowler N. Collins	S. York J. Sloan	
L. E. V.	J. Mraz C. Collins		L. Leath C. Grotemat	

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Eucharistic Service of Praise St. Michael's Episcopal Church 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 Young Adult Fellowship - Coffee Café	7 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	8 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner 7:00 PM Pine Tree High School Presentation of John Rutter's Gloria	9 10:00 AM TST Choral Concert 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Jesus in Hollywood 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 PM La Posada	11	12
13 Regular Sunday Schedule Youth Crazy Christmas Party 8:30 PM Compline	14 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group	15 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting	16 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 PM Harvest Dinner 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 Regular Sunday Schedule 12:00 PM Hanging of the Greens Immediately following 10:30 AM Service	21 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group	22	23 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24 Offices Closed at Noon 6:00 PM Family Service 11:00 PM Traditional Service	25 10:30 AM Christmas Day "Said" Service Merry Christmas 	26
27 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist 10:30 AM Christmas Lessons and Carols No Eucharist	28 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group	29	30 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:00 PM Youth New Year's Eve EVE Movie Night	31	(Jan 1, 2016) CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 	
<p>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE</p> <p>8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>						



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*Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year*

December Special Events

- 8th Pine Tree High School Choral Concert, 7:00 PM, Nave
- 10th TST La Posada Service, 6:00 PM, Nave
- 13th Youth Event, Crazy Christmas Party
- 20th Hanging of the Greens, 12:00 PM, Nave
- 24th Christmas Eve Family Service, 6:00 PM, Nave (5:30 PM Pre-Service Music)
- 24th Christmas Eve Traditional Service, 11:00 PM, Nave (10:30 PM Pre-Service Music)
- 25th Christmas Day, "Said Service" 10:30 AM, Nave
- 30th Youth New Year's Eve EVE Movie Night, Time and Location TBA

January Special Events

- 6th Epiphany Bonfire, 6:00 PM, Trinity Outreach Center
- 18th **Offices Closed** in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 24th Trinity Episcopal Church Annual Meeting, 9:00 AM, Parish Hall